

## Talking Points

### Report of Officers: Vice President – Maryanne Green

- September 11th Monthly Program:

- Originally, Michele Walfred, Communications Specialist, was to guide us in person on “How to Photograph Flowers with your Smartphone.” Since we are unable to meet in person, Michele has provided an informative video and links for your information.
- Folder link:
- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hjl5Sj9YYabPJ88JEudY9q5aDUCEPjO?usp=sharing>
- The video link by itself is:
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wxiPxY-pH0t3sfbLAUFlTi0W93Vm0EX/view?usp=sharing>
- In addition, Members were going to gather on September 10th to make flower baskets chaired by Sandra Lopez for photographing. The baskets were also to be raffled off at today’s meeting. Sandra has provided links on “How to Use Oasis Floral Foam” and “Making a Centerpiece Using Floral Foam” in lieu of the workshop:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=your+tube+how+to+use+oasis+floral+foam&oeq=your+tube+how+to+use+oasis+floral+foam&aqs=chrome..69i57j33.8247j0j8&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PN4XWPrI70>

- I would also like to say a special thank you to Maureen Ryan for her patience for the numerous revisions to the program section due to the everchanging environment. The Yearbook is lovely.
- Garden and Art Tour – June 11 & 12:
    - Alva, Garden and Art Tour Co-Chair (Connie Ryan), Ways and Means Co-Chairs (Ria Carraro, Laura Martin) have been working hard on the preliminary arrangements of the Garden and Art Tour from:
      - Compiling an informative timeline as a guide.
      - Securing gardens for the tour. We have four confirmed gardens as follows: Sara Carlson, Kathy and David Green, Jean and Max Sewald,

Laura Martin and Steve Zimmerman. We are striving to secure one additional garden.

- Three Confirmed Art Studios: Gallery One plus en plein air paintings; Antique Prints; and Ellen Rice Gallery.
  - Charlie K's Barbeque that is being coordinated by Connie Ryan.
  - A pre-plant and garden yard art sale for ticket holders only from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 11 and 12 that is being coordinated by Laura Martin and Ria Cararro.
  - In the near future, we will be meeting with Susan Lyons at Coastal Point to obtain an estimate for the brochure layout and printing costs. It is our goal to secure enough ads to pay for the publication costs.
  - For ad payment, we need to re-visit PayPal approval from the Board.
  - Lastly, we will be looking for about 12-14 GBTS members to help check tickets/brochures at each garden entrance on Friday, June 11. Judy Stuhl has graciously arranged for the Salt Air Garden Club in Bay Forest to provide all-day garden coverage on Saturday, June 12.
- Website Pictorial Directory: Cathy Bowen and Maryanne Green
    - In an effort to stay connected, an internal, pictorial directory of our Membership is being created on our GBTS Website Members Only section.
    - Please join Cathy Bowen and me to have your picture taken on either Monday, September 21, or Tuesday, September 22, between 1-3 p.m. at John West Park. Located at: 32 West Avenue, Ocean View. Please park in the North parking lot near the Administrative Offices. Cathy and I will be at the circular garden with benches adjacent to the gazebo and Historical Buildings. In the event you need assistance, please call Maryanne (703-307-5669 cell).