

DGC October Newsletter

and the people joined together again,
they grieved their losses,
and made new choices,
and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully,
as they had been healed,
Kitty O'Meara

Dear Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and participating safely in many of the activities you enjoyed before the pandemic struck. It is with great pleasure that I can finally announce to you the reopening of the DGC on Tuesday, October 20. The CCD will allow us to meet in their Parlor once again with safety restrictions. This meeting will be limited to 35 members, no guests, no food, we must all wear masks and stay socially distant. Your temperature will be taken upon arrival.

YOU MUST RSVP TO THIS MEETING. Since we must be exact in the limited number of people allowed in the Parlor it is very important that you contact me as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Non-email members can reach me at 718-428-1914. All members with email addresses, please respond to douglastongardenclub@gmail.com. I will get back to everyone and let you know if you will be able to attend or if you will be on a waiting list. Unfortunately, we won't be able to accommodate everyone and not everyone will feel ready to come. A virtual meeting is not possible at this time.

Our October program, planned for us by Carolyn Brink, will be "Environmental Exposures and Human Health" by Patti Woods, Director of Grassroots Environmental Education. Patti Woods is a dynamic speaker who thoroughly enjoys her topic. I think we will all learn a lot from her.

Since no food will be served, no member will be required to provide sandwiches or cookies for this meeting. With that in mind please be sure to have a hearty lunch before you arrive. There will be no coffee or tea provided at this meeting. We will start out very simply and adjust as we go on. Safety first!

We will also not be having "Ways and Means" on this date. If you have been collecting treasures please hang on to them a little while longer.

Please come to the meeting at 1:00PM. Remember not to park in the numbered spaces. I know this is not exactly a full return but it will be a safe return. Each member must make their own decision about what is safe for them. If you need to stay home, please do so for your health and the health of your family.

If you have not already done so, please send in your \$50 dues. Your dues provide the DGC with the funds to pay our bills and provide interesting programs and workshops for our members. Although we have not been having general meetings, we still have been busy and we still have bills to pay.

Items of Interest:

Two children who participated in the NGC Youth Poetry Contest, "Adventures in the Garden" were state winners. School-age children created poems during the COVID lockdown. The winners are Zoe Creitz, Age 10 and Zachary Creitz, Age 8. Congratulations to them!

Patricia Yoon has been busy with Civic Beautification getting ready for Fall. She has begun planting the pots at St. Anastasia/Divine Wisdom.

Second District has requested our help in finding and planting a shrub in our community in memory of Richard Corbisiero, the late husband of Joan Corbisiero. Joan is not only a DGC member but has been active in Second District and the National Garden Club- Patricia Yoon is in the process of picking one out.

October 17 - It's My Park Day at Glenwood Landing. If you would like to lend a hand contact Patricia Yoon at 718-428-2139 or yoopatricia3@gmail.com.

November 17 - 1PM DGC General Meeting - our very own, very talented member, Carolyn Brink will dazzle us with her "Holiday Designs".

January 2021 marks the beginning of the DGC's Centennial Year. The DGC turns 100 in March. Hopefully we will be able to plan some things of a celebratory nature for our Club.

Be well, stay safe. I thank you for your patience and understanding as we attempt to re-open our Club. I am hoping to see many of you on October 20th!

Best Regards,
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