

Chesapeake Garden Club Newsletter



Dates to Remember

March 2010

3rd Philadelphia Flower Show
Bus Trip through Green Street
Gardens

12th - District II Meeting
Bowie, Maryland

13th - Maryland Home & Garden
Show - 4H Building State Fair
Grounds in Timonium

16th- 10:00 a.m. CGC monthly
Meeting at Adams Ribs

23rd - Federation Garden Clubs
of Maryland 81st Annual Meeting
8:00 a.m. Turf Valley Country
Club.

27th - Moonflower Garden Club
Bus trip to Daffodil Festival,
Gloucester, Virginia

April 2010

1st - Tea at the National
Cathedral

8th-10th -London Town Daffodil
show - Edgewater, MD

8th - 11th Art Bloom at the
Walters

13th- 15th Gardening Study
School, Course III

20th - CGC Monthly Meeting
All Saints Church

20th - 21st - Maryland Daffodil
Society Flower Show

March 2010

Gardening for All Seasons

<http://www.chesapeakegardenclub.org>

Plantings from the President

Winter is slowly ending and I know you are looking forward to getting out in your gardens. It will be interesting to see what effect all this snow has on our plants. I'm hoping my boxwood or roof aren't too badly damaged from the weight of the snow!!!! By the time you read this some of you will have attended the Philadelphia Flower show that must have lifted your spirits!!!

Sybil mentioned that plans are set for our 52nd Birthday Celebration on March 16th. I wish I could join you but I will not be back in Maryland until mid April. I'll see you at our April meeting.

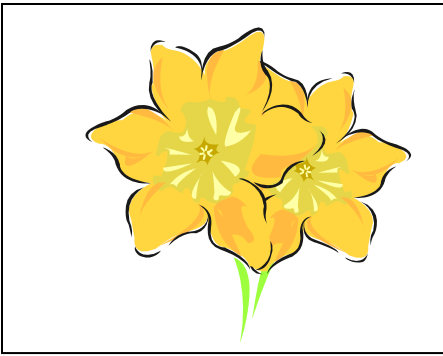
Our hosting of the President's meeting went well and I want to thank Sybil and Sande for taking on this responsibility while I've been away. Sylvia Deck and Sybil called to give me the good news that our club has won a Central Atlantic Region a 2nd place award for our Small Standard Flower Show Schedule "Our Golden Memories". Congratulations for this achievement it is very impressive.

Sybil also mentioned that we will have a good showing at the District and State meetings. It sounds like they will be fun events this year.

May your weeds be wildflowers,
JoEllen

Don't Forget

March begins our new year so bring your checkbook to the luncheon so you can pay your \$40 dues! I'll pass out the Yearbooks at our April meeting.



March Meeting

Program: 52nd Birthday Celebration
Adams Ribs Restaurant
March 16th - 10:00 a.m.
Please call Sybil for reservations.

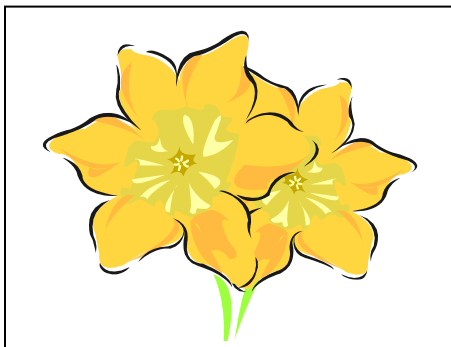
Trivia Question

What group of plants do not utilize light as a growing requirement?

(Answer this question and you may win a prize at the next meeting).

Flower of the Month

The Daffodil, a member of the Narcissus family, is the flower of March and a sure indication that spring is near. There are thousands of varieties which bloom in gardens as well as in forests and fields.



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY

By, Kay Parris

It may be that I covet those sunny days more after so much snow, or being house bound has sent me over the edge, but I would swear I see signs of spring all around. Like most nature lovers, this sets me to dreaming about all the bright flowers of summer. Then reality sets in and I know that it all costs money! One of the best means I know of for saving money on plants is to grow them from seed. It assures one of more plants at a reasonable price and the satisfaction can't be beat!

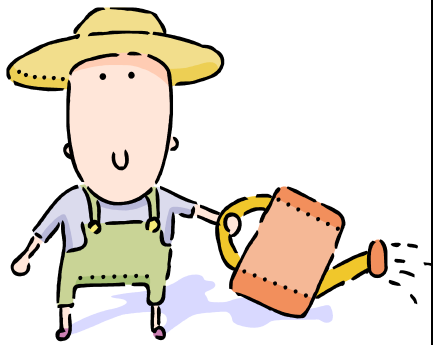
Don't let all of those fancy advertisements for growing devices intimidate you. Just start with the basics; a clean container, clean growing material and fresh seeds. I have started using small plant plugs made of peat or coir this year to great satisfaction. You can buy a box of about 35 for a couple of dollars and they will sit in just about any clean container.

Bakery or salad containers with clear tops will work and I have also just covered my containers with clear plastic wrap.

Another option is to use sterile seed starter that you can buy in a bag. Just remember, the big "no-no" is to use a medium that hasn't been sterilized. After planting and watering your seed and covering it, place your container in a warm area. A table above a floor vent is good and even better if you have a window nearby. Once the seeds have germinated, a bright light nearby will also help. Then add enough water to moisten the starter you are using. You can tell if you have added too much water by the amount of condensation on the top of your container. If it is dripping from the top, just remove the cover for a few hours and cover again. After your plants have sprouted, you can leave the cover off.

The biggest problem most gardeners have with starting seed is called "damp off". Sometimes it looks like mold and other times the tops of your sprouts disappear. That is why it's so important to use clean materials. People who are supposed to know, suggest a light sprinkle of ground cinnamon on the top of your seeds after planting, and the latest advice is to water your plants with diluted chamomile tea. I'll let you know whether or not it works, but in my book it can't hurt! Prayers, songs and love have also been known to be effective. Good luck with your new plants and remember "Every journey begins with one step."

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions, or bring your questions to the next meeting.



Garden Smarter Program

Presented by the Calvert County Master Gardeners

Meets ever Saturday morning at 10:00 at the Prince Frederick Library.

Upcoming Programs:

March 6th is Edible Landscaping
March 13th is Salad boxes and
April 10th will create a habitat.

The programs are free and very informative.

Time to hit the books:



Environmental Study Schools

May 5-6, 2009 Vienna, VA

COURSE I: Introduction to the study of environmentalism: field trip to Potomac Valley Native Plant Garden

Information: [Karen O'Meara](#),
703-281-4334 703-281-4334

Art Blooms At the Walters

April 08, 2010 - April 11, 2010

Time: 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

21st Art Blooms at the Walters Art Museum Fish, Fowl, Flowers: The Golden Age of Cloisonné

The Women's Committee sponsors this annual event that features regional garden clubs interpreting pieces of art in the museum. Thirty regional garden clubs will interpret objects from the Japanese Cloisonné exhibition. This 3 day event includes lectures and demonstrations by renowned floral designers, a preview party, and docent lead discussions in the galleries.

There is a \$10 admission fee to this event, to benefit the Walters Art Museum.

The preview party for this event will be held on April 8, 2010

For more information on the preview party, speakers, floral arranging demonstrations and other activities, visit www.wamwc.org or call 410-547-9000, ext. 305.

District 2 Meeting

The District II Annual Meeting hosted by Four Rivers Garden Club on March 12 at the Comfort Inn in Bowie The meeting will feature a club competition of terrariums and dish gardens made with recycled materials, a tambola basket auction, and a design program.

Program: Jane Redmon will present "Early Spring Sogetsu Designs," a demonstration of Ikebana floral artistry. Jane is a graduate of the Sogetsu School in Tokyo and an award winning teacher whose activities include many US and international seminars and shows.

Agenda: 9:00 - 9:45 am Registration and Coffee

10:00 - 11:45 Business Meeting

12:00 Luncheon

1:30 Program

3:00 Tambola basket raffles

Luncheon Menu: Crab Chowder, Chicken Caesar Salad, Brownie Sundae

Federation Meeting

Location: Turf Valley Country Club and Resort

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Schedule: Registration 8:00AM - noon

Vendor Shopping 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Optional Dried and Pressed Flowers Workshop 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Business Meeting and Awards Presentation 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Lunch and Demonstration Noon - 2:30 PM

Lunch Menu: Baked apple -and-almond-stuffed chicken breast with chef's choice of potato/ rice, vegetables and dessert.

A vegetarian option is available.

Program

'It's Lovely Springtime' demonstration with fresh and dried materials by Cathy Miller – 'The First Lady of Flowers'. Cathy is an acclaimed lecturer, designer, and former floral arranger for the White House

Speaker: Cathy Miller has been called 'The First Lady of Flowers and New Jersey's answer to Martha Stewart'. She is an avid gardener, lecturer, and author. A member of the Wyckoff Garden Club, Cathy shares her love for gardening with her love of family and her accomplishment as a concert pianist. Her 33 acre farm in upstate New York provides both the fresh flowers and space for her to dry the materials used in her arrangements. Photos of Cathy's floral creations and articles about her work have appeared in dozens of magazines, including

Family Circle, Better Homes and Gardens, Gardening and Outdoor Living, Victorian Homes, Bride's and Women's Day Special publications. She believes that creating dried flower arrangements for the White House is her greatest achievement. Her designs have adorned the White House for Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush.

More than 32 television appearances and radio interviews, and numerous lectures at the Philadelphia Flower Show are also to Cathy's credit. Her expertise, wit, charm, and anecdotal insight will provide much enjoyment at our 81st Annual Meeting.

Dried and Pressed Flowers Workshop:

Past District III Directors Nancy Eagan and Pat Pickett (Pat is a former FGCMMD President as well) will lead a lively, hands-on workshop of dried and pressed flower projects, ideal for Youth Gardening and Garden Therapy programs. All materials will be supplied. Projects include bookmarks, picture making, placemats, and taper and candle decoration. Participants will complete the projects on-site, taking with them the finished items. Written instructions, lesson plans for implementation with children and adults, and a complete resource list of all the materials and their costs will complete the take-home packet.

