

Takoma-Horticultural Club

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Bees in Your Garden, November **Talk at Historic Takoma**

On Wednesday, November 20 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in Historic Takoma, Sam Droege -Management Expert Wildlife at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center will talk to THC about bees!



Friends, did you know that you have bees in your garden? Few people realize that Takoma Park is not only the city of trees. but the city of bees. While urban beekeeping for honey production is taking off, less visible, but more important, are the native bees that let us share their habitats. Solitary nesting, non-stinging, there are over 100 species in the city that do much of the pollination. The choice of what we plant can augment or depress the numbers of bees that live here. We will talk about these colorful and varied bees, the plants they use, and your role in creating or destroying their populations.

This event is free and open to the public. No reservations required. You are encouraged to bring a snack to share and to wear a recycled nametag.

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Find out more about Takoma Horticultural Club on our website.

Friends of Brookside Gardens Hosts Silent Auction to Benefit Brookside Gardens

On Saturday, November 9, Friends of Brookside Gardens is hosting a Gala Silent Auction to raise money for Brookside Gardens. The auction will feature more than 200 items, including get-aways, fine art, gift certificates, hand crafted items and much more. (continued next page)

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Brookside Silent Auction (cont)

To provide the best environment to spend your money, there will be live music, delicious refreshments and wine. Check out the new <u>Friends of Brookside Garden website</u> for details and registration information:

Our very own THC has donated a Tea for Ten in Taffy Turner's wonderful garden. By the way, we would love to have some live music to enhance the atmosphere at our tea. If you play an instrument or know someone who does, please let me know (cagalati@rcn.com).

October Plant Swap

The 2013 THC Fall Plant Exchange went forth in beautiful weather at Heffner Recreation Center on October 20. Where else can you transfer some of your wandering toad lilies to a person who always wanted some, and pick up (for free!) the plant you always meant to own? (And talk to the gardener, who can tell you what it needs)



Happy Plant Exchangers
Photo by Kathy Jentz

About 35 members and would-be members arrived, lugging greenery and goodies. There were, as always, an interesting array of plants in all categories, as well as tools and gardening equipment and decorative items. Seeds and starts for cardamom and other herbs, shade-loving ground covers, a beautiful obedient plant in full pink bloom brought by new member Jesse Fenty, a viburnum and a big ficus and many other things found new homes.



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And beautiful Holland bulbs left over from the THC booth at the Takoma Street Festival were on sale at a special discount. Thanks to everyone who helped and to all the gardeners for contributing to a lovely afternoon.

Membership and Dues

Takoma Horticultural Club – The Club That Keeps On Growing!

Wow! What a wonderful month for new and returning THC members!! Between the Street Fair and the Plant Exchange, we got more than twelve new or returning members. Please welcome them into the club: Valerie Graff, Julie Siegel, Arlene

Montemarano, Kathleen Bailey, Melanie Fosnaught, Mary Ann Pedee-Siegel, Linda Kolko, Merry Bruns and Mike Bray, Carole Falvo, Lesly Baesens and Jesse Fenty. Please let me know if I have misspelled your name.

If you would like to renew or join, check out our website for forms and information: www.takomahort.org. If anyone out there would like to get more involved in the club leadership, let us know. We love to hear your ideas, but we like your energy and participation even more! .~Carole Galati

Save the Date

Monday, November 18 3, 8:00-9:30pm, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, MD

Susan Hedrick, president of the Potomac Hosta Club, will walks us through the best hosta cultivars for our region as well as how to care for them. This talk is Silver Spring Garden Club's monthly meeting. Open to all. Free. For more information, contact Kathy Jentz, Washington Gardener Magazine, WGardenermag@aol.com 301-588-6894.

Wednesday, November 20, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring

Trees Matter Symposium: Trees and the Built Environment. Sponsored by M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks' Horticultural, Forestry and Environmental Education Division. Learn from some of the country's leading experts about innovative efforts to plant, protect and preserve trees in urban and suburban settings. The Trees Matter 2013 symposium is ideal for arborists, municipal employees, landscape industry professionals, designers, engineers, green industry employees and anyone interested in the latest research on trees and is approved for International Society of

Arboriculture & Certified Professional Horticulturist CEU's. New! Now also approved for Continuing Forestry Education Credits from the Society of American Foresters. Click here for the Symposium Agenda, session details, speakers and more information. MD 20910

Wednesday, December 11, 7:00-9:00, Hefner Park, Takoma Park

THC December Workshop to make a holiday centerpiece. Bring greens, decorative objects and your artful self to create small table centerpieces that we will donate to a local nursing home. We will provide the cans, floral foam, some greens, ribbons and some small ornaments.

November 29 to January 5, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, MD

From the Brookside website: Visualize close to one million twinkling colorful lights shaped in imaginative displays throughout the gardens. Enjoy illuminated flowers. snowflakes. а rainbow and showers, and more. Walk along the easily accessible paths and you'll see what sets this light show apart from others; it's the hundreds of wrapped trees and shrubs, beautifully lighted gazebos, cascading fountains, and the individually formed displays in the shapes of blooming flowers and wild animals. Look for moving displays such as a flock of geese, or an 11 foot giraffe covered with 9,000 lights. This festive, secular light show, now in its 16th season, is a popular family tradition in the Washington, DC area drawing close to 40,000 visitors each winter.