



# GARDEN NEWSLETTER

## March/April 2024

### Review of Orientation

**Kat Britt, President of the Arboretum and Chairperson of Brite Nites** addressed the attendees at the Orientation on Sunday, March 24, 2024, by introducing the Trustees and detailing their contributions to the Arboretum. She thanked Phyllis and Bernadette for managing the Community and Giving Gardens. She announced that we will be having a Brite Nites this year and how important it is to the support of the Arboretum. She looks forward to seeing everyone volunteering at that event.

**Phyllis Lindquist, Garden Manager of the Community Garden** introduced members of the Garden Committee. As a member of the Community Garden our goal is to support each other and in case of an emergency, help with the garden and deliver the produce. Community Gardeners help to keep the gardens beautiful as well as the surroundings.

- Our only method of communication is email. It is important that you read all emails and keep up-to-date.
- Garden lock, never force the shaft into the lock, it will change the combination.
- Wood chips were placed on the paths, on Monday, March 25, 2024.
- Interesting programs will be offered to Gardeners each month on Saturday mornings.
- Jonathan Jeans needs support with the Plant Sale before and during.
- Lori Meiers will request volunteers to help in the Children's Garden when needed.

- Kirk Baldwin requested that you return the small green planting pots to the Greenhouse after the plant sale.

Finally, thank you to Bob Lindquist for all his help and support in the Garden.

**Bernadette DeLaurie, Director of the Giving Garden** spoke of Ernie's dream of starting the Giving Garden and her desire to continue his dream. She introduced her team and areas of responsibilities. Volunteers are needed at all times and whatever time you have to give. There are many areas that you can help

- Adopt a plot, sign up with Pat Brennan she will provide you with the details.
- Make deliveries to the 8 charities, Mike Bennett coordinates this effort.
- Check the white board posted by the Giving Garden table to see what tasks are needed each day.
- Travel to Pittstown on Wednesdays in July to harvest produce from Rutgers Snyder Farm.
- Make deliveries on Wednesday afternoon with produce from Rutgers Snyder Farm to local food banks and charities

