



## Westhampton Garden Club Newsletter July and August 2020

Hello Members and Provisionals,

As I write the last Newsletter of my Presidency, I'm struck that the last two years have gone by like the blink of an eye. The contrast between the two has been amazing - 2019 was marked with beautiful horticulture, a hugely successful GCA Flower Show, the new popularity of Photography, remaking the Lily Pond Garden and WHBVG, field trips and fun times. But 2020 has been a trying time for all - social isolation and masks have become a part of our lives. Nevertheless, the WGC has carried on – our activities have been very different this year but we have found new and rewarding ways to reach out to each other and the world through Zoom and the old fashioned concern for one another. I believe we will overcome the pandemic as long as we remain disciplined and follow science. With luck a vaccine will emerge soon and we and the world will return to something like a new normal.

**First**, we want to thank the Westhampton Garden Club Board for going along with most of our ideas and visions! Of course, some have been put on hold and will be slower to go forward than we had hoped, but we understand and won't lose sight of those projects.

**Here are some examples:**

- ❖ **It became impossible** to go forward with the House & Garden Tour this July. The WGC Board with Chair Nancy Vigorito postponed our very popular Tour until next year. Nevertheless, in the short term we've produced a video of wonderful and amazing gardens that we can enjoy now, in anticipation of the 2021 Tour. Three WGC members generously allowed us to do just that - film their gardens, each unique and different from the others, yet all beautiful. Joy Flynn put her technology hat on and created lots of wonderful footage, now being finalized by our Editor. You will soon be able to watch the video. We are so grateful to our members for allowing us to visit their beautiful gardens and celebrate what our Club stands for. Thank you to Nancy and the H&GT Committee for all your hard work to date, and going forward into next year.
- ❖ **For the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting** members are submitting their photos to be included in a slide show created by Melissa Morgan Nelson, with musical accompaniment! This will be a wonderful way to celebrate our talents during our Annual Meeting on that day. Thanks to all for contributing!
- ❖ **The Board agreed to create** "The Gardener's Library," composed of great books about the love of flowers and gardening. Some books on these subjects are already on our website: [www.westhamptongardenclub.org](http://www.westhamptongardenclub.org). Click on Resources and check The Gardener's Library." Enjoy!
- ❖ **Finally**, I am leaving you with an attachment that outlines most of what the Board and our Club have accomplished over these past two busy years. I hope reading them will bring back fond memories.
- ❖ **In addition to the WGC Board**, I would like to thank my steadfast friends Nancy Lombardi for her editing and graphics assistance and Liz Platé for maintaining our website and for arranging numerous photographs of members' beautiful flowers into a stunning floral tapestry and a window into the WGC mission.

I will always be there for you so be safe and stay strong!

Best always, Inger

