

## Westhampton Garden Club's Newsletter March and April, 2020

Dear Fellow Members and Provisionals,

- A big thank you goes to Sally and John McGrath for offering their beautiful home for our Luncheon that never took place. Judy, Sally and I had done some preparing when we decided it would be too risky for everyone to be so close together at a time like this.
- **First, a reminder that the April 6th and May 11th meetings have been cancelled. We had two wonderful speakers scheduled, but they are on hold until the world is healthier and we can safely reschedule.**
- We have just handed out the 2020 **Yearbooks**; big thanks to Nancy Lombardi and Delia Schulte. We hope you like the book and its cover as much as we do !
- The Board has voted to sponsor the **2020 Beehive Sponsorship Program** at the Quogue Wildlife Refuge as well as the children's **Pollinator Workshop** during Pollinator Week, June 21-28.
- The **GCA Zone III Plant Exchange 2021**. Please make contact with Nina Lawson and Melissa Morgan Nelson. See attachment
- **WGC Gardens** – We are ready to move ahead with **The Quogue Historic Garden at the 1822 Schoolhouse**, and **The Quogue Garden of Remembrance** at the Quogue Firehouse, but we'll be taking these projects step by step as we see how the Coronavirus unfolds:
- ❖ **The Quogue Historic Garden:** Doug Nappi of Dragonfly Landscape Design will present his first drawing to Barbara Sartorius; Chester Murray, Co-Chair of the Quogue Historical Society, Inger Mejean; Jessica Beccia; the 2019/20 Provisionals; Maryann Hill, Nada Isler, Susanne Jansson and Joan Reilly when it is safe to convene. Later, Jessica and the Provisionals with Inger will commence their summer-long care for this very precious group of four small gardens that Jessica has so ably shepherded for many years.

- ❖ **The Quogue Garden of Remembrance:** The rendering for this important garden will hopefully be approved this spring from the Quogue Village Board, the Fire Department and the WGC, at which point Dragonfly and the Battery Conservancy would be able to begin their work when possible.
  
- ❖ **Additionally, amazing news:** Dragonfly will donate the rendering, install the Battery Park plants for free, and donate the material needed to grow the garden. With our \$1,000 grant from “Plant America” we will be ready to start the work as soon as the BPC is ready to hand over the plant material.
  
- ❖ **The still hopeful news:** Unfortunately, at the time of this writing we have learned that the Conservancy has closed its operations until further notice. We don’t know at this point when this project can begin, but when it does, we will be in great shape, as described above!
  
- ❖ For extreme measures like these days our WGC Board will gather by conference call and if we need to vote, we will arrange for a video conference call.

**In closing, I encourage everyone to think positively. I hope to see you all very soon, and in the meantime stay strong and be well!**

*Warm regards,  
Inger*