

Club update from our president – June 2020

Hello all!

I hope you and yours are all well. We have entered Phase 2.....hooray!! Things are already starting to feel a bit more normal. Thank Goodness.

1. A big THANK YOU to our Mulching Crew at OLP last week.....

Linda Sollitto

Betsy Coghlin

Sue and John Colby

Donna Lee and Jack Fronce

Diane and Barry Devine

Marsha and Will King

Deb and John Hughes

Maria Thirsk..... she was there to help us once again! 😊

As my mother always said....."Many hands make light work", and boy, was that true of that morning. The park looks so nice now... we can all be proud.

2. Next week is National Garden Week! To commemorate it, PBGC will resurrect something that the club did "back in the day". We will be presenting an Outstanding Garden Award Certificate to 2 gardens in the village. A couple of years ago, while looking through our club's archives, I came across a newspaper clipping from years ago. It had a photo of our president in 1985, presenting "Green Thumb Awards" to four members of the community who gave them "something pleasing to the eye". I tucked the idea away. Next week is a perfect time to do it once again. It's a great way to give recognition to gardeners, build community involvement, and increase our visibility in town. I'm hoping it will become a permanent fixture of PBGC.

3. Some great news! Barbara Dawson applied for a grant from the town for help with funding the Island Gardens, and we got it!!!!!! And.....drum roll please..... the amount is \$2,000! A huge thank you to Barbara and Sheila Skiffington! They worked as a team on the grant application, and what a nice job they did. Thank you to both of you! ❤️ ☐

4. And more good news! Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs has announced this year's awards. PBGC received 3 awards!

Youth Achievement Award

Comprehensive Horticulture Award....cash prize of \$25.00

Website Award.....cash prize of \$25.00

We should all be so proud of our club, and all of our members who work so hard to make us successful. Hooray for PBGC!!

And I leave you with a lovely poem by F.G. Sanders:

Far up in the deep blue sky,
Great white clouds are floating by;

All the world is dressed in green,
Many happy birds are seen;
Roses bright and sunshine clear
Show that lovely June is here.

Take care, and stay well. Hope to see you all soon. ksr  