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## CHESAPEAKE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

### GARDENING FOR ALL SEASONS JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2010

<http://www.chesapeakegardenclub.org>

#### Dates to Remember

- June 30<sup>th</sup> Flower and Greens show Meeting JoEllen's 10:00AM
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Flower and Greens show Meeting Dorrie's 10:00
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> -25 Art Blooms at Annmarie Garden
- **July 26<sup>th</sup> Chesapeake Garden Club Garden Tour**
- **August 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting JoEllen's 10:00**
- **September 21<sup>th</sup> Garden Club meeting All Saints Church 10:00**
- **September 23-25<sup>th</sup> Chesapeake Garden Club Standard Flower Show "A History of the Bible"**
- October 2 Maryland Youth Awareness Day Limited Enrollment Chairman Barb Small
- October 8 Chestertown Garden Club Standard Flower Show "Autumn Splendor" Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chestertown. MD
- **October 8 District II Semi-annual Meeting Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD**
- October 24-26 CAR Conference Ocean Place, Long Branch, NJ

#### Plantings From the President

I just want to take this opportunity to thank Sybil and George for opening their home to us for our annual picnic. It was a perfect setting and we all felt so comfortable we didn't want to leave.

We were able to accomplish a lot at our meeting and I really appreciated all the input from all the members.

The plant exchange was a huge success. I finally planted my plants before the hot weather hit.

Sybil and I attended the president's meeting in June and one of the clubs mentioned that they have email buddies for members who do not use computers. It sounded like a perfect idea for us. We assigned volunteers to our members who have the newsletter mailed to them. Now their email buddy will take care of mailing them the newsletter. They will also keep them up to date when emails are sent out. Saves us money in print and stamps!!

It was so good to see Kathy Trimble. She looks great and she is on the road to recovery from her heart condition.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at Dorrie's flower show workshops. We had so much fun last Monday as you can see by the pictures in this newsletter.

The next newsletter will be out in September. I will be sending updates via email so check your email at least twice a week. That way you won't get so swamped by all the spam and jokes that get old!!!

May your weeds be wildflowers,

*JoEllen*

## Newsletter Report

For those of you who were not at the meeting we will be publishing our newsletter quarterly rather than monthly. It was suggested that a different member write it each quarter. I volunteered to do it this month but we need a volunteer for October 2010 and April 2011. Carol Hayden will do the January 2011 edition. We also will be emailing the minutes from each meeting so members can keep up with the happenings of the club. If you have any information that needs to go into the newsletter such as committee reports, flower and greens show info, gardening tips, upcoming trips, birds, etc. please get the information to the person at least 2 weeks in advance.



Here is a website where you can search for a plant by its common or botanical name.

<http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/>

## Flower Show Report Dorrie McDonald

Sande and I been working hard to get everything organized for the show. We had a great time at our first workshop (see the pictures) two more are scheduled. Please try to make one or both they are very important to the success of our show. We will meet on June 30th at 10:00 at JoEllen's and on July 14th at 10:00 at my house (Dorrie). The June 30th meeting will focus on underwater and plaque designs and labeling horticulture. If you have some specimens that you will be entering bring them so we can discuss how to label them. The July 14th meeting will focus on Collage and Panel designs and horticulture. Some of the designs call for dried flowers so please start harvesting

and drying some of your plants for yourself or some of our members.

Everyone was assigned an entry number that will be used as your identifying number during the flower show see Sande or JoEllen for those numbers. JoEllen and I have copies of the schedule if you did not receive one yet. JoEllen will be emailing a copy of the schedule to everyone. We are encouraging everyone to enter something in the show. Thank you for all your support. D.M.



## Holiday Greens Show Report Marybeth Krovisky

Location: St. Anthony's Church  
Hall North Beach, MD

Date: December 4, 2010

Theme: *Christmas Made Easy  
and Elegant*

Demonstrators: Vicky Trego and Sylvia Deck (possibly Linda Masland)  
Demonstrations will range from easy to complex and recognize modern time constraints and range of skill level of attendees.

Planning Meeting: June 30<sup>th</sup> planning meeting to establish chairpersons and initial work plan. The meeting will run concurrently with the flower show meeting at JoEllen's house.

Other recommendations:

- Build on prior Greens Show experiences and budget (see 2009 detailed Greens Show Report and draft budget)
- Keep expenses to a minimum (zero need to print tickets, inventory current supplies, limit color choices of ribbons, supplies)
- Allow two days for creating centerpieces

## Chesapeake Garden Club Garden Tour

We will be holding our annual garden tour on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The gardens of Rosanna, Kay, and Susan will be visited. Let's plan on meeting at **St. Anthony's Parking lot in North Beach at 9:30 to form carpools.** We can go on to Rosanna's and Kay's then Susan's. If anyone would like to, we can stop for lunch in the beach area when we are done.

## Art Blooms at Annmarie Gardens

"Green – Art with the earth in Mind"  
The show will be an interpretation of art by floral designs created by designers from the Washington Metropolitan area. Dorrie, Patti, Peggy, JoEllen, and Marybeth are among the designers from our club.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> preview night will be from 7pm – 9pm. Ticket prices are \$30 per person and include hot/cold hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and potentially, a little night music. Proceeds from the event benefit the new "Children's Discovery Area" at Annmarie Garden.

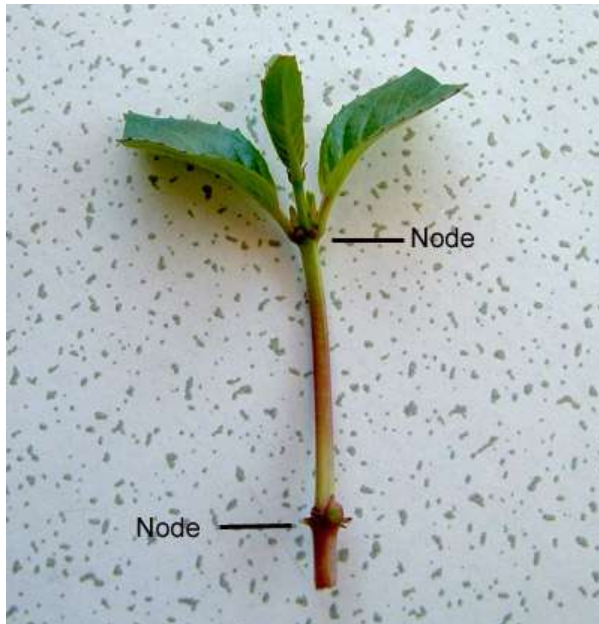
July 23 -July 25<sup>th</sup> exhibit open to the public.

## District 2 News

- Mark your calendars for the District 2 Semi Annual meeting October 8 Bowie Comfort Inn
- District 2 will be raffling Statuary at the October Meeting. Raffle Tickets for the Fundraiser may be purchased at our next club meeting. 1 ticket \$5 and 3 tickets \$10 see JoEllen for tickets.
- Flower Show School Course 1 April 26-27-28-29, 2011 Bowie Comfort Inn see Sande for information.

## May and June Library Displays Prince Frederick Library





## How to Make Softwood Cuttings

*Written by Doris Crowell, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.*

Several kinds of desirable plants can be started from softwood cuttings taken between mid-June and mid-July. These include evergreen azaleas, roses, deciduous magnolias, forsythia, viburnum, English Ivy, Pyracantha, abelia, privet, mock orange and butterfly bush.

A softwood cutting is one taken from new growth. New growth roots quicker than older root growth usually in 8 to 10 weeks. A fast rooting process is vital to a cutting's survival since it can only live a limited time without roots. Plenty of moisture is also essential if the cutting is to survive. When the air around the cutting is moist, the leaves give off much less moisture, thus reducing the chances of wilting. It is possible to create a miniature greenhouse by enclosing the potted cutting in polyethylene plastic. Plant the cutting in a pot and completely enclose the pot with plastic.

Since the plastic is permeable to air and impermeable to water vapor, carbon dioxide and oxygen can flow in and out, and water vapor can be retained inside the plastic.

For small lots of cuttings, use clean clay pots of about 6" in diameter. Each pot should hold about 6 cuttings. A good mixture for rooting the cuttings is 1 part sphagnum peat, 1 part clean sand, and 1 part vermiculite or perlite. Early morning is the best time to take cuttings.

With a sharp knife, make the cut about 1/4" below a node (the junction of a leaf and stem). Remove the lower leaves, leaving two or three at the top. Cuttings should be planted immediately, but they can be stored for a few days in a slightly moist plastic bag in the refrigerator. A hormone can be used to speed rooting, - Rootone or Hormodin. In about eight weeks, check the cuttings to see if they are rooted. When roots are about one inch long, the cuttings can be planted in individual pots or in the garden outdoors. Shade them for a week or two after transplanting to help them become established. Don't forget to keep them watered!



**May Baskets with Vicki and Marybeth**