



Chesapeake Garden Club Newsletter Gardening For All Seasons

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Dates to Remember

October

12th District II Semi- Annual Meeting
15-17 FGCM Symposium Ocean City MD
16th CGC Club Meeting All Saints Church
18th Brookside Garden Club Program
23rd North Beach Senior Center Centerpiece Workshop
26-28 NGC Central Atlantic Region Conference, Wilmington, DE

November

10th Moonflower Garden Club Design Show
***13th CGC Club Meeting (Field Trip to Washington DC Butterfly Garden)**
26-28th NGC Conference Wilmington Delaware



October Birthdays

Jane Losey.....October 22nd

Please Help us

We need some helpers for this Garden Therapy event.

We will be making pumpkin flower arrangements with the seniors of North beach at the senior center on Tuesday October 23rd. See Melinda if you can help.

Plantings from the President

Growing and Learning thru the Years:

Hello Members,

I want to thank Peggy and her administration for a job well done their work "is a hard act to follow" - but we have been working hard this summer to plan a great calendar filled with community projects, trips, new learning experiences, and other programs that we are sure you'll like.

Melinda has taken over the newsletter and as I mentioned at the meeting it is very important for you all to read it, as there will be information from the Federation about upcoming schools, shows and meetings that I do not want to have to repeat at our meeting.

My idea is that - no meeting should be more than one hour and 50 minutes is great!

If anyone has something to put in the newsletter be sure you get it to Melinda at least two weeks before the meeting.

Please be sure to check your yearbook as we assigned hostesses alphabetically - We also have noted what the design arrangements and horticulture examples should be.

If we are to have a Greens Show on December 1st, EVERYONE needs to jump in and help.

Needed:

1. People to help set up tables and chairs and ready the room for the show Nov. 30th 9:00am – til.....?
2. Signs need repair and to be put up along roads

3. Someone to take charge of collecting greens (all kinds) so we don't have to buy them (everyone can do a little pruning)

4. And of course we will need to clean-up after the show

I hope everyone will sign up for something! We need every member to pick a job!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on October 16th, when everyone will get to make an arrangement to take home.

Mary Alys

October Meeting

October 16th

Time and Place

10:00 AM

All Saints Church Sunderland,

Program:

Workshop Presented by Dorrie McDonald
(student Judge)

We will be making a Fall Centerpiece

Business

Committee Reports

Greens Show Report and Sign up

Update on Hospice Tree

Update on 50th Birthday Celebration

Horticulture

Cut specimen non-flowering, decorative foliage.

Ex. Coleus, Caladium, Hosta

Design

Boo Arrangement traditional mass Design

Ex. Handbook page 182-183

Hosts

Bernie Halloran

Grace Gay



Horticultural & Design

At each Club meeting held as a "usual" meeting any and all members are encouraged to bring in "horticulture or design" items as defined in our member information book on page 18.

Please feel free to get involved in this, it is fun and you never know....you may uncover a hidden talent!



Celebration

We are going to be celebrating with: CGC Standard Flower Show June 5th and 6th, which will include the judging of, entered designs and horticulture. It will be open to the public.

There will be a display of our Club's history and membership.

On June 6th we will be having a luncheon program for Members and Guests only.

If you have any questions about this event Marybeth Krovisky can answer them for you.

Getting Ready for the Greens Show

By Melinda Smith

I am reprinting the same column from last month's newsletter so there will be no confusion about all the needs to make this Greens Show happen. We need volunteers for these tasks by this coming meeting. If you can please get back to me ASAP with what you are willing to do so, we can see where the holes are, I would appreciate it.

A few things to do for the October meeting:

- ✓ Bring in lovely and barely used containers for use and sale at the Greens Show

- ✓ Bring in any Garden Club items you might be holding for us so that we can take inventory and find one storage place for them.
- ✓ If you can obtain any items that will be appropriate for the silent auction contact Sybil Russell.

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

We seem to have trouble getting people to stand up and do these jobs. Please consider.....What you give out you will receive back! Therefore, think of this as fun and rewardingThis is our **main fundraiser** and we need this money to continue to do the community projects our Club likes to do!

Ticket Sales Manager:

This committee chairperson will be the “go-to” person for tickets in advance and at the door. You will need help at the door on the day of the show. JoEllen will create the tickets as she has done in the past.

Crafter/Teacher:

This committee will consist of all if not most of the garden club members. We will have a featured item for sale at the Greens Show. The chairperson will come up with the design and then conduct a workshop in November to teach our members how to create it. A second workshop will be held on November 27th to make the item and to do any final organizing for the greens show.

Decorating the hall:

This committee chairperson will need at least one helper who is available on November 30th ready to decorate the Greens Show!

Set Up and Clean up:

This committee will need 5-7 helpers to set up tables and chairs, to clean up after the show and anything else that needs to be done on November 30 and December 1.

Signage for the show

This committee will put up and a take down the directional signs for the show. You will need at least one helper and may have to redo some of the existing signs.

Fresh Greens Coordinator:

This committee will take care of ordering and picking up greens for the show and ordering requests from Customers.

Thanks for your anticipated help!!!!



Treasurer’s Report

Balance on hand as of Sept 18th 2007
 \$3687.01
 \$2658.25 Certificate of Deposit
 \$6345.26 Total Net worth
 Submitted by Sybil Russell Treasurer



Gardening Tips

This article was submitted by Sybil

Garden Smart by Fran Sorin

Now’s the time to transplant perennials. Weather you want to move plants because you don’t like how they look together, they weren’t put in the best location for their needs, or they have grown large and need to be divided, try these tips:

- Transplant six weeks before the first frost date for where you live (November 15th)
- Pick the new site and prepare the soil before digging up the plant.
- In the morning or at dusk, not in the heat of midday, dig up the plant and cut off its foliage 1 inch above the base. If the plant is large, dig in a large perimeter so you don’t cut the roots. Replant immediately.

- To divide a plant, place it upright or on its side and use a large cutting knife or the end of a spade to make as many rooted pieces as desired. Plant immediately.
- Pat soil around the plant, and add 2-3 inch layer of mulch.
- Water deeply everyday for two weeks, unless it rains.



Conservation Corner

Foster Parents Needed

Southern Maryland Audubon Society sponsors the banding of nestling birds of prey, or raptors, with serially numbered aluminum bands in cooperation with the Bird banding Laboratory of the U.S. Department of the interior as part of our bird research and conservation activities in Southern Maryland. Limited numbers of Osprey and Barn Owl nestlings became available each year for adoption. The gift of \$10 for an Osprey adoption, or \$25 for a barn Owl adoption, contributes to a special fund for the support of raptors research and raptor conservation projects. The foster parent receives:

- A certificated of adoption with the number of the U.S. Interior band, and the location and date of the banding.
- Information on the ecology and migration patterns of the species, photo of a fledgling, and any other information on whereabouts or fate of the bird that may be available.

Interested? Here's how to become a foster parent of and Osprey or a barn owl. Send \$10 for each Osprey or \$25 for each Barn Owl to:

Southern Maryland Audubon Society
 Attn: Adoptions Program
 11350 Budds Creek Rd.
 Charlotte Hall, Maryland 20622

Make sure you include your name and address and email and the number of adoptions you wish to make.

This information came from the Audubon newsletter. You can visit their web site @ www.geocities.com/smdaudubon



Sky Watcher Alert

See Planets Dance in the October Sky

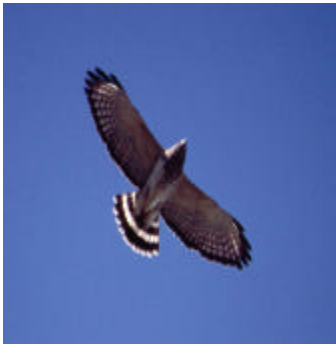
This month's highlight is a spectacular dawn grouping of Venus, Saturn and Regulus, visited by the crescent Moon at just the right time. At dusk, Jupiter sinks low in the southwest. and Mars rises later in the night. Tour the [October sky](#).



October Simplicities

- ~ Remember to enjoy the noise of the leaves under foot.
- ~Create a seasonal table with small gourds, preserved leaves and acorns Indian corn, bittersweet vine pieces and dried flowers or herbs.
- ~Mull Cider....the aromas are so Autumnal!
- ~Dress up for Halloween to hand out the treats....the kids will love it and you will have fun too!!!!

A Little Boid Told Me...



Buteos the Bachelor, or Just Plain Rodan By Bernie Halloran

June and I called him “Bachelor Bunny,” and the little guy seemed almost tame. When we’d walk the garden in the evening, he’d materialize and hop along beside us. Once we all got to the top of the hill, he’d vanish into the butterfly garden.

Late this spring, we started seeing baby bunnies and what might have been the mama. At any rate, it was clear that bachelor bunny wasn’t a bachelor anymore. When Saucey found the entrance to his hutch in the hillside at the edge of the woods, we decided to fence the area in so the little guys would be left alone. The entrance to the hutch itself was already camouflaged and wind-proofed with wads of rabbit hair.

I thought that the bunnies would certainly appreciate June’s vegetable garden, but it never came to that. As the sun rose higher and spring turned into early summer, around noon a large shadow would fall across the lawn, usually moving east to west.

We called the bird “Rodan,” and marveled at how low it would swoop over the well-armed gardener with his rakes and shovels and his loud and very curious wonder-dog, Saucey.

It turns out our visitor was a Broad-winged Hawk, one of the smallest of the North American *buteos* which also tend to be bachelors, or at least solitary nesters. The Broad-winged hawk is also one of the tamest and peaceful of the hawk family, usually seen migrating by the thousands in September.

You can identify this bird by the large black and white bands on its tail. In flight the feathers appear dark, producing a black border along the trailing edge of the wing. The under wings don’t look Rodan-like at all, but are whitish to dusty-buff. The body itself is chunky, like a fat crow’s, and between 13 and 19 inches long with reddish-brown “barring,” or what fisherman would call a scale-like effect.

Buteo platypterus is a very handsome fellow who can usually be seen perched on utility poles throughout the summer when not hunting for mice or lizards or frogs or bunnies or big-old insects. When he spreads his wings to swoop or soar they reach out to between 32 and 39 inches, making a very respectable shadow below.

Yes, *Buteo platypterus*, is a protected species, but the comeback of the Bald Eagle may be infringing on this graceful bird’s hunting grounds. Oh, how I only wish my moles would come out to enjoy this charming fellow’s thin, shrill whistle: *peeteeee*. (Humm. Sounds like a good name for a pit bull.)

As for the bunnies. Gone. Bachelor Bunny and his whole family never made it to the veggie garden, which I think is a fine thing. We haven’t seen Rodan in a while either, and we miss him, what with this being a National Wildlife Backyard Habitat and all.

Happy Gardening & Birding!!