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Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom

December 1, 2025 Minutes

Link to Recording: [December 1, 2025 SCPA WildOnes Meeting](#)

Attendance

Members:

Jane A. (President)	Kathy S.
Margaret N. (Treasurer)	Kevin K.
Tami H. (Secretary)	Kim C.
Lorrie P. (Membership)	Kristen A.
Cindy H. (Director)	Leo & Angela G.
Wendy S. (Director)	Mary L.
Arlene T.	Nancy S.
Carol B.	Randi L.
Deb L.	Sarah B.
Jady C.	Stefan K.

Other attendees: N/A

Welcome and Introduction

Minutes of October Meeting – Approved October meeting minutes

Reports

Membership – Lorrie P.

- We have added 5 new memberships since our last meeting, with one of them being a group membership. Welcome to Donna W., Stefan K., Donald H., Kim and Jeff C., and Clair J. We also welcome Scott S., who became a group member with existing member, Deb S.
- Five memberships were renewed this month. Thanks to everyone who renewed.
- Four memberships expired this month.
- That brings us to 118 memberships, with 11 of them being group memberships, for a total of 129 members.
- Congratulations to Lisa R., who was our fourth member to have her garden certified with Wild Ones as a Native Habitat.
- National Wild Ones sent Annual Appeal donation letters to all of our members this month.



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Treasurer – Margaret N.

- Current Balance \$6773.53
- Seed Share Donations - \$99.00.
- Some reimbursements \$50 for snacks, \$11

Activities/Events:

1. Introductions – Where do you live, How long have you been a member? *Do you have any ideas for outreach for next year?*

Some responses:

- *Bouquets of native flowers at events with note they are natives, maybe add some seed packets*
- *More seed packs to give out*
- *More tabling events at high visibility events/locations (Wildwood, Fort Hunter)*
- *Maybe work with local nurseries to have table at one of their events*
- *Make sure people drop WildOnes names during speaker talks (put slide together so that speakers can use)*
- *Business with Bulletin boards (coffee houses, libraries, bookstores, etc.)*
- *Bookstores – encourage to promote books on native plants*
- *Try to get spots on public media - local TV, radio (do “the Spark” again, Good Day PA, etc.)*
- *Invite media to seed share next year*
- *Movie – The Extraordinary Caterpillar. Maybe buy rights and show at local libraries. Camp Hill is a BirdTown and Bee City. Work with groups like that. Dauphin county has public viewing program.*
- *More interactions with garden clubs to bring over to natives (give brochures/literature for their events, plant sales)*
- *Dauphin County has large garden fair at Fort Hunter – another place to have table*
- *Have some native plants at tabling events, give aways*
- *Main libraries can mail out to their branches*
- *Presentations at local schools; connect with science teachers, vo-tech schools*
- *Let schools know about grant program*
- *Birdtown communities – part of certification is getting habitat in place. They send out newsletters – maybe get WildOnes ad/lit in newsletter*
- *Church groups*



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2. Election of the slate for the Board of Directors for 2026

Directors approved:

- Kristen Acri
- Angela Graham
- Leo Graham (candidate for Membership Chair)
- Mary Lundeen
- Jady Conroy (candidate for Secretary)

3. Election of the slate of Officers for 2026

Officers approved:

- Jane Allis – President
- Lorrie Preston – Vice President
- Margaret Naguski - Treasurer
- Jady Conroy – Secretary
- Leo Graham - Membership

4. Year in Review/Annual Report – Slide show by Jane showing events and activities of the past year.

Highlights – field trips, members gardens, lots of volunteer hours, increased our membership by almost 35 people, revenue is up.

5. Seed Share Event review – Lorrie P.:

48 people in attendance (last year 36). \$99 in donations. All milk jugs were taken.

Presenter was well received. Got several new members.

Link to [Maggie Douglas's presentation](#). The butterfly summary in the presentation is from a longer [State of the Butterflies](#) report.

6. New Grants Initiative – how to get the word out?

Need volunteers to review grant proposals – Margaret N., Deb L.

7. Tentative 2026 Calendar – Change in monthly meetings to Thursdays.

April field trip – Appalachian Trail to view spring ephemerals.

Conococheague trip in June (potential).

8. Idea for showing movie from Homegrown National Park - maybe ask some local theaters like Carlisle, West Shore, Midtown; Margaret to see about logistics.

9. [Less Lawn, More Life Challenge](#)

10. Proposal: Chapter donation to National Wild Ones like we did last year. Membership agreed to donate \$200 to National WildOnes organization. Also, to provide \$100 to Maggie Douglas for presentation given at seed share.

11. Reminder: End of Year Reports. Treasurer and President have reports to get in by end of year/ end of January.



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12. December 9 – National Wild Ones and Plan It Wild webinar “Turn that Patch Into a Plan” 6:00pm
13. December 11, 7pm webinar: “Growing the Native Plant Community: A Celebration of Who We Are, What We Do, and Why It Matters” with Wild Ones’ Lisa Olsen
14. January 12, 7:00pm talk: Dickinson Professor Gene Wingert on The Effects of Deer Overpopulation
15. Discussed how dues are obtained. Dues paid to National Organization, National WildOnes organization then gives a percentage to the local chapters.
16. Reviewed potential field trips, especially member garden tours, Wildwood, Pepper Street Pollinator Garden. Larger public gardens like Stoneleigh, Chanticleer, Glenstone.
17. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 29, 2026.
 - 6:30pm Business meeting
 - 7:00pm General meeting

Attached: Draft 2026 Calendar, grant brochure