

Academy Garden Club Thymes

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX

MAY 2021

Hi Everyone!

Isn't it nice to look outside and see green?! And flowers! It seems that one minute there were just tiny sprouts poking up in the garden and then "Bingo" the garden is looking full and the early bloomers are doing their thing. Oh, and where is that lawn mower? The grass is growing like mad! (As are the weeds and dandelions!)



Look who's back! For now, they will have to be satisfied with sugar water until the bee balm is ready for them.

Garden Club News

It's so nice to have some actual garden club news to share!!

June 8th would have been our last meeting of the year. We've always looked forward to our beginning of the year, our holiday, and the end of the year potluck dinners. It is still not time to gather in a large group inside, (surely by September we'll be fine...?) however, let's do another gathering in Lilac Park. On June 8th at noon, let's bring our own lunches, drinks, chairs, smiles, and gardening stories. It will be fun to clap eyes on each other's faces and gradually begin to put back into place our much-missed regular meetings. Like the other Lilac Park get together, this will not be a regular meeting, it will be a social gathering.

Speaking of meetings, or lack thereof, we again are suggesting that all our members keep their same committee positions again this year. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in September, at which time we will put out our traditional sign-up sheets where everyone may choose which committees they want to be involved with.

Our horticulture committee team has already sprung into gear. The plants have been ordered for the monument and plans to plant have been made. That leaves us with what was a "sticky wicket" last summer...weeding sign ups. For those of us who can come to Lilac Park on June 8th, there will be weeding sign-up sheets. Please pick a week or two that you would be available to weed. If you are not able to come to the gathering, please call Kathy DeVlyder at 413-637-1769 or email her at artmdev@msn.com to tell her which week would work for you to weed. (We usually sign up together and then after weeding head to the coffee shop for a cool treat!)

Printing a new handbook is still on hold, but please take a look at the 2019-2020 book to make sure that your name, address and contact information is correct. In September, you can give us the corrections and a new handbook will be made.

September brings a new slate of officers. Our present vice president, Terry Michney, will move up to be president. The secretary and treasurer positions are two-year posts. Sue Hoffman will again be secretary and Ginny Akabane will be treasurer.

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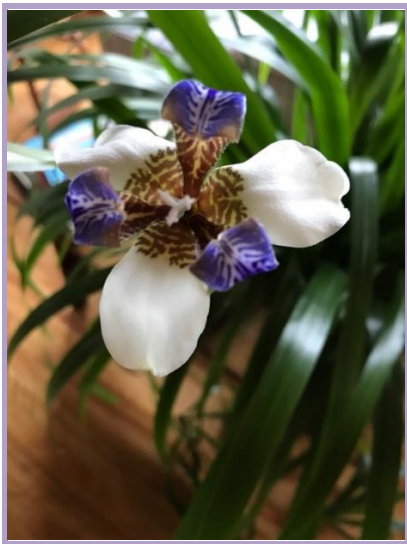
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Did you notice which position has not been mentioned?? At this point, no one has volunteered to become vice president...and we need a vice president. Please consider filling this position. You can do it solo, or as we did, find a co-vice president to share the responsibility with. Voting these people into office will be done at our first official meeting.

Janice Brindisi is the chair of our scholarship committee. She issued the scholarship offering, but alas, got no applications this year. Perhaps it is because of the inconsistency of the students being in the school building due to the pandemic? We'll try again next year!



Look at Bobbianne's Walking Iris. It's an unusual plant. Its blooms last for just one day! Sometimes it is known as Poor Man's Orchid.

Hmmm...it doesn't look poor at all!!

On May 11, Chris Ferrero was the speaker at our Zoom meeting. As usual, Chris's talk was fun and informative. It was amazing how warm and entertaining she was, making the cold platform of a computer screen come alive. If you were unable to attend the evening presentation, Chris has made it available to us at the Lenox Library. The librarians will be able to assist you.

Do enjoy the beginning of being able to be outside in your gardens. May weather is fickle here in the Berkshires. I always remember the advice given to me by a former local garden center owner. Don't plant until Memorial Day...the real Memorial Day! Sage advice, but so difficult to follow when we begin to see such beautiful plants arriving at nurseries! Whether you decide to bet on warm weather and plant now or choose to play it safe and wait until May 31, enjoy the beauty and tranquility that a garden can bring!

Carol and Lynn