

Gardening Consultants Council President's Report

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This President regrets that Vice-President, Suzy Valentine, resigned due to personal circumstances and the position remains unfilled. Gardening Consultant's Council (GCC) members interesting in serving as Vice-President for the remaining term of office are encouraged to contact me. This President looks forward to continuing to serve on behalf of the members of the GCC and to working collaboratively with Tri-Council (TC) President Inger Jones and the other 2019-2021 TC Executive Board officers.

The TC Board has met and communicated via the internet over the summer as face-to-face meetings have been prohibited.

This president appreciates hearing about personal or community gardening projects or programs you've been able to safely participate in while observing social distancing and sanitation measures and optimizing this to enhance our botanical or food source gardens.

Opportunities to further "grow your knowledge" as consultants are available through innovative virtual Gardening Schools, Consultant Refreshers, Garden Club meetings, Master Gardeners programs, Botanical Gardens events, or other safe and fun garden learning environs.

Please encourage all consultants and provisional consultants to become a member of Tri-Council. Be mindful of your good standing date and opportunities to stay current by auditing virtual or traditional Gardening Schools or Consultant Refreshers when opportunities arise. Refer to the Florida Gardener or National Gardener publications or check FFGC and NGC websites for updated dates, details, and registration information.

This President hopes all GCC members remain in robust health and that circumstances allow us to gather in person for the Tri-Council January 2021 meeting in Winter Park and our Annual Tri-Council Luncheon Meeting at FFGC Convention in Spring of 2021. Please watch for updates on plans as the year evolves.

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