

## Club update from our president – June 2020

Hey everyone!

We are moving through this crisis! The Governor is speaking in a few minutes about Phase 3, and what we can expect once we move into it at the end of the month. I just want to take a minute to say thank you to all of you. In the midst of this crisis and isolation, the club has bonded together.... just like always! There are so many members working hard to keep our club strong, and are actually making it stronger. So, on behalf of the Executive Board, and our membership, I thank you!!!!

First.... August's meeting. I've had a lot of you asking me about it. All I can say right now is that it's still up in the air. The Executive Board will be making that decision soon. Elaine Lemieux has been such a trooper as Programs Chair. She just rolled with the punches through all of this. We are hoping that we will be gathering in August, but we will have to see how things go in the next few weeks. Stay tuned.


Secondly....a shout out to Linda Sollitto for opening up her garden last week. That was so uplifting and fun! And safe! What a great idea! If any of you want to do the same thing, I'm sure we would love that. Thank you Linda!!!!

Thirdly..... some very exciting news! Our club has been granted a Legislative Award from Representative Craven in the amount of \$1,500! It will be used to help defray the maintenance cost of the Island Gardens. Thanks again, to Barbara Dawson for initiating this, and submitting the application. I am forwarding to you a photo of us with Representative Craven in OLP yesterday.

As I outlined in my last email, the Communications Team has been working hard to improve our website and social media presence, and increase our public visibility. Thank you to Kathy Barrette, Gail Stokes, Sue Colby, Linda Hughes and Andrea Sarrasin for bringing your efforts together, and working as a team.



1. Brick sales are up, thanks to their efforts! And a big thank you to Jane Brockway for overseeing it!

2. They will be posting pollinator info on our website and on Facebook for the next week in honor of Pollinator Week.... June 22nd through June 28th. Think Bs...bees,

birds, butterflies, bats and beetles!  I am forwarding to you an email from Gail Stokes with pics of the Pollinator Garden at Casey Farm, and a reminder to check out our website!

3. In honor of National Garden Week, two gardens were presented with an "Award of Excellence" yesterday.....

Joyce and Dan Cushman on Washington Street and Sue Kelly Dermatology on Weavers Road. Both recipients were so pleased! Those photos will be forthcoming. Both are just beautiful gardens that deserve recognition. Thank you to Sue Colby for accompanying me and snapping photos of the winners and their gardens.

Phew! A lot going on.... and I'm so thrilled with all of it.  

I leave you with "Advice from a Butterfly" (in honor of Pollinator Week)

Let your true colors show  
Take yourself lightly  
Look for the sweetness in life  
Take time to smell the flowers  
Catch a breeze  
Treat yourself like a Monarch

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