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Garden Club Gab

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR GARDEN CLUB OF ROGERS

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF GCR,

THIS IS MY FINAL GENERAL MEETING AS PRESIDENT OF GCR. I HAVE SERVED THE GCR FOR 4 YEARS AS YOUR PRESIDENT. I HAVE ENJOYED THE JOB - EVEN 2020, IT WAS CHALLENGING, BUT I STILL ENJOYED MOST OF IT MOST OF THE TIME.

I HAVE MET SOME WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND MADE SOME LASTING FRIENDS THROUGH THE GARDEN CLUB. I HAVE HAD SOME AWESOME BOARD MEMBERS THAT WERE ALWAYS WILLING AND READY TO HELP. WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP THE CLUB GOING THROUGH 2020. THE MEETINGS THAT WE HAD ALLOWED ATTENDANCE, EVEN THOUGH WE HAD TO SEARCH FOR A VENUE. HOWEVER, WE DID KEEP THE CLUB GOING - NOT AT FULL SPEED, BUT GOING. WE HAD DIFFICULTY WITH A MEETING PLACE FOR BOARD MEETINGS SINCE THE CHAMBER CLOSED THEIR MEETING ROOMS FOR MEETINGS. WE HAD SEVERAL MEMBERS OFFER THEIR HOMES FOR US TO MEET. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DID. WE HAD ONE BOARD MEETING BY TEXT AND ONE VIA EMAIL - WE WERE ABLE TO CONDUCT CLUB BUSINESS. OUR GENERAL MEETINGS ALWAYS INCLUDED ZOOM FOR MEMBERS AND SPEAKERS AS WELL. THANKS TO DEBBIE MAIN AND CINDY BEAM FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN GETTING ZOOM UP AND RUNNING. IT DID NOT ALWAYS GO WELL, BUT WE MANAGED.

SEVERAL OF OUR PROJECTS WERE LEFT UNDONE BECAUSE OF COVID. LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING THING UP AND RUNNING NEXT YEAR. WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP PRE-K GOING VIA VIDEO THAT SHERRIE PRODUCED WITH THE HELP OF JEANNIE'S DAUGHTER. WE ALSO HAD OUR HORTICULTURE REPORT AND PLANT GIVEAWAY EACH MEETING. WE PARTICIPATED IN THE YOUTH POSTER CONTEST (WE HAD A WINNER OR TWO). WE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE AWARDS PROGRAM, THANKS TO OUR AWARDS CHAIRMAN. OUR PLANT SALE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS - THE WEATHER WAS BEAUTIFUL AND WE HAD OUR BIGGEST SALE EVER. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THAT PROJECT. IVAN AND I HOSTED A GARDEN PARTY AT OUR HOUSE IN MAY. WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT AND SOME GREAT FELLOWSHIP. OUR NUMBERS ARE COMING BACK, WE ARE UP TO 62 WITH SEVERAL JOINING THIS MONTH. WE ARE GETTING BACK ON TRACK. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SERVE AS YOUR PRESIDENT THESE PAST 4 YEARS - IT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO ME AND IVAN, MY FOREVER SIDEKICK. WE HAVE A NEW CREW COMING ON IN JUNE. THEY WILL SERVE YOU WELL WITH NEW IDEAS. LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR.

LOVE YOU ALL, MARGE LEONARD

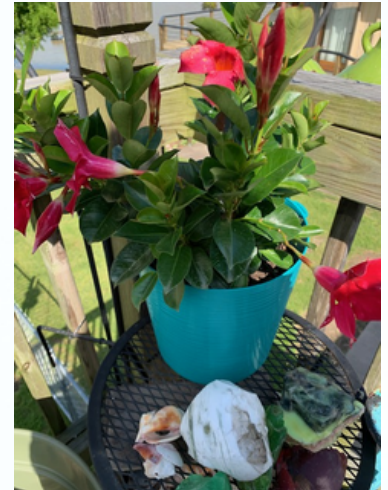
Club Members Prized Plants

Cindy Beam's Collard Greens



Be sure to ask Cindy about her tasty collard greens recipe. It has butter and looks delicious!

Laynette Riley's Floral Assortment



Carol McCutcheon's Coral Bells



Carol had some wild luck with her CBs. Her CBs on the left are in full sun - second photo is shade (where they are meant to be!)

Club Members Prized Plants

Kelly English's Cacti, Blue Fern, & Ficus



Judy Simpson & Her Favorite Garden

The Simpson's love Garvin's Gardens outside of Hot Springs (photo, far left). One of her fave plants growing in her own yard is the Oak Leaf Hydrangea.

Bob English's Pond, Pup, and Oak Leaf Hydrangea



Club Members Prized Plants

Diana Blass' Hummingbird Experience



Sherrie Eoff's Abundance of Nature



(From the left: Copper Iris, Swallowtail Caterpillar on Dutchman's Pipe Vine, Native Comfrey, & Dutchman Pipe Bloom)

Please send Kelly English photos of your impressive plants throughout the Summer! We want club members to see the fruits of your garden labor! Email or text photos to: kellyrenglish@icloud.com or 479-866-0694



Chairman Reports

National Garden Week Schedule of events:

- Saturday June 5th: 10:00-4:00 - Founders Day Event Downtown Rogers – we are doing a child's project and giving away seeds from Baker Creek Heirloom and Saveourmonarchs.org.
- Sunday June 6th: 5:00PM - Old Fashion Weiner Roast (WEATHER PERMITTING) Home of Larry and Kathy Spann 4407 S. 3rd Court Street, Rogers, AR. Bring a chair and your spouse.
- Monday June 7th: 9:00 AM - Marge's President Project Replanting of flower pots at 3 Rogers Fire stations. Meet at 301 N. 1st street
- Tuesday June 8th: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM - Garden Tour Sherrie Eoff's home.
- Thursday June 10th: 9:00 AM - GiveBack Day at St Andrew's Episcopal Church. Clean up in the columbarium.
- Saturday June 12. 9:00 AM - Garden Tour Ken Riley
1108 Lakeview Drive, Eureka Springs

Be sure and watch for more details and reminders from Anita via Email.

Debbie Main, National Garden Week Chairman

Social Committee: I'll admit that I'm prejudice but Social Committee is one of the most fun committees to serve on. It is our place to set the mood for our meetings, pour drinks, and arrange for the meal. This year was just plain strange since we couldn't meet but here at the end we are having fun again. This last meeting, Hats of to Marge, is extra special as our thanks to her.

Ivan has done Social Committee forever and we honor him for all his efforts; coffee, ice, water, coordinating our caterer, and muscle. Thanks Ivan♥ Judy McMurtrey, Cathy Patterson, Brenda Townsen, and our newest member, Sherre Maldonado have made it all happen.

Judy Simpson, Social Chairman

Chairmen Reports+Pictures

Youth Contest Results, Judy Long, Chairman (photos below in order from left to right):

Emma Sheridan, Third grade, Loves Art, Science, Evening Star Elementary Bentonville. Emma won First place in State and third place in South Central Region.

Congratulations Emma great job. Youth bird poster contest 2021

Collin Paquette, 12 grade Faribault Senior High. Collin awarded second place state. Participating award from GCR. Off to college in the fall St. Cloud State.

Congratulations on participating in the Youth Bird contest

Sadie Paquette, 9th grade. Faribault High. First place state for 9th graders. Participation award GCR.

Eloise Paquette, 2nd grade. WEM school. She won third place State for for third graders. Participation award from GCR.

Lucille Paquette, First grade, Participation Award GCR. Downy Woodpecker 2021



Cambridge Park Cleanup and Tower Park Planting Photos



Marge & Ivan's Garden Party

We love you, Marge! Thank you for serving as GCR President and being our fearless leader.



Garden Tour Information/Reminder:

we are traveling to Tulsa on July 8th. Meet @ 7:45a @ J. C. Penney parking lot. Touring the Linnaeus Gardens, eating lunch @ Brookside Diner & then touring a friend of Marge Leonard's garden after lunch.

Horticulture Humor

