

Chesapeake Garden Club Newsletter



Dates to Remember

April Dates

8-11th - Art Blooms at the Walters Museum

9-10th - District II London Town Daffodil Show, Edgewater, MD

13-15th - Gardening Study School-Course III Chair Lois Lissauer

16-18th - Biltmore Tour by Bus LaPlata Garden Club

15th - District V Daffodil Show St. James Episcopal Church Mt. Airy, MD

20th - CGC Monthly Meeting, All Saints Church, Sunderland, MD

20-21st - Maryland Daffodil Society Show

25th - Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage: Baltimore City, Guilford

**29th - Conservation Workshop Annapolis, MD
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

April 2010

Gardening For a All Seasons

<http://www.chesapeakegardenclub.org>

Plantings from the President



Spring has finally sprung and it is sooo nice to be able to get out and enjoy this beautiful weather. There is so much going on in the way of gardening events. The Federation website is loaded with information about what is happening in Maryland. They have all the details so if you are looking for something to do in the way of flower shows,

conservation workshops, bird talks, house tours..... that's the place to find out. We have a link to their website at the bottom of our home page. (I haven't been able to update our page but hope to make the fix when I return home)

I am bursting with pride for our club. When I saw the list of awards and how many we won it just made me so proud to be a member of the Chesapeake Garden Club.

Winning the "Evelyn Cotton Conservation Award" for outstanding project by our Butterfly Garden at Battle Creek is a very prestigious achievement. Just think that we were chosen above all the clubs in the state! Bev and her committee have worked hard to keep this project going and they deserve the recognition. Congratulations!!!!

It doesn't stop there. Awards were presented for Rosanna's project at Windy Hill Middle School, our Educational Display on the Life Cycle of the Butterfly at Sotterley Plantation, our designs for the Holly Hill garden party, Denise's work on the newsletter received recognition, our website and yearbook also were recognized. Wow! That list is awesome.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our April meeting. Sybil thanks for taking care of things while your "golfing girl" was away.

May your weeds be wildflowers,
JoEllen

April Meeting

April 20, 2010

10:00 AM

All Saints Church

Sunderland, MD

Hosts:

Sybil Russell

Bev Steadman

Business:

Butterfly Garden at Battle Creek

Program:

Setting up a Greenhouse

Kay Parris,

Master Gardener

Design:

"April Showers Bring
May Flowers"

Transparency Design -

A creative design using fresh
or dried plant material, to be
staged on a table 29" tall, 30"
wide, and 30" deep. FSHB
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Horticulture:

Class 1 Flowering Bulbs FSHB
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Class 2 Flowering Trees or
Shrubs Page 106, not to exceed
30 inches in height

Plant exchange; if possible put
genus and species, and
variety, or cultivars.

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More information about
upcoming events can be seen
on the Federation Website
http://www.fgcofmd.org/Calendar_of_Events.html



My Little Feathered Friend

By, Denise Wesolowski

One morning while I sat at my desk enjoying a cup of coffee getting ready to start work, I heard this tapping coming from my family-room. I got up to see what it was. As I moved closer to the atrium-doors that lead to our deck, I saw the cutest little blue bird perched on one of the windowpane mutins, looking into the breakfast area. She flew away and perched on the canopy frame when I approached her. Sure that I had frightened her away for good, I returned to my office only to hear the tapping start again as soon as I sat down. This went on for hours. Not knowing much about bluebirds I went online to get some advice about what to do, but when I phoned the North American Bluebird Society no one answered. I left a message and hoped that they would call back soon.

This little bird didn't stop and kept flying back and forth to the window of the door all day. I was afraid she was going to hurt herself flying into the glass over and over, so I determined that she must be hungry because of all the snow we have had this winter. Knowing that Hatcher's was right around the corner from me, and that they would have bird seed, I got in my car and within minutes I was back home with a large bag of sunflower seed. The only problem now was that I had forgotten that our bird-feeder had broken in the fall and that we hadn't gotten a new one yet. So how what do I do? I decided that this was an emergency so I would just try to place little piles of seed on our deck railing, and if she were as hungry as I thought she was, she would just eat it from there.

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Well, I was right, she ate a pile in no time, and so did several other birds that wandered by...so, I put out more. As I was walking back into my house from the deck I felt something fall into my hair. Can you guess what it was? That's right, she pooped on my head. Now, just how ungrateful can a bird be?

Night came and went and when I got up the next morning there were all sorts of birds stopping by to eat from the little piles of sunflower seed. Beautiful Blue Jays, the reddest Cardinals I've ever seen, and birds I can't even name. Feeding that little Blue Bird hasn't stopped her from perching on my window and looking into my house. It is so strange. I just can't imagine what she sees inside that has her so mesmerized.

I'm still waiting to hear back from the experts as to what I should do next, so in the meantime, I'll go out and buy a couple of replacement bird feeders, and maybe a blue bird house or two. There is one thing I'm sure of though. I'm going to wear a hat whenever I go out on my deck for a while.

Money Matters

Please check to see if you have paid your 2010 club dues and they were due last month.
Thanks, Sybil

Flower of the Month

The *Sweet Pea*, is a favorite of gardeners because of its beauty and fragrance. Those born in the month of April can be encouraged by the sweet pea's traditional meaning, "delicate pleasures."

Funny Story

Kay thought it might be fun to tell funny stories of things that happen to us...so here goes. This is Kay's story.

My funny story to start things off would be a true story that happened last week. I have two watering cans, one with a sprinkler head and one without. They have been in the greenhouse all winter long. I was using the one with the head to gently dampen my tomato seedlings, but nothing would come out. I guessed that perhaps it had some debris or leaves and removed it to inspect. Seeing nothing, I inserted my finger and it was slimy. You guessed it! Out jumped a big green tree frog. I think he must have been happy to see spring and to get a shower in the bargain! I haven't seen him since, but no doubt, he is hanging around.

April Birthdays

Sande Wolf - 17th

May Dates to Remember

1st - Grand Opening of the Vollmer Center at Cylburn 11 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Followed by family events, exhibits and demonstrations.

1st - Garden Club of Annapolis presents May Day in Annapolis
Followed by family events, exhibits and demonstrations.

1st Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage:
Baltimore County, Ruxton

1st Ladew Garden Festival

2nd Crofton Village Garden Club "Plant it Pink"
Fashion Show & High Tea

4th Bird Lecture by Beth Zang 7:00 p.m. Cylburn
Arboretum

8 Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage:
Charles County