

How do I join?

Send dues of \$10.00 per household to:

Beltsville Garden Club
P.O. Box 1953
Beltsville, MD 20704-1953

Include:

Name(s)

Address

Telephone number

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Are you interested in being a vendor?

BGC Plant Sales 2009

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Saturday, April 11

Saturday, May 9

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All sales start at 8:00 AM

Rain or Shine!

High Point High School

Parking Lot

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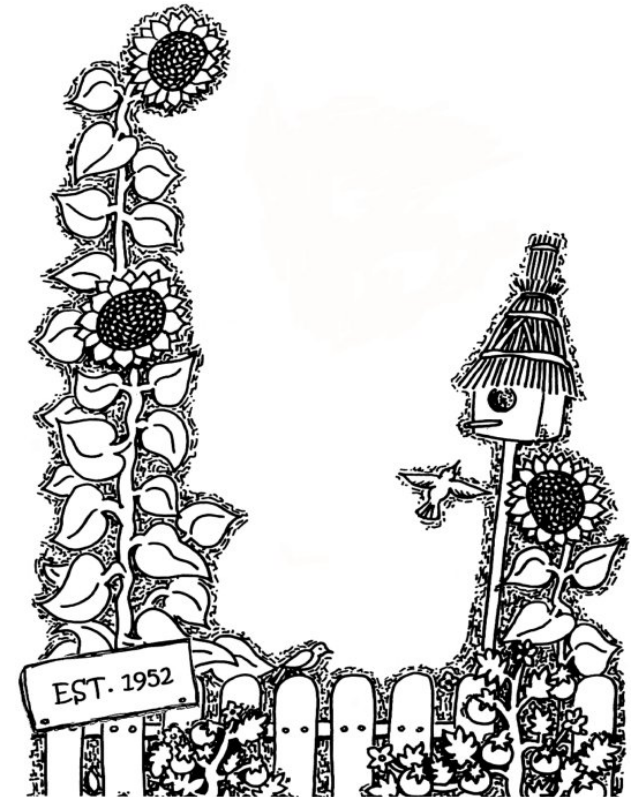
Field Trip to Maymont Mansion & Gardens - Richmond, VA (Thursday, May 14)

Join us for a guided tour of Maymont Mansion and Gardens. We will visit a 100-acre Victorian estate that exemplifies the Gilded Age for its luxury and opulence. Featured are a formal Italian Garden, a traditional Japanese Garden, a fragrant Herb Garden and an Arboretum, in addition to specialty trees, plants and waterfalls. Horticulturist led tour of the garden, guided tour of the mansion and box lunch included in cost. Contact salange1940@yahoo.com for more information.

For additional information, visit:

www.beltsvillegardenclub.org

General meetings (see BGC 2009 Program) are held at Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD 20705



BGC History/Purpose

The Beltsville Garden Club was founded in 1952 by a group of individuals primarily from the USDA. There are currently over 200 members who are from the Beltsville area and adjacent cities. The purpose of the BGC is to promote the gardening interests of its members and to increase their knowledge of horticulture through regular meetings and occasional field trips.

Special Activities

The club conducts two popular plant sales (April and May) each year at Duckworth School where a large variety of member-grown perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, vegetables and houseplants are available at a reasonable cost. These sales are open to the public and have enjoyed continued and growing success. The club members operate a fully equipped greenhouse at the Duckworth School. The proceeds from the sale of the plants grown there are donated to the school. A scholarship program has also been established with the U. of MD in which member donations support students in the horticultural sciences. In addition to the monthly meeting lectures, we hold tours of public or private gardens in the spring, a Peach Festival (potluck luncheon) in late summer, and a holiday potluck dinner held in early December.

BGC 2009 Program

Jan 28	Rescheduled for Sept 23
Feb 25	"Rain Gardens" Meo Curtis – Manager Montgomery County Stormwater Permit Coordinator
Mar 25	"Green Roofs and Walls" Lisa Delplace, ASLS – Principal & CEO, Oehme, Van Sweden (Ovs), Washington, DC
Apr 11	Plant Sale
Apr 22	"How Low Diversity and Invasives Conspire to Destroy the Landscape" Michael Raupp, Phd – Professor & Extension Specialist, Department of Entomology, University of MD
May 9	Plant Sale
May 14	Trip to Maymount Mansion & Gardens – Richmond, VA
May 20	"Heritage Roses Plus" Nick Weber – 600 – 700 varieties of roses in his 5.5 acre garden
Aug	Peach Festival – Exact date & location to be determined
Sep 23	"Small Trees and Large Shrubs for Urban Yards" Kathy Jentz – Editor & Publisher "Washington Gardener" Magazine
Oct 28	TBA
Dec	Holiday Dinner

Meetings

Regular meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday in the months of January, February, March, April, May, September and October at 7:30 p.m. at the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD (Evans Trail is east of High Point H.S. and 2 blocks W of I95, off Powder Mill Rd.). Meetings generally include a brief club update, a lecture by a guest speaker, door prizes, and a social with refreshments. Attendees may submit gardening questions which are addressed by the members present, some of whom are professional horticulturists, nursery professionals or landscapers. Meetings last approximately an hour and a half.

Membership

Anyone interested in gardening can join the club by paying annual dues of \$10.00 per household. Club members receive a monthly newsletter that outlines the program for the monthly meeting, general club activities, and other information of value to its members. The newsletter is distributed by e-mail or by mail upon request. Members are invited to participate as vendors in the two plant sales (one each in April & May) that the club holds each year.