



Takoma Horticultural Club

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January Meeting Members-Only Potluck

Casseroles and tureens, salads and succulents, plants and pies, cheerful gardeners – all poured into Heffner Recreation Center on January 16 for the Takoma Horticultural Club’s annual winter pot luck and indoor exchange.

About 30 came to dine and dish. After everyone caught up with everyone else and made new acquaintances at dinner, the winter plant exchange commenced. Handsome cacti, herbs, pots and books were carried off.

A number of new faces appeared and were turned into THC members 2013 by Carole Galati wielding the membership wand.

Thanks to all the great cooks; to Taffy Turner, who organized and MC’d the event – right on time; Anne Hardman for those touches of class she brings to homely Heffner – no plastic spoons for this crowd!; and the many folks who came early and helped to set up and deck the hall. If you weren’t in the crowd, be sure to make it next year!

Officers

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THC February Meeting

The Takoma Horticultural Club invites you to a talk on: Trees for the Urban Garden

Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 7:30pm, Historic Takoma Headquarters, 7328 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park

NOTE THE NEW LOCATION!!

Our speaker is Kevin Conrad, Curator, Woody Landscape Plant Germplasm Repository at the U.S. National Arboretum. Kevin is responsible for the conservation of woody landscape plants of diverse wild-origin. He manages a repository for the long term preservation of seeds and clonal material.

With his background, he is uniquely qualified to speak on our woody plants (trees and shrubs), as well as answer questions about care of our woody plants.

(Just a few blocks from the Takoma metro station. There is street parking available along with spots at the Takoma Co-Op lot across the street.

The event is FREE and open to the public.

Save the Date

*Friday, February 22, 8:30am to 4:00pm
Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, MD*

2013 Green Matters Symposium - The New American Landscape Friday, February 22, 2013, 8:30am-4:00pm This year, the symposium will examine the next chapter of American horticulture and the emphasis on sustainability that will drive landscape design in the coming decades. Sustainability has entered the mainstream, associated with our food, building materials, even the Olympics, but what does it really mean and how does it apply to landscape design?

Course # 212968; Fee: \$89; registration is required at www.ParkPASS.org.

THC March Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 7:30pm, Location TBD

Master Gardener Erica Smith, who is a lead gardener for the demonstration vegetable garden in Derwood, Md., and overseer of the Grow It, Eat It blog, will speak to the club on "Spring Vegetable Gardening." Watch the THC web site for more details.

RootingDC - Saturday, February 23, 9:30am - 4:30pm, Wilson High School (3950 Chesapeake St. NW WDC - two blocks from Tenleytown metro)

Rooting DC is a FREE, all-day gardening forum that aims to provide education about urban food production and consumption, and to cultivate health and preserve the environment through workshops, hands-on demonstrations, discussions and an information fair. To register and to get more details, go to www.RootingDC.org.

Membership and Dues

Ode to Dues (paying): 2013

Dues are due, or were - they say
In January, on the very first day.
Stay in, keep up, gardeners in the know,
Say the THC is the way to go!
Plant Exchanges & lectures, galore,
Pay your dues, who could ask for more?!
Welcome Emily Gupta - joined at the Potluck.

Pay your \$12, great value for your buck!
Join for food, plants or speakers: doesn't really matter,
Pay now, rather thanlatter (he-he)