



CHESAPEAKE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

GARDENING FOR ALL SEASONS OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2010

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Magnolia Stem Arboreal Award
Jane Losey

Dates to Remember

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- October 19th Garden Club meeting
- November 16th meeting Election of Officers
- November 15, 16, & 17 District 2 Flower Show "The Magic of the Nutcracker"
- November 26-28 Festival of Trees
- December 4th Greens Show
- December 14th Christmas Party and meeting

Plantings from the President

We've had a busy summer getting ready for our flower show by the time you receive this newsletter the show will be over and I know it will have been a great success. Thanks to Dorrie and all the members who worked so hard.

Marybeth has been working on the greens show. She has her committees set and it looks like we are in for another fabulous show.

I hope you had a chance to see the designs from the AnnMarie Art Blooms Show on our website. We had so much fun working on that project and it turned out to be a very successful event.

District 2 is getting ready for their semiannual meeting on October 8th. The theme is Celebrate Maryland as usual Sylvia has many exciting events planned for the day. I hope we get a big turnout.

It's that time when we will begin thinking of new officers for 2011-2013

The nominating committee is set and they need your help to fill our slate of officers. Please consider taking on an office. There are many rewards but I won't kid you there is a lot of work but a strong executive board lightens the load. **We need you!!!!**

Our next few meetings have some exciting speakers. September is rose expert Andrew Brooks who will present a slide show on Roses. October is Designer Linda Masland who is

one of the top designers in Maryland. She will cover design and horticulture for the District 2 Flower show.

If you know anyone who would be interested in coming to one of our events, please bring them along. Maybe they will join our club.

Thanks to all who took the time to write an article for our newsletter. It really makes it a collaborative project.

I'm looking forward to a busy and fun with the emphasis on **fun** Fall season.

May your weeds be wildflowers,

JoEllen

Comments from the Vice President

I personally want to thank Dorrie and JoEllen for doing such a great job with the Flower Show. They put lots of hours into it, but it payed off. It was a huge success and the judges said a lot of good things about our show. They were quite impressed. We had a good number of visitors and they all made comments at how it was such a good show. I also want to thank Steve, Dorrie's husband for all the hard work he did. He made the job of setting up and taking down so much easier. He was always ready to do anything that was needed to be done. Now that the flower show is behind us, we need to concentrate on the Green Show.

Sybil

Holiday Greens Show Report Marybeth Krovisky

HOLIDAY GREENS SHOW: Volunteers Needed!

I'd like to recap some of the decisions made earlier this summer. We now have our chairpersons decided. Please take a look and volunteer to help them out. These are big jobs and we will need the help of everyone. Our chairpersons will be soliciting volunteers prior to and at our next club meeting.

Theme: Christmas Made....Easy & Elegant

Designers: Vickie Trego, Linda Masland, Sylvia Deck

Chairpersons

- Ticket Sales: Sybil & Sande
- Club Designers: Patti & Dorrie (they will oversee club members as they design centerpieces for sale)
- Decorating/Clean Up: Marybeth
- Publicity & Signage: Susan
- Greens Coordinators: Patti & Kay
- Raffle: Blanche & Sande
- Silent Auction/Door Prizes: Bev, Carol & Sande
- Refreshments: Jenny

Decisions:

- The hall will be divided into two sections the sales area and the program area. Everyone (paid attendance & "free lookers") will be able to view the sales area (greens) as well as the silent auction items and raffle items which will be visible as you enter the hall. The program area will be limited to paying customers.
- Ticket price will be \$10 and not printed (hand stamps instead). All club members will be asked to purchase one ticket.

- Free coffee and cookies included as part of admission.
- We will display the designers' work prominently in the sales area to "draw people in".
- We will inventory supplies prior to spending any additional money.
- Leftover artificial cardinals will be used for the hospice tree.

I will be contacting the chairs prior to our next club meeting to set up our next "Greens" meeting and work dates.

It is hard to think that the holidays will be upon us soon. After Halloween--time will fly by!

Marybeth



CGC Flower Show Report

They say in real estate the key to success is location, location, location and this show had that and more. The floor to ceiling windows looked out into the area over Fishing Creek and allowed so much natural light to spill in that it felt like you were outdoors. We had two large rooms that allowed a good flow of traffic and we had a large number of casual visitors. The weather was beautiful and it truly felt like you were in

the Garden of Eden. We even had surprise visit from the local photography club that was having a meeting in the same building. For a few minutes it felt like the Red Carpet in front of a Hollywood premiere with cameras clicking at every turn of the head. Some of the designs and horticulture were photographed from every conceivable angle it made it look like a horde of paparazzi had descended on the show. Hopefully the photography club will share some of the photos with us. Many of our members won well deserved awards and comments were made by the judges that the show was not only beautiful but unique with certain designs not seen at most shows and that the location enhanced the natural beauty of the horticulture and designs. The success of the show allowed us to apply for the Flower Show Achievement award. To thank every individual would take up several pages, but suffice to say that everyone worked extremely hard and those efforts paid off. Thanks to all who participated





Fall is for the Birds

With winter only a few months away and most of us are cleaning up the remnants of summer from our gardens and yards, let's

not forget that many of the birds in the area still need our attention. The drabness of winter can be overcome by having a burst of color in your yard, and this can be some of the birds that winter in the area. Some of the favorites are the American Goldfinch and the House Finch. While not as brilliant with plumage in the winter, these flocking birds can gather around a feeder and remind us that even though it is now winter, spring is just around the corner. To attract a House Finch offer black oil sunflower seeds in a mesh tube feeder or a hopper feeder that is available in many stores, American Goldfinches like a similar mix of seed but also prefer Nyjer, they also like a bird bath where it can bathe and drink. If you don't have cats or dogs leave some brush piles and low growing shrubbery for a foraging area and you can attract the Eastern Towhee, also place some proso millet on a mesh platform feeder, these birds have black upper parts and rusty sides with white under parts. They take a "one step forward, two steps back" while feeding and can bring a smile to you while. So be a friend to the birds and help them make it through the winter ahead.

Hospice Report

Kay Parris

The decorations and ornaments are ready for the tree. We will need volunteers to help fluff the trees on Wednesday November 24th and on November 26th to decorate our tree. See me for more information.

Garden Therapy

Kay Parris & Mary Alys Sweetman

On Nov. 3rd, 2010 at 10:00am at the North Beach Senior center we will be making fall arrangements in baskets. Volunteers are welcome. See us for more info.

Chesapeake Garden tour



We had our annual garden tour in July and even with all the hot weather Kay, Susan and Rosanna's

gardens still looked beautiful.



Each one had its own special interest.....Kay has her wonderful green houses and fabulous vegetable garden with so many delicious vegetables which she shared with us. Susan's beautiful home sitting on the Patuxent with breathtaking views and natural gardens which are so appropriate for her setting.



Rosanna has something for everyone from vegetables, to perennials, a water feature, to her specialty orchids. (Hope she will give a talk on how

to grow them) Thank you ladies for opening your homes to us. We had a great time.



Sybil's Garden Tips

This is for all those members like me - when planting shrubs - plant same level as it was in the pot and water, water. Remember 1st year they sleep, 2nd year they creep, 3rd year they leap.

Fertilizer tip - fertilize your lawn in 3 installments - 1st near Labor Day, 2nd around Halloween and 3rd at Thanksgiving.

Helpful Household Hints

Mary Jo Blaine

No More Mosquitoes - Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Newspaper Weeds Away - Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers: put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

Good-bye Fruit Flies - To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass fill it 1/2" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants - Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home," and can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

District 2 News

- Flower Show School Course 1 April 26-27-28-29, 2011 Bowie Comfort Inn see Sande for information.
- "The Magic of the Nutcracker" A standard flower show presented by the district on November 15, 16, and 17 consider entering. See JoEllen for the schedule.

A special thank you goes out to our honorary member Steve McDonald. He was instrumental in making our Flower Show the success it was and he also has compiled this newsletter. Thank you Steve, for a job well done.



Grace Gay Underwater Design



Kay Parris Collage