

Email update from our president – December 2020

Hi ladies,

Happy Holidays to each of you. I hope you are all staying safe by snuggling in at home, looking out at the winter wonderland! It's so beautiful!

This is our last club update for 2020. I must say... it sure has been an interesting year. Despite everything though, our club has had a pretty good year.

We've managed to stay connected through emails, zoom meetings, and social distancing. But more importantly than that, I've seen so much dedication from our members during this year. I've received lots of little notes of encouragement from so many of you, and that is so appreciated! And throughout the year, there have been so many ideas offered by members.....ways for us to stay connected and new ideas for us to possibly pursue. All in all, I must say that I feel it's been a very good year, a productive year! Every cloud has a silver lining, Covid included.

1. Barbara Dawson has been a wonderful Treasurer during this difficult year. She reports that we are coming out of 2020 without a huge deficit. The grants that we received, the unexpected donations, brick sales, and canceled activities(Programs, Meals On Wheels, Nursing Home Workshops, etc) have kept our heads above water. So, now we will move into a new year, assess where we are at financially, and make adjustments as needed. If there's one thing I've learned from Covid, it's that we must take one day at a time.

2. Police and Fire Station Wreath

As I'm sure you've noticed, the Police/Fire Station wreath is up! And oh my, it is so beautiful! The "wreath team" consisted of Betsy Ray and Joan Ehrhardt (our Design Chairs) with help from Brenda Johnston and Priscilla Green. And Sue Colby was on hand at the installation to take photos! Thank you to all of you! I'm so proud, every time I drive by it.

3. Speaking of taking photos..... I need to recognize Sue Colby and Gail Stokes for working so diligently to document EVERYTHING that PBGC has been doing! These gals have made themselves available whenever needed, and their photos are phenomenal! Thank you Sue and Gail!

4. I'd like to take a minute to recognize Jan Lewis. Jan has been a member of PBGC since 1998.... that's 22 years! Jan's current "job" in the club is organizing our work parties, and it's a big job! Thank you ,Jan, for sending out those emails, keeping track of who and when, sending us reminders, etc. We appreciate you, and we couldn't do it without you!

5. As we move into a new and better year.... please mark your calendars for Garden Marketplace (we are partnering with HistWick, at their Garden Tour) on June 26th and 27th. More about that next month! Also mark your calendars for our Luncheon on Thursday, Sept 30th. Brenda Johnston (Ways and Means Chair) will be providing more guidelines for the Luncheon next spring. Let's think positively and move toward these two events with confidence that this virus will be harnessed before then.

And lastly, I leave you with a poem by Laura Jaworski
"Frost upon a windowpane

And softly falling snow.
Warmth beside a crackling fire
While biting north winds blow.

Books and blankets, steaming tea
The soft glow of an ember
Candlelight and cozy nights,
The magic of December.”

I wish you a magical holiday season.

Thank you to the Executive Board, and to all of you for your support and encouragement. ksr