



Chesapeake Garden Club Newsletter Gardening For All Seasons September, 2007

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*Example of a traditional mass design
created by Anna O'Kelly for the 2007 London Town Show

Dates to Remember

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 8 District II Topiary Workshop
- 13-16 Charles County Garden Club Standard Flower Show
- 18 Chesapeake Garden Club Meeting at All Saints Church**
- 19-23 St. Mary's County Garden Club Standard Flower Show
- 24-26 Flower Show School Course IV at the Holiday Inn Timonium, MD

October

- 12 District II Semi-Annual Meeting
- 15-17 FGCM Symposium Ocean City Maryland
- 16 CGC Club Meeting All Saints Church**
- 18 Brookside Garden Program
- 26-28 NGC Central Atlantic Region Conference, Wilmington, DE



September Birthdays

- Bev Steadman.....September 6
- Virginia O'Neil.....September 24
- Bernie Halloran.....September 26

Plantings from the President

Whooooooooosh!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Can you believe that two years just flew by that fast? Well my term is over, it's been fun, hard work, and I appreciate all the support and friendship I've received from our membership. I want to take this time to extend my thanks for all the support and hard work by the officers and members. You need to give yourself a pat on the back and a round of applause. I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President it's been my pleasure to do so and I'll remember this for the rest of my life. On our September 18th meeting we will have the installation of new officers, new members and Paula Winkler, District II Director, will preside over the installation. Please come and cheer on the new elected officers and let's all bring a design for the meeting to make the room pop for the installation of the new officers.

Our annual dues (\$35.00) will be collected at the meeting, which covers the cost of your new yearbook. I want to thank JoEllen for a job well done on the new yearbook. It looks great and there are a few surprises for the long time members. Mary Alys and JoEllen have come up with some great programs for the coming year. I'm really looking forward to the great trips and educational workshops they've planned.

I'd like to thank all of you who attended Mabel Briscoe's funeral we had a nice turn out

and I'm sure she would have appreciated it. I'm so sorry that she won't be with us celebrating our 50th, she'll be missed deeply.



2007 Christmas Party

I hope everyone will attend the September 18th meeting to show support of Mary Alys and the new officers for the upcoming term. I wish them well and they have my complete support and congratulations.

Fondly, **Peggy**

September Meeting

September 18, 2007

10:00 AM

All Saints Church

Hosts

Patti AtLee

Marybeth Krovisky

Program:

Installation of Officers

by Paula Winkler District II Director

Business Meeting

Committee Reports

Presentation of Horticulture Awards

Induction of new members

Design

A Traditional mass design of all fresh plant materials (see picture)*

Horticulture

Culinary Herbs

White Elephant Sale

After our meeting we will be offering for sale items from the GARDEN CLUB ATTIC such as books on gardening and floral design, floral containers, silks, dried plant material, etc.

Get Ready For The Greens Show!!!

December 1, 2007

by Melinda Smith

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!!!!

Horticulture and Design

The 2nd annual Garden Tour was a huge success. We toured the beautiful gardens of Kay, Dorrie, Dorrie's friend Charlotte, Bernie and Melinda on July 13th. We finished at Melinda's house where we had a very nice luncheon. I'm looking forward to next year's tour. Think about putting your garden on the tour next year. It's fun.

The National Arbor Day Foundation has produced a guidebook which takes the guesswork out of identifying Maryland trees. [What Tree Is That?](#) is a 72 page pocket guidebook that helps distinguish different characteristics of Maryland trees, as well as trees of the eastern and central regions of the country. For information and to purchase the guide, visit www.arborday.org.

The 2007 Revised Handbook of Flower Shows is available for purchase through NGC Headquarter, 4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO. 63110, Member Services, or by calling Headquarters, 1-800-550-6007 Ex 17. The new Handbook can only be purchased with a binder since there are approximately one hundred more pages than the previous edition. The price of the Handbook is \$15 which includes the binder.

Question of the Month

Why is it poor gardening practice to prune shrubs in September?

Find out on September 18th.

Garden News

Ornamental Cabbage and Kale By Larry Hurley, Perennial Specialist

Behnke's Garden Center

http://www.behnkes.com/page.php?group_page_id=617

Ornamental kale is becoming increasingly popular with gardeners looking for a cool-season ornamental to compliment pansy plantings. They are at their best in late Fall, and depending on the weather, may look good into the following Spring. Round-leaved types are called ornamental cabbage, while lacy-leaved types are called ornamental kale, but generally we use the generic "ornamental cabbageandkale" as the culture and uses are the same.

According to Gerald Klingaman of the University of Arkansas, "kale" is the Scot's version of "cole", the Roman term for the vegetable, which originated in the Mediterranean area. (Giving us the term "cole crop" for the kale/cabbage/broccoli vegetable group, "cole slaw" and so on). It eventually made its way to Japan, where people selected colorfully-leaved plants for ornamental purposes. Ornamental kales were brought to the United States in 1929 as a result of a USDA-sponsored collecting trip to Japan, and they first appeared in US seed catalogues in 1936. Most cultivars sold today were bred in Japan, and there are called "leaf peonies." Cool weather is required for good coloration. According to the University of Massachusetts, temperatures below 50 degrees cause the loss of chlorophyll, which allows the underlying purple, pink and white coloration of the leaves to become more prominent. Very cold temperatures in winter or heavy snows will tend to shorten their ornamental life. Some years, they look good into April, while other years they are pretty ratty by Christmas. They are biennials, which means that they

have leaves the first season, then form a flower spike in the spring. The yellow-flowered spike is generally considered to be of minor ornamental value. Ornamental kale and cabbage are quite attractive when planted in autumn mixed containers with pansies and ornamental grasses, or when used en masse in the ground with pansies. Like bulbs, they are less attractive when planted in rows like frilly little soldiers.

September Garden Tip from Piney Thicket

provided by June Petty

Scatter bonemeal around all perennials to make them healthier and to provide more bloom.

Daffodils planting is most successful when done in September because it gives the bulbs a good chance to get established with new root growth before winter sets in. (Think about the London Towne Daffodil show when planting your bulbs so you'll have some good specimens for the show.)

Horticulture News

Provided by Mary Alys Sweetman

Here's a good way to get rid of any unwanted alcohol!!!!

Growing bulbs indoors is a popular way to enjoy spring flowers in the wintertime, but the stems often grow so tall that the weight of the flowers causes them to flop over. A 2005 study by a Cornell University horticulturalist concluded that watering the forced paper-white narcissus bulbs with a solution of seven parts water and one part 80 proof alcohol (such as gin, vodka, whiskey or rum) stunts the growth of the stem and leaves without affecting the flowers, resulting in a nicely proportioned plant that doesn't require any additional support. The plant may need to go to AAA for some help!!!!

A Little Birdie Told Me



I found this cartoon in one of the old Garden Club albums as I was looking through them. Bernie I thought you'd appreciate a break from your column and this seemed in line with your humor!!! JEY

Note from JoEllen

This is my final newsletter because I will be taking on the responsibility of vice president I felt that I would not be able to do my best in both jobs. I've enjoyed publishing the newsletter for the club and I've really appreciated all the wonderful feedback that I've received from club members and the state awards committee. Melinda Smith has graciously volunteered to take on this task and I hope that you will support her as you have me. I will continue to publish the website and hope to have a meeting this year dedicated to how to use the website to your advantage. I'm looking forward to our new administration. Mary Alys and I have been working together this summer to continue the fine work of Peggy's administration. With all of your help, I know we can make this possible.

Happy Gardening!
JoEllen

Flower Show Update

Peggy Zachousky

We've had meetings regarding the 2008 Flower Show, plans are coming along nicely, thanks to the committee, Sande, Marybeth, JoEllen, Grace, Dorrie and myself things are looking good. Sande and JoEllen have worked so hard on the schedule. Sande has sent the schedule off for approval. What would we do without them? Many Thanks!!!!