

BROOKFIELD GARDENS AT THE NEXT TOWN COFFEE

The Brookfield Heritage Commission will have their next Saturday morning coffee this Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 10 AM in the Town House.

Our program that morning will be an interesting one if you like flowers and gardens. Long-time Brookfield resident, Martha Pike and her daughter Kate Niewenhous will talk about their gardens.

Martha and her husband, John started growing day lilies at a cottage they owned in Delaware. They bought a few and planted them, then bought 25 more to plant along the driveway. They never saw them bloom during the summer because they rented the cottage out.

John and Martha then bought a house in Brookfield. John decided to clean up the brush along the side of the road. When he saw how nice it looked they bought 24 prize winning day lilies from a place that Walter Harris, the mailman at the time recommended. Once they bloomed, they were hooked!

Over the years their yard turned into 13 spectacular day lily gardens. Their glorious lilies bloom all summer long and into fall.

Martha's daughter, Kate, is currently in the process of building a solstice garden at her house, in her side yard. They bought the house eleven years ago and now they are using the gardens to anchor their home on the lake. She will share how she feels that this garden will fit in with the history of the house.

Please join us on May 6th to share some refreshments with your friends and neighbors and learn about these spectacular gardens in our town.

