



Takoma Horticultural Club

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October 2012



September Potluck in a Wonderful Garden in Takoma Park

Sunday, September 16, 3-6 pm

THC's Summer Potluck fell into Fall this year... but wasn't that lucky? Perfect weather on September 16 favored the perfect spot for an indoor-outdoor picnic! Jeff Trunzo and Herman Goodyear opened their delightful house and gardens in Takoma Park for the club's annual bash.

The day was bright but not too hot; there was a variety of indoor and outdoor places to sit in light or shade, wander among the colorful beds and spot the many stone ornaments, and to chat and eat. The club provided Peruvian chicken and drinks, and as always, members brought a big spread of tasty dishes including an Indian dish called Oopma and quite an array of sweets. Some homemade beer appeared midway through the proceedings. A potential armada of seasonal skeeters was warded off by the hosts' thoughtful provision of repellents by the door.

A feature this year was the gardeners' exchange table. Members who brought an item for the table received a numbered ticket and were called at random to take something away in exchange. From interesting containers to gardening books and magazines to Mondo grass, the selection was wide.

Many thanks to Jeff and Herman, to our regular behind-the-scenes organizers Carole Galati and Anne Hardman... and to all those cooks!





October Event: Plant Exchange

Heffner Park, Sunday October 21

The Fall Plant Exchange is Sunday, October 21, at Heffner Park, 42 Oswego Ave. The actual exchanging starts at 2:00 pm, so bring your labeled plants by 1:30 so we can sort them and be ready to begin on time. The best labels include: common name, Latin name, plant habit and plant requirements. Each person tells the group what plants he/she has brought, so bring a list of your plants. You can bring one plant or several. *Pot up your plants now and keep them watered so they look good for the exchange.* Last minute potting up can result in pathetic looking plants. Make sure the plants you bring are not considered invasive, such as common orange daylilies and English ivy.

Do some research or ask on the Listserv if you are not sure.

No plants to exchange? You can still participate! You can bring finger food, beverages, garden related items, such as gardening books, tools, interesting pots, garden art, seeds, etc. We never have enough chairs, so bring a folding chair if you have one. Also please bring a name tag, sun screen, hat and water to add to your plant exchange pleasure! Here are the categories we will use to organize the plants: Groundcovers, Grasses and Vines; House Plants/Tropicals; Perennials-Shade; Perennials-Sun; Trees/Shrubs; Annuals; Seeds/Bulbs/Cuttings; Herbs /Vegetables; Pond Plants and Misc Garden Items. We encourage you to bring Native Plants.

Remember, you must be a club member to participate in this exchange. Check our site for details about how to join and renew: www.takomahort.org Please bring a blank check made out to THC. There will be no money at the Exchange. Questions? Contact: cagalati@rcn.com

Membership and Dues

The fall season is upon us. Many members say the Spring and Fall plant exchanges are their favorite club activities, although our two Pot Luck dinners draw big crowds. So we seem to be a club of gardeners who like to eat!! Since you must be a member, with your 2012 dues paid in order to participate in the Plant Exchange, check your membership status if you are not sure you paid. Of course, Life Members (who paid \$125) are paid up for life. Please welcome our new and returning members: Barbara Karpas and Anne Brooks! We are hopeful that all our members will get involved and keep our garden club one of the best around!

Carole Galati (Membership)

Club Officers

New Energy Needed

With our upcoming election of officers, we are looking for new energy and participation from our 170 current members. We have a great garden club, but only a handful of members who do the lion's share of the work. Please consider becoming more active in our club and its activities and events. **We want members to join the board and participate in planning and organizing events.** If you are thinking of getting more involved, please let us know. Get in touch with us (cagalati@rcn.com). We thank you!

Save the Dates

Thursday, October 4, 2:00-3:00pm

Gardening 101- Local Edition

Brookside Gardens, Wheaton MD. Session 3: Local Gardening 102, Do you feel like there are some holes in your gardening knowledge and you're frustrated by a few obstacles? This class is for you. We'll talk about local gardening challenges like poor drainage, gardening on a slope, deer, and clay soil. We'll examine case studies of local gardeners who have conquered these common garden challenges. More details: <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/xperience.shtm>

Saturday, October 6 @ Noon

Seed Saving Workshop

Knowledge Commons DC will be holding a Seed-Saving workshop at the Fort Totten location of the Neighborhood Farm Initiative's. Register for this workshop at: <http://c.knowledgecommonsdc.org/classes/seed-saving/>. Register quickly because spots fill up fast! Kathy Jentz, editor and publisher of the Washington Gardener Magazine, will run the workshop. A life-long gardener, Kathy believes that growing plants should be stress-free and

enjoyable. Her philosophy is inspiration over perspiration.

Sunday October 7, 10 am to 5 pm

THC Annual Bulb Sale at Takoma Park Street Festival

Spring-blooming bulbs! Club members will receive a 10% discount. Thanks for all who volunteered. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Monday Oct 15 8pm

Silver Spring Garden Club meeting

Brookside Gardens ,Wheaton ,MD with featured talk on Mid-Atlantic Alternatives to Invasive Garden Choices by John Peter Thompson. Free and Open to the Public.

Wednesday, November 14 speaker

THC November Meeting

Companion Planting: the Real Story

Janet Young, a Montgomery County Master Gardener, will talk to our club about companion planting this month. The practice of Companion planting enhances and protects desirable flowers and vegetables and is compelling and popular. This talk will explore the history of companion planting and provide suggestions on the best approach to implementing companion planting techniques in our own gardens. We will also have a very short business meeting to elect our club officers for 2012 before the presentation. Please note, this is the second Wednesday of the month.

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