

# Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

JUNE 2021

## Hi Everyone!

Thank you, Mother Nature, for holding the rain off until after we'd had our gathering in Lilac Park! It was warm...mighty warm...but our get together on June 8<sup>th</sup> was well attended and everyone was thrilled to be together again. It was heartwarming to hear so much chitter chatter and laughter after a year of quiet. As we went around the circle reintroducing ourselves and telling everyone what we are grateful for, we heard common themes. Family. Friends. Health. Hugs. Freedom of movement. We are all lucky. We are here, we are vaccinated, and we are able to enjoy the beauty of our Berkshires again, including our own gardens!

Thank you to the horticulture committee ladies who planted the monument again this year. Your "rearrangement" and "transplanting" of surprise plantings has ensured that yet again the monument looks great. Now about those signs...*hmm*. Many were moved, just a few more to go and the monument with its surrounding flowers will again have the spotlight that it deserves.

Speaking of the monument flowers. Thank you, Kathy DeVylder, for organizing the weeding schedule. It appears that many of the weeks have been signed up for. If you were unable to attend the Lilac Park gathering, and so did not get a chance to sign up to weed, please contact Kathy DeVylder at 413-637-1769 or [artmdev@msn.com](mailto:artmdev@msn.com). She will be able to tell you what weeks weeders are still needed...maybe one of those will work for you.



We have voted. It is official. Terry Michney will move up from vice president to president for this year. Sue Hoffman will be the secretary. Not to worry Sue, any one of us will step in to help you and will take notes should you be unable to attend a meeting.

Ginny Akabane will be the treasurer. Ginny, you were not at the gathering, however you have been unanimously voted in as treasurer! Terry made a plea for someone to agree to be vice president. As we mentioned in a previous newsletter, we found it comforting to begin our tenure as officers in the garden club as buddies. You might be more inclined to volunteer if you had a partner to share the responsibilities of the office with.

Among the other things that were discussed, were dues. They will remain at \$30. Envelopes will be available for you to put your money in at our September meeting. Speaking of the September meeting, it will be **September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00**.

As Terry pointed out, we all like to eat! As is tradition, our September meeting will be a potluck. We try to make dishes to share that showcase our vegetable and herb garden bounties. (Some of us depend on the farmer's markets for those veggies!) Hope to see you there!

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We are relatively new members and have enjoyed getting to meet kindred spirits of the gardening world. We are thrilled with how much we have learned from our speakers and from you, club members, and the learning will continue!

This was a crazy year, and we fretted about how to keep the club intact and connected. Neither of us is a computer person (...by a long shot!!) and we're ever so thankful that Pat Neri was able to fix our attempts at composing the newsletters.

Although we had no need to be in contact with our secretary this year...darn pandemic...no in-person meetings...we did appreciate the help that both our treasurer, Ginny Akabane, and vice president, Terry Michney, gave us whenever we needed it. Special thanks for the very nifty "bird bath leaf" that we were presented with at the Lilac Park gathering. It looks great in our garden and is a constant reminder of what a fun time we have being members of the Academy Garden Club!

We're including some pictures from the Lilac Park gathering. Thanks, Tjasa, for the photos that you sent us earlier!

We'd like to close this newsletter with a thank you to everyone in the Academy Garden Club. Happy summer! Enjoy your gardens!

See you in September (...isn't that a song?)

***Lynn and Carol***



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