

Hadwen Garden Report 2025

This year there were co-chairs to accommodate the multiple membership and board meetings required. Sarah Ann Miller and Robin Youngman agreed on this modification of the position.

We had a group of 5 Provisionals working in the garden on Monday mornings at 8am from 6/23- 8/18. We did not meet the weeks of House Tour or NHA Design. Merrielou Symes joined us each week as the Provisional Chair.

We encouraged all members to join us on any Monday morning even for a short time to help, but also to get to know the new prospective members in a relaxed setting. A few members did join us which was wonderful. It would still be nice to encourage first and second sponsors to come at least once a summer.

Each week, Katrina Marques of the NHA met with the two of us on Mondays prior to everyone arriving to identify areas we should focus on in the garden. This year's Provisionals gave a gift card of \$500 from Surfing Hydrangea to the NHA. We spoke with Katrina about possibly using some of it to plant bulbs in sparse areas and perhaps some annuals as the season progresses next year.

These ladies were ready to work hard, ask about details to be focused on and we think it provided a way for them to bond as a group and new members. We look forward to working with them in the future on other endeavors and working with next year's Provisional class.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Ann Miller and Robin Yougman