

Meeting of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society by Zoom

The meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00PM. The business meeting preceded the presentation which began at 7:00PM. Co-Presidents Linda Coven and Pat Vigliorolo called the meeting to order. No minutes were read from the Fall business meeting since it was not held. There was no financial report in the absence of the Treasurer.

Pat and Linda introduced the various officers and committee heads as follow:

Peter Berrien: Assistant Treasurer. He backs up the Treasurer and had no report.

Emily Woudenberg: Emily is a board member and represents Membership. She said that we have 247 memberships to date. This is up from 204 last year at this time. Many of these are family memberships and include two people. One can now join on the CCHS website and through Paypal.

Mal Condon: He is curator of hydrangeas at Heritage Gardens.

Barbara Marsala: She said her staff of volunteers is working in the hydrangea garden at Heritage on Thursdays doing step #2 pruning. The next step will begin in June through September.

Michele Baker: Michele is in charge of docents along with JoAnn DiRico Trautmann. We have 39 volunteers so far this year which puts us on a good pace this early in the season. She will be filling positions in the member gardens first and will follow with assignments to Heritage Gardens hydrangea garden. JoAnn reminds us that they are "docent friendly."

Cathy Sampson – She is now in charge of Hydrangea University, having taken over from Joan Brazeau. HU will still be virtual this year because of Covid. The event will be held on Friday, July 9, and the ticket will include a link to the website where material will be available for a week for those who cannot watch that day. There will be a link to sign up on our website, on our Facebook page and through the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. The registration is through Heritage Gardens.

Suzanne Boas – Newsletter – We publish a quarterly newsletter and she needs people who like to write. She has plenty of subject matter for them to write about. The next newsletter will be published in Mid-August.

Emily Woudenberg – Nominating Committee - The slate of officers will be sent out one month prior to our September meeting, which will hopefully be live. However, as of today, the Harwich Community Center (HCC) only allows meetings of 20 people in their meeting room. The speaker will be Suzanne Mahler on the Great Gardens of New England. Linda Coven will continue to check with HCC monthly as to the allowable numbers for meetings.

Joyce Halpert – Social – Joyce was not able to attend the meeting. However, “Wine in the Garden” is being planned for August.

Nancy Dexter – Nancy, a new member, has generously agreed to be our Public Relations Person. She will send out the Hydrangea University press releases soon.

Marcia Chapman – Facebook Chairman – Marcia was not able to attend but is working on our Facebook page.

Cheryl Noroian – Cheryl, another new member, has gotten 12 to 13 corporate sponsors and 3 garden club sponsors for Hydrangea University.

2022 Calendar Committee – The calendar will be a month by month list of hydrangea garden tasks. Joan Brazeau is in charge and said we will have the first draft soon. Cape Tech is doing the layout and printing. Costs are still unknown. These will be sold during the Hydrangea tour in the gardens of our members. We will also be selling notecards from the Eastham Art Guild and Tiny Tuff Stuff hydrangeas. The calendars will also be available on our website. New member, Linda Vaillette, will be delivering calendars to garden centers. Joan Harrison supplied the hydrangea photos and Linda Coven and Mal Condon supplied the informative text. No price has yet been established.

Since Hydrangea University is virtual this year, it will allow people around the country to participate and Pat suggested that we post this on our individual Facebook pages and let our friends who might be interested know that they can attend. Linda said that the money earned from HU will go to pay for the educational signage being created for the Heritage hydrangea gardens. This will cost approximately \$3000 to \$4000.

Wendy Smith, an artist on the Cape, has gotten over 30 artists to paint in the gardens during Hydrangea Festival. We will get 10% of their sales in our gardens. After the Festival, there will be an exhibition and sale of works unsold in the gardens from July 24th to August 1st at Harvest of Barnstable.

The meeting concluded at 7:00PM and the meeting was turned over to Mal Condon who spoke on “Hydrangeas of the Azores.”

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Weiss, Secretary