



## WAYNE COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Gardeners!

With the summer solstice behind us and warm weather at hand, it is officially summer. I was late planting my cutting garden this spring and had started to worry that I was too late. I threw caution to the wind and seeds into the soil, and it's now looking like we'll have plenty of late summer blooms after all. I sometimes need to remind myself that in the garden- as in life- we find little wins when we can go for it and take a bit of a chance while hoping like mad for the best.

Speaking of wins, this year's Spring Luncheon was as much a celebration of the phenomenal group of people in this club as it was a celebration of Spring. Many, MANY THANKS to everyone who pitched in and made it all such a lovely day. It truly was a group effort, and I think that once the luncheon was underway, we were all rewarded with new inspiration while listening to Leslie Goddard as Georgia O'Keefe. Being courageous, expressing oneself creatively, and of paying attention to the seemingly ordinary magic to be found in the natural world are themes that resonate with all of us, particularly to those of us who garden and feel at home in the outdoors.

Thanks too to the fantastic group of members who reliably show up and get their hands dirty on civic clean-up mornings. The butterfly garden is looking better than it has in years, and we'll be talking a bit about that in the Fall Newsletter. Kudos to Denise for spearheading June's Aquascape program to such great success! We had a fantastic turnout (especially for a stormy afternoon) and I think we all found it equal parts interesting, relaxing, and fun to just slow down and enjoy each other's company in such a neat environment.

Looking ahead for the summer, the July 18th (10:00 a.m.) tour of the Fabyan Japanese Garden led by our own Bobbi Higham promises to be a lovely morning, and the (Note: new day due to scheduling – Wednesday, August 14th, 10:00 a.m.) tour of the Gardens at Ball Horticultural Center will certainly amaze. Feasts for the senses, both gardens offer so much to the imagination, and you will be so glad you got the chance to see them.

Finally, keep an eye out for notice of a mid-summer pop-up gathering in the butterfly garden- it's a wonderful chance to stop and enjoy each others' company at the height of the garden's beauty.

Happy summer gardening, everyone! It's such a pleasure to be a part of this group!

Fondly,  
Gayle McCain  
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