

## How do I join?

Send dues of \$10.00 per household to:

Beltsville Garden Club  
P.O. Box 1953  
Beltsville, MD 20704-1953

Include:

Name(s)

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Telephone number

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Are you interested in being a vendor?

Do you want to receive your newsletter via e-mail?

For additional information, visit:

[www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org)

General meetings are held at Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD 20705

## BGC Spring Plant Sales

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**Spring Plant Sales are held the second Saturday in April And May.**

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**All sales start at 8:00 AM**

**Rain or Shine!**

**High Point High School**

**Parking Lot**

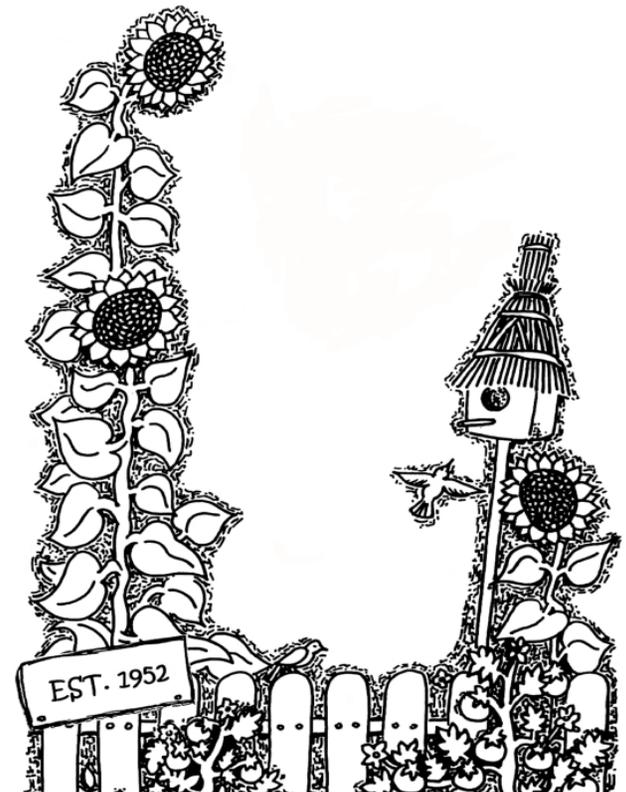
### Spring Field Trip

Each spring BGC sponsors a trip to a regional garden or arboretum. Past trips have included Longwood Gardens, Lewis Ginter Gardens, Chanticleer Gardens, Scott Arboretum, and Mt. Cuba Center. These are day trips that generally depart Beltsville around 8:00 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m. Costs are reasonable and include chartered bus transportation, admission to the garden and oftentimes a lunch meal at a restaurant near the garden. Certain trips include a stop at a local nursery for shopping. The trips are planned in January so visit our website or check the newsletter for details on upcoming trips.

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## BGC History/Purpose

The Beltsville Garden Club was founded in 1952 by a group of individuals primarily from the USDA. There are currently over 200 members who are from the Beltsville area and adjacent cities. The purpose of the BGC is to promote the gardening interests of its members and to increase their knowledge of horticulture through regular meetings and occasional field trips.

## Special Activities

The club conducts two popular plant sales (April and May) each year at Duckworth School where a large variety of member-grown perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, vegetables and houseplants are available at a reasonable cost. These sales are open to the public and have enjoyed continued and growing success. The club members operate a fully equipped greenhouse at the Duckworth School. The proceeds from the sale of the plants grown there are donated to the school. A scholarship program has also been established with the U. of MD in which member donations support students in the horticultural sciences. In addition to the monthly meeting lectures, we hold tours of public or private gardens in the spring, a Peach Festival (potluck luncheon) in late summer, and a holiday potluck dinner held in early December.

## BGC Programs

Each month an informational meeting is held that covers a topic of interest to our members. Past meetings have included the following:

- Nature at the University of Maryland: Telling the Secrets of an Urban Forest
- Growing Orchids in the Home
- Gardening with Chesapeake Natives
- Recovering from Winter Snow Damage
- Rock Gardens
- Native Bees: Keeping Bees in your Garden
- Small Trees and Large Shrubs for Urban Yards
- Creating a Water Conserving Landscape to Preserve Time and Money
- Butterfly Gardens and the Monarch Sister School Project
- Getting the Most from Your Compost
- Wreath Making
- Heritage Roses
- Rainscapes
- Cacti and Succulents
- Ornamental and Garden Pest Management
- Discovering the Joys of Daylilies
- Gesneriads

## Meetings

Regular meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the months of January, February, March, April, May, September and October at 7:30 p.m. at the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD (Evans Trail is east of High Point H.S. and 2 blocks W of I95, off Powder Mill Rd.). Meetings generally include a brief club update, a lecture by a guest speaker, door prizes, and a social with refreshments. Attendees may submit gardening questions which are addressed by the members present, some of whom are professional horticulturists, nursery professionals or landscapers. Meetings last approximately an hour and a half.

## Membership

Anyone interested in gardening can join the club by paying annual dues of \$10.00 per household. The Club year runs from September thru August. Club members receive a monthly newsletter that outlines the program for the monthly meeting, general club activities, and other information of value to its members. The newsletter is distributed by e-mail or by mail upon request. Members are invited to participate as vendors in the two plant sales (one each in April & May) that the club holds each year.