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Dear Friend of Hidden Lake Gardens:

Thank you very much for your participation in our Friends of Hidden Lake Gardens Program. Your interest in the Gardens, as well as your support, are greatly appreciated especially during these challenging pandemic times.

As COVID-19 continues to ebb and flow in its impact on society, we remain cautiously optimistic that HLG will continue to re-open in gradual phases as sanctions and orders are continually lightened. Your patience and your cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Hidden Lake Gardens extended its hours for walking, hiking, biking, and driving to Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 am to 5 pm. HLG is closed on Mondays. All of our buildings remain closed, and our in person and face-to-face programs and events are suspended through August 2021.

We were able to open the Conservatory to the public for the Spring Flower Bulb Show in March, and we are hoping to re-open the Bonsai Courtyard during the last weekend in April which is typically when it re-opens each spring. We are also looking forward to completing the planting and electrical upgrades in the Tropical Dome this spring and re-opening that part of the Conservatory very soon.

We will continue extending membership renewal dates by two months, and we are planning to make additional announcements about member benefits and renewal dates as the Coronavirus sanctions are eased and HLG can start returning to "normal" business operations. A new benefit for HLG members is the Associations of Nature Centers (ANCA) Reciprocal Program which provides free or discounted admission, gift store, and/or program purchases. More than 125 centers nationwide participate in this program. Visit our webpage for a list of participating centers at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/hiddenlakegardens/Join-Give/memberships>.

This, indeed, continues to be a most challenging time for all of us. Your support is very impactful as we move HLG beyond this pandemic and keep people connected with gardens and nature. Thanks, again, and I look forward to seeing you at Hidden Lake Gardens very soon!

With Sincere Appreciation,



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