

August Newsletter



How can we possibly be over half way through August? My head is still back in July! It's the time of year that I'm thankful for my dahlias, because they are big and showy enough to camouflage the weeds in my sprawling garden.

Last week, I was unable to attend our general meeting, but I received glowing positive feedback from many sources about our guest speaker, Mary Jameson of Saltwater Studios. Thanks to a heads up from Mary Frances, I was able to stop by the annual Festival of Arts in Chatham this weekend, where Mary had a booth! She is delightful and she said that she truly enjoyed presenting to our Club and she is looking forward to working with Robyn to create a workshop for us! Sign me up! Her art is beautiful; hard to pick a favorite!



Here's a little update on the Pollinator Pathway from Rick: Roger's Free Library is now marked on the Pollinator Pathway, as is Mrs Perry's Garden. Signage will soon follow. The forms Rick had to fill out were a bit quirky, as they require a first and last name...so the library is listed as first name: Rogers Free, last name Library.

This past weekend was also the Black Ships Festival, held at Independence Park in celebration of Japanese/American friendship. Many thanks go to Maggie R for overseeing our participation, and to Mary Frances, Margie, Kathy T, Linda S, Pam D and Marsha, plus a round of applause to Al and Gwiz for help with the heavy lifting.

Karen A, who is one of the event organizers, reported that many people told her how much they enjoyed our booth and learning about Kokedama and Ikebana.

Coming up: one of our annual highlights is our special speaker at Blithewold each September. This year, our speaker will be John Tschirch, an architectural historian, writer, teacher and photographer. The focus of his topic will be his book on the History of Newport Gardens. This year, the event will take place on Wednesday, September 11th, with John speaking at noon, followed by a lovely luncheon at 1:15. Our monthly business meeting will follow the luncheon. Please respond to the lovely invitation that Robyn has sent out ASAP, and send checks (\$40) to our PO address. Remember that guests are welcome to join us that day (\$50).

Thinking ahead! Now is a great time to look over your gardens and think about what you might be able to divide, pot up, and set aside for next year's plant sale! I believe it's a great time to divide hostas and irises. One of my husband's recent Oklahoma coworkers is a champion irises grower and she recently sent us a bunch of iris corms...now we need to get them into the ground and then try to wait patiently for them to bloom next spring!

As I finish up this newsletter, I'm being entertained by the happy babbling of a five month old granddaughter. It's one of the perks to having a house by the shore. But all the kids will soon be going home... the older ones are already back attending sports practices... and the house will be blissfully quiet for a day or two and then we'll be longing for the noise and the clutter and the banging of screen doors. But not the laundry. Definitely not going to miss the laundry.

See you in September!
Gail

