

## Club update from our president – September 2020

Hi Ladies,

Your Executive Board met this month. And thank you to Diane Devine for offering her lovely yard for our meeting. We had a beautiful morning with plenty of room to spread out. Several decisions were made at that meeting:

1. The rest of our Membership Meetings for 2020 are canceled, due to the uncertainty of this Covid epidemic. So.... our next meeting will be in April 2021. All programs are also canceled, with the exception of the Holiday Wreath for the Police Station. Design Chairs, Betsy Ray and Joan Ehrhardt will be in charge of getting that done. Thank you, in advance, Betsy and Joan.

In respect to our annual donation to the Food Pantry, we are asking that our members handle that individually this year. If you choose to donate, please mail your donation directly to the Food Pantry.

### 2. Ways and Means

We are trying to work out a plan of action for 2021 Ways and Means. As you know, we had plans to hold a Garden Marketplace during HistWick's Garden Tour this year. Unfortunately, it had to be postponed. It is now scheduled for the last weekend in June, 2021. The Board feels that the Garden Marketplace would be beneficial for two reasons. First, it's an excellent way for us to promote PBGC to the community, which we need to do to build our visibility. And just as important, it would foster our relationship with Histwick. Plus.... it will be fun! We have some preliminary ideas for it already.

Next.... our Luncheon! It would normally be next June. However, considering all of the unknowns with the Coronavirus, the Board thinks we should plan a Fall Luncheon. We hosted a Fall Luncheon in 2013, and it worked out well.

Our Ways and Means Chair, Brenda Johnston, needs to start thinking and planning for these TWO events. So, what I'm asking is that you give us the go ahead by voting YES. How do you do that? By doing nothing at all. If, for some reason, you have a concern, then please email back to me.

3. The tree that we received from RIFGC will be planted in the field at Wickford Middle this week. It's a beauty! Be sure to check it out. Thank you to Linda Sollitto for orchestrating all of this. We will get photos for the Communication Team to post on our website, and on social media.

4. The new garden in Updike Park has been planted! Again.... a huge thank you to Linda Sollitto for taking the initiative, and getting it done! It was a big job! It was funded by the donation from Wickford Wealth Management, owned by Joe Kolb. And we received a lot of help from the owner of Tavern By The Sea. It was a team effort! Thank you all!

5. Yesterday I received a card from Ralph Mollis, our Town Manager.

To the members of Plum Beach Garden Club,

I want to take a moment to thank you for all you do in making a difference here in our community. Your maintenance and beautification of so many areas and gardens throughout town, and your maintenance of the Blue Star Memorial Gardens makes a great difference here in North Kingstown.

THANK YOU for your efforts and dedication, and in making our town a better place to live.

Sincerely, Ralph Mollis  
Town Manager

For him to take the time to write a personal note to us says so much about our club!

6. Thank yous need to go out to our members that have helped with fall cleanups, and watering the new garden in Updike Park:

Jane Brockway, Marsha King, Cynthia Corbridge, Carole Stone, Ellen Abell, Betsy Coughlin, Brenda Johnston, Martha Parks, Sharon Pickering, Andrea Sarrasin, Gail Stokes, and of course, our fearless leader, Linda Sollitto! I also want to thank Maria Thirsk for her help with so many weeding sessions. Maria is interested in joining the club, and in the meantime, she's been a huge help to us!

7. The Island Gardens received their fall cleanup this week. They look much better now. We really need a member(or two) to become our "Islands Maintenance Coordinator" for next year. Those gardens need someone to plan and oversee spring and fall cleanup, and the maintenance in between. She would be in contact with the landscaper, and work with him to keep our costs within budget. Those gardens are so important.... the Gateway to our historic village. Please consider it.... looking forward to hearing from you.

Phew! I think that's it for now. I leave you with the first stanza of a poem....

"October" Author Unknown

October's the month

When the smallest breeze

Gives us a shower

Of autumn leaves

Bonfires and Pumpkins,

Leaves sailing down

October is red

And golden and brown.

Take care, be well, stay safe. And.... spend this quiet time thinking of PBGC in 2021....



it's going to be a much better year!

