

BHGC June Meeting
6/29/20

In attendance (via Zoom): Roberta, Betty, Katrina (recording), Mick, Ashlee

Agenda:

- Discuss how the garden share went, any thoughts on how to improve for the next one on July 18th?
- What should we focus on for July? Some suggestions were water conservation (maybe with a olla building demo), fall planting and bringing in more ornamentals from our gardens.
- Update on the seed/book/tool library project.
- Discuss the offer from Beacon Arts to join and become one of their programs.
- Discuss the request from Jeanne to add the local traffic circle gardens to our website.
- Check in on the pollinator garden and when we may be able to have work parties again.

Garden Share

Loved the community aspect, meeting people.

Drop off spot designated.

July focus - fall planting, house plants

No for Ashlee or Roberta next July.

Water conversation

Clay pot ollas - <https://suburbanfarmonline.com/2010/08/09/make-your-own-ollas/>

Soaker hoses

Buy more seeds

- Radishes
- Carrots
- Lettuce
- Root crops

Christine dropped off 18 flats of veggies. Hooray!

- Betty put 5 flats on Saturday, gone by Sunday. Refilled and gone again by Monday.
- Possibly have houseplants monthly from her.
- Moving fast, no need to advertise!
- Christine may be interested in teaching/mentoring, maybe connect her with Jefferson teens.

Maybe do a seed saving class later. Mick has a MG class he may be able to share. Talk about different processes, seed storage.

Pollinator Garden

- Katrina to check in with the city again.
- Mick suggested Agastache - High Desert Seeds for pollinator garden.
<http://www.highdesertseed.com/ourseed?category=Flower>

Seed library

- Ashlee and Maria talking by email.
- 3 section dutch door
- Wood or alternative materials? Wood with primer.
- National library registration, let's do this! National seed library.
- The Station will keep the food and library up permanently.
- <https://kingcoseed.org/resources/>
- <http://www.richmondgrowsseeds.org>
- Approach bookstores to get reference books and do tax write off.
- No time estimate yet
- No expenses yet, hopefully free.
- Add a plaque to thank Bill and Maria Batayola.
- Plaque with name and est. 2020.

DIY Hydroponics

Ashlee is doing diy hydroponics in mason jars with clay pebbles in aquatic pots. Using aquarium water. Organic gardening CZ expandable pebbles, on line. Ph stable, aerating. Rocks in bottom of mason jars. Also doing gutter vertical gardens. Wrap in something dark to avoid light pruning.

Use vinegar to draw out the calcium out of eggshells. Or use Pomona powder (canning) or in non-dairy yogurt making.

Check in to see how this goes, would be great for apartment dwellers.

Beacon Arts offer

- Betty brought it up as an option because we aren't a 5013C or business to have a bank account.
- Money is in Marina's personal account and reimbursed.
- Maybe being a part could help with donations and tax write off.
- BA could be the fiscal sponsorship to do the donations & tax write off.
- Betty would be the bookkeeper and the group can still direct it.
- BHGC would be a program for BA.
- Programs would need a Steering committee and financially solvent. Committee reports to board on activities and money. The steering committee decides who will be on it.
- Betty can more easily handle the money
- More promotion and connections within the neighborhood.
- The Beacon Arts Guild offers collaboration between art and horticulture.

- Physical equipment
- Zoom access
- Loses community partner status
- Are there particular ways we do business or outreach?
 - No, only where the money sites. In BA account but accounted separately. Can earmark specific funds by donations.
- Do we need permission to do activities, any constraints?
 - No. Except we don't support money making programs for individuals. All volunteers run, can hire specific people for tasks. BA won't give a blank check, it needs to be solvent. The money we put in, we can use.
- What other programs are under BA?
 - Meaningful Movies, Beacon Arts Concert series, Beacon Rocks, Beacon Hill Festival, Dias de los Muertos installation.
- How easy to leave Beacon Arts if it doesn't work?
 - Betty to ask Laura how to disentangle funds if we left? Maybe just partner and spend that money until it runs out.
- This is a lot on Betty's plate, are we adding too much? Worry that you would be the problem solver for both groups.
 - Already happening but Ashlee and Katrina have been taking more on. More interested in facilitating the growth of both groups, community and personal growth.
- How to decide?
 - Put out to the larger membership by email to get a comment.
 - We no longer have a structure, do we need one? What does that look like? Ask the larger group about the structure, voted in? Ask for input.
 - Time period for comment, deadline.
 - Poll?
 - We have 50 people on our list who have been paid members in the past. Do we use this list as those who can vote on this?
- We could have a \$1 million dollar liability policy. Need if we want to close streets.
- Betty to talk to the BA board and discuss further. Talk to Marina. Come up statement for email. No rush.

Traffic Circles

- Jeanne has offered to get the information together about traffic circles in the area. Invite her to be a part of the group. Group ok'd to have on the website.