



Takoma Horticultural Club

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January 2013



January Event: Members Only: Potluck and Swap

Make plans to join your fellow Takoma Horticulture Club members for a Potluck and Indoor Plant Exchange on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at Heffner Park at 7pm. We had a great time at last year's potluck with lots of delicious food and interesting exchange items. Let's do it again. *(continued on next page)*

December Meeting

Building Centerpieces to Donate

Takoma Hort members and others joined together in December to make holiday centerpieces from fresh greens. We made more than 60 pieces that we donated to [St. Ann's Infant and Maternity in Hyattsville MD.](#)

We made the centerpieces using small cat food/tuna cans and fresh greens from our gardens. Most attendees had never created fresh arrangements, so we spent time at the beginning explaining the basic principles of design. Each table a sample arrangement from which the new designers could get inspiration.

Several members of the THC Leadership provided support, guidance, and abundant supplies of greenery, berries, and pinecones for the participants.

Officers

Coordinators: *Carole Galati*
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Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert and please label the contents. As usual, the club will provide beverages. Heffner has a kitchen with a sink, a small microwave and a cook top but no oven.

For our after-dinner entertainment, we'll have the Indoor Plant, Etc. Exchange. If you don't have an indoor plant you can part with, you can bring a book, garden magazines, a tool, any garden-related item – or nothing at all is fine too. Be prepared to give the group a little description of your treasure. If you bring something, you'll go home with something! If you bring indoor plants, remember to protect them from the cold while transporting them.

This is a members-only THC event. You may pay your 2013 dues or join the club at the Potluck. Please bring a check for \$12, made out to THC. We will not have cash to make change. You are welcome to bring a guest.

It has always been a fun evening and a great opportunity to get to know fellow THC members and meet new friends in a relaxed setting.

Please RSVP to Taffy Turner so we know how many tables & chairs are needed.

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Membership and Dues

Here it is, 2013! The club leadership is working hard to put together our Program of Events for 2013, with good speakers, interesting trips, open gardens and workshops. We are also preparing for our Winter Potluck & Garden Exchange (January 16). The potluck is a Members Only event and is our excuse to get you to pay your dues for 2013! It also happens to be a jolly good time with garden friends, great food and oodles of garden re-gifting! If you want to come, you have to be a member in good standing. You are welcome join or renew by bringing a check for \$12 made out to THC or the exact amount of \$12 cash. Membership forms are on our website: www.takomahort.org

There is something else you can do – just as Pierre Dugan did – join as a Life member for \$125. Welcome to Pierre! A few of you have already paid your 2013 dues. If you are not sure of your membership status, please let me know. Thanks & Happy New Year, Carole (agalati@rcn.com)

Takoma Horticultural Club Adds Green to the City

Several gardens and groups in the Takoma Park, MD, Silver Spring, MD, and the Takoma neighborhood of Washington, DC, are a bit greener due to the donations of the Takoma Horticultural Club (THC).

Every October, THC sells spring-blooming bulbs at the Takoma Park Street Festival. This is the main fund raising event for the club. THC donates bulbs that remain to worthy organizations. This year, THC gave more than \$700 in spring-blooming bulbs to the City of Takoma Park for planting in gardens and parks, to Main Street Takoma for street-box plantings,

and to the Church of the Ascension in Silver Spring, MD. From March through May, look for the beautiful color of tulips, hyacinths, and many more in public spaces in our community.

Proceeds from the annual bulb sale also enabled THC to give monetary donations to the following area groups:

- ~ Friends of Brookside Gardens
- ~ Historic Takoma
- ~ Blair High School greenhouse
- ~ Friends of the National Arboretum

In all, the THC gave more than \$1,200 in donations in 2012. In 2013, THC plans to sponsor a re-planting of the Glenn Dale azalea hybrids that were a mainstay of Takoma Park's green spaces for decades.

For the last few years, THC has used the proceeds from the bulb sale to purchase gardening books for the City of Takoma Park, MD library and the Takoma branch library in Washington, DC. You can find this tremendous collection of gardening books in both library locations to give you a bit of green to get through the winter doldrums.

THC is fast approaching its 100th anniversary and is believed to be the second oldest garden club in the nation. Most of the current 120+ members of THC are in southern Montgomery County, the bordering areas of Prince George's County, and northwest Washington DC.

THC usually meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Takoma Community Center space near downtown Takoma Park, MD. The meetings are free and open to the public.

THC's main methods of communication are its Yahoo group email list, which is open to anyone interested (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/takoma>

hort/), and its newly revamped web site, www.takomahort.org.

THC membership is \$12 per year. Membership benefits include members-only events such as a yearly Potluck Dinner and Indoor Plant Exchange in January, twice yearly Garden Plant Exchanges in spring and fall, a Club Picnic each summer, free garden consultations, and wholesale bulb orders.

Save the Date

Monday, Jan 21, 2013, 8:00pm (doors open at 7:30pm), Brookside Gardens , Wheaton , MD

The Silver Spring Garden Club will host a talk: **Pruning Deciduous Woody Plants**. How do you select and prune out growth that will become a problem later? Why prune woody plants at all and exactly where do you cut? These and many other questions will be answered in a presentation by Jim DeRamus. This is the same presentation that is normally reserved for the Woody Pruning Workshop for Brookside volunteers. Don't miss this great lecture! Find directions and more details on this meeting at www.brooksidegardens.com.

Saturday, Jan 26, 2013, 12:30-4pm, Brookside Gardens , Wheaton , MD

Washington Gardener Magazine hosts its **8th Annual Seed Exchange in MD**. Expert speakers, catalog swap table, rare seeds, etc. All are welcome — even if you have no seeds to trade! \$15 fee. Registration is required. For details: washingtongardener.blogspot.com

or contact Kathy Jentz, 301-588-6894

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Directions at www.brooksidegardens.com.

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