

BROOKLIN GARDEN CLUB



21 May 2020

Dear Garden Club Members,

I hope this finds you safe and well during this strange time. Normally, at this time of year, we would be preparing for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon, but the pandemic requires us to make changes to our Club activities.

The Board has approved and implemented the following:

- There will be no Annual Meeting; we can't conform to CDC regulations.
- All Program meetings are cancelled until further notice for the same reason.
- Yearly dues are forgiven until Programs resume.
- Art in Bloom has been postponed until July 11 and 12, 2021. All plans will be saved and adjusted, as needed, for 2021. Paid expenses and sponsorships will carry forward to 2021.
- There will be no usual community Grants, **BUT** a \$1000.00 donation in the Club's name was made in early May to the Tree of Life food pantry; it was much needed and timely—see attached letter.

News since our last Annual meeting:

- Total membership is 93; 4 deceased members (Judith Fuller, Rayanne Kleiner, Linda Lesko, Linda Long); 10 new members (Kathy Bonk, Callie Curtis, Anne Hall, Kathy Kling, Joanne Morton, Natalie Moses, Annie Porter, Pamela Gray Prescott, Julie Roth, Marc Tucker); 2 rejoins (Jane Heizmann and Teresa Myrwan). An updated directory will be sent via email to all.
- Our accounting system has been converted to Quick Books; current treasury balance is approximately \$14,000 with some Art in Bloom expenses already paid.
- Enough funds were raised to purchase the AV equipment needed for our Programs.

- In early December, per tradition, BGC wreaths were given to Brooklin, Brooksville and Sedgwick to hang on their Town Office Houses
- Winter activities: the December Tea was held at Linda Nelson's home where \$411 was collected for the Tree of Life food pantry, a tradition; the January Luncheon took place at the Brooklin Inn, with 20 in attendance; the annual February Pot-Luck dinner was at Diddy and Tim Parson's home, with about 30 present.
- Remember to visit our website (brooklingardenclub.org) for Club activities and general gardening information and ideas.

We shall be losing a few Committee Chairs for the coming year. Please contact me with your interests so vacancies can be filled.

Our Club activities will resume as soon as possible. In the meantime, please take care.

Fondly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara".

Barbara,
President