

# Beltsville Garden Club Newsletter

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## January General Meeting

The club will welcome back Bob Stewart as our speaker for our January meeting, to be held on Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School. Bob has spoken at past club meetings and will be back to share his expertise with us.

The topic of the January meeting will be Cacti and Succulents. Bob has a wealth of knowledge about how to grow these interesting plants. If you've wanted to learn more about these types of plants, then be sure to come to the meeting.

As always, refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant-related material for the club's door prize table. Feel free to bring a friend and introduce them to the club. Hope to see you on January 23rd. Remember that January has five Wednesdays! Our club meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

## Spring Garden Trip

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 when the club will be traveling to Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania to visit the Scott Arboretum. The cost for the trip will be \$50 and includes entrance fee, bus transportation and box lunch. More details will follow in the February and March newsletters, but we want all our members to have ample advance notice of this trip.

**DUES ARE DUE—SEE PAGE 3 OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR IMPORTANT UPDATE ON CHANGES IN DUES AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR 2008!!**

## New Officers for 2008

At the December meeting, elections were held for officers for 2008. We welcome the following officers: Sandy Lange, returning as President; Bob Trumbule, moving from Secretary to Vice President; Bob Pechacek, returning as Treasurer; and Kiki Theodoropoulos, new Secretary.

A special thanks to outgoing Vice President, Joe Burge, for his excellent job finding interesting speakers for our meetings over the past few years. We appreciate your efforts Joe!

These officers will serve until September 2008. A new slate of officers for 2008/2009 will be elected at the May, 2008 meeting.

## Inclement Weather Policy

If Prince Georges County Schools are closed or dismiss early on a day that Garden Club is scheduled to meet, we will not meet. When in doubt, check the Beltsville Garden Club website at [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org) or call any member of the Executive Board.

## **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.

## **Roadside Pick Ups Discontinued**

On the recommendation of Geoff White, our Roadside Pick Up coordinator, the BGC Executive Board voted at its January meeting to discontinue participation in the County's Adopt a Road program. Thus, we will no longer do roadside pickups along Powder Mill Road. This program is not one of the club's more popular activities and it is getting increasingly difficult to find people to help out. Additionally, there are safety and liability issues for participants who help with the clean up.

Originally started by former president, Frances Rupp, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to keep our stretch of Powder Mill Road clean. Executive board members felt that it was not good advertising for the club to have our name associated with a section of road that, despite our best efforts, is trash ridden within days of our pick up. The board would like to thank Geoff for all his hard work organizing the roadside pick ups over the past years. Thanks Geoff!

## **Hospitality for January**

The following club members have volunteered to provide refreshments for the January meeting: Matthew Burge, Charlotte Shomberg and Marcy Marinelli—sweets; Elaine Jones, Julia Wolz, and Nancy Nickell—nonsweets; Kiki Theodoropoulos—drinks. Be sure to take your turn volunteering to provide refreshments for one of our meetings. If members don't step up, we don't eat!

Joan Simons, Hospitality co-chair, will be joined by Helen Pechacek as co-chair this year. We say good-bye and thank you to Anna Ubeda who served as hospitality co-chair for 2007. Thanks Anna!

## **Holiday Party Update**

The unexpected snow on 12/5 caused the cancellation and rescheduling of our holiday party. We did have close to 45 members who were able to make it to the rescheduled party on December 12th and a good time was had by all. As always, the food was delicious and the raffle of the festive holiday centerpieces that club members brought was the highlight of the evening. Thanks to all who helped out with the party!

## Death of Former Member

Portia Imle writes to let us know of the death of a long-time club member. Vada Millard Marden passed away at her home in South Carolina on December 7, 2007. Mrs. Marden might be remembered by many of our long-time members. Her son Alfred Millard has worked in management at Behnke's Nursery for many years. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

## Electronic Newsletter

Did you know that you can receive your newsletter electronically? The advantage of this is that you receive the newsletter more quickly than those people who receive it by snail mail. In addition, each newsletter is posted on the club's website: [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org) each month. If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, contact John Lydon at 301-595-1066 or via e-mail at [j.lydon@verizon.net](mailto:j.lydon@verizon.net).

## 2008 Dues are Due!!

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the Executive Committee voted on two changes to the club's By-Laws. First of all the club's dues will increase to \$10.00 per year per family, effective January, 2008. Second, the club's fiscal year will change from January-December to September-August effective September 2008. This will have an impact on dues for 2008.

To renew your membership in BGC for January-August, 2008 please submit your check in the amount of \$10 to the club either via mail or at the January general meeting. You can also choose to pay \$20 and have your dues paid from January 2008-August 2009. Simply cut off the Dues form below and send it in with your check. Don't forget to make a donation to the BGC Scholarship Fund when you send in your dues renewal! Thanks!!

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(Please detach and return to the Club)

### 2008 Dues Payment

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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I am enclosing my check payable to BGC for \$10.00 for dues for 1/1/08-8/31/08 \_\_\_\_\_

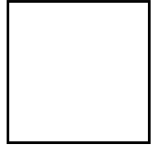
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I would like to receive my newsletter via e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Spring Plant Sale Dates**

**Will Be Announced in**

**The Next Newsletter.**

**April and May Plant**

**Sales Will Be Held at**

**High Point High School**

## **BGC Calendar of Events**

- Wed. 1/23/08 January General Meeting, Bob Stewart, Cacti. 7:30 pm Duckworth School
- Wed. 2/6/08 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm, Home of Dan & Marcy Marinelli
- Wed. 2/27/08 February General Meeting, Paula Shrewsbury, Ornamental and Garden Pest Management, 7:30 Duckworth School
- Wed. 3/7/08 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm, Location TBA
- Wed. 3/2/08 March General Meeting, 7:30 Duckworth School, Topic TBA
- Wed. 4/3/07 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm, Location TBA
- Wed. 4/23/07 April General Meeting, 7:30 pm Duckworth School, Topic TBA