

Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter

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President's Message

(Diana Fuchs)

Last month, our club lost a very special member. Ann Kilroy lost her battle with cancer, but fought as hard as she could to the very end. That is no surprise knowing how feisty she was. I still remember the first time I met Ann. I was walking down by the beach trying to decide if I should buy my house or not when a spunky, wonderfully dressed woman with a big straw hat walked right up to me and introduced herself. Ann proceeded to spend the next half an hour telling me that I needed to buy this house because Shoreham was a really special place to live with a community that had a lot of great people in it. Ann could be very persistent and convincing when she wanted to be. She helped me make up my mind and I bought the house with no regrets to this day. I think she missed her calling and should have been in sales or at least made a commission from the real estate agent on the sale of my house. I will miss her friendly face at all of our events or just stopping by on one of her walks just to say hello. Ann's family will be hosting a memorial service in the spring at the Shoreham Village Hall. I will keep you posted on when it is. I would also like to do something special for Ann. Some suggestions have come in about planting some native trees down by the Shoreham Village. Let me know if you have any other suggestions.

Diana

Earth Day Celebration

(Diana Fuchs)

The Shoreham Village Association (TSVA) & the Shoreham Garden Club (SGC) are coming together to host an Earth Day celebration on April 17th. The day will begin with the SGC hosting a speaker at 10:30 am at the Shoreham Village Hall. Lynn Thompson, The Garden Lady, Inc. will be discussing Ecological Gardening. Then from 1pm-4pm TSVA will be hosting activities for both adults and children around Shoreham Village. Some of the activities for the adults will include discussions on alternative energy and making your home more energy efficient. For the children, there will be nature walks in both the parklands and the beach with several arts and crafts activities. All members of the SGC are welcome to attend the afternoon activities and bring along your grandchildren for some fun.

2010 Board Meeting Schedule 25 Circle Drive, Shoreham

May 4th
Sept 7th
Nov 2nd

2010 Executive Board

President – Diana Fuchs
Vice-President – Pat Thompson
Secretary – Gloria Affatato
Treasurer – Sheila Sussman
Newsletter Editor – Lorraine Maddalena
Program Chairs – Carol Fish & Sandy Romano
Past President – Victoria Lane

Shoreham Garden Club Events Schedule 2010

March 20th	General Meeting / Dick Richardson on "Purple Martins" 10:30am Shoreham Village Hall
April 17th	General Meeting / Lynn Thompson on "Ecological Gardening" 10:30am Shoreham Village Hall
June 5th	Plant Sale- hosted by Youwen Xu
June 18th	Mid-Summer Night Garden Party- hosted by Pat and Charlie Thompson
July TBD	Member Garden Tour
Sept 18th	General Meeting / Speaker 10:30am Shoreham Village Hall
October 16th	General Meeting / Speaker 10:30am Shoreham Village Hall
November 20th	Member workshop (TBD)
December 5th	Holiday Party 3:00pm hosted by Gloria and Jonathan Affatato

Volunteers (Diana Fuchs)

Thank you to...

- Elaine Squires, Carol Ryan and Vicki McLane for volunteering to be on the Membership Committee with Pat Thompson.
- Judy Baker and Lorraine Maddalena for offering to help with Community activities.
- Gloria Affatato for kindly opening up her house to host the Holiday Party.
- Pat Thompson for offering to host the Mid-Summer Night Garden Party.

Your help is very much appreciated to allow the garden club to continue to thrive and contribute to our communities.

We could still need someone to coordinate the Bulb sales and additional volunteers for the Membership and Publicity Committee.

If you are interested please contact Diana Fuchs via email at dishoreham@gmail.com or at # 228-4165

President's Reception (Diana Fuchs)

Yet again, we had another fun gathering. Thank you to everyone who brought all the good wine, many donations for the Chinese Auction and food for the food pantry. If everyone did not notice I was thrilled that I FINALLY won two items in the Chinese Auction. Of course, it will never compare to some of our very lucky members (Ronnie Schiavo and Gloria Affatato) who seem to always win something. I brought all of our food donations to St. Anselm's Church in Shoreham. They were very appreciative with our efforts to help all those folks who are really struggling in this economy.



President's Council Meeting (Diana Fuchs)

Vicki McLane and I attended the annual President's Council Meeting at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration on March 1st. They had Raymond Lackey who is a master beekeeper come and speak to the group on "Our Friend the Honeybee." This gentleman was very entertaining and shared many interesting facts on honeybees that most of us were unaware of. Here are some of the tidbits we learned.

- Honeybees are not native to the United States and were brought over by the colonists when they landed in Virginia
- There is no legal basis to require having honey in a product even if it is marketed that way. Honey Nut Cheerios, which has "honey" in its name has honey as one of its last ingredients and is mainly cornstarch. If they decided not to include the honey in the cereal any longer they could still keep the honey in their name
- Propolis, which is the resin honeybees collect from trees, is an anti-bacterial that has been used throughout history
- Bee venom has been used to help treat people with Multiple Sclerosis with remarkable results
- Local honey is used to help treat severe allergy problems as the honey contains pollens that people ingest to help build up their tolerance
- The phenomenon that was occurring with the honeybee population disappearing is over and the honeybee population has replenished itself. Although, it is still unknown what happened to significantly decrease this population.

Remembering Ann



Fun Facts (Diana Fuchs)

Do you know what the largest living bird is?
The Ostrich. They can grow up to 8 feet tall and weigh two times as much as the average human being. –Long Island Gardener

Do you have birdbaths in your garden?
Winter is a time when water is scarce and birds need to spend a significant amount of time and energy trying to find water. Consider buying a birdbath with a heater so our favorite birds won't get parched in the colder weather.