



President's Message.....Carol Sevelowitz

In my 13 years as a permanent Hilton Head resident, I've never known Spring weather to be as fickle as it is this year. I don't ever know whether it's sweatshirt or T-shirt, sandals or sneakers, jeans or Capris. Luckily, my garden seems to know how to cope and is blooming nicely and on schedule. Hope yours is too.

As I hope you all know, our regular TAG meeting has been cancelled this month, due to the Good Friday holiday. But, with many thanks to the many of you who responded with your proxy votes, we were able to secure the election of the following officers for the 2025-2027 term: Co-Presidents Debbie Meeks and Sandy Stern, 2nd VP (Membership) Liz Van Alstyne, Treasurer Christy Beltran. They will be officially installed at our May meeting on 5/16 (more details on that meeting included in this newsletter). We look forward to a productive and interesting upcoming term with these very capable ladies at the helm.

Our three main community projects, the Plant It Pink garden, the Memory Matters garden, and the Butterfly Bunch garden are, happily, all in great shape. Your suggestions for projects within our own HHP community would be most welcome for consideration.

I hope the bunny brings you all a sweet and happy Easter holiday .
See you in May. 🐰!

PROGRAM NOTE

The meeting scheduled for April 18 has been
CANCELLED

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 16 meeting **starting** at 9:30 (**no social hour**)
New Officer Installation plus
Speakers Kristin Williams & Melissa Andris; Topic: Protecting
open land space

and
Tea Party (see invitation in this publication)
- June 6 (Note date) 5 to 8 (members plus 1)
Potluck social at Dolphin Head Rec Details to follow
- July 4 Cookie Fundraiser Details to follow



AWARDS

Awarded by West Lowcountry District



First Place

Yearbook Award

First Place

Christmas Beautification Award

First Place

Youth Garden Award

Second Place

Publication Award

Honorable Mention

Horticulture Award for Plant-it-Pink Garden



May Tea Party

You are invited to
The Avid Gardeners' Tea Party

Date: Friday, May 16

Time: Immediately following
the meeting and installation of
officers

Finger sandwiches, scones,
quiche, and desserts will
be available

Jr. GardenersSandy Stern



It's been a busy spring at the school gardens at Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts. With the guidance of our Avid Gardeners, the students have harvested kale, cabbage and broccoli, planted radishes, lettuce, carrots, beans and tomatoes, and tended to the flowers in the Butterfly Garden. Their favorite job is watering the plants.

The new red wheelbarrow donated by Ruthie Kucharewski came in handy during our planting and harvesting this season. (see photo above) All the kids signed a thank you card for her.

The newly-renovated greenhouse was also useful when the children planted seeds in containers and waited for them to germinate before planting them in the ground.

Both the Korosi Vegetable Garden and the Butterfly Garden have new signs this season, with a vegetable flag placed outside the greenhouse and a butterfly welcoming sign hanging in the Butterfly Garden.

To our amazement, the iris bulbs we planted in the fall began to bloom all at once last week, and what a beautiful sight it was. The children posed for a group photo by the onion and iris bed. (see photo above)

And, what is a garden without some garden art? The children began an art project this week using recycled materials to create garden creatures (lady bugs, butterflies, and other fluttering beings) to display all over the courtyard.

A special thanks to our volunteers: Melissa Olsen, Mary Long, Karen Hardwick, Edna Biederman, Karen Heaney, Ceil Weser and Debbie Meeks who've been showing up on Thursday afternoons to help with the kids.

Plant It Pink.....Janina Cushman, Rob Cushman



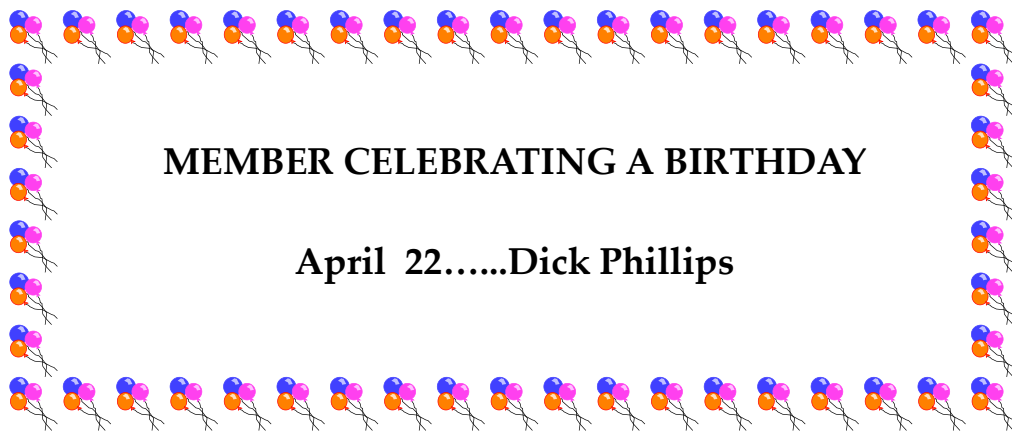
Redesigned, restored, rejoice.
Thanks to all those helping hands.
And thanks to The Greenery for their
generosity and assistance with
the project



Memory Matters

This project is on track to becoming a wonderful sensory garden. Thanks to the generosity of The Green Thumb, our grant dollars went much further.





MEMBER CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

April 22.....Dick Phillips

If you would like to have your birthdate listed in TAG Talk, please send us the date.



A new revised edition of *The Lowcountry Gardener* published by the Beaufort Council of Garden Clubs is now available. This is a valuable resource for all low-country gardeners. It has been updated with new content including articles on camellias, palms and citrus. The cost of printing has increased over the years, but the price remains at \$5.

It is available at the following retailers:

Beaufort: Port Royal Farmers Market, Lunch & Learn

Bluffton: Bluffton Farmers Market, Green Thumb Nursery

Hilton Head: Bruno's Nursery, Green Thumb Nursery, The Greenery, Hilton Head Plant Clinic

The retailers do not take a cut but sell the books entirely as a courtesy to LowCountry Master Gardeners. Please be sure to thank them when you visit them.

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Deadline for submitting articles for this newsletter is the second Sunday of the month.

“A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.” (unknown)