

# Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2020**

## Hello Garden Club Friends!

September is almost here! We had quite a summer- lots of sun and heat...and masks and social distancing.



Even the Endless Summer Hydrangeas must have known it was a unique summer. After seven years of not blooming, **voila!!**

We missed our June meeting, the time when we review the year, introduce the new officers, and do our committee signups. That sure is an important meeting!

As for the slate of officers for this year, it stands as follows:

Co-presidents: Carol Way and Lynn Schmitter

Vice President: Terry Terry

Secretary: Sue Hoffman

Treasurer: Ginny Akabane

In speaking with Ginny, she has assured us that our bank account will be fine this year. We can pay our recurring bills. And as we are not sure when our club will meet in person with speakers, Ginny has recommended that we hold off on paying dues until we meet again.

Speaking of reopening our meetings, health and safety come first. We have been given a couple of ideas of how to move forward - Zoom meetings? (Know that we have four members who do not have a computer.) Meet outside at Lilac Park? Simply hold off meetings until we can safely reconvene at the Academy Building? We'd like to hear what your preference is.

Please email Carol Way at [clway90@roadrunner.com](mailto:clway90@roadrunner.com) with your response by September 5<sup>th</sup>.

- I'd like Zoom meetings.
- I'd like to meet at Lilac Park, weather permitting.
- I'd like to wait to meet until we can safely get together at the Academy Building.

Also, at our June meeting, we sign up for committees. It was difficult not having the monument weeding sign-up sheet in front of us. Special thanks to Kathy DeVylder who picked up her phone and contacted people to ask for help. The monument garden looks great.



Thank you, planters and weeders!! Kathy has a couple of openings in September. If you can fill one of those spots, please contact Kathy at [artmdev@msn.com](mailto:artmdev@msn.com) or 413-637-1769.

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Pat Neri had the great idea about having members take pictures of their own gardens and sending them to her. She'd collect them and then send them out to all of us in a special Thymes. It would be like our own private garden tour!

If you would like to participate, send your name, photo, and a brief description to [pneri@earthlink.net](mailto:pneri@earthlink.net). At this point, the special edition would not be a summer issue, but who wouldn't like a garden *pick-me-up* during the chilly months?

If you like both plants and writing, then maybe you would like to write a horticulture column for the Thymes! You could have a recurring column, or maybe you are passionate about one particular plant, and want to write just one column to inspire the rest of us.

Harriet did a wonderful job writing the informative columns for the Thymes for the past few years. Your column could be as in-depth as hers, or a more informal chat about the plant you love. If this idea appeals to you, contact Lynn at [ldschmitter@gmail.com](mailto:ldschmitter@gmail.com).

Stay well and happy in your gardens!

Carol and Lynn

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