

Ashland Garden Club Meeting

May 2, 2021

“Sowing Seeds of Friendship”



- Tracey and Jen opened the meeting introducing our guest Sue Miner, President of NH Federated Garden Clubs
- Thanks to Jana and Phee for refreshments! Thank you to Patti O’Hara for doing the Zoom sessions “Fun with Fern”
- **Announcements:** Fremont Garden Club Plant sale scheduled for 5/22
 - Annual Meeting scheduled for 5/26 via Zoom
 - 6/9 Award Presentations
 - June 14th meeting at Bedrock Gardens
- **Treasurer’s Report:**
 - 2019 balance \$6,100
 - 2021 beginning balance \$5,824.
 - 2021 budgeted expenses \$1,472.45
 - 2021 fundraisers \$3,300
 - Shirley Splaine Horticulture Scholarship \$375 \$550 awarded June 1, 2021 to a graduating Plymouth High School student
- **Fundraisers:**
 - June 5th Plant Sale Memorial Park, Chris Tower is designated chairperson.
 - Pot up plants early. Also, a bake and white elephant sale! Posters will be distributed and advertisement in the newspaper.
 - June 6th Open Garden Tours from 12-3 Phee, Patti Mazone and Fern have offered their gardens for the friendship in their gardens.
 - July fundraiser at Hill Crest Farm, Dane Rd. Arabella Dane’s Gardens

- **Civic Beautification:**
 - Liz Greason is chairperson
 - Liz and Linda will purchase plants at the Plant Pantry in Piermont.
 - Planting committees for the Park, Flag Island and the Monument have been set up and watering schedules should be set up by the committee members. Meet at 5:00 at Memorial Park.

- **Birds Report:**
 - Pat Mazzone and Jana reported
 - Time to bring in the bird feeders because the bears are around wanting to eat too!
 - Pat reported on all the various water birds and varieties she has seen so far this year!

- **Environment:**
 - Phee spoke on the many wildfires across the country, consequences of climate change.
 - Invasive species were also discussed.

- **Horticulture:**
 - Linda Pare spoke about the history of Kirkwood Gardens and the amazing woman, Sunny Kirkwood, the designer and her how she wanted our lives surround by beauty.
 - Linda gave a tour of the gardens after the meeting. Thank you, Linda, for your presentation of these lovely gardens.

- **Sharing of our Garden Plants, Tools and Books:**
 - Many shared their garden magazines, handy tools to use in the garden and unusual perennials. A plant swap was enjoyed by all! It was an afternoon of “Sowing the Seeds of Friendship” at Kirkwood Gardens. Next meeting May 17, planting the public gardens in Ashland at 5:00.

Pat Bergeron

Recording Secretary