



Beltsville Garden Club Newsletter

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September General Meeting

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, September 24th, 2008, at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, Maryland. The speakers for this month are Tom and Irene Case. Their topic will be **“Discovering the Joys of Daylilies”**.

Tom and Irene have been seriously involved in collecting and gardening with daylilies since 1996. They are life members of the American Hemerocallis Society, and members of four regional daylily groups. They are also Exhibition Judges. At present, their garden has about 500 cultivars planted in ground or in pots. You will want to attend this presentation if you are interested in knowing the latest methods for cultivating daylilies, what new cultivars have been released, what are the new breeding trends for daylilies and much more.

Please join us to hear these informative speakers. As this is the beginning of a new club year, we will induct our new officers for 2009. After the meeting we will have plants for the door prize table, and refreshments. Bring a friend or neighbor and introduce them to the club.

Future Meeting Topics??

Is there a gardening topic you'd like to see addressed at a future meeting? Have you heard a good speaker lately? Joan Simons, our club VP, is looking for ideas for our spring meetings. Talk with Joan at the September meeting or give her a call with your ideas. Her number is listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Dues are Due!!

As you probably remember the club's by-laws changed and we now start a new fiscal year in September. This means that not only do new officers start their terms, but that dues are now payable to cover the year of September 2008-August, 2009. Please complete the enclosed Membership form and either mail it back to the club with your dues of \$10.00 or bring it to the general meeting on September 24th. Dues must be paid by the October general meeting to stay on the club's membership roll. If your newsletter label has 2008 by your name, it means that you must renew your membership now.

Bob Stewart Estate

Long-time club member, Bob Stewart, passed away last year. His family has donated many of his gardening supplies and tools to the club. As a fundraiser for the Beltsville Garden Club Scholarship Fund and in honor of Bob, we will be selling these items. At the September 24th meeting we will auction off a Craftsman 5 hp rototiller and a number of long-handled garden tools to benefit the Scholarship Fund. The other items that will be sold are too bulky to bring to the school. These include chicken wire, PVC pipe, a complete electric fence system for a 75x50 garden, soaker hoses, new TORO irrigation hose, flange posts, tomato cages and coated electric wire. If you have an interest in purchasing any of these items (and donating the money to the Scholarship Fund), please contact Louise DeJames at 301-890 4733. She can give you information on how and where to pick up your items.

BELTSVILLE GARDEN CLUB 2008-2009

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 or by e-mail.

Fall Garden Events

Thanks to Bill Koppes, listed below are a few garden events you might be interested in attending:

Sept. 19. Doug Tallamy, author, "Bringing Nature Home," Professor and Chair, Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology, University of Delaware, will present a seminar on creating a home landscape that is sustainable and offers a habitat for native species that are endangered.

Course number 56899, Friday, September 19, 10-11:30am Fee: Free; registration required, Visitors Center Auditorium

OCT.11. Green Roof Tour. The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. (610) 328-8023. <http://www.scottarboretum.org>.

OCT. 11. 3rd Annual HerbDay! Demonstrations, tours, and lectures. U.S. Botanic Garden. Washington, D.C. (202) 225-1116. <http://www.usbg.gov>.

OCT. 11-13. Orchid Show and Sale. National Capitol Orchid Society. U.S. National Arboretum. Washington, D.C. (202) 245-5898. <http://www.usna.usda.gov>.

OCT. 25. Gardening in Small Spaces. Symposium. Green Spring Gardens. Alexandria, Virginia. (703) 642-5173. <http://www.greenspring.org>.

[Through Oct. 13. One Planet-Ours!](#) Exhibit. United States Botanic Garden. Washington, D.C.

Hospitality for September & October

The club will provide refreshments for the September and October meetings. We will be asking for volunteers to sign up to bring refreshments for the January-May meetings. Please do your part and volunteer to provide refreshments during the winter and spring months!

Greenhouse Report

Bill Koppes reports that the greenhouse has been cleaned and disinfected in order to get it ready for the winter growing season. Supplies have been purchased and the Greenhouse committee is ready to make the potting soil that will be used to propagate the cuttings of plants that will later be sold at our plant sales. If you have an interest in working in the greenhouse, volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Bill if you are interested.

Bill also reports that 4-5 trees that the club planted on the playground several years ago were lost this summer due to drought. The nature trail and the butterfly garden that are taken care of by the club did survive the summer months.

Behnke's Chili Cook Off and Craft Fair

On Saturday, October 4 Behnke Nursery will be hosting a Chili Cook Off. They have asked whether the club would want to be involved. We are looking for members who would like to serve as chili judges. We also would like to staff a BGC Table at the Chili Cook Off. If you are interested in either of these activities, please speak to Marcy Marinelli at the September general meeting.

Behnke's will also be hosting a Winter Craft Fair on November 15, 2008. There is no cost to vendors who would like to sell at the craft fair. They are only asking for a gift for Toys for Tots. If you are interested in participating, give Behnke's a call for more details.

Secretary Needed for Executive Board

We are in need of a secretary on the club's Executive Board. Please speak to any member of the Executive Board if you are interested in serving.

Peach Festival Update

The annual Peach Festival was held on Saturday, August 9, 2008 at the home of Helmut and Linda Jaehnigan in Columbia. Close to 50 members and guests attended and enjoyed a delicious pot luck meal, good fellowship and our traditional peach and UM ice cream as dessert. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day with low humidity so everyone had a terrific time.

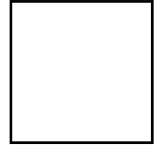
A special thanks go out to Helmut and Linda for again graciously offering the use of their beautiful yard for the Peach Festival. We also thank the Peach Peelers—Bill and Sue Koppes, Joan Simons, Helen & Bob Pechacek, Sandy Lange and Marcy Marinelli—who peeled over a bushel of peaches for the Festival.

We are looking for someone in the club to offer the use of their garden to hold our 2009 Peach Festival. If you are interested in hosting next year's Festival, please speak to Marcy Marinelli or any member of the Executive Board. The club provides drinks, the peaches and ice cream and members bring a potluck dish to share. It helps if your yard is somewhat large as we usually get anywhere from 50-70 people at the Peach Festival.

BGC Scholarship Recipient

We've received word from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland that the recipient of the Beltsville Garden Club Scholarship for 2008-2009 is Robin Choudhury. Ms. Choudhury is a junior from Laurel, Maryland who is pursuing a degree in plant science. Robin appreciates the financial support from the club. With the rising costs of a college education, the support the club provides helps close the tuition gap for deserving students. Your continued support of the scholarship fund is always appreciated!

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2008 Maryland Master Gardener Handbook

The Maryland Master Gardener Program is proud to announce the introduction of their brand-new Maryland Master Gardener Handbook. This is an invaluable gardening tool and a wonderful addition to your working reference library or as a holiday present for your favorite gardener.

The cost is \$69.00. The handbook will be available after September 30, 2008.

To get a sneak peak of the Handbook, go to <http://mastergardener.umd.edu/Handbook.cfm> and click "sneak peak". Information on ordering the Handbook when it becomes available is also included.

BGC Calendar of Events

- Wed. 9/26/08 September General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Duckworth School, Tom & Irene Case, The Joy of Daylilies
- Wed. 10/1/08 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm, Home of Joe & Susan Burge
- Wed. 10/22/08 October General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Duckworth School, Heritage Roses
- Wed. 11/12/08 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm, Home of Bill & Sue Koppes
- Wed. 12/3/08 Holiday Party, 6:30 pm, Duckworth School
- Wed. 1/7/09 Executive Meeting, 7:00 pm, Home of Dan & Marcy Marinelli
- Wed. 1/28/09 January General Meeting, 7:30 pm Duckworth School, Topic TBA
- Wed. 2/4/09 Executive Meeting, 7:30 pm, Location TBA
- Wed. 2/25/09 February General Meeting, 7:30 Duckworth School, Topic TBA