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Bloodroot in Kit Gage's garden



Heron in Kit Gage's Garden



Kathy Jentz's Garden

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Open Gardens 2012

August 3- Kit Gage's Garden
8007 Park Crest Drive,
Silver Spring 5-7 p.m.
kgage@verizon.net

August 17- Kathy Jentz's Garden
826 Philadelphia Ave., S.S.
5-8 p.m.
laserblast@aol.com

Watch the listserv and
www.takomahort.org for
details!

Photos this page by Kit Gage and Kathy Jentz



August Garden Happy Hours

Many gardeners and friends turned out on July 13 to sit on Carole Galati's shady deck & gazebo, follow the paths from verdant bed to rock pool, and spot her whimsical ornaments and designs. On July 27 another crowd toured Wendy Bell's big collection of plants, from natives to tropicals, that fills her front and large rear yard. All ended up in her handsome enclosed porch for refreshments.

Two more gardens will be open in August. At Kit Gage's on August 3 from 5-7 pm, you can see her "native-ish plant, stormwater friendly specimen garden." On August 17, from 5-8 pm, Kathy Jentz will host an Open Garden at her house. The added hour will allow those interested to cross the street (around 7) and see the Fenton Park Community Garden now overflowing with produce.

These events are free and open to all. Bring a name tag and plan to circulate!



Save the Date

Members Only: Summer Potluck
Sunday, September 16th,
3:00-6:00 pm

—by *Carole Galati*

Please save this date for our wonderful Summer Potluck: Sunday, September 16, 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Jeff Trunzo and Herman Goodyear have graciously offered to host this event. Besides the various garden beds that range from sun to shade, Jeff and Herman have plenty of outdoor space to sit and relax – perfect for our club gathering. Since this is for Takoma Horticultural Club members only, please make sure you have paid your 2012 dues. Look for upcoming details on our website: www.takomahort.org and on the Listserv.



Photos from Wendy Bell's open Garden July 27
By Diane Svenonius & Carole Galati

Photos this page, Diane Svenonius (top & bottom)
and Carole Galati.

Welcome to Our New Members, & Dues News

Please welcome our newest members: Alice Sutch, Sharon Simon, Orla O'Connor and Jim Hughes. Some of our newest members joined the club after attending one of our Friday Eve Open Gardens. These gatherings have been a great way to meet new gardeners and tour the wonderful gardens of some of our club leaders, and more are coming up in August.

Speaking of dues – oh, I guess we weren't really. . . but our 2012 membership list has been updated and those who did not pay their 2012 dues have been removed. Lucky for procrastinators, I keep the old lists! Check with me if you are not sure if you paid your dues. Our "Not to Be Missed" summer potluck on September 16 at Jeff & Herman's is for members only. Thank you, Carole Galati (cagalati@rcn.com)

Gardening Events in the Area

Dirty Secrets of Garden Writers

Tuesday, August 14, 11:30am-1:30pm
American Women Writers National Museum,
1275 K St NW, Washington, DC
Kathy Jentz, editor of Washington Gardener Magazine, will moderate a panel of DC-area gardening communicators focusing on gardening issues in the Washington, D.C. tri-area; and, for writers: how to write books, articles and other materials about gardening. For more information, visit:
www.americanwomenwritersnationalmuseum.org

Washington Gardener Magazine's 5th Annual Tomato Tasting

Saturday, August 25, 10am-12noon
Silver Spring Fresh Farm Market, Fenton at Ellsworth. It's 'Big Boy' vs. 'Mortgage Lifter,' hybrid vs. heirloom, the tomato wars have just

begun. Everyone is sure that their tomato pick is the tastiest. Join Washington Gardener Magazine at the FreshFarm Market in downtown Silver Spring, MD, on **Saturday, August 25** from 10am-12noon for a Tomato Tasting. Best of all, this event is FREE! Farmers at the market will contribute their locally grown selections — from super-sweet 'Sungold' to not-so-pretty 'Cherokee Purple' — and we'll explore which tomatoes make the short list of favorites. We'll have tomato growing tips, tomato recipes, tomato activities for kids, and much more — all to celebrate one of summer's greatest indulgences — the juicy fresh tomato.

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***NOTE:** With next month's issue, **Becky Lavash** takes over as newsletter editor for **Diane Svenonius**. Contributions of photos, articles and event announcements are warmly welcomed as before. Contact **Becky** at becky58a@yahoo.com