



Chesapeake Garden Club Newsletter

Gardening For All Seasons

September 2009

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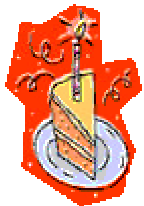
Dates to Remember

September

- 9/11 District II Executive Board Meeting
- 9/15 Garden Club Meeting**
- 9/19-20 Annmarie Garden Artsfest
- 9/21 Poplar Island Boat Trip
see Lisa Garrett for details
- 9/17-20 Charles County Garden Club Flower Show
- 9/24-27 St. Mary's Garden Club Flower Show

October

- 10/9 District II Semi-Annual Meeting
- 10/10 Bulb Bazaar Cylburn Arboretum
- 10/10 Botanic Gardens Herb Day**
- 10/11 Daffodil expert Leslie Leijenhorst Lecture
- 10/14 District I Flower Show Preston, MD
- 10/17 Flower Show L'Enfant Plaza Hotel WAFA
- 10/20 Garden Club Meeting**
- 10/30-31 CAR Conference Tarrytown, NY



September Birthdays

- Denise Wesolowski 9/5
- Bev Steadman 9/6
- Virginia O'Neill 9/24
- Bernie Halloran 9/26

Plantings from the President

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. Where did it go? I hope that all of you had time to do some exciting things and maybe even found some new gardens or plants that you can share with us. I want to thank Sybil for opening her home to us for our June meeting. It was a perfect setting. We bid farewell to one of our special members Melinda Smith. You will be missed.

The next few months are going to be very busy for the garden club with the Hospice Festival Trees in November and the greens show in December. We also have been asked to make floral arrangements for the Maryland Land Trust Dinner in October at Holly Hill in Friendship, MD. School has started so our project at Huntingtown High School will also have to be revisited.

Our September meeting will be a round table discussion. The executive board will head up the groups so we can have in depth discussions about what your ideas are for the future of our club. This is an important meeting for our club so please make every effort to attend. Come prepared with ideas for trips, flower shows, programs and projects that you would like to see happen.

Check out the *Upcoming events column* there are some great day trips coming up.

As usual I know that all of you will come through to make our events a success. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on the 15th.

May your weeds be wildflowers,

JoEllen



Treasurer's Report

Grace Gay

Balance as of August 2009

\$3,794.73

September Meeting

Date:

September 15, 2009

Time and Place:

10:00 AM sharp All Saints Church

Hosts:

Lisa Garrett

Bernie Halloran

Business:

Committee reports

Greens Show

Holly Hill Floral arrangements

Program: *Where are we headed?*

A Roundtable discussion of our future goals



Design:

"Back to School" A Small Design that may be of any design style and any design type but reduced in size. Design may not exceed 8" in Height width, or depth. HB pg. 208.



Horticulture:

Arboreal HB pages 106-7. Not to exceed 30" from tip of specimen to cut end. Each cut branch must include several nodes and apical tip. Wedging using clear plastic wrap permitted. Branch should show symmetrical form or balance with several nodes. No foliage permitted below the water line.

Class 1. Flowering

Class 2. Needled or foliage

Class 3. Coned or fruiting branches

Trip of the Month for October:

Saturday October 10, 2009

Botanic Gardens Herb Day

National & Federation News

GOLDEN DAYS DAFFODILS NGC PROJECT
National Garden Club will be selling Daffodil bulbs as a fund raiser this year. Prices will be: 50 bulbs- for

\$50.00, 100 bulbs - \$96.00, 500 bulbs - \$470.00.

Forty percent of all sales go to the NGC. If you are buying bulbs this year consider buying them from the NGC.

Upcoming Events

Annmaire Gardens "Artsfest" A fine arts festival

September 19-20

10:00 Am to 5:00 PM

Recognized as one of the top outdoor arts festivals in the Mid-Atlantic region, Artsfest brings together some of the country's most accomplished artists for a weekend of art, music, food, and fine brews at the beautiful Garden. Music and entertainment acts perform continuously throughout the garden and an outstanding array of food and drink for every palate will be available.

Design Show House – The Church of the Holy Trinity Rectory 410 226 5400

September 26 through October 4

Oxford, MD

Includes:

Tour of house and gardens

Gift Boutique

Art Guild sale

Box lunch

Cost \$20

Chesapeake Chrysanthemum Society Flower Show

October 9-11, 2009

River Hill Nursery

Clarksville, MD

Bulb Bazaar

Saturday, October 10

Lecture by Brent Heath

Premium Bulb Sale

Sponsored by the Friends of Jane Baldwin

4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209

410-367-2217

bulbbazaar@cylburnassociation.org

Daffodil and Tulip Lecture

presented by

Leslie Leijenhurst from Hortus Bulborum

Luncheon to follow

Sunday October 11, 2009

1:00

Tickets \$25

Reservations due September 27

Chartwell Garden Club

c/o Donna Sakenes

55 St. Andrews Road

Severna Park, MD 21146

World Association of Flower Arrangers USA, Inc.

October 17 10:00 to 4:00

A competitive show of flower arrangements by 48 American exhibitors to be judged by WAF member country panels. Awards will be given.

Youth Contests

Smokey the Bear Poster Contest

Poetry Contest

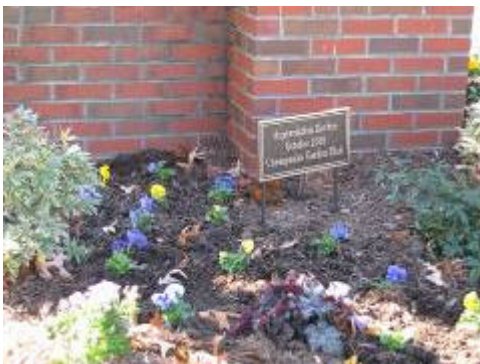
High School Essay Contest

College Scholarships

High School Distinguished Service Award

All contest rules and deadlines can be found under YOUTH on the national website www.gardenclub.org

A Little Boid Told Me



Well, If They Can Do It in Texas By Bernie Halloran

Saucey the Wonder Dog and I were sitting quietly on the glider out back watching a goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*) stuff itself on coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) seeds when she asked me if that's the reason I didn't dead-head them after they lost their petals. (The flowers that is, not the birds.)

Well, Sauce will never be a master gardener, but she does spend a lot of time gardening, and I thought that was a fair question.

Yes, I said, the *Echinacea purpurea* is a native and one of the reasons I don't dead head them is so the finches can have what I guess the birds would call "seeds home style" as summer ended.

Well, next thing you know we got to telling old bird stories and that's when Sauce reminded me about the nasty old mockingbird that just pestered the daylights out of her a few seasons back. And that reminded me, of course, that the mockingbird is the Texas State bird.

I didn't try to make a political joke about that because Sauce really doesn't follow politics closely, but it did remind me of an article I just read in National Wildlife about how the city of Austin became the nation's largest National Wildlife Federation certified community habitat.

Just imagine if we could do something like that, but on a smaller scale.

Then Sauce reminded me that our property is a National Wildlife Federation Certified Back Yard Habitat and that maybe I should push this idea with the ladies at the garden club, especially the ones who feed her cookies.

And then I told Sauce that in Austin it was just one couple that got the old wheel barrow rolling, and I wondered if we girls in the garden club could convert our Appreciation Garden into a mini-wildlife habitat by planting a bunch of natives that would survive without a lot of fuss and provide berries and seeds for the birds and places for them to hide and nest and just generally hang out.

The last garden club adventure Saucey and I went on was to mulch the appreciation garden at All Saints Church, so she knew what I was talking about.

Making our Appreciation Garden into a sort of community wildlife habitat will take a real commitment I explained, a long term plan, dedicated team members, a nasty old team leader, and some financial resources. If it works, we could even help some of our neighbor schools start habitats, after all with all the building and development going on, all, ALL the critters are being threatened by loss of habitat.

The deal, I explained to Sauce, is to provide food, water, cover and places to raise their young. And it means reaching out to teach anybody who stops for a second about sustainable gardening, like

reducing the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, conserving water, planting native plants, removing invasive species and even small scale composting.

Then I asked Sauce where the goldfinch we were watching had gone, and she said: "Ruff."

Conservation Corner

Why Our Gardens Look the Way They Do By Bernie Halloran



Eupatorium dubium or Joe Pye with Monarch or is it a Viceroy? Hal

Let's assume for a minute, you're a nurserywoman. You run a garden operation for fun and profit, but mostly to feed the family and pay the mortgage.

Wouldn't it be great if you could offer your customers something new each and every year to keep them coming back? Something new and different? Sure. That sounds like a great business plan and pretty much explains why our gardens look the way they do. The exotic is always compelling. And we are compelled to buy.

When I set out to design my garden, I had a couple of major concerns: I wanted to discourage deer browsing. I wanted enough evergreen plants to work as backdrops for the foreground perennials. And I wanted to plant hardy perennials in succeeding rifts of specific colors.

The last thing I was thinking about was "native plants." I seldom saw native plants offered by mail in those beautiful, enticing catalogues we all get. Most nurseries didn't carry anything even identified as native, and big box stores with their low, low prices almost never have natives for sale.

So it turns out we buy non-native species. We buy aliens. We buy plants that while not-native adapt to our environment easily; after all if you spin a globe around we're on the same lines of latitude as Japan and large parts of China. Ah, the exotic Far East, Cherry blossoms, beautiful lilies and all that!

Japonica anyone? *Kudzu* y'all? We should know Kudzu now covers 7 million acres of the south, and it was imported on purpose with the best of intentions, as were lots of exotics

Calvert County Fair

September 30 - October 4

Let's renew an old garden club tradition of entering the flower show at the county fair.
See p.89 in the Fair handbook

Shutter Bugs Unite!

"Our Winged Friends - Birds and Butterflies in Flight" Art Show.

Don't forget to reserve your spot in the Bird and Butterfly Show by September 15th. We have some great photographers in our club. Let's take home the gold!!!

Here is all you have to do:

Take a picture(s) of a bird or butterflies or both in nature.

Print it out in a 8x10 size.

Frame it... doesn't need to be an expensive frame. You must provide the easel(s) to sit your framed picture(s) up on display. They will all sit on a 6 foot table draped in a white tablecloth.

Call or e-mail Virginia White-Jones at 410-647-0044 or evolve21@aol.com

by Sept. 15th and reserve your spot at the District II Semi-Annual Meeting's "Our Winged Friends - Birds and Butterflies in Flight" Show.

