

September Sugar Creek Garden Club Newsletter - SCGC President's Update

Welcome to SCGC's 2020-2021 year.

As your President, I would like to welcome all of you, both new and current members to SCGC.

As we plan to start our year, we all realize that this year is going to be very different as we plan for both in-person meetings and alternate virtual meetings on the 2nd & 3rd Thursdays of each month from September through May. The elected officers and those who lead committees are especially mindful of the safety concerns of our members and have been attempting to determine the best practices for our organization.



After a "Stay at Home" spring and summer, we look forward to welcoming new members to our club, tasting a new food, finding new plants for our gardens, and learning new ways to create floral designs. During this time of Covid-19, we are constantly balancing the need to be safe with the desire to see old friends and resume our old activities. Social distancing should never mean social isolation. Both SCCC and SCGC are taking precautions and working hard to make sure that you can safely participate in our meetings. They will, of course, be different this year. I hope that we will be able to wear our pretty new facemasks, wash our hands, and come to a meeting!

The 2nd Thursday of the month is the Executive Board Meeting. I have regretfully decided to NOT hold any board meetings in our homes from September through December. I will get back to you in plenty of time to let you know what January forward looks like. Abbott renewed his proclamation concerning private gatherings and I am following his guidelines.

NOW...onto the good news! SCCC falls under a different business guideline and they are open and ready to accommodate us!!



Mark your calendar for September 17th for the first General Meeting.

Trixie has a grand program planned for us with Linda Franzo. She is the owner and instructor of The Passionate Platter from Louisiana and has agreed to visit with us about her cooking classes & herb garden. So, let me say it again... the **General Meeting is BLOOMIN' on!** We will NOT have **theatre seating** for social distance safety. Round tables are the new norm with no more than 6 chairs per table. **Masks are required** at all times while not at your table. Masks are not required while at your table dining. Raffle on! Pre-printed name tags will be available upon check-in.



Don't forget to bring your checkbook and write Ann a check if you haven't already donated for the Annual Dinner & Auction Virtual Attendance Campaign. This campaign is her/my main focus right now. The more we raise, the more projects we can do! As soon as it cools off a bit – you will see us working on Beautification Project #3.

Please join with me as we continue to dedicate our efforts to enhance our knowledge and appreciation of gardening and all its related subjects as well as recognize the positive impact that these things have on our lives.

I'm bloomin' where I am planted!

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