

FBGC Update for June 2020



Dear Friends,

The new Fort Bragg Garden Club board is in place and we have used Zoom meetings, emailing and work parties as ways of meeting up to check in with each other during the Shelter-In-Place orders that began in March. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for August 6 at 1:30. It's possible that we'll meet in an outdoor setting. The details will be decided as the date gets closer, and we see how meeting restrictions stand at that time.

Our website www.fbgardenclub.com is a great source of club information. The Board is also discussing sending out links to our members to use as a source of shared education, such as the website of the videos on YouTube of "How to Grow More Vegetables" by John Jevons. Perhaps each month we'll e-mail out sites on flower shows or historic gardens or companion planting that would interest our members. Members could also suggest sites to share that could meet the needs of us all communicating when we are sheltered.

Keep your eyes open for updates as this all develops.

I have recently viewed the gardens that our club maintains: Silvergate, Guest House Fern Garden, Dana St. Stone Soup Garden, Cotton Auditorium, CV Starr Succulent Bed, and the Fort Bragg Post Office - North Entrance. I found them all to be in good shape and something that we can all feel proud to be associated with.

I am also excited to share with you all, the good news that I am scheduled to attend the Summer Intern Program with Matt Drewno, of Ecology Action, Victory Gardens for Peace, and the Fort Bragg Community Garden Project. Matt is also the Garden Manager at the renowned Edible Garden at the Stanford Inn. I look forward to continuing on with his Autumn Intern Program to learn the specifics of designing a sustainable garden with the hopes of helping our community learn how to become more self-sufficient during this time of change.

The Board's parting wish for you all is to BE SAFE and BE READY for a really great year ahead.

Warmest wishes,

Tina DeLucchi

President, Fort Bragg Garden Club

MORE GARDEN CLUB NEWS *in case you missed it. . .*

WE ARE WINNERS



CGCI California Garden Clubs, Inc. awards to FBGC: 1st place for yearbook for a club with 30-44 members (\$50 award) and 2nd place for Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Poster contest. We also got 2nd place for a single event (\$25.00); Honorable Mention for the Newsletter; the Blue-Ribbon Certificate of Achievement; and a Rosette in the most Awards Sweepstakes!

Peggy says: "I'd like to thank Kathy and Ruth for helping to put those packets together, to send in. Good job, ladies!! We have a great, active Club, worthy of accolades."

2020 SIDEWALK GARDENS A SUCCESS

Fort Bragg Garden Club received dozens of nominations for its 11th Annual "Sidewalk Gardens to Bragg About" contest. Showcasing gardens large and small, the nominations reflected a wide range of styles, from formal manicured gardens to more casual natural settings.

The challenge was to choose just a few winners. Nine judges - all Garden Club members, some also Master Gardeners - viewed and evaluated the nominated gardens to narrow the field to eight finalists. Then, going out a second time, the judges determined the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

- 1st Place: **300 Perkins Way** was chosen for its flowing design, the variety of plants and artwork, and the incorporation of a vegetable garden.
- 2nd Place: **421 North Harbor Drive** worked with the landscape to overcome the adversity of the sloping site. It has a pleasing variety of plants and color, and is inviting to birds, bees, and butterflies.
- 3rd Place: **250 Wall Street** is an appealing garden that draws attention with its use of color, plants of varying heights and textures, and a lovely stone path.

- Fort Bragg Bee City Pollinator Garden Award: **932 Cedar Street**. The Fort Bragg Bee City USA Committee selected its second annual winner from nominees identified by the Gardens to Bragg About judges as pollinator friendly. In a statement from the Committee, Chairperson Cornelia Reynolds said: "This garden was chosen for its great variety of pollinator plants, including achillea, buddleia, pineapple sage, nicotiana, California poppies, nasturtiums and more."
- Mayor's Choice Award: **445 Winifred Street** is Will Lee's favorite, located on a block with many yards that gardeners find inspiring.

Fort Bragg Garden Club would like to offer a heartfelt congratulations to all of the nominees, and thank-you to everyone who took the time to nominate a garden this year.

To see all the nominated gardens, visit the Garden Club website at **fbgardenclub.com**.