

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I think about the year past and the year ahead, I am reminded that change and adaptation are a constant of nature.

The Covid 19 pandemic and its attendant restrictions are here and will likely remain for a while longer. But we have successfully adapted to these changed circumstances. Thanks in large part to the leadership of 2nd Vice President Eileen Moser we have adapted to meeting virtually using Zoom.

Our excellent programs included bird migration, insects and pollinator gardens and we have shared them with the community via our award winning website. We continued picking up litter, maintained our public gardens, taught the first grade about seedlings, and raised the funds to do it.

Change is also evident in our membership. Over the last few years, we have seen many Active Members transition to Associate Membership. We miss their active participation but understand that this is inevitable. And this loss brings a gain of many new members with new ideas, talents and energy. We begin the new year with a full membership!

Our theme for the new year is Reemergence, Recovery and Restoration. Thanks to 1 st Vice President Donna Pilkington and her creative Program Committee we look forward to a rich and varied schedule of activities. We will begin to gather together in person outdoors this summer and, if safety allows, indoors later in the year. Thanks to you all who have worked so hard to help us adapt and thrive through this difficult time.

Ann Beardsley

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