

Westhampton Garden Club Newsletter - May / June 2020

Hello Members and Provisionals,

I hope all of you are well and staying safe during the pandemic. This has been rough but we will get through it...! In the meantime I'm sending a brief roundup of what has been going on at the WGC over the last two months and what's coming up.

- ❖ **On May 11th we had our first Virtual Program, "Organic Vegetable Gardens,"** presented by Dr. Roxanne Zimmer and the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE). It was well received. Thirty members, including current Provisionals and candidates for the Class of 2020/21, enjoyed the presentation. Liz Schroeder, thank you for organizing this lecture!
- ❖ **This year's Scholarship recipient** is Skye McMorris from Hampton Bays High School. Diane Stewart reported to the Board that Skye more than meets all the criteria for our scholarship candidates. Last week's Southampton Press reported on Skye's award, as did Andrew Botsford in his blog which also included complimentary words about the WGC. Big thanks to Diane, Lynda Confessore and Andrew! Here is the link: <https://atquaquanantuck.wordpress.com/>
- ❖ **QWR Celebrates National Pollinator Week** with a virtual program on June 24th from 3:00 to 3:45, **sponsored** by the WGC. Allison Worthington's photos of the two beautiful orchids taken at the QWR, can be viewed on our website.
- ❖ **The WGC Board used Zoom** for the first time for our last Board Meeting, and it worked out fine considering it was new to everyone. We made several key decisions about all in-person meetings, now cancelled through August. There will be no Field Trip to Westbury Gardens on June 18th; we will make it happen at a later date. We'll also reschedule the September 11th documentary about Piet Oudolf, "*Five Seasons*," to a safer time.
- ❖ **Our next Virtual General Meeting** will be on Monday, June 8th at 2:00 with Liz Schroeder as the Zoom host. John Bouvier will talk about Suffolk County water quality initiatives at 3:00. Everyone is asked to bring one Hort specimen if possible, or an "Other." The assignments are in the 2020 Yearbook. Please send a photo of your submission to Liz Platé for display on our website. Liz's e-mail: elizabethplate@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Our Annual New Members' Tea**, scheduled for June 24th at 4:00 is still on, and yes, it will be on Zoom. The WGC Board and our Committee Chairs will join with a glass of ice tea and we'll raise our glasses together to welcome our new Class of 2020/21 for a year full of beautiful and creative experiences. The new Provisionals will kick off at our Annual Meeting this August.
- ❖ **As you already know** the House and Garden Tour scheduled for July 10th has been postponed to July 2021. We are lucky that Nancy Vigorito has agreed stay on as the H & G Tour Chair. A big thank you goes out to Nancy!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Zoom at the June meeting. Be safe and stay strong!

Inger