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April Greetings

I hope that this finds you all well, and coping with our new normal amid COVID-19 restrictions. I am anxiously looking forward to warmer weather so that I can spend time outside digging and planting. For those of you who have been unable to be near family and friends, hopefully you have mastered the art of Facetime!

Our Garden Club Board used Zoom technology to conduct our April board meeting. We made some important decisions on your behalf and are working on "Plan B" for our Club. I send this with high hopes that we will be permitted to convene to kick off our exciting new year in September. Stay well! ~ Nancy ~

APRIL, MAY AND JUNE EVENTS

We have decided to reschedule our cancelled events to next year.

- The Repurposed Birdhouse and the Spring Trellis Workshops will take place next spring.
- The May Meeting and In-House Flower Show will take place next May.
- We hope to move the cancelled Woodlands Grave Garden tour to October.
- The June Dinner is cancelled, but we will have a no-charge cocktail party, hopefully at Jenkins, for our September Welcome Back Meeting.
- The June 10 Rock Garden Tour will tentatively take place with social distancing. Look for confirmation in next month's newsletter.

COMMITTEE SIGNUPS

Once committee chairs have been identified, an email signup genius will be sent to you from **Anne McCrary** for you to join the committees.

Many hands make light work, and your participation is what ensures the success of our club. If



you have been a Garden Club member for just a few years, I encourage you to consider co-chairing a committee. It is so rewarding to be on the Board and "in the know." Many members have been chairing committees for 15, 20 and 30 years and are now stepping down. Please contact Anne with your interest.

HOSPITALITY SIGNUPS



Please be on the lookout for signup genius to volunteer for refreshments and floral arrangements for the meetings in October, November, February, March and May. We have truly enjoyed the delicious treats and clever floral arrangements that we have had at our meetings.



Add more feeders in a group!

If you have one male hummingbird that is dominating your feeder, add two or more feeders in the vicinity of the first.



Don't remove spider webs.



Hummingbirds use spider webs as a main ingredient in

their nests. They also like to steal insects from webs.

Add a mister to your yard. Hummingbirds love to fly through a fine spray until they are thoroughly soaked.

Replace old feeders or rehabilitate your old ones. If the red



parts on your feeders are getting dull, you can repaint them us-

ing bright magenta nail polish. The bright polish color is a visual signal for hummingbirds.

Tie an orange ribbon near feeders. Bright red or orange plastic ribbon catches the eye of passing hummingbirds and lures them in for a closer look.

Add new native plants to your garden. You can't have too many good hummingbird plants in your yard or garden. https:// birdwatchinghq.com/ hummingbird-flowers/#flowers

Plant a continuous blooming

schedule. Hanging basket of Fuchsia for early flowers, Salvia for midsum-



mer flowers, and late-blooming trumpet creeper for late summer and fall.

https://www.birdwatchersdigest.com

MILKWEED GIVEAWAY



Our milkweed give away, which was scheduled for our May meeting, will still take place. Libby Espey has graciously offered all of us milkweed and other pollinator plants that she started from seed. Please look for an upcoming email announcement about when the plants are ready for porch pickup at Libby's house.

OLD ROBERTS SCHOOLHOUSE GARDEN

Great news! The landscaper has completed the removal of unwanted shrubs and plants, reduced the size of the beds, spread grass seed and mulched. The next step is the





planting of shrubs. Hopefully, you responded to Myrtie Musetti's email to let her know what shrubs you think would enhance the garden.

BLUE STAR MARKER



Laura Furman and Myrtie Musetti did some weeding recently at the BSM, maintaining the recent makeover of the area.

NANCY'S TULIPS



Just thought that I would share a picture of my tulips in bloom for your enjoyment. Fortunately, I don't have the challenge of deer where I live now.

LEUCOJUM CHALLENGE BULB



Also known as "Summer Snowflake," the Leucojum was to be used as the challenge bulb for our now cancelled May in-house flower show. Though its name suggests otherwise, the Summer Snowflake blooms in mid to late spring, just after the daffodils. Picture is courtesy of Sally Smith.

FREE DOWNLOAD How to Identify Birds Without Using Your Eyes

Discover the difference between bird songs and calls, and learn popular mnemonics for recognizing sounds made by common backyard birds!

https://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/bwdsite/bird-identification-identifybirds-by-ear.php

PLANNING AHEAD

April 26 John James Audubon's Birthday

June 7-13 National Garden Week

10 District I Meeting and Presidents' Luncheon Temple University Arboretum

10 Rock Garden Tour, 6 p.m. at Susan Bryan's Residence

17 **Board Meeting**