

April 2021
Sugar Creek Garden Club Newsletter
President's Update



Oh my, my.... I feel like it is really getting close now. This president is-on-her-way-out! I am already working to turn things over to Ann. Wow are you guys lucky...Ann is going to be a GREAT Garden Club President next year. She really understands and knows her stuff when it comes to gardening and plants! Ann is looking for Committee Chairs. I'm planning the End-of-Year Board Luncheon and the last General Meeting. Remember, it is a luncheon. I'm even thinking about taking a vacation when my term is over!

The April General Meeting is happening. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Thursday April 15th at 9:30am. How about that Trixie! She delivered Randy Lemmon last month AND He was FABULOUS!!! We had a great crowd and we were part of his radio program. So exciting! My husband, Gary even attended and he was so glad he did. He has been reading Randy's book; and... he said he did his part on enjoying the breakfast tacos!



In April, Linda Gay will be talking Butterflies & Hummingbirds. Masks should be worn when you are not dining at your table. A flyer about the event has already come your way. This is not a meeting to miss...this one is by special request and of course, Trixie delivers.



COVID still exists, and I'm committed to follow all CDC Guidelines for a bit longer. Many of us have vaccines completed but we still have an obligation to protect our Sugar Creek brethren. Please help me to do so. We are not out of the woods yet!



REMEMBER:



In May, we **are** hosting the **BACK-YARD Garden Tour**. Right now, we have 6 outstanding homes in our subdivision with spectacular back yard views and luscious plantings featured for this tour. **Tickets are \$20.**

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday May 22nd**.

See Miriam Watson or Sharon Leonard for more details.

Unfortunately, the FRIENDSHIP TEA had to be CANCELLED. Don't you fret, the one next February will be better than ever. Kathy and Ann are already transitioning the Victorian Tea Baton and we will have many baskets, plants, teapots, jewelry, and a wonderful lunch to partake in next February 2022.



The May Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13th at my home. It is the only Board Meeting we will get to have this entire year. Even though that thought saddens me...I am delighted and thankful to be able to have had at least one. Board Members, you will receive an electronic invite...so be looking for it from me.



DID YOU KNOW:

I wanted to take a minute to tell you how we have operated this year. Given this was a tough year because we weren't able to have any Board Meetings and only a few General Meetings we still made great strides! Because of your great generosity... we were still able to do and did great things! First, let me tell you my definition of generosity.

It comes in 3 forms: **Time, Talent & Treasure** as follows:

- ❖ We couldn't have replaced 283 frozen plants if we wouldn't have had the previous year and this year's fundraising success. When I tell you, every dollar counts...it truly does. Freeze Replacement will cost us north of \$12,000 by the time we are done.
- ❖ We have completed (4) projects: the light at Searls Park, the beautiful pots at the guard house, the new landscaping at Country Club and Longview, and all the new plants at the club entrance. Another hard \$9,000.
- ❖ Every month we must water and maintain our 8 esplanade spots. As you know there are no free lunches.
- ❖ We have multiple spots we make annual donations to which include the Huff Garden, our local Library and various entities at the District, State and Federal levels in order to keep our GOLD Level Garden Club status.
- ❖ Plus, we have Garden Club Federation, State, District, and Endowment Dues.
- ❖ We also sponsor 2 Scholarships annually as well.

I'm so enormously proud of our Garden Club because I didn't know all of these things until I landed in a board position. Our members donate countless hours of their time and talent to make our club so special and to beautify our neighborhood. I'm lucky to be part of such a giving organization. Thank you for the honor!

Without a doubt, I've gone on too long again this month. Poor Diane Reeves, she is the one that must suffer trying to fit my thoughts all in on one page. I leave you this April with this thought from my grandmother: "In the Spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt". Have you been by my yard? It's starting to take shape again and indeed at the end of the day... let's just say, I've been covered in dirt. In fact, I was planting Vincas at 9:00 at night the other day. I had to have the bed finished before the Easter Bunny arrived!

I'm blooming where I am planted.

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