

Club update from our president – April 2021

Hello to all of our PBGC members!

Happy Spring! I hope this email finds you happy, healthy, and optimistic about the fight against Covid. It seems like we are seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. And what a tunnel it's been!

Before I give you all of the news, I want to take a minute to thank the members of the Executive Board for their commitment to the club during a very difficult time. Their dedication and steadfastness has helped our club to stay strong. So...thank you to Darlene Vincent, Barbara Dawson, Diane Devine, Judy Bitting, Elaine Lemieux, Jane Brockway and Marsha King!

I also want to thank the Communication Team! They also have been dedicated to promoting our club through publicity, social media and our website. They have worked endless hours taking photos, brainstorming, posting on Facebook, writing articles for the local newspapers, keeping our website up to date, and attending Zoom meetings with each other. So thank you Gail Stokes, Kathy Barrette, Sue Colby, Linda Hughes and Andrea Sarrasin!

Now for the news.....

1. We are tentatively planning an "in person" May Meeting!!!! Hooray! Details will follow, but mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 11th at 9am. Rest assured that it will be an outdoor meeting, and we will be following Covid Protocol.

2. Today is April 1st, so your membership dues need to be mailed to Barbara Dawson ASAP. Please make your check out to Plum Beach Garden Club.
Active Members.....\$50 Associate Members.....\$60

3. Yearbook updates are being prepared, and will be emailed to you soon. We suggest that you print out the information, and tuck it into your yearbook. Same as you did last year.

4. Sadly, we have two resignations. Nancy Beck and Sue Shriner have decided to leave the club, due to other family responsibilities and commitments. They have both been valuable members, and will be sorely missed. We thank them for all they have done for PBGC. We wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

5. Another change in membership has been requested by Sandy Secret. She has asked to become an Associate Member. That change will be reflected in the Yearbook Update.

6. And.....please help me to welcome our newest member.....Paula Childs! She has been sponsored by Marion Bartkiewicz, and has been on the wait list for quite a while!

She will be a great addition to our team! We look forward to getting to know you, Paula. Welcome!

Paula's address is 55 Lake Road, Narragansett 02882.

Her email is paulachilds@gmail.com

7. Tree Planting Project....

Our partnership with HistWick has been very successful! The planting of the 6 new trees in the village will happen during the week of April 26th in honor of Arbor Day. As soon as the "planting day" is chosen, I will let you know. I'm very happy that PBGC has joined in this effort! Stay tuned for the details.

8. Updates on all other Special Projects and ongoing efforts will be given next month.

9. In regards to the pollinator garden at Casey Farm.....

First of all, I'd like to thank Carol Gjelsvik and Merry Moody for representing PBGC on the Pollinator Rescue Project Committee. And thanks to Jan Lewis and Cynthia Corbridge for your thoughtful contributions on the subject. We are all in agreement that the club cannot take on any new projects that require garden maintenance. We have our hands full with what we have. That fact, coupled with the fact that the pollinator garden is not one of our "maintenance gardens" makes it very difficult to determine exactly what our role is. Many of us, not only helped to get that garden established initially, but have helped along the way. It's true, the committee cannot depend on us for maintaining the garden, but we certainly can lend a hand, when it's needed. That being said, I went and looked at the garden today. There is some weeding to be done, but it's not overwhelming. The perennials are coming up beautifully. Once they get growing, the weeds will naturally be kept at bay. And I have to say, last year it was beautiful! We can be proud of our part in it.

I think that's everything, for now.

I leave you with just the first stanza of a wonderful poem....one of my very favorites!
"I Wander Lonely as a Cloud" By William Wordsworth

I wander lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Take care everyone, and I hope we can all be together on May 11th! It will be the first time in 18 months! ksr  