

## Spring 2020 The Healing Power of Gardens

### President's Corner

By Diana Morse

#### What a Time!

Our garden club's theme of "The Healing Power of Gardens" sure resonates these days.

Thomas Sacks was including public gardens in his essay, but it is our personal gardens that have been bringing such joy as we stay home.

I loved Jo Sellers's program last fall when she regaled us with her stories on herbs...and Christel Libiot in January talking about healing plants and using them in ways to support our health.

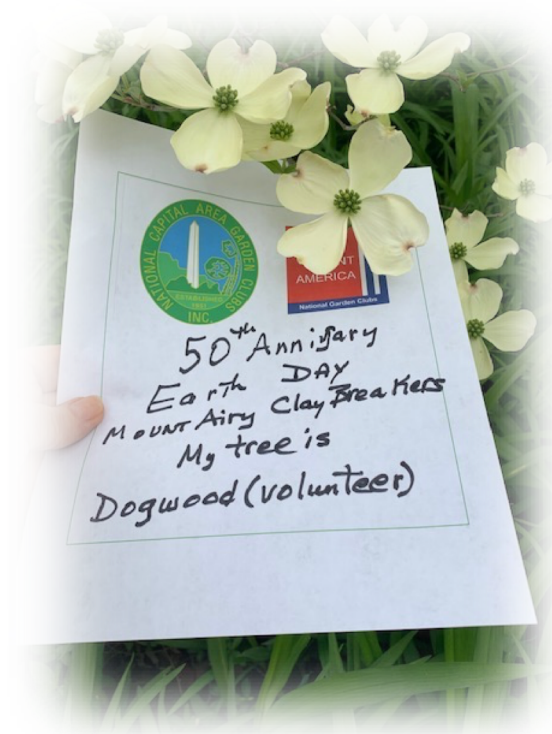
I've been spending time in my yard weeding and reading. And discovering who else is enjoying my yard--the goldfish, the green frogs, spring peepers...and the red-tailed hawk that sat on the fence overlooking the pond. One of their favored foods: amphibians. How long has that hawk been coming, unnoticed by me.

I had a little scare this week: a loud, raucous chirring sound in my backyard. It didn't sound like any birds I knew.

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### Our Lovely Gardens and Celebrating Earth Day 2020

Deutsia – Garden of Linda Millette



Dogwood – Diana Morse

## Our Beautiful Gardens

It came from everywhere in my upper backyard. I finally went online and someone had posted the sound so I could play it -- an American toad. It also showed me the strings of eggs I would be seeing, the hundreds of tadpoles I would have. The recommendation: scoop up the eggs and take them to another pond. Any takers?

I had a wonderful conversation with Arminta when I called to say our May meeting was cancelled. She has been weeding and noting how wonderfully her garden was rewarding her--an enormous white azalea, dogwoods, the fig tree she nursed from a seedling...and she was getting ready to put in some spring additions as the weather warms. Dot Lower has planted her hellebores where she can see them from her windows. Gilda and Pam are energetically getting their gardens together.

Let's stay in touch with each other, sharing our gardening stories (and needs!). I called Gilda yesterday to discuss best ways to plant my spinach seeds and herbs.

All best wishes,

Diana



Garden of Pam Smart



Fig Tree - Garden of Mary Beth Cecil



## Our Beautiful Gardens

*Lilac – Lucille Gwynn*



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**Garden of Linda Millette**



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## Our Beautiful Gardens

Garden of Deborah Determan

Clematis



Garden of Pam Smart – Earth Day 2020



Garden of Lorraine Leonard – Poplar Tree



Garden of Deborah Determan





Camellia – Lucille Gwynn

## Meetings

Due to COVID-19 our meetings have been cancelled or postponed. We hope that we can continue our meetings soon. This all depends upon the Governor's reopening of the State.

Our plan is to resume meetings in July with a brunch and meeting at the home of Pam Smart if possible.

There will be no picnic this year.

**TBD July 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

9<sup>th</sup> - Home of Pam Smart - Davidsonville, MD

TBD. Brunch and brief meeting hosted by Pam Smart, 3839 Wayson Road, Davidsonville, MD. TBD - Class at Homestead Gardens following brunch and meeting.

**Meetings will be announced when more information becomes available from the Governor on reopening the State of Maryland.**



## Homestead Gardens



A BIG Thank You to Pam Smart for  
her work on beautifying the Holloway  
Estates MNCPPC entrance.

We truly appreciate all the hard work  
and dedication to this project.

THANK YOU PAM!!!



Stay Safe. Stay Well. We will all be together soon.

