

Beltsville Garden Club Newsletter

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Club Joins Behnke's at Senior Expo

BGC will sponsor an information table and sell plants from our greenhouse at the Behnke Nurseries *Senior Expo: Healthy, Smart, Green & Growing* on Friday, March 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Expo will highlight the advantages of a healthy, green lifestyle. Experts and organizations in the field of nutrition, fitness, environment, and aging will be in attendance. Door prizes and gift bags will be distributed. Lunch is available for registered seniors. *To register, call (240) 473-6709.* The Expo is hosted in partnership with the Maryland Dept. of Aging and Prince George's County Dept. of Family Services.

Greenhouse Committee Report

BGC sold plants at the U. of MD Catholic Student Center this year. Students appreciate the chance to select plants for their rooms, or for a friend.

The Nature Walk project continues this spring. We invite BGC members to meet at the Duckworth School on March 28 at 9 a.m. to remove trash and honeysuckle from the woods.

Our April plant sale will be on the Saturday preceding Easter. We will load the plants on Thursday afternoon since the Duckworth school will be closed on Friday. We need vehicles to take the plants to High Point H.S. at 7 a.m. on Saturday. If you have a pick-up truck (particularly one that has an enclosed truck bed) we could use your help. Call Bill Koppes (301-434-6380), Bob Pechacek (301-384-2415) or Marcy Marinelli (301-937-3683) if you can help out.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The Beltsville Garden Club general meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. Lisa E. Delplace will speak on **GREENROOFS AND GREENWALLS**. She will discuss current trends and innovations.

Landscape architect Lisa Delplace is a principal and CEO of Oehme, van Sweden (OvS) in Washington, D.C. Her work increasingly focuses on roof terraces, green roofs, and vertical green screens for urban developments. She is overseeing work at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill. and recently completed two U.S. Embassy sites in Southeast Asia. She is past president of the Potomac Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

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

March Hospitality

The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments to the March 25 meeting:

Sweets: Becky Pease, Bill Koppes, Nancy Perkins, Mary Washington

Non-sweets: Katherine Fitzgerald, Sue Shawhan; cranberry juice: Louise DeJames

Centerpiece: Doug Bolt

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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Submissions to the newsletter are due by the second Wednesday of the month and should be submitted to the editor at 12 Pinecrest Court, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or by e-mail salange1940@yahoo.com.

Garden Events

Sat, & Sun., March 14 & 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Orchid Festival, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton.

Sat., March 14. 10 a.m. Body Mechanics for Kitchen Gardens. 12 noon. Vegetable Gardening for Children. Behnke Nurseries. Beltsville. Registration requested. Call 301-937-1100.

Wed., March 18, 7-8:30 p.m. Environmental Film Festival, *Aigoual, The Forest Found.* Film about a mountain in France devastated by misuse in the late 1800s. U.S. Arboretum. Free. Register at 202-245-4521.

Sat., March 21. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Camellia Sale. Brookside Gardens, Wheaton.

Sat., March 21., Talks at Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville. At 11 a.m., Crazy Plants for Crazy Gardeners with Allan Armitage. Includes book signing. **At 2 p.m., Straw Bale & Green Roofs: Using Plant Materials in Greenbuilding.**

Sun., March 22, 12 noon. Smoked Tomato Demo, Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville.

Fri., March 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Senior Expo. Behnke Nurseries. Beltsville.

Sat., March 28, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lahr Native Plant Symposium & Plant Sale. U.S. National Arboretum. Fee for symposium. To register call 202-245-4521.

Sat., April 11, 8 a.m.-noon, BGC Plant Sale, High Point High School, Beltsville.

Sun., April 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Green Expo: What's New & What You Can Do. Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville.

To April 26, 15th Annual Orchid Show: Orchids through Darwin's Eyes at the Smithsonian Natural History Museum. Ongoing, U. S. Botanic Gardens, exhibit on Hawaii shows rare and endangered plants.

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Duckworth Front Entrance Beautification

The club will be working with the Duckworth staff and some of their community partners this spring to beautify the front entrance of the school. Catherine Sabatos, Duckworth's principal, wants to create a butterfly garden at the front of the school. If you have any plants that you would like to donate to the project, please contact Marcy Marinelli, BGC President. Volunteers will be needed to help with planting in April. More details will follow.

Plant Tips

Some plants repel pests. Plant marigolds and garlic in your vegetable garden. Nasturtiums attract aphids and can be used as a decoy if planted well away from the vegetables.

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

Reservations are filling up for the BGC spring trip on May 14, to Maymont Mansion and Gardens in Richmond, VA. *Washington Gardener* magazine described Maymont as a fairy tale mansion with luxurious landscapes highlighted by a classical, formal Italian garden. There are 100 acres filled with rose arbors, specimen trees, a cave grotto, an ornamental lawn, herb garden, a native Virginia garden, a Japanese garden, an Arboretum 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. Visitors will also see the behind-the-scenes areas where the skilled domestic staff worked.

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. Complete the form below and mail it today to join this very special garden tour.

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

Name(s) _____

e-mail address _____ Phone #: _____

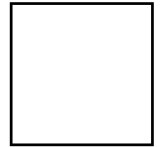
Number of people at \$68.00 _____ Total: \$ _____

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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BGC
Spring Plant Sale

Saturday

April 11

8 a.m. - Noon

High Point High School

BGC Calendar of Events

- 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, BGC Plant Sale, High Point**
- Wed., 4/22/09, General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
*Lack of Diversity & Invasive Plants
Can 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 BGC Plant Sale, High Point**
- Thurs., 5/14/09 Tour to Maymont, Richmond
- Wed., 5/20/09, Heritage Roses Plus**, Nick
Weber; tour his garden on Memorial Day
week-end. More details in the next
newsletter