

From the Vine

# Milford Garden Club Newsletter

2020



**Mark your  
Calendar**



**Program:** Captivating Combos

**Presenter:** Julia Hofley

**Date:** November 12

**Time:** 6:45 PM Social  
7:00 PM Meeting

**Where:** Zoom Meeting

**Zoom instructions will be emailed to all before the meeting on Thursday**

Nov 12	Thur	General Member Membership Meeting
Nov 16	Mon	6:45 PM Executive Board Meeting—Zoom meeting
Nov 28	Sat	Newsletter Deadline - Martha Klemmer

Happy  
HALLOWEEN



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Linda  
Smith*

**Kathy Blackburn** coordinated the volunteers that assisted with the fall clean-up at Arthur's Park and the Milford Senior Center. It couldn't have been a more beautiful day with temperatures in the 70's and no snow in sight. Everything was done within about an hour and a half due to the great support of our membership and **Brook Qualman's** famous tool. Thank you to **Barb Amey, Kathy Blackburn, Jan Kinney, Karol LaHaie, Brook Qualman,** and **Gail Withrow.** **Pat and Al Coppersmith** came to assist but the group was too speedy and they were done with the clean-up. Fortunately, the Coppersmiths arrived before the group went their separate ways and they were able to get some photos of the work crew for social media. Way to go!!!!

**Julia Hofley** will be our featured speaker in November. Her topic will be "Captivating Combos". See this newsletter for more information about the speaker and program. If you need help accessing Zoom, please contact **Cindy Bauman** prior to our meeting on November 12th. She can help you set it up and then do a test Zoom meeting to make sure you will be ready for our meeting.

Thank you to **Barb Amey** for securing our speaker for our October meeting. Neil Atzinger shared information on "The Magic and Mystery of Peonies". If you missed his talk, you can go to the Michigan Gardner website and read the article in the May 2020 issue. Pages 24-29 discuss cultural practices, treating fungus, support, and transplanting. Neil also told us about the interactive peony garden map that you can see on the Nichols Arboretum Peony Garden website.

When you click on an area of the map you can find out the cultivar name, breeder, form, country of origin, year planted and a photo. It is a wonderful site to visit this winter if you need a flower fix or this spring if you are able to visit the garden. As always, Cindy did a great job setting up our Zoom meeting. Everything went flawlessly.

If you would like to make a donation to the **Emily Kirshner 2021 High School Scholarship**, please send your check to Cindy Bauman made out to the MGC. Emily joined the club in July of 2000. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Any donations in her name will be added to the \$1,500 that the garden club will award to a graduating senior.

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**President's Report** Continued from previous page

After much discussion over the last few months, the board has voted to cancel our December in person meeting. Our meeting is exactly 2 weeks from Thanksgiving Day and we thought if people get together over the holidays they could possibly be contagious when we meet. Also, the senior center is still not open so we would have needed to find an alternative location to accommodate our group. We wanted to do something to celebrate the holidays and decided to offer an alternative. We are planning to do a holiday home tour featuring pictures of our decorated members' homes. The photos can be from any year. They can be outside, inside or an individual arrangement. In addition, we have secured Greg Brainer to do a demonstration of holiday arrangements. He will also have arrangements available to sell at his home in Milford ranging from \$10 - \$20. Please see the article in this newsletter from Cindy Bauman regarding the details for our "Holiday Happy Hour".

Warm regards,  
Linda Smith



**Garden Business**

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**



I have a small residential garden business and am looking for someone to take over my clients in 2021. Please contact me if interested for details.  
Laura Elliott

Milford Garden Club



2020-2021 Yearbook

Hopefully you have all picked up your yearbooks.

Please email any corrections to

**Brook Qualman**  
Thanks.

# Clean up at Arthur's Park & Milford Senior Center

Kathy Blackburn coordinated the volunteers for the fall clean-up.

Thanks also to Barb Amey, Jan Kinney, Karol LaHaie, Brook Qualman, and Gail Withrow.

**THANKS**

**Thank You** ❤️

Photos from Pat & Al Coppersmith

# Life during COVID—

## Houseplants are offering therapy amid pandemic

BY KATIE PARK  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

*Philadelphia —*

In April, a month into the coronavirus pandemic, Jodie Riccelli placed an order for houseplants to add greenery to her surroundings. By September, she had amassed 130 plants in her 980-square-foot South Philadelphia home.

"My favorite changes, honestly," said Riccelli, 44, "but right now, I'm in love with my philodendron Micans" — a vining, green-bronze houseplant with heart-shaped leaves that feel like velvet.

As the pandemic continues, plant retailers have reported a barrage of sales prompted by what they said was consumer desire to care for a living object and create a tranquil indoor sanctuary in an uncertain and stressful time.

Interest in houseplants was high even before the pandemic, they said — encour-

ed in part by increasingly popular it-centric social media accounts and avid collectors who attained niche notoriety — but that enthusiasm has eased in the recent months as more people realized cultivating greenery in their homes was therapeutic. It's a hobby capable of boosting relaxation, happiness, and attentiveness, studies have shown.

"We all need a little bit of joy right now," said Laurelynn Martin, co-owner of Logee's, which grows indoor and outdoor plants in its 128-year-old antique greenhouse. It sells its wares online and at a physical store in Danielson, Conn.

Logee's had year-over-year growth of

8% from April to August, she said. That figure would have likely been higher, she said, if the company's physical store hadn't been closed until July 8 over concerns of poor ventilation.

The global flower and ornamental plants industry is expected to grow by \$29 billion over the next four years with a compound annual growth rate of 5.9%, largely as more customers seek decorative greenery, according to a report from the market research firm Technavio.

The Sill, a popular plant company started in 2012 that sells greenery online, at three locations in New York City, and two in California, said customers had bought merchandise at a rate that outpaced wholesale supplier capacity, said Eliza Blank, founder and chief executive.

"Nobody anticipated the situation we would all be in," Blank said.

"There's almost a competitive element to it, with who has the most unusual plant, who has the most plants," said Curt Alexander, who with his wife, Tara, owns the plant shop Urban Jungle in South Philadelphia.

A long line of customers often queues up outside the cavernous Urban Jungle on weekends to buy, not browse, Alexander said.

"They come in, and they've got a very focused attention of what they want to get," he said. When a harder-to-find plant is stocked — like the Philodendron pink princess, a 4-inch plant with a \$125 price tag partially due to growers' licensing fees — eager customers line up outside before the store even opens.





*Celebrate the season with friends  
at the Milford Garden Club's  
virtual*

## ***HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR!***



**Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020**

**Time: 7:00pm (via Zoom)**

Our December 10 meeting will be a virtual happy hour via Zoom, with a photo presentation showcasing members' holiday decorations.

Please send photos of your holiday decorations, inside and/or outside your home, to Cindy Bauman

**Thank you for sharing your holiday spirit!**



Zoom speaker for November meeting

## Julia Hofley



## Captivating Combos



### Biography of Julia Hofley

As a former independent garden center manager and buyer for 10 years, Julia Hofley traveled the U.S., Canada, Europe, Mexico and Asia for tropical houseplants, ironware, giftware and building an extensive retail pottery collection. She developed the Cabin Fever Lecture Series bringing to Michigan national and international garden speakers to large audiences of Michigan gardeners.

This freelance garden writer contributes to Michigan Gardener magazine, Fine Gardening magazine and assorted trade publications. She speaks to both trade and public gardening audiences each year and writes garden book reviews, articles on new annual, perennials and houseplants, garden travelogues and gardening in animal browsing country among other topics.

She is a member of: Michigan Regional Lily Society (MRLS), Hardy Plant Society (HPS), North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS), American Conifer Society (ACS) and Garden Communicators International (GARDENCOMM). If there were more time, she would join more plant groups as she considers it one of the best ways to learn about plants from experienced plant enthusiasts.

Building a collector's garden for 15 years with her husband has been both a labor of love and a test of endurance as they live in the heart of an active animal browsing community in Michigan and have learned to garden successfully in spite of this.

Today, Julia enjoys traveling around the world meeting gardeners and experiencing their gardens with her husband, Eric Hofley, owner and publisher of Michigan Gardener magazine. Sharing these experiences and inspiration with her audiences in articles, travelogues and tours combines her interests in travel, gardening and history and her garden reflects that.



## MILFORD GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

7:00 PM 10/8/20 Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by **Linda Smith**

Needs Sunshine: Let **Kathy Barker** know of any needs.

The 9/10/20 General Membership Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – **Cindy Bauman** reported that the total in the club's bank account is \$6,795.60. The Profit and Loss Report for September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021 was provided to the membership.

### President's Report –

- **Linda Smith** reminded the membership that the deadline for the November newsletter is 10/28 or sooner to **Martha Klemmer**.
- There is no Tea Time this month.
- Linda has the yearbooks at her home. The books contain the membership roster, passcodes, executive board contact information, and committee chairs. Please call Linda to pick yours up. She will hang it on her front porch door in a plastic bag for you.

### Officer Reports

- Programs – **Linda Becker** reported that the program for the November meeting will be "Captivating Combos" by Julia Hofley.
- Publicity – **Diane Pearson** has been working diligently with **Sue Tompkins** on updating the website.

### Chairperson Reports

- Fall Clean-up – **Kathy Blackburn** reported that she has 2 shifts scheduled on 10/22 at (rain date of 10/23) at Senior Center and Arthur's Park. Members are encouraged to sign up to assist for this one day project. Please contact Kathy to volunteer.

New or Unfinished Business - None

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Submitted by **Ellen Collins** 10/11/2020



**October Zoom Meeting speaker**

**The Magic and Mystery of Peonies**

**Presenter: Neil Atzinger from Atzinger Gardens**

