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GROUNDS COVER

Volunteer Newsletter

June/July 2021



A note of appreciation and farewell From Judy Cashen

First and most importantly, I hope that you know how much I have enjoyed working with you, learning from you and laughing with you. It is amazing how 24 years can fly by so quickly and then poof! There is realization that the time has come for me to turn the page and begin a new chapter in my life. A bittersweet page indeed.

It is true that COVID-19 had a hand in my decision to retire. The past year held so much worry and uncertainty for us all. I had the opportunity to continue working an abbreviated 30-hour schedule, and gratefully work remotely from home. It required a quick learning curve to manage the variety of communications and the different kinds of required data entry for our volunteer services department. How I missed our dedicated office team! Their friendship, expertise and wise counsel has helped to carry me through any professional success that I have achieved.

Please continue to watch for important updates on the Chicago Botanic Garden website, www.chicagobotanic.org, and updates from President and CEO **Jean Franczyk**. Volunteers who have returned to service will continue to receive expert guidance from their individual supervisors. We hope that there will be some additional volunteer service opportunities in the fall in support of the wonderful events currently planned, including the fall bulb packaging and pumpkin carving projects. University of Illinois Master Gardeners will continue to receive updates regarding continuing education and certification information from Adult Education Manager **Jill Selinger**. Master Gardener service hours will continue to be reported online to the U of I website. All 2021 Garden volunteer timesheets may be sent via email to volunteer@chicagobotanic.org, and please remember that this information is due by December 31. I hope that you will continue to visit the Garden often, provide volunteer service for projects and programs when the time is right, and support the Garden through your donations to the Annual Fund. Purchase some Garden memberships for your family members and friends. It has never been more important to support the Garden. Beginning on June 4, my days will be spent with my extraordinarily patient and beloved husband, who retired in 2020. We are looking forward to enjoying quality time together and exploring as much of the world as we can. I hope that our time will include many leisurely walks at the Garden, and I will look forward to seeing you out there! There is a message that I just love from the song *'For Good'* written by Stephen Lawrence Schwartz: "I've heard it said, that people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn. We are led to those who help us most to grow if we let them, and we help them in return. I know that I'm who I am today because I knew you. I have been changed for the better, and because I knew you, I have been changed for good."

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Judy

A Garden Update from Fred Spicer



*Garden Update shares important information from **Fred Spicer**, Executive Vice President and Director of the Garden.*

Maintenance of the Garden has been ongoing since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff working in security, display gardens, plant production, grounds, maintenance, construction, and collections all are necessary to keep the Garden safe and well-maintained, and they need to be on-site and cannot work from home! Visitor-facing staff must be here when we're open. Other staff are still working from home and when it is time to return, options for moving forward are being explored.

The Garden is following state guidelines and will probably not reopen fully (with uncapped visitor and event numbers) until the COVID-19 numbers indicate herd immunity. Vaccination numbers are increasing but the numbers of new infections and hospitalizations are also increasing. These numbers need to improve before everything can get back to normal. So, keep making your timed entry reservations and come and enjoy the Garden.

The spring annuals are in and will probably be rotated out just after Memorial Day for the summer annuals. There are over a million blooms currently at the Garden so come enjoy 'Showtime'. There are a half million daffodils alone in the ground but will probably be gone by the time you read this, sorry if you missed them! All of the spring plantings are out of the greenhouses and summer plantings are getting bigger every day. The remaining old arborvitae hedge on the northern side of the Krasberg Rose Garden has been removed. A new hedge with sustainable soil will replace it. In early May, a new yew hedge was planted in the English Walled Garden in the area that separates the Daisy Garden from the Cottage Garden.

A number of solar panels are being relocated from the nursery pavilion roofs, where they get pelted by golf

balls, to the Grainger Center roof. New circular benches for the Heritage Garden are ordered and should be installed by the time you read this. Work will begin later in the year around the center fountain in the Heritage Garden with some stone replacement.

The Café is open and soon the Grab-and-Go on the Esplanade will be opening as well as the Tru-Juice stand in the Fruit & Vegetable Garden. Brick re-pointing in the Fruit & Vegetable Garden is now completed for the season and work has begun on the cracked walls of the outdoor amphitheater. Wood decking in the Aquatic Garden is also scheduled to be replaced, along with all the railings. Work has commenced on the Shida Evaluation Garden and the shoreline restoration project after the winter shut-down. Over four thousand hedge plants have been installed and will be trained into the shapes desired. In August, the Welcome Projects will begin, but more on that in a later edition!

The Garden is showing its colors and we hope that you will make a reservation on-line to come for a visit.

Ken Krebs



Fun fact: In 2002, a Garden staff chorus named "The Bloomin' Voices" led by **Judy Cashen**, performed their hit song written by volunteer **Jim Kemper** "I've Been Working at the Garden" for Volunteer Award Reception attendees.

Volunteer Awards Reception

Please note that due to COVID-19 precautions, the annual Volunteer Awards Reception, typically scheduled in mid-June, will not be held, as safety for all is our number one priority. Know that we honor your volunteer service and loyal support of the Chicago Botanic Garden. The gift membership packets will be mailed soon to those volunteers who served 150 hours or more in 2019 and 2020. Many thanks to the hardworking Member and Donor Services team, including Senior Director **Anne Boynton**, **Carolyn Kotlarski**, **Gloria Watson** and **Jeanyne McGee** for their efforts to mail the gift memberships in June.

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The following online classes are included in this special discount. Click link for full descriptions and pricing

Garden Design:

Discover Tokachi Millennium Forest – special engagement with renowned designer Dan Pearson and gardener Midori Shintani

Thursday, June 3, 2021, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/garden_design/tokachi_millennium_forest_online

Emily Dickinson's Gardening Life

Monday, June 7, 2021, 7 – 8 p.m.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/garden_design/emily_dickinsons_gardening_life_online

The Secret History of *The Secret Garden*

Thursday, September 30, 2021, 7 – 8 p.m.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/garden_design/secret_history_secret_garden

Horticulture:

Vertical Gardening: Vines and Climbers

Thursday, June 10, 2021, 6 – 8 p.m.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/vertical_gardening_vines_and_climbers

Troubleshooting Tomatoes

Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 6 – 8 p.m.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/troubleshooting_tomatoes_online

Native Plants for Formal Gardens

Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 6 – 8 p.m.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/native_plants_formal_gardens_online

Gardens of the Netherlands

Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 6 – 8 p.m.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/gardens_netherlands_online

Nature & Birding:

Pollinator Plant Relationships

Two Wednesdays, June 9 & 16, 2021, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/nature_birding/pollinator_plant_relationships_online

Remember:

These online classes are exclusively for Chicago Botanic Garden Master Gardeners and interns. We hope that you enjoy this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow!

Visitor Events and Programs Update

Because of the COVID-19 health crisis, we have had to cancel, modify, or postpone some programs, classes, and exhibitions at the Garden. This list will be updated as new information is available. Please check the Garden's website www.chicagobotanic.org if you have any questions about a particular event. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Canceled in 2021:

- Super Seed Weekend, the Seed Swap, and all related programs
- Story Time in the Lenhardt Library
- Midwest Bonsai Society Spring Bonsai Exhibition
- Garden Chef Series
- Tuesday Morning Music
- Evening concerts
- Kite Festival
- Roadside Flower Sale
- Bright Encounters Tram
- Art Festival

Temporarily closed:

- Regenstein Center Greenhouses
- Rose Terrace Beer Garden

Modified:

These programs/exhibitions are running. Check the website for updates on schedules and capacity guidelines:

- Camp CBG
- Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America
- Grand Tram Tours
- Butterflies & Blooms
- Herb Garden Weekend
- Heirloom Weekend
- Harvest Weekend
- Bulb Sale
- *Picturing the Prairie* exhibition and supplemental programming
- Various flower shows

Rescheduled:

- Gardens that Heal, Healthcare Garden Design Certificate Seminar: new date, May 2022
- Healthcare Garden Design Certificate Program: new dates, May 2022

Thanks for the Memories!



Setting up A Bloomin' Sale



Roadside Flower Sale Team



**Discover Financial
Corporate Volunteer Day**



American Craft Expo volunteers



Volunteer Holiday Potluck



Corpse Flower Fun



**Barack Obama Presidential Inaugural
National Day of Service**

More Great Memories!



**Chicagoland Cultural
Volunteer Directors**



**Richard, Phyllis, Geoffrey Baer and Judy
Cashen at Volunteer Holiday Potluck**



**Plant Information Master Gardeners
With Kathie Hayden**



**Tim Johnson and staff at the
Hort Staff and Volunteer Luncheon**



**Weekend Horticulture Staff and
Volunteer Appreciation Tour**



**Reception Honoring Volunteers and Staff
20+ years of service**



**Bank of America/Merrill Lynch
Jack-o'-lantern carving team**



**Model Railroad Garden
Spring Setup Team**



Judy Cashen with Fairchild and Longwood Gardens Volunteer Directors at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden



Volunteers Painting the Railroad Exhibit figurines



Plant Production Container Recycling



Volunteers Pat Brown and Mark Guth HallowFest!



Girl Scout World Forum Day Volunteers



Former Garden Director Kris Jarantoski honors the Garden's FIRST and most long serving volunteer Tricia Hagenah

I hope that you enjoyed these fun photos! I will cherish those memories, and I will never forget you, or the many kindnesses that you have shown to me.

Judy

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