



Beltsville Garden Club Newsletter

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January General Meeting

Ring in another year of informative gardening topics by attending the Beltsville Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, January 24th, 2007 at 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, Maryland.

Our speaker for this month will be Bob Stewart whose topic will be Cacti and other Succulents. Bob is a long-time member of BGC and has the honor of being the only living charter member of the Beltsville Garden Club. He has a wealth of knowledge about many gardening topics and has shared his gardening experiences and thoughts with us in the past. Born in Washington, DC, Bob planted his first garden at age 14. After serving in the US Army for 3 years during the Vietnam War, Bob returned and earned BS and MS degrees in ornamental horticulture from the University of Maryland. Bob has worked with MNCPPC as well as the University of Maryland, where he served as a Horticultural Extension Educator for many years. He retired from the University in 2003, but still finds time to teach classes in the Master Gardener Program. His 35 year interest in cacti and succulents has resulted in a collection of over 300 potted plants that he keeps on a 3-acre plot in Charles County.

Please join us for this informative speaker. We will have plants for the door prize table, and refreshments following the speaker. Bring a friend and introduce them to BGC.

Time to Renew Your BGC Dues

January is the start of the dues year for BGC. Now is the time to renew your membership for 2007. The cost for dues is still \$7 per family per year. Paid up members receive the club newsletter and are eligible to be vendors at our plant sales. In addition, members can attend all the club social events such as the Peach Festival and the holiday party.

A membership form is included in this newsletter. You can complete the form and return it with your check at the January meeting or mail it to the club's Post Office box (Box 1951, Beltsville, MD, 20704-1951). According to the club's by-laws, individuals who have not renewed membership by February will be removed from the club's member rolls as of March of each year.

Inclement Weather Policy

Although it hasn't really felt like winter, it is inevitable that old man winter will show his face at some point between now and April. In the event that Prince George's County Schools are closed, dismiss early, or cancel evening activities on a day that we have a meeting, the club will not meet. If in doubt, feel free to contact any executive board member or check the club website.



BELTSVILLE GARDEN CLUB 2007

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.

BGC Scholarship Recipient

Our BGC Scholarship recipient for 2006-2007 is Ms. Susan Sinclair, a senior landscape management major at the University of Maryland. Due to the success of our plant sales and the generosity of our members, we have been able to increase our scholarship to \$1000 per year. This is vital during these days of ever-increasing college costs.

The club received a thank you letter from Ms. Sinclair, who is from Charlotte Hall, MD. She is scheduled to graduate from the University in December, 2007. She writes that she is eager to start her career in the landscaping field "in order to continue beautifying the land."

Friends of Brookside Garden Silent Auction

On Saturday 25, 2007 from 1-4 pm, the Friends of Brookside Garden will be holding a Silent Auction. Proceeds from the silent auction will go towards the Brookside Gardens Master Plan, Phase One, which involves upgrading the entrance on Glenallen Drive. Items available for auction will include restaurant meals, theater tickets, original artwork and photographs, gardening related items, professional services, gift baskets, vacations escapes and much, much more. Bidding will end at 3:15 pm with the winning bids announced as soon as possible. The successful bidder must be present to claim their items. Questions? Contact Madeleine Carmichael or Margie Richards, co-chairs, at fobg_auction@msn.com or at 301-962-1436.

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to outgoing Hospitality Chair, Martina Lydon, for all her hard work these past years. We welcome new Hospitality co-chairs, Joan Simons and Anna Ubeda.

Joan and Anna would like to remind the following members that they volunteered to provide refreshments for our January meeting: Geoff White, Nancy Nickell, Louise DeJames, Bill Koppes, and Charlotte Schomburg signed up to bring sweets; Mike Bordelon and Emily Bair volunteered to bring non-sweets; Bob Trumbule volunteered to bring drinks; and Helmut Jaenhigan volunteered to bring the centerpiece. Questions?? Contact Joan or Anna (numbers in column to the left). Thanks everyone!

Greenhouse News

By Bill Koppes

The courtyard storage unit for pots was fitted with a roof in November. Thanks to Dan Marinelli, Geoff White, Joe Burge, and Ernest Davis for doing the heavy lifting. Ernest, together with the other custodians, Jesse Townsend and Ingrid Rodriguez, are very helpful to us. They take time from their duties to find things for us and are patient with our frequent interruptions of their work as we buzz to get in the building at night.

Our remaining storage project is to provide a stockade fence sight barrier for our bag items like Perlite and Peat Moss. The thermo-stated roof vent is in need of some maintenance before warm weather arrives. The motor is currently fully opening only $\frac{3}{4}$ of the vent.

We do find some time to work on plants. We should have a nice selection of succulents and cacti for sale at the next meeting, the subject of which is these types of plants.



Electronic Newsletter

Did you know that you can have your newsletter sent to you via e-mail? By sending our newsletter via e-mail, we are able to save the club money in printing and postage costs. But most importantly, our electronic newsletter recipients are the first to get the latest edition of the BGC Newsletter.

If you are interested in receiving your newsletter via e-mail, please contact John Lydon at j.lydon@verizon.net, or by phone at 301-595-1066.

Garden Events

Thanks to Bill Koppes for sending the following events of interest to gardeners:

JAN. 24. Invasive Plants Workshop. U.S. National Arboretum. Washington, DC. (202) 245-2726. <http://www.usna.usda.gov>

JAN. 25-FEB. 22. Landscape Design for Homeowners. Workshop. United States Botanic Garden. Washington, DC. 202-225-8333. <http://www.usbg.gov>.

FEB. 2. Today's Horticulture. Symposium. Longwood Gardens hosted by the Professional Gardener Alumni Association. Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. (610) 388-1000 ext. 507. <http://www.longwoodgardens.org/Symposia.html>.

FEB. 3. Trees and Shrubs of Winter. Class. Green Spring Gardens. Alexandria, Virginia. (703) 642-5173. <http://www.greenspring.org>.

FEB. 6 & 7. New Directions in the American Landscape: Nature's Unseen Influences and the Art of Garden Design. Symposium. Morris Arboretum and Arboretum Villanova. Villanova, Pennsylvania. (215) 247-5777. <http://www.upenn.edu/arboretum>.

FEB. 10. Multiplying Plants: Pieces of Green Spring. Workshop. Green Spring Gardens. Alexandria, Virginia. (703) 642-5173. <http://www.greenspring.org>.

FEB. 16. Rare and Endangered Plants. Tour. United States Botanic Garden. Washington, DC. (202) 225-1116. <http://www.usbg.gov>.

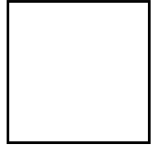
FEB. 21. Help for the Home Gardener: Spicing Up Your Garden with Native Wildflowers. Lecture. Delaware Center for Horticulture. Wilmington, Delaware. (302) 658-6262. <http://www.dehort.org>.

FEB. 22-25. Capital Home & Garden Show. Chantilly, Virginia. (800) 274-6948. <http://www.CapitalHomeShow.com>.

NEW OFFICERS

At the holiday party in December, new officers for 2007 were elected. Our new President is Sandy Lange, Vice President is Joe Burge, Secretary is Bob Trumbule, and Bob Pechacek is Treasurer. All the contact information for club officers and committee chairs is included on page 2 of this

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***It's time to renew
your BGC Dues!***

***Don't miss out on the
newsletter and infor-
mation on upcoming
events!!***

***Renewal information
enclosed.***

BGC Calendar of Events

- Wed. 1/24/07 January General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Duckworth School, Cactus, Bob Stewart
- Wed. 2/7/07 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm Home of Geoff White
- Wed. 2/28/07 February General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Duckworth School, Bob Howell, Chrysanthemums
- Wed. 3/7/07 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm Home of Bill & Sue Koppes
- Wed. 3/28/07 March General Meeting, 7:30 Pm, Duckworth School, Carol Gesneriads
- Wed. 4/4/07 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm Home of Bob & Helen Pechacek
- Wed. 4/26/07 April General Meeting, 7:30 pm Duckworth school, Topic TBA
- Wed. 5/2/07 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm, Home of Louise DeJames
- Wed. 5/23/07 General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Rose-Ann Davis, Growing herbs in Strawberry Cont