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## THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

We have all worked so hard and so diligently in our gardens these past six months, hoping and trusting that our persevering efforts will prevail. They always have! But 2020 is vastly different! We've all been gardening like crazy with much enthusiasm and vigor. When spring arrived we had orderly, fully flowering and colorful gardens. Though we were confined to our homes and gardens, playing, planning and planting in our gardens seemed to be a rather nice divergence!

TGCG Members have shared gorgeous photographs attesting to our endeavors... and then the humidity rolled in!!! So much for the happy, lively garden...so what we then concentrated on were the "little things."



As I write this I am visited by Mr. and Mrs. Goldfinch + 1 outside my office window—so beautiful and bright—attracted by our sunflowers and, strangely to me, our bushy beebalm, which must be producing seeds.



Usually they hang upside down on the thistle feeder pecking at the seeds, and sometimes a third member of the golden clan joins them.



Similarly, bees frequent the lavender, purple butterfly bush blossoms and crepe myrtle, and there is a monarch caterpillar munching away on the parsley—harbinger of butterfly beauty soon.



Other small blessings arrive with the proliferation of Zinnias, Lobelia, Gaura, and the rich green of the Baptisia. Exquisite magnolia blossoms have also arrived with their evanescent bouquet.

The heat is here, though the fringe of Hurricane Isaias brought some respite despite the downed limbs and trees, that our perennials seem to have not only weathered but also prospered.

**So look for the beauty that often lies hidden in plain sight,  
when disappointments can occlude our views and vision.**

**Remember – Little Things Mean a Lot!**