



GIBSON ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ROOTS

SAFETY

The bare branches stretch and yawn
Their buds open like sleepy morning eyelids

Winter's exposure blurs
As leaves swell to shrink the space between

And spring's draperies draw
To protect from the world

-Anne Potter 2020



May Garden Club "ZOOM" Meeting

Thursday, May 21
10:00 AM

Join Garden Club Meeting:

Via web address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89172235939?pwd=dGpFYlYvU1BNd3VJNHZYOTEzMDl0QT09>

Meeting ID: 891 7223 5939 #

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Dear Friends:

We hope you will join us for our May Meeting on Thursday, May 21. **District II President Donna Roberts**, will be our guest speaker. Since we cannot be together in person, our meeting will take place via ZOOM! Please use our ZOOM meeting access information in the blue box to the left. The Garden Club Meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. We look forward to "seeing" everyone!

As social distancing has turned our lives upside down, we are all coping in different ways. Some of us are taking long walks around our beautiful island, while others are improving their culinary skills! Many folks are helping the community - including making face masks!

With the *stay at home order* still in place, many of our GIGC Members are spending extra time in their gardens and those gardens are becoming "**masterpieces.**" We share some of these with you in this newsletter!

At the moment, all future Gibson Island Garden Club events are on hold. We'll be in touch as we know more! Until then, happy gardening!

"Where flowers bloom so does hope" Lady Bird Johnson

Gibson Island Garden Club Members share their gardens!



Anne Emmett's Bethesda Garden



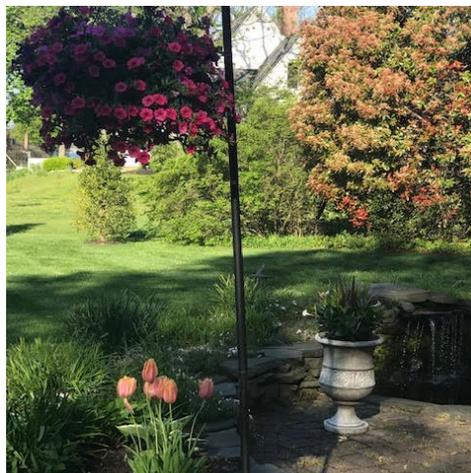
Anne Emmett



Betsy Beck's raised flower planter



Carolyn Meredith



Carolyn Meredith



Nan Perry & her basil



Colleen Reed



Colleen Reed



Elizabeth Davis gardening!



More Gibson Island Garden Club Member Gardens



Kathie Buffon



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Elizabeth Johnson's new Birdhouse



David Fine's broccoli



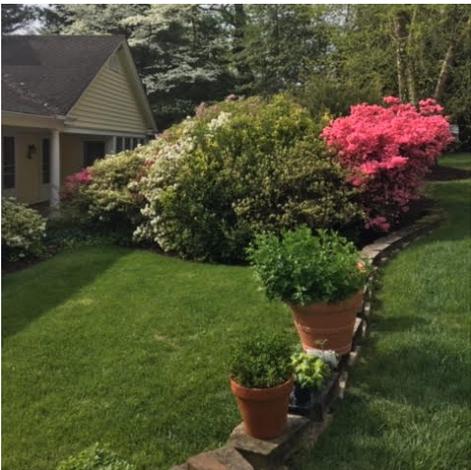
David Fine



Anne Potter - Lily of the Valley



Robin Ambler



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District II activities are on hold until further notice.

Interesting Reading & An Informative Video



“Our Deep Roots in Maryland,” written by Maggie Sliker, was included in the March 2020 *Daffodil Journal*. It is the wonderful story of ‘Van Sion’ daffodil bulbs being saved when a family cemetery was relocated. Maggie also gave a nod to the District II Daffodil Show.



Marge & Etelvina are not “garden experts” but...if you send us your gardening questions we will include them in our next newsletter. Some of our readers may be able to help!

“In 1687, my mother’s Addison ancestors arrived from England to settle on a beautiful spot on the Potomac, today known as the resort and entertainment destination, National Harbor. The Addison’s sprawling colonial plantation grew in Prince George’s County to include a brick mansion - “Oxon Hill Manor” (built in 1710, and lost to fire in 1895) - tenant houses, a shipping pier, a granite mausoleum and a family cemetery. The property remained in the family until 1810, but even after the property was sold, the cemetery remained for the Addison’s perpetual use. Through ensuing years, with the help of the Maryland Department of the Environment, The Maryland Historical Trust, and The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, we were able to protect it from highways and businesses as modern developments encroached upon the family cemetery’s modest boundaries...”

Click here to [READ MAGGIE’S FULL ESSAY](#)

[KEEPING IN TOUCH - MAY/JUNE 2020](#)

GARDEN CLUB CORNER

We have limited time during the year to promote new programs and visit new places. If there is anything you would like to do in a small group setting, let us know and we will help put a group together.

Native Orchid Talk

APRIL 14: Anne Arundel County Master Gardener speaker, Dennis Whigham, PhD. His topic was interesting ecological issues associated with native orchids and conservation efforts. Dennis is the Senior Botanist at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, MD and founded the North American Native Orchid Conservation Center. The video is scientific, but easy to understand and the presentation material is excellent. (shared by Betsy Beck.)

[PRESENTATION LINK](#)



Spectacular Gardens without an Audience - How Ladew Gardens is coping with Quarantine.

[LADEW GARDENS ARTICLE LINK](#)