

President's Annual Report 2020-21

This has been a challenging year for many. Since the last time we met, we have lost two cherished members, Gina Bissell and Cherry Gillespie. Several of our members have lost spouses and other family members. We recognize all of you and extend our deepest sympathies.

Despite our challenges, we have had many successes this year. Several members opened their gardens for two pop-up garden tours, one last summer and one this spring. The Plant Sale Committee held a fantastic sale in May, with many offerings dug from members' own gardens. The Executive and Ways and Means Committees joined together in November to deliver holiday cheer in the form of paperwhites and face masks, and the Conservation Committee held its first ever Weed Wrangle on Earth Day. However, our biggest accomplishment was being able to share fantastic programs every month, due to the forward thinking of Meg Waldron, who was Program Chair when the pandemic began. She immediately contacted our speakers for this year and asked them to develop a virtual option for presenting their programs. That, and Zoom, allowed our members near and far to attend meetings from September through May.

Special mention goes to Wendy Russell, whose amazing entry in the GCA Annual Meeting Flower Show won not only first place

in the class Green Flash and Best in Show, but it was also awarded the Harriet DeWaele Puckett Award for Creativity.

Ashlin Bray, the chair of the Nominating Committee, could not be here but she given me the Nominating Committee's slate. It is as follows:

President: Lucinda Laird

First Vice President: Sally DeWees

Second Vice President: Meg Waldron

Treasurer: Grier Flinn

Assistant Treasurer: Libby Fiechter

Corresponding Secretary: Wendy Russell

Recording Secretary: Katharine Maroney

New members for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 include:

2020-2021

Denise Hix

Nancy Reese

Elaine Scott

2021-2022

Linda Eirhart

Cynthia Rice