



Takoma Horticultural Club

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June 2013

Upcoming June Events: Open Garden Fridays

The Takoma Horticultural Club's series of Friday Open Gardens begins this month. On Fridays in June, in the late afternoon, you can enjoy three spacious gardens opened by their gardeners for wandering, sitting in the shade, enjoying refreshments and chatting with the host and others.

On June 14, from 5:30 to 7 pm, Sharon Cohen's garden in Takoma Park will be open. She has replaced most of the grassy areas on her large lot with many perennials sited where they will flourish and give year-round beauty. Her husband, Elliot Rosen, designed the pond, to which a waterfall has been newly added.



*Irises at Sharon Cohen's
Photo by Sharon Cohen*

On June 21, you can visit University Park, where club member Jim Hughes has gardened a 1/3 acre space since 1995 and filled it with his favorite shrubs and perennials. Forty bonsai and many potted agaves and Zone 8 plants fill his deck. "Something is blooming throughout the year, but texture and foliage take priority" Jim says. *(continued on page 2)*



*Jim Hughes' Garden
Photo by Jim Hughes*

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June Open Gardens (continued)

Howard Kohn's garden in Takoma Park, sloping down toward Sligo Creek, will be open on June 28. Howard says, "Our backyard is a complete makeover. It was a barren plot with dead fruit trees and carpets covering poison ivy when we arrived in 1982, and these days it's an insane jungle of evergreens and perennials." A series of hills and a circuit of up-and-down stone paths disguise the slope, with a waterfall flowing naturally into a fish pond.

For more details for each of these, plus a fourth event in July, check the TakomaHort at www.takomahort.org. The Friday Open Gardens are free and open to the public, so bring a friend along. ~ *Carole Galati*

Takoma Horticultural Club at Behnke's Garden Party



*Behnke's Garden Party Plant Swap 2012
Photo by Carole Galati*

Please join us at Behnke's Beltsville on Saturday, June 8 for the all day Garden Party. THC will have a great table, staffed

by club members with handouts of colorful shade plants ideas ; a display of shoe containers with shade plants, kids puzzle pages and treats. We will be joining 8 other local garden clubs, many plant societies, vendors and music. There will be a plant swap about 10:30 – bring one, take one. This all-day event features a HUGE raffle to Benefit Friends of Brookside Gardens, including a garden chair worth \$400 from Country Casual! Bring some of your little address labels to put on all those raffle tickets you will be compelled to purchase! ~ *Carole Galati*

May Plant Exchange was a Success!

The rains didn't come, but 50 wonderful gardeners did – with arms full of plants, garden treasures and delicious snacks!! What fun we had!! It was a great day at our Spring Plant Exchange at Heffner Park. Many experienced their first Plant Exchange. What a great impression these new members have of our club! Diana Vidutis was the winner of the \$25 gift card generously donated by Behnke's. *(continued next page)*



*Describing the Plants
Photo by Carole Galati*

May Plant Exchange (continued)

Diana also chose to become a Life Member of TakomaHort at the Plant Swap. And thanks to all of you who participated, especially to Anne Hardman who ran the exchange and Mary Lane Renninger who traditionally comes early to schlepp chairs, and set up before, during and after this event. She also gives out the tickets, which can be very challenging when trying to catch gardeners on a mission! ~ Carole Galati



*Diane Svenonious Picks Her Plant
Photo by Carole Galati*

Membership and Dues

Besides being our most popular club event, The Plant Exchange also seems to be the most popular place to join the club. Please welcome these new and returning members: Karin Johnston, Jane Godfrey, Jean Salemm, Deidre Rye, and Margaret Warner. We hope you get involved and help the club get even better. Our membership list will be updated this month. The names of all those who have not paid their 2013 dues will be removed. Contact me if you are not sure of your membership status. Thank you.

Save the Date

Saturday, June 15, Washington Gardener Magazine Annual Plant Swap, 11am-12noon, H Street Farmers Market, Washington, DC.

Bring plants to share, participation is free and open to anyone. Details at <http://washingtongardener.blogspot.com/>.

Monday, June 17, Growing Gorgeous Vegetables and Showing Them, 8:00 pm, Brookside Gardens, Visitors Center/Education Building, Wheaton

Master Gardener Miriam Mahowald describes what to grow, how to grow it, and how to show it for winning prize ribbons at the local fairs. This talk is hosted by the Silver Spring Garden Club. Doors open at 7:30pm. This event is Free. It is open to the public. For directions:

<http://www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/>;

Saturday, June 22, Old and New, Tried and True Vegetables, 9:30-10:30am, Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road - Alexandria, Virginia 22312

Washington Gardener Magazine publisher Kathy Jentz will tell you about favorite heirloom vegetables that mid-Atlantic gardeners swear by. Discover some exciting edible plants new on the market. Old and new: a successful veggie marriage.

Code: 290 387 4201 - \$15/person - Call Green Spring Gardens 703-642-5173 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring