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Willits Garden Club Winter Newsletter

Holiday Greetings 2020

Hasn't this been a crazy year?!?!?

I hope you are all well, and safely staying home except when necessary to go out. I want to tell you I really miss our meetings and other chances to see each other. I haven't done much "President" work, but you have never been far from my thoughts.

Just when we were getting started in our new place at a new day and time (Willits Senior Center, 1 p.m., second Tuesdays) the threat of COVID-19 drove us all apart and indoors to stay safe. We were not able to have April or May meetings. We had to cancel our planned Summer Socials. And Fall has been more of the same.

Willits Senior Garden Project: Just in the nick of time, in May, Shannon found us a way to keep doing garden work together, as we adopted the Community Garden at the Willits Senior Center. With Shannon's enthusiasm, a few new members joined us, and Lucy Truluck Kramer of North Coast Opportunities Gardens Project provided a liaison for Community Gardens to get resources and instruction. Some WGC members were not able to join us, but those who worked it got a lot of satisfaction from digging in the dirt, adding plants and seeds and soil amendments, and producing vegetables for the Senior Center and for a weekly sale that provided income to make even more improvements in the garden, including professional pruning and advice by Richard Jeske of Willits.

The Willits Senior Garden project continues into the winter with new plantings of frost-tolerant plants and, luckily, some much-needed rain. Plans are also being made for the Spring and Summer. Individuals (whether Garden Club members or not) can buy their own row to work for \$25, or work the rows purchased by the Willits Garden Club. This work has the wonderful benefit of being able to work safely together-apart in spite of Covid, and access to fresh produce while we also provide it for the Senior Center. Shannon Furr is the contact person.

Rather than fretting any more over Garden Club activities – since we just don't know yet – I wanted to wish you all a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY and share with you a little bit of mine.



This is my front yard decoration, along with lights along my front porch that are there all year long!



This is our Christmas Tree! ☺

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

EVERYTHING IS UP IN THE AIR! I will be in touch with you when we are able to make plans.

*Wishing you all a joyous Holiday Celebration
And Peace and Sanity in 2021! - Fran*