



# Beltsville Garden Club Newsletter

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## Have You Paid Your Dues for 2009-2010?

BGC's annual membership year began in September. Dues is \$10 per family. Check the label on this newsletter or your e-mail copy to see when your membership expires. If you are not paid up by the end of November, you will not receive the next newsletter. Your dues covers only mailing costs and expenses related to the annual Holiday Party and Peach Festival. Don't let your membership lapse if BGC meetings and social events are important to you. Send your \$10 dues payment to BGC, P.O. Box 1953, Beltsville, MD 20704-1953.

## Kathy Jentz's 10 Top Trees & Shrubs

BGC's October speaker, *Washington Gardener* editor/publisher Kathy Jentz, listed her top performing trees for small gardens:

- ◆ Japanese Maple
- ◆ Fringe Tree
- ◆ Forest Pansy Redbud Tree
- ◆ Mountain Laurel
- ◆ Witch Hazel
- ◆ Crape Myrtle
- ◆ Dogwood
- ◆ Harry Lauder's Walking Stick
- ◆ Oregon Grape Holly

She recommended these urban tree resources:

- ◆ *400 Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces* by Diana M. Miller, Timber Press – June 2008 in hardcover
- ◆ Small Trees for Urban Sites: <http://mdc.mo.gov/forest/urban/urbantree/1sm.html>
- ◆ Small Tree List: <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/uhi/outreach/recurbtree/smalltrees.html>
- ◆ Urban Forestry: <http://www.urbanforestrysouth.org/>  
Casey Trees: <http://www.caseytrees.org/index.html>

## Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 9

All members are invited to the Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m., at the James Duckworth School, Beltsville. The club will provide the main dish, drinks, appetizers and all paper products. Members are asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to serve 8 people. Members who invite guests should plan to bring a dish serving 10 people. Please note that the club is not permitted to use the school's oven. Only the microwave is available for heating food.

Every family also is encouraged to bring a holiday centerpiece to decorate the tables. The centerpieces will be the door prizes.

In case of inclement weather, and public schools are closed on December 9, the Holiday Party will be held Thursday, December 10.

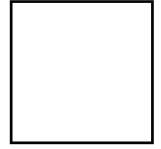
## Rototiller Sold

Thanks to the Bob Stewart estate for donating the rototiller to the club. Thanks also to Dan Marinelli who advertised the rototiller on Craig's List and sold it for \$300.

## Foods to Combat the Flu & Stay Healthy

From the Mother Nature Network website, these foods are said to have characteristics that help ward off the flu: mushrooms, fresh garlic, wild caught salmon, tea (black, green or white), yogurt, dark chocolate, oysters, almonds, strawberries and sweet potatoes, carrots and squash.

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### Gardening Events

**Daily, Thru Nov. 29. Chrysanthemum Display—40th Anniversary Tribute.** Elements of the last four decades of mum displays. See Japanese cascade mums grown into 6 foot tall phoenix, dolphin and dragon shapes, and hanging baskets. Free. Conservatory. Brookside Gardens.

**Sat., Dec. 5, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Door Charms Workshop,** Behnke's Nurseries. Beltsville. \$15 for all supplies. Register & pay in advance. Call 301-937-1100. **Sun., Dec. 20, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.** Purchase a wreath at Behnke's, then add decorative greens & berries. Advance registration required.

**December 1-31, Evergreens 101** Administration Building, U.S. National Arboretum. Display of area's popular cut trees gives you an opportunity to compare which ones last the longest, smell the best, and make decorating easiest. Varieties are spruce, fir, and pine. Each tree will be decorated simply with white lights and accompanied by text explaining its characteristics. Free.

### BGC Calendar of Events

Wed., Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m. **Holiday Party,** Duckworth School. If there is inclement weather, and schools are closed, party will be held on the following day, Thursday, Dec. 10

Thurs. Jan. 7., Executive Board Meeting. Place Home of Marcy & Dan Marinelli

Wed., Jan. 27. General Meeting. Topic TBA.

Tues., Feb. 2, Executive Board Meeting.

Wed., Feb. 24, General Meeting. Topic TBA