

2013 Memorial Garden Report
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This year's 2013 Hazen Road Dispatch is the story of the memorial garden since its inception in 1945 to 1946. Needless to say I shall not repeat the history again. Also there is the memorial book in the historical society that has much information I relied upon this for the article.

This year, beginning in April, has been difficult for gardens. Weather always factors in. However flowers in the garden have been under a great deal of stress. The activity from putting in a new water line contributes to this. Even when we talk to the flowers they weep with us. Of course this cannot be helped. The workers have been as considerate as possible. I promised our flowers to be patient. I shall work with them all through the fall making sure they rest well through the winter and the spring will be much, much better. Please, whoever takes over the garden, remember my promise.

With the splendid help from Laura Hill, we have transplanted, weeded out, cut back and planted new things. We shall try to have a small map to show where everything is. John Mackin has repaired and reconnected the waterline at the Wilson Street exit. A suggestion for the caretaker of the Village Green and the garden is to purchase a long hose to attest to this spigot so the new maples and bushes etc. maybe frequently watered in a dry spell.

Although not a part of the Garden, we have in the last six or seven years taken care of the daylilies, Iris, etc. along the fence (entrance from Willey's truck drop off) the road. These plants are hardy and just need weeding.

We shall work in the garden all through August and September taking care of many late summer plants, phloxes, lilies, asters etc. We shall put in Fall mums and when all is tidy, shall plant tulips and daffodils and other bulbs for next year.

Our predecessors left many notes which we have relied on through the years. We are in the process of cataloging and will turn all over to the Association. Our predecessors also, many years ago, started a fund at the Merchant's Bank I quote, "May this lovely spot be always sustainable". Rick Lovett, Association Treasure and I shall have this fund set up so it will be only for the Garden.

Christine Armstrong plans to live in Greensboro year-round and has expressed a desire to help with the garden. This would be a wonderful choice. Her mother, Helga, was a superb gardener as is her sister Karin Newhouse. I have asked Ginna Jenkins if she would be willing to be the Treasurer of the memorial garden funds and she agreed. We have always had our own checkbook and statements. When the last purchase for the Garden is made, the Association will have a complete Financial Report.

Through the years the Greensboro Association has been wonderfully supportive of the memorial garden and our gratitude is overwhelming. My years of working in the Garden and with colleagues has been the most enjoyable and rewarding, probably of my many years, however it is time to let go.

Just one more thing - I should like to acknowledge and thank Kathy and John Hunt for restoring the Lakeview Inn and their artistic plantings of their daylilies. To acknowledge and thank Jerry Brown for the very happy Cassie's corner and for purchasing the Miller's Thumb. Hopefully and interested "somebody" will purchase and maintain it as Jerry has. I acknowledge and thank Catherina's Gallery for purchasing and rebuilding the Wither's home next to Willey's store. A lovely gift and art shop. Nice jewelry to. All have done so much to make the Village neighborhood attractive to residences.

Respectfully submitted,
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(Recorded by John Stone)