



Beltsville Garden Club Newsletter

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Two BGC Programs Re-Scheduled

The January program speaker, Kathy Jentz, editor, *Washington Gardener Magazine*, will re-schedule her talk on *Small Trees and Large Shrubs for Urban Gardens* for the October 28 general meeting. Nick Weber is re-scheduled to speak on *Heritage Roses Plus* at the May meeting—**to be held on the third Wednesday of the month—May 20.**

Weber also will host a tour of his garden containing over 700 varieties of roses over the Memorial Day week-end. More details on this special event will be included in the March newsletter.

Rototiller For Sale

The estate of the late Bob Stewart, a long time BGC member, donated a Sears Craftsman 5 hp rototiller to the club. BGC had the machine refurbished and it is in excellent working condition. It is being offered to club members for \$400. If it is not sold within the next month, it will be offered for sale on Craig's List. Anyone interested in more information about purchasing this rototiller should contact Bob Pechacek at 301-384-2415 or e-mail at rpechacek@comcast.net

BGC General Meetings Cancelled When County Schools Are Closed

If snow, ice or other inclement weather causes public schools to close on the day of the BGC general meeting, the meeting is then cancelled for that month.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD. Our speaker for this month is Meo Curtis. The topic will be **Montgomery County's Rainscapes Program.**

Ms Curtis is one of the founders, and is now the manager, of the county's Rainscapes Program. She will focus on techniques to encourage property owners to use practices that reduce storm water runoff, conserve water, and create beneficial wildlife habitats.

Please join us to hear this informative speaker. As always, we have plants and horticulture-related materials for our door prize table and refreshments after the meeting.

February Hospitality

The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments to the February 28, 2009 meeting:

Sweets

Bill Koppes, Nita Nabors, Susan Burge, Elizabeth Ogden.

Savory

Elaine Jones, Marcy Marinelli

Centerpiece: Joan Simons.

Additional contributions are always welcomed.

**BELTSVILLE
GARDEN CLUB
2009-2010**

The Beltsville Garden Club is a not-for-profit organization designed to promote gardening interests of its members, increase their knowledge of horticulture, add to their enjoyment of gardening, and to encourage ornamental planting by individuals, community and business groups.

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**BELTSVILLE GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

It's that time again! Annual dues of \$10.00/year per household are due as of September 1, 2008 for the membership year September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.

Please make the check out to the **Beltsville Garden Club** and mail your renewal to:

Beltsville Garden Club

P.O. Box 1953

Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1953

Name: _____

Partner's Name _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in serving the club in the following capacity: (Please check all the apply)

_____ Executive Board (secretary, treasurer, VP, President)

_____ Newsletter (editor, mailing)

_____ Hospitality (set up, clean up, refreshments)

_____ Greenhouse Committee _____ Publicity

_____ Plant Sales _____ Membership

Dues payment enclosed: _____

BGC Scholarship Fund

Consider donating to the BGC Scholarship Fund 2009 for the benefit of a University of Maryland student in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Scholarship donation enclosed: _____

Garden Events

Feb. 21 & 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Ikenobo & Ikebana Exhibit. Visitors Center. Brookside Gardens. Wheaton.

Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Green Matters Symposium. Brookside Gardens. Wheaton. Registration required. 301-962-1470.

Feb. 28 & Mar. 1., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Orchid Club Exhibit, Visitor's Center, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton.

Feb. 28, 1 p.m. Talk on orchids by Carol Allen. Behnke's Nurseries, Beltsville. Registration required. Call 301-937-1100.

Now thru April 27. Natural History Museum, Washington, D.C. 15th Annual Orchid Show. Theme: Orchids Through Darwin's Eyes. Free.

March 1-8 Philadelphia Flower Show. Convention Center Theme: "Bella Italia". Top landscape and floral designers expand on the Italian theme with gardens and creations that weave in the Italian lifestyles. Ticket information & schedules at www.theflowershow.com. Bus tours available from Brookside Gardens and Washington Gardener magazine.

Spring Trip to Maymont Mansion & Gardens, Richmond, on May 14

Join BGC members on Thursday, May 14, for a special tour to Maymont Mansion and Gardens. *Washington Gardener* magazine described Maymont as a fairy tale mansion with luxurious landscapes highlighted by a classical, formal Italian garden. Located on 100 acres in Richmond, VA, there are rose arbors, bowers, specimen trees, a cave grotto, an ornamental lawn, herb garden and a native Virginia garden. There is also a Japanese Garden, an Arboretum and Nature and Visitor Center.

The Romanesque Revival-style mansion was built in 1886. It has 33 rooms and features a Swan Bed, 15 foot Tiffany windows, and many treasures of the Gilded Age. Tour includes the behind-the-scenes areas where the skilled domestic staff worked as well as the grandeur upstairs rooms.

Trip cost includes a horticulturist-led walking tour of the gardens, guided tour of the mansion, box lunch and transportation. Bus departs from the Calverton Shopping Center, Beltsville, at 7:30 a.m. and returns to Beltsville by 6:30 p.m. For information, call Sandy Lange at 301-474-1402 or e-mail at salange1940@yahoo.com.

Reservation Form for BGC Spring Trip to Maymont Mansion & Gardens Thursday, May 14, 2009

Name(s) _____

e-mail address _____ Phone #: _____

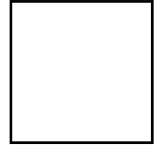
Number of people at \$68.00 _____ Total: \$ _____

Mail form and check, payable to Beltsville Garden Club, to Sandra Lange,
12 Pinecrest Court, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Reservations must be received by May 7, 2009.

Cost of tour includes transportation in a comfortable, air conditioned 47-passenger bus with bathroom, a horticulturist-led tour of the gardens, tour of the opulent Victorian style mansion, and a box lunch.

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Duckworth Entrance Beautification

This spring BGC will partner with Duckworth to beautify the front entrance to the school. This unique collaboration links the school, BGC, our BGC-UM Scholarship awardee, Robin Chowdhury, and Duckworth's community partners who will team up to make the front entrance more welcoming.

Robin Chowdhury has agreed to create a design plan. The club will supply plant materials and help with installation. Removal of the rotting landscape timbers and digging out the overgrown shrubbery will be done by the school's community partners. We hope to start in mid-late April. The principal, Ms. Sabatos, wants a low-maintenance garden with butterfly bushes, grasses, and plants that will attract bees and butterflies. As you thin plants this spring, consider donating some of your extra plant materials to the school.

BGC Calendar of Events

- Wed. 2/25/09 February General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Duckworth School, Rain Gardens, Meo Curtis
- Wed., 3/4/09 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm., Lange residence, Greenbelt
- Wed., 3/25/09 General Meeting, 7:30 pm., Green Roofs & Walls, Lisa Delplace
- Wed., 4/1/09, Executive Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Pechacek residence, Silver Spring
- Sat., 4/11/09, Spring Plant Sale, High Point
- Wed., 4/22/09, General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., How Low Diversity & Invasives Conspire to Destroy the Landscape, Michael Raupp, PhD
- Wed., 5/6/09 Executive Meeting, 7:30 p.m., DeJames residence, Silver Spring
- Sat., 5/9/09 Plant Sale, High Point
- Thurs., 5/14/09 Tour to Maymont, Richmond
- Wed., 5/20/09, Heritage Roses Plus, Nick Weber; tour his garden May 23, 24, 25