



# *Beltsville Garden Club Newsletter*

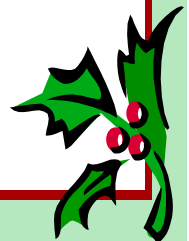
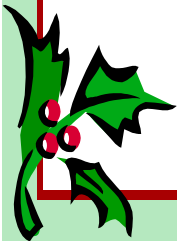
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*You are cordially invited to the  
Beltsville Garden Club Holiday Pot Luck Supper  
Wednesday, December 6, 2006  
7:00 pm  
Duckworth School Multipurpose Room*

*Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert large  
enough to share with 8-10 people. The club will  
provide appetizers, ham, chicken, and rolls, as  
well as paper goods, utensils, soda and coffee.*

*Your donated holiday centerpiece, as well as Poin-  
settias, will be raffled off at the end of the supper.*



## **Desperately Seeking Newsletter Editor!!**

BGC is looking for someone to take over the position as Newsletter Editor. The current editor has been on the job for five years and is looking for a well-deserved break! The position requires about 10 hours each month for attending the Executive Meeting, writing the newsletter, taking it to the Printer, and mailing. You should have familiarity with Microsoft Publisher. It's a terrific way to learn more about the club and its history. For more information, contact Marcy Marinelli, 301-937-3683 or at [talkdoc52@msn.com](mailto:talkdoc52@msn.com)

## **BELTSVILLE GARDEN CLUB 2006**

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 12217 Castle Pines Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705 or by e-mail.

## **Hospitality**

A special thanks goes to outgoing Hospitality Chair, Martina Lydon, for all her hard work these past two years. New hospitality chairs for 2007 will be Joan Simons and Anna Ubeda.

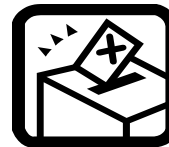
## **Nominating Committee**

Sue Shawhan presented the slate of nominations for BGC officers for 2007 at the October general meeting. Sandy Lange has been nominated for president. Joe Burge has agreed to continue as Vice President. Bob Pechacek has also agreed to continue as Treasurer. The one office for which we do not have a nomination is Secretary. This position is responsible for keeping official club minutes and requires attendance at eight BGC Executive Board meetings.

Please consider involvement in the leadership of the club if you are so inclined. It is a great way to make friends and contribute to the continued growth of Beltsville Garden Club!

If you would like to be nominated for Secretary, please contact Sue Shawhan at 301-434-6666. A special thanks to Sue and her nominating committee, Sue Koppes and Lori Snyder, for their work in coming up with the slate of nominations.

We will vote on the slate of officers at the December Holiday Party.



## **Scholarship Update**

Thanks to everyone who bought a raffle ticket at the October meeting. We were able to raise \$86 for the Scholarship Fund and several club members left with some lovely arrangements courtesy of our speaker, Roseanne Davis.

## Roadside Pick Up

On Saturday, October 28, our intrepid crew of Sue Shawhan, Joan Simons, Bill Koppes and Geoff White, braved the elements and tackled the club's stretch of Powder Mill Road for our semi-annual trash pick up. By the time of the pick up the rain had stopped and the conditions were almost acceptable for picking up trash. The group collected 6 bags of trash and one bag of recyclables that Joan took. The group tried a new technique this time. They used a plastic insert in the trash bags that greatly facilitated the process of loading the bags. After about an hour and 15 minutes, our stretch of Powder Mill Road was in good shape and the crew retired to McDonald's for breakfast and coffee. A special thanks to Sue Shawhan for arranging the complimentary breakfast from McDonald's. And thanks to McDonald's for their generosity. All the crew members earned a Priority Door Prize ticket that they can use between now and December 2007. When it comes time to do the door prizes at the meetings, these members can have first choice of door prizes. In addition to the trash and recyclables, the crew found one Toyota wheelcover, slightly damaged but usable. If you're looking for a replacement wheelcover, let Geoff know.

## Gifts for Gardeners

As you ponder what to get your favorite gardener this holiday season, why not create a gift basket with a variety of gardening treats. The flower garden gift basket could include peat pots, MiracleGrow, flower seeds, potting mix, a new trowel and gardening gloves. Or create a birdlover's basket with different types of birdseed, a cute birdhouse or hummingbird feeder. Finally, check out some of the terrific gardening books that are available at our local bookstores and at local garden centers. Your favorite gardener will thank you!

## Dues Renewal Coming Soon

It will soon be time to renew your Beltsville Garden Club dues for 2007. The January newsletter will include a membership form that you can either return to the club post office box or bring to the January meeting. The club dues will again be \$7.00 per year per family. We have been able to keep from raising our dues these past few years. BGC continues to be a great value. Where else can you get interesting meeting topics, great deals on plants, and terrific food and fellowship? Spread the word about Beltsville Garden Club—the best bargain in town for the serious gardener!

## Holiday Happenings

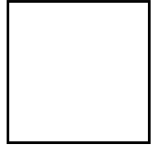
Brookside Gardens will be celebrating its tenth annual Garden of Lights from November 18 through January 7. This illuminated outdoor winter garden has over 600,000 lights that depict a variety of animals, plants and fountains. Hours for the winter garden walk are 5:30-9:00 pm. Between December 2 and January 7 the conservatories will be hosting an indoor light show. Cost is \$15 per carload cash on entrance.

## Centerpieces for Holiday Party

After our October meeting when Roseann Davis gave us terrific tips on how to create holiday centerpieces we should all be ready to try out our skills. As is our tradition, members bring centerpieces for the holiday party that are then used as door prizes for that night. Let your creative talents loose! The club will also have poinsettias as decorations and door prizes that night. Share your talents with your fellow club members.



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**Happy Holidays to all  
our Beltsville Garden  
Club Members**

**From the Executive  
Committee**



### **BGC Calendar of Events**

- Wed. 12/6/06 Holiday Party, 7:00 pm  
Duckworth School
- Wed. 1/10/07 Executive Meeting & Dinner,  
7:00 pm, Home of Dan and Marcy  
Marinelli
- Wed. 1/24/07 January General Meeting, 7:30  
pm, Duckworth School, Cactus, Bob  
Stewart
- Wed. 2/7/07 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Location TBA
- Wed. 2/28/07 February General Meeting, 7:30  
pm, Duckworth School, Speaker TBA
- Wed. 3/7/07 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Location TBA
- Wed. 3/28/07 March General Meeting, 7:30  
Pm, Duckworth School, Speaker TBA