



GARDENERS BY THE SEA

April 9, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome: President Alva Hutchison

Welcome: Karen Plis, Membership

Happy Birthday to Chris Coppa, Susan Sitek, Anne McKinney and Karen Plis!

Program: Introduction by VP Maryanne Green.

Our Club has seven Master Gardeners: Lisa Arni, Cherie Dorfman, Sandra Lopez, Eileen Quigley, Peggy Ravida, Maureen Ryan and Jean Sewald. Lisa moderated Q&A from our members to our Master Gardeners participating on our panel: Cherie, Sandra and Jean.

Excellent questions and information was shared by all. We are fortunate to have such great knowledge in our club. Feel free to reach out to any of our Masters for further questions or assistance.

Minutes: Recording Secretary Ellen Dowling

No updates were given so minutes will stand as written and posted.

Report of Officers:

President: Alva reported that the DE Federation Budget was voted on by representative from our club and forwarded to DFGC.

The GBTS Board amended Standing Rule #9 stating we can use email voting by the club and executive board members when a meeting is not possible or feasible for an immediate decision to be reached. #10 has been added. Forgive committee and meeting mandates this year (2020-2021) and ongoing years if face to face meetings are not possible. Please print these revised Standing Rules for your handbook.

Vice President: Maryanne shared May's program which was to be held at East Coast but this has been changed to the following. Zoom meeting with "Worms Eat My Garbage!" This presentation will be done by Master Gardener Marion Reedy on vermiculture and composting with worms and the many uses for the compost. We will learn about homemade worm bins and how to maintain them and harvest your Gardeners Gold.

There is an optional May 5 Zoom Workshop from 1-3pm. Please let Maryanne know if you are interested as there is a fee involved. The speaker is Deborah Chud, a Massachusetts landscape design consultant and educator with a special area of expertise—the work of Piet Oudolf.

She contacted GBTS to inquire whether members would be interested in hearing her presentation on him. A trailer for the presentation, along with a summary and reviews, can be viewed on GreatGardenSpeakers.org [here](#). She is also listed on the GCFM speakers gallery [here](#). See ad in the second row.

Finally, she gave a 6-session Zoom course this past winter on Oudolf's design principles to 30+ people, including 6 professional landscape designers. A trailer for the course (now available on video) and reviews can be viewed [here](#).

Mark your calendars!!! June 11 meeting will be an in-person meeting at Bearhole Farms (37756 Bearhole Road, Selbyville, DE 19975). Plant sale and Tour. Additional details to follow later.

Corresponding Secretary: Rosemarie Kistenmacher had nothing to report. Laura Martin will assume Rosemarie's role when she relocates.

Treasurer: Carolyn Clipp

As of April 7, 2021

Starting Balance \$10,005.95

Income none

Expenses OVHS plant \$53.40 purchases

Ending Balance \$ 9,952.5

Please send your annual dues to Kathy Lesperance at 31679 Ajewell Rd. Dagsboro, DE 19939. Full member \$35 and Associate \$45.

Committee Reports:

Community Projects: OVHS was reported on by Martha Gallagher. The plants purchased have been planted. We could possibly use a few more. Watering is not an issue right now. A sign made of aluminum will be made for the dedication of our members who have passed.

Membership: Karen communicated that the updated membership is current on the website. The membership "committees" list is also there. It is time for members to declare if they want to remain on their current committees or change to different ones. The list will also be at the June meeting at Bearhole Farms to look at and make changes. You can also email Karen with your updates. Will be reviewed again in May or June. There will be a new member reception at Karen's home on April 29. This is so the new members can get acquainted in person. The hostess list will also be at this venue so you can fill in your request. Please consider carpooling due to parking constraints.

Hospitality: Sallie Melvin shared the April sign up sheets that were completed last year. There are several vacancies so please consider signing up. We hope to meet in person and then we will be providing light lunch. The coordinator does the menu and contacts the hostesses regarding their contribution. Hostesses come $\frac{1}{2}$ hour early to set up and then also help with clean up. Please review the list and get back to Sallie with your additions.

Youth: Pat Drizd reported the kits for March on bird nesting were distributed. Pat found a video of a Baltimore Oriole weaving his nest with grasses. She sent this to the school to share with the children. In May the topic will be pollinators. Members can assist Pat with the kits by contacting her directly.

Horticulture Moment:

Container Plant Challenge was the Red Gold Chinese Evergreen which Anne McKinney and Maggie Baker were growing. Anne shared hers on Zoom and it looked healthy and well taken care of. These are easy to take care of, so you may want to consider purchasing one.

The April moment is **Spring Care of Hardy Herbs** by Pat Drizd. Pat provided a handout which was circulated and posted on our website. She shared a book that she has found useful with growing and

maintaining herbs. The Pleasure of Herbs (can be purchased on Amazon). Highlights were: April clean beds and pots, some herbs need to be cut back at this time. Old herbs approximately every 4 years consider digging up and separating (can sell at June's meeting). Keep mint in pots as they spread quickly with runners. Should refresh soil every 2-3 years). Rosemary you can re-start by pinning a section to the soil. It will root all summer thus a new plant.

New Business:

The 2021-2022 budget was shared and we did a vote on the Zoom call. It was passed as is with no additions.

Announcements:

Kathy Verse mentioned Jeff's Greenhouse in Bethel DE with a discount coupon in the Beach Guide. It is between Laurel and Seaford off Route 13.

Lisa shared the name of her camellia bush with three colors is April Dawn. It is a "sport" which means that it was created from 2 different color camellias, white and red which created a white and red combination flower. Over time as it aged, it created a "sport" of white, red, and red and white striped flowers on the same bush.

Alva wished everyone a wonderful Spring!

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dowling