

## Minutes of Homer Garden Club Meeting - March 21st, 2021

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President** Kathy welcomed all member gathered via Zoom

**Homer Seed Library** Saskia Esslinger reported that appointments can be made at the library to access seeds. She encouraged gardeners to step up and participate in the project and to work with favorite varieties. She is looking for volunteers to help with packing and marketing. Classes will be offered soon on general gardening and seed saving. More info at 'homerseedlibrary' facebook page

**Pratt Museum Gardens** Yarrow spoke of the grant received for restoration of the botanical garden and improvement of the Homestead Garden. There are lots of volunteer opportunities. Contact: trailhealer@gmail.com

**Secretary** was absent, but the previous minutes are posted on the website

**Treasurer** Currently in combined accounts \$18,626. More copies of the Garden book have been ordered. 30 copies sold to the bookstore and a few to Wagon Wheel. Also available on Amazon – but buy local when possible! They will be available for purchase at the plant sale.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Gardeners Weekend.** A return to times of yore. Plans are for low key, casual, smaller group visits to gardens in progress or with a feature to share. Tentative dates are June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> for 2-3 hrs in the late afternoon. \$10 season tickets are for members only and limited to about 75. The committee is seeking neighborhood options.

**Speakers** The committee is working on possibilities for a May Zoom meeting with a presentation on Drip Irrigation

**Newsletter** Any inspiration for an article? Please forward to Paula

**Data Base** Not much change – a couple of new members from afar

**Baycrest Gardens** Sharon Froeschle confirmed that no plans are scheduled yet

**Social Committee** Hiatus time continues

**Plant Sale** May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please plan to donate some seedlings or divided plants. Pots and soil can be provided. Barb will be looking for helpers. If you have extra empty pots they can be dropped off at Barb's (1133 Cook way, off Mattox)

**Scholarship.** The Homer Garden Club \$500 Environmental Scholarship Application has been sent to Homer High to be offered this year. If you have questions or recommendations please contact Francie, Louise or Kathy

## HYDROPONIC GARDENING - Francie Roberts

Francie began hydroponic ( Water Working) gardening when teaching the Natural Resources class at Homer High School and has continued with a successful home system for several years. Members were treated to a 'no glitch!' power point presentation with a wealth of information.

Why do it? You can have fast growing, fresh food year round without the hassle of soils or diseases and because Francie made it seem so doable and so rewarding.

She has done all the research on systems, so I thoroughly recommend watching a replay of her presentation available at

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/k\\_0YKqriXcnmAPnVSXCfln1PDGDp6kbXLudlCtPnjHtJn1uvJ6nDBYDXHyo\\_eWBs.rZN87BsBJqQdVRAO](https://zoom.us/rec/share/k_0YKqriXcnmAPnVSXCfln1PDGDp6kbXLudlCtPnjHtJn1uvJ6nDBYDXHyo_eWBs.rZN87BsBJqQdVRAO)

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You will benefit from all the practical tips on how to be successful without investing more than necessary. Francie illustrated and explained the options for mediums, pots, systems, lighting, fans, pumps, timers and fertilizers.

Panama Reds is recommended as a great local source for purchasing everything you need – and giving you helpful advice

Francie is very willing and able to answer questions and to help inspired gardeners to get started.

