

Club update from our president – July 2021

Hi Ladies!

Happy Summer to each of you! I hope you're enjoying these days of eased Covid restrictions.....feels like we are finally getting back to normal, and it feels great!

Our club has had much to be proud of in these last few weeks!

First.....we had a wonderful meeting on June 8th in Betty Sue's yard. And what a beautiful yard it is.....thank you to Betty Sue for sharing it with us. And also a big thank you to Brenda Johnston for sharing ideas about potted gardens that day! We had great attendance with several guests! Woohoo!

Secondly....the club contributed to the rebuilding of the arbor in Updike Park! That effort was led by HistWick, and we are so happy to have teamed up with them to get it done. Be sure to check it out, if you haven't already. It looks really nice now, and it's safe and sturdy.

Thirdly.....a round of applause to Brenda Johnston and Marion Bartkiewicz for their stellar performance at the Newport Flower Show! ☆☆☆☆☆ You did a wonderful job representing PBGC and making us proud,and we thank you!

Fourth.....we had 3 members open their gardens for HistWick's Garden Tour! Betty Sue Reed, Priscilla Green, and Linda Sollitto all welcomed the public into their gardens, and once again, represented our club with flying colors. Thank you ladies! And speaking of the garden tour, wasn't it fabulous? A shout out to Histwick.....you did it again....a wildly successful event!

In regards to the garden tour.....thank you to all of the PBGC members who served as docents on the tour. Your help was invaluable! And thank you to all of our members who worked to create a very successful yard sale! You donated so many great items, and many of you helped with setting it up, manning it, and breaking it down, much of that was done in the rain! Special thanks to our Ways and Means Chair, Brenda Johnston! She worked very hard on this event. More special thanks to Martha Parks for giving us her garage for storage....that was a huge help. She also made a run to Savers with some of the items left after the sale. Your participation in the yard sale warmed my heart, and reminded me, once again, what a enthusiastic and hard working club we are. Speaking of hard working....there will be a weeding session in Old Library Park this Friday, July 9th at 8:30.....MARK YOUR CALENDARS! You have an email from Jan Lewis with the details....please RSVP to her.

Last week's Standard Times gave us a half page article and photo (HOORAY!) focusing on the recent donation from Alex Wallau(Arne Wallau's brother). You may still be able to pick it up in Walgreens for they leave them for a whole week. I want to give kudos to our Publicity Team for they have succeeded in getting us in lots of publications in the last year. It's never easy, but especially during a Pandemic! So....THANK YOU to

Andrea Sarrasin and Linda Oliver Hughes! Great job at making PBGC so much more visible....so important for us! And thank you to the rest of the Communication Team, Gail Stokes, Kathy Barrette, and Sue Colby, for our website and social media updates. These efforts will really pay off during future fundraising efforts.

One final piece of great news.....please help me welcome our newest member to the club.....Becky Dower! Many of you have met Becky at meetings, or while weeding. She is being sponsored by Sheila Skiffington, and will be a great addition to our club! Welcome Becky!!!!

Here is Becky's info:
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Cultivate lasting friendships
Sow seeds of kindness
Listen to sage advice
Don't let the little things bug you
Be outstanding in your field
Take thyme for yourself
No vining!

This comes from a company called Your True Nature

See you at our meeting on Tuesday, August 10th. Details will follow. Take care.



Correction/Clarification

The arch on the arbor in Updike Park is not the final product. It was a temporary fix done by the filming crew for the movie, and they were gracious enough to leave it for the garden tour. The carpenter that we hired is in the process of making the new arch. So sorry for the confusion. ksr