



# Endacott Society

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It has been over four months since the Endacott Society last met in the Alumni Center for a social gathering and to attend a series of educational meetings of interest groups. Constrained by the limits of public health measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 virus in our community, I have persevered with on-line activities from home. Thanks to the efforts of David Mannering, many of us participated in a series of meetings to learn how to use Zoom and apply its features to share personal news and adjust our interest group meetings to incorporate some of its best characteristics. Fortunately Dave also came up with the monthly *Zoom Guide* to summarize the important information we need to find links to Zoom meetings of our interest groups and what topics are being covered. Our thanks to Dave also for keeping us informed of important Endacott events with an on-line version of our *Endacott Newsletter* and his Monday updates.

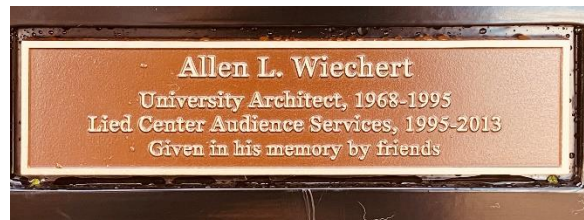
In this combined July-August newsletter we bring you a personal thank you note from Sandra Wiechert for the contributions that led to the memorial trees and bench for Allen Wiechert at the Lied Center, a few photographs of the memorial, some brief notes from interest group leaders on their impressions using Zoom for on-line meetings, and a note on the car parade celebration of Dick Schiefelbusch's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. --Jo Cink (President)

## A Thank-you Note to the Endacott Society

Dear Endacott Friends,

The bench and two *Rising Sun* redbud trees to which so many of you donated in Allen's memory have now been installed in front of the Lied Center. Allen would have loved this. He loved his career as University Architect and his retirement years of heading up the Lied Center's Usher Corps. But especially he cherished his years of being with you, his treasured friends in the Endacott Society. I thank you all- especially the Garden Seminar, for making this lovely memorial happen.

I request that you please go sit on this bench, located between the Lied Center's main entrance and ticket office entrance. Take pictures of each other, or take a selfie, and send it to me by text or email, even hard copy. I plan to put all these pictures of donors, Lied staff, and other friends in an album to share with Allen's friends and family. I would be glad to come and take the picture myself if need be. Thanks always!----- Sandra Wiechert  
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Memorial plaque on bench



Bench flanked by two redbud trees



And Sandra Wiechert of course!



Caroline and Fred Madaus try out the bench

Do you know what this is?



If you do, then you would probably be great at our bi-weekly scribbler game.

Using the handy shared whiteboard feature in Zoom, a group of 5 to 7 players have been having a hilarious time drawing and guessing secret words from an “artistic” depiction drawn (scribbled) within the 90-second time-limit. The above scribble is a dolphin, and it was correctly guessed in about 10 seconds.



Falabo takes a turn

We welcome newcomers to the game which meets every two weeks on Mondays at 10:00 AM (invitations are in the ZOOM Guide). As you can see, you don't need a lot of artistic ability to play.

-Dave Mannering

The Garden Seminar has been meeting on Zoom every Wednesday morning at 8:30am since the end of March. There are no tactile and olfactory components that we had in passing specimens around the table in the Alumni Center, but the share screen feature of Zoom at least allows me the same visual and auditory qualities in PowerPoint slides and videos that I had using the big screen TV with my computer in the Adams Lounge. We have had about 8-10 attendees for each meeting which is comparable to what we had in person. Our meetings continue the tradition of discussions on a variety of natural history topics besides gardening. I have had a few sound problems with the computer, but that's not unique. I did appreciate the flexibility of being able to host my meetings from Pennsylvania using my daughter's internet connection for two weeks during a short vacation visit in late June. ---Cal Cink

I was asked to take over chairing the Great Books group, only for the period we're meeting via Zoom, because Rich Ring was unable to work with Zoom. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. I've now led the May, June, and July meetings. The group seems to be very stable and well-defined: we normally have seven to eight participants including myself. I find that a pretty ideal size for book discussion, and it's a very knowledgeable group of people. We get along well and have stimulating and informative discussions. Sometimes there's a technical glitch with Zoom, but so far nothing that has shut us down. What I like about the Great Books and Drama study groups is that they're not only small, but they're focused and have an agenda. I generally find Zoom a workable and even satisfying way to see others and have interesting discussions--and it's about as good as it's going to be for what looks like some time to come.---Jim Woelfel

On my personal Zoom Pro account for Documentary Films, Foreign Films, Operas, Music Appreciation, and other special events, we average around 15-20 attendees at each of the sessions, with good discussions afterwards. At the Alumni Center, we averaged around 20-35 attendees, but it may be because we usually served interesting snacks to complement the films being shown. Lately, I have also included Fred Madaus' English-language film series, and whenever appropriate, Drama Study, Great Books, Public Affairs Forum, and maybe more in the future.

While there is no substitute for real meetings, the virtual meetings allow us to have a peek (without a search warrant) at where our members live. I find myself feverishly cleaning and dusting whatever room I'm Zooming in, because you never know whose watchful eyes are inspecting. ---Paul Lim

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, long time Endacott member Dick Schiefelbusch celebrated his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday at Presbyterian Manor by sitting outside and viewing a parade of 20 cars containing family and friends (including several Endacott Society members) on a sunny Thursday morning.

