

**Good Morning Consultants!**

**Tri-Council has felt the ripple event of covid-19. Today we are having our first ZOOM meeting. It is a new learning experience and we miss the camaraderie of being with our consultants. At least ZOOM has made it possible to at least see one another.**

**Covid-19 has showed us that with self-quarantining, hand washing, wearing of masks, closing of cities, and no vehicular traffic countries around the world experienced blue skies devoid of smog!! However that changed as soon as we prematurely started to open up our cities/states/countries.**

**Sort of makes you think that after celebrating 50 years of Earth Day, we are still not listening to Mother Nature.**

**Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to ‘see’ climate change/global warming in our own backyards and giving our gardens some TLC noticing that some plants suffering from the heat, rain that is drowning some of our plants, pollinators (bees and butterflies) are missing and very important loss of insects. It would be very difficult to live without insects. Insects pollinate at least one third of the total volume of crops and vital to the food web. Many of us are staying close to home and are doing some research with the knowledge we have learned from Florida Friendly Landscaping as well as the scientific based information we receive from our wonderful NGC Schools to figure out what we can do in our gardens.**

**Covid-19 has forced us to replace in person schools with ZOOM. This platform will allow for increased attendance by our members with virtual learning through our state as well the rest of the country. This will allow also for new membership in Tri-Council with ZOOM. If high schools/colleges/universities can offer virtual learning so can we! You all never to old to learn!**

**In closing,**

**Tri-Council will continue to spread the word by encouraging garden clubs, circles and districts to host ZOOM NGC schools. Remember we are all connected so we are all affected.**

**Thank you,**

*Inger Jones*