

# YADDO GARDEN ASSOCIATION POTPOURRI

Spring 2019

Editor: Mary Curtis

## **Come into the Garden**

*The roses bloom in the garden;  
The sun is laughing above;  
The sky is blue, and the world is new;-  
Come into the garden, Love.*

*The roses bloom in the garden;  
There murmurs the mating dove;  
My heart is in tune with the flowering June;-  
Come into the garden, Love.*

*Katrina Trask  
Harper's Magazine, June 1902*

As June beckons Katrina's lovely poem inspires us to come into the Garden with Love... Hope to see YOU in the Garden.

## **Report from Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting was held November 13, 2018 at the Saratoga Springs Methodist Church. Our president, Jean Dugan, reported that the 2018 season was "the second year of winning the Battle of the Deer" thus the roses were beautiful.

Some other exciting news was the installation of a sprinkler system for the four rose beds and the pergola. The roses are watered early in the morning before the sun is too hot. The entrance gardens are constantly being improved with new plants and the tender loving care of YGA volunteers.

The only disappointing news was that the rill in the rock garden is not functioning as it should. The fountain in the upper pool was the only water feature operating in the Rock Garden. Fortunately, the Yaddo grounds crew was able to construct an attractive

fence along the rill which replaced the unattractive orange fencing from the previous year.

Our dedicated group of YGA docents had a busy 2018 season guiding numerous tours through the gardens. The guided tours provide much needed funds to help maintain the gardens.

Lynn Farenell announced that she was retiring at year-end. Lynn served as the liaison to the YGA since its inception 27 years ago.

Three new members were welcomed to the board. Lauri Cardinali, Nancy Wilder and Verena Takekoshi filled the vacancies left by expiring terms and resignations.

As the business meeting wrapped up, our guest speakers were preparing their presentation on their once-in-a-lifetime adventure of hiking down into the Grand Canyon. Two of our garden volunteers, Marty Precheur and Barb Hefter, were among these six ladies who hiked many, many miles preparing to hike from the top south rim to the floor of the Grand Canyon. There were stories of their guide who instructed them in maneuvering the narrow path, shared interesting facts about the canyon, guided them while exploring the canyon floor and the long hike back to the top of the canyon. The group spent two nights at Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the canyon. The narrative along with the pictures was quite interesting.

## **Save the Date**

The 2019 Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 6:30 PM at the United Methodist Church.

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### **Looking Ahead**

Caring for and perpetuating the rose beds and the surrounding gardens at Yaddo are the main goals of the Yaddo Garden Association. A very important secondary goal in 2019 is increasing the number of active volunteers who will help achieve our primary goal. While many of our volunteers tend to the gardening chores, others act as docents leading tours through the gardens. Docents provide historical information about the gardens and the Trask family. The fee charged for the tours provides much needed funds to maintain the gardens.

### **Spring Kick-off Luncheon**

As both a recruitment opportunity and as a garden season Kick-off, the YGA held a luncheon on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church. Active volunteers were invited as guests as well as any person who might be interested in volunteering. Flyers and newspaper inserts invited potential volunteers to come and learn about the YGA and meet our current volunteers. This luncheon was scheduled early in the gardening season for two reasons. First, it was a good opportunity for all our current volunteers to connect after a long winter; and secondly, to meet and encourage those that would like to become involved as a new volunteer in the Yaddo Gardens. Twenty five current volunteers and thirteen new potential volunteers join us for lunch and an overview of the YGA's mission and volunteer opportunities. Our current volunteers all look forward to making this kick-off an annual event. Hopefully many of our potential volunteers will be joining us again next year as current volunteers.

### **Spring is finally here!**

YGA volunteers are ready to start a new season of planting, weeding and watering the many roses, perennials and annuals in the gardens. The days scheduled for work are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday each week depending on the weather.

Our spring schedule includes opening the equipment sheds, assembling the garden wagons, unwrapping the winter protection from the rose bushes, cleaning up fallen branches throughout the garden area, cleaning debris from the water features, removing fencing that protected shrubbery from the deer during the winter, preparing new rose bushes for planting, relocating the koi from their winter home to the main fountain, and assessing any damage that may have occurred over the winter.

Throughout the season the list of chores is never-ending to maintain the gardens. However, our garden volunteers return each year with enthusiasm. The reward is enjoying the beautiful flowers and peaceful surroundings in the Yaddo Gardens and watching visitors who come to enjoy the same. It is especially nice while working in the gardens to hear a "thank you" from those visitors who appreciate the hard work of maintaining this special place, the Yaddo Gardens.

### **BOCES students in the gardens**

A group of 8 – 16 BOCES students spent three spring afternoons performing several tasks helping the gardeners with unmounting and pruning the roses, raking out the debris in the entrance and rock gardens, digging out dead roses and repotting the small evergreens to help

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prepare the gardens for the season. The students are studying horticulture and are getting hands-on experience while providing a community service.

### **Welcome back SSHS seniors**

Each year, rain or shine, a group of up to 20 high school seniors arrive at the gardens early on a May morning to help with spring chores. Senior Give Back Day is an annual tradition with participating students from the Saratoga Springs High School. The students assist YGA volunteers planting and placing the numerous urns filled with annuals around the gardens. In addition, leaves are raked; weeds are pulled; statues are cleaned. Whatever the task, these students are ready, willing and able. At the end of the morning, the students enjoy snacks and a cool drink before heading back to class. This year's Senior Give Back Day is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Good Bye and Good Luck!!**

This year's January YGA Board meeting was a special occasion as many past Board members joined the current members to celebrate Lynn Farenell's retirement. We will miss Lynn's sense of humor and willing participation on the Board but know she will rapidly find many new challenges. Lynn has been a dedicated colleague and true team member for her 27 years on the Board.

### **And then Hello**

Cheryl Martin will be replacing Lynn and will join the YGA Board as the Yaddo Designated Director. We are already benefiting from Cheryl's assistance.

### **Another Day at the Races**

July 18<sup>th</sup> is the day scheduled for YGA to participate in a Community Day at the Saratoga Race Course. New York Racing Association provides a space to community organizations to interact with race patrons to promote their work in the community. Last year was the first time that YGA took advantage of this opportunity. Displays highlighting the gardens and information about the Ghost Tours was made available. Long stem roses were sold to raise funds for the gardens.

### **Potpourri Distribution**

Many of you are reading this issue of the Yaddo Garden Association Potpourri for the first time on a screen. We are planning to distribute future issues of Potpourri both electronically as well as via the US Post Office. We believe this is a benefit to our members as well as a way to reduce our impact on the environment.

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Henry Cardinali  
Barbara J. Kolapakka  
Patricia A. Mangini  
Cheryl Martin  
Nancy O'Leary  
Kathleen Sweet

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**YGA Gifts 10/1/2018 – 5/1/2019**

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**In Memory**

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I wish to become an annual YGA member

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