



Garden Club Newsletter

Gardening For All Seasons

May, 2008

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Dates to Remember

May 2008

10th House and Garden Pilgrimage
11th Mothers Day
20th Full Moon
26th Memorial Day

June 2008

June 4th Set up tables 9-11am
1-6pm Entrants Drop off of designs



CGC Birthday & Flower Show
5th 2:30-7:00 pm Open to Public
6th 10am Social Gathering
10:45 Lunch
12:00 gather at Library
2:00 Clean Up
15th Fathers Day
18th Full Moon
20th Summer Solstice

July 2008

22nd 10-11:30 Calvert Pines Senior Center
Flower arranging for Intergenerational Camp (Garden Therapy)



Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Sybil Russell

Balance on Hand March 18th \$8282.28
Disbursements: \$ 508.07
Deposits: \$68.00
Balance on hand as of April 15th: \$ 7842.21



May Meeting

Location: All Saints Church
Hosts: Kay Parris and June Petty
Program: Horticulture Workshop:
How to prepare for a flower show.
Presenter: Dorrie McDonald
Student Judge

Horticulture: Herbaceous Perennials

Herbs that die back to ground in winter and renew their growth from crown/seed the following growing season.

Design: Patriotic Tribute

Traditional Design Hand Book page # 182



Plantings from the President

Hi Everyone,

Trip to Greenstreet - several members went to the demo on container gardening and learned just how to make the most beautiful gardens in small, tall and flat containers. The refreshments were also outstanding!

Now the House and Garden Pilgrimage - let me thank you all in advance for all the support and help - you are a great group to work with so of course I have a couple more projects to slip in here.

We will be putting in a Butterfly Garden at Cypress Swamp, Lisa and Bev will be coordinating this project but they will need some help with the planting. They will yell for help when they are ready, which will be soon.

The planters at the Library are being worked on by Patti, Vicki and I and they will be planted very soon.

Flower Show - all plans are in place for a great time and I have been receiving replies to our invitations already. Remember we want 100% participation so be thinking of the schedule for design and horticulture.

See you all on the 20th at our meeting.....Don't forget to bring some horticulture.

Mary Alys



May Birthdays

Marybeth Krovisky 26th



Flower Show and Birthday Celebration Update

By now, all of you should have received your invitation to our 50th Birthday celebration. We hope that you all plan to attend it will be a day of reminiscing, fun, and a celebration of the many accomplishments of the Chesapeake Garden Club.

The committee has been working hard to make it all happen. The club has voted to foot the bill for this very special occasion. Please give Mary Alys a call so she can get an accurate head count.

We hope that if you cannot attend the luncheon you participate in some capacity. The flower show is part of the celebration so we are hoping that everyone enters at least one piece of horticulture. *I can't wait to see the library filled with all the beautiful flowers grown by our club members.* If you are feeling adventuresome how about signing up to do a design! They are fun to do and you'll really feel a sense of accomplishment with your creativity. You need to let the committee know how you plan to participate.

Marybeth and JoEllen

FYI.....

Jo Ellen has placed the flower show schedule on the website so if you need a copy you can get it there.

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Anna Marie Gardens

Ann Marie Garden Mind Body and Spirit Day has been cancelled because of the opening of the new arts building. There will be special activities from May 30 through June 1 This was is a trip that we were supposed to do as a club.

Here is the link to the Ann Marie Garden Site
<http://www.annmariegarden.org/ArtAndNature/ExhibitHall/index.htm>



One Gardeners
"Trash is another
Gardeners
Treasure!"

Kay says,

I'll soon be dividing daylilies and chrysanthemums. Are there any members that need to divide Iris? I would like to upgrade my assortment. I also have some Annabelle Hydrangea shoots creeping out from my main bush that need to be dug up as well as lots of Niko Blue Hydrangeas in pots that are looking for homes.

Sybil says,

I have Blackeyed Susans and orange day lily's. Let me know if you want me to bring some to our May meeting. I also have a way to dissuade slugs and/or snails around hostas, - surround the stems with copper pennies (on top of the soil) if you want when the pennies turn green you may remove them.



A Gardeners List of things to do:

Submitted by Peggy Zachousky

Now is the perfect time to add organic matter to your garden beds. I don't care whether it's compost, humus, mushroom soil or screened leaf mold. It's all good stuff. Taking the time to do this chore now will pay you back in spades later.

Divide perennials that have already bloomed or that are just coming into their own. I'm a firm believer in dividing hostas and daylilies in spring, fall or whenever you can get to it. Spring bloomers, such as bearded or Japanese iris, should not be touched until after they bloom.

Overplant if you want a mature look in your garden. I know the rule of thumb is to maintain a certain

distance between perennials so that when they reach maturity, all will look terrific. But if you tend to be impatient like me, don't wait for a tightly woven look, knowing that in a few years you will have to transplant and divide. I think it is worth the extra time.

Think in terms of partnering plants of different textures and shapes to make for a beautiful plant vignette. For example, *Athyrium nipponicum* "Pictum", the Japanese Painted fern, partnered with the *Ajuga reptans* "Black Scallop" acting as a ground cover foil nested under its delicate leaves, is a sight to behold.

Select perennials that are long blooming, rather than a specimen that gives only a short spurt of color. Some great ones to check out are: *Coreopsis*, *Campanula*, *Callirhoe*, *Agastache*, *Lavandula*, *Penstemon*, Joe Pyeweed, Plume Poppy, *salvia*, *Cranesbill* and *Scutellaria*.

Go for dazzling container combinations. More than ever, I am using ornamental grasses as the centerpiece of my containers. One of my favorite is Variegated Feather Reed Grass, *Calamagrostis* "Over dam". Add a few *Ajuga Repens* "Black Scallop" or "Chocolate Chip", along with an *Agastache* and oregano, and you've got yourself a winning combination that will offer you bloom and color throughout the entire gardening season.

Gardening early in the morning (even for half an hour) is a refreshing and meaningful way to start your day. Meditative gardening can be useful in helping to deal with the daily stress that we all endure, especially since I'm getting the property ready to sell. The sound of the birds, the sight of the rabbits hopping about and the fresh aroma of the spring grass and plants can fill your soul with a sense of peace, meaning and fortitude.

Have a glorious month of May. And do remember to take photographs of your garden throughout this month of outstanding growth and bloom.

Remember to bring your specimens in so we can identify them for the Flower Show, if you don't know what they are.

Thanks and have a wonderful spring and summer.

Peggy Zachousky

[Bernie has had the flu this last week and regrets that he was not able to contribute his usual articles.](#)
