



# Takoma Horticultural Club

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## Takoma Hort February Movie Event: Symphony of the Soil

On Wednesday, February 19 from 7:00 pm to 9pm, Takoma Hort presents the movie, "Symphony of the Soil" at Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD. The movie will start promptly at 7:15 so we ask that in consideration of other attendees, you arrive in time to be in your seat before 7:15.



Synopsis from the producer: Drawing from ancient knowledge and cutting-edge science, "Symphony of the Soil" is an artistic exploration of the miraculous substance soil. By understanding the elaborate relationships and mutuality between soil, water, the atmosphere, plants, and animals, we come to appreciate the complex and dynamic nature of this precious resource. The film also examines our human relationship with soil, the use and misuse of soil in agriculture,

deforestation and development, and the latest scientific research on soil's key role in ameliorating the most challenging environmental issues of our time. Filmed on four continents, featuring esteemed scientists and working farmers and ranchers, "Symphony of the Soil" is an intriguing presentation that highlights possibilities of healthy soil creating healthy plants creating healthy humans living on a healthy planet. Length: 104 minutes.

## January Event: Members Potluck

About thirty stalwart THC members bearing delectable dishes and gardening goodies descended on Heffner Recreation Center for the 2014 Winter Potluck on January 15. As is traditional for this annual event, colorful cloths, silverware, votives and music elevated the utilitarian surroundings. The food was great as always; among the conversation pieces were individual chocolate mousses decorated with (non-edible) flowers. *(continued next page)*

### Officers

**Coordinators:** Carole Galati  
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## January Event: Members Potluck

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*Mud Pudding  
Photo by Carole Galati*

This club event fills the chilly (this year, frigid) gap between fall harvest and spring seeding for our avid gardeners, who had lots of catching up to do. The traditional “indoor plant and green elephant” exchange that goes with it included handsome houseplants, books, containers, and useful recyclables, with witty presentations from the donors and not too much heckling from the audience.



*Presentation of the Plants  
Photo by Carole Galati*

Thanks to Taffy Turner, who again organized and MC'd the event and brought the festivities to a timely conclusion before Heffner's automated door lock clicked shut. Many thanks also to all the cooks, provisioners, tablesetters and broom-wielders who made it the fun event it always is.



*Happy Diners  
Photo by Carole Galati*

## Membership and Dues

Thanks to all of you who have paid your 2014 dues. Although many of our club's activities are free and open to the public, some events are only open to members, such as our two Plant Exchanges and two Potlucks. These four events are the most popular.

If you come to our meeting on February 19, to see the “Symphony of the Soil” documentary, you are invited to join or renew your membership. This is a free event, but the THC had lease it. Your \$12 check will help support all the great work that we do, including donations for Brookside Gardens and Historic Takoma, discount bulb sales, great speakers and hands-on workshops. Our website: [www.takomahort.org](http://www.takomahort.org) has the membership form, instructions and the Calendar of Events for 2014. We have planned a great year of fun and information for gardeners!

## Save the Date

*Saturday, February 8, 10 am to 4 pm,  
Hyattsville Hort Society 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Seed  
Sale, Hyattsville, MD*

Join the HHS in the Mary Pranglely Room of the Hyattsville Municipal Bldg. (4310 Gallatin St.) for the Hyattsv. Hort. Soc. 5th Annual Seed Sale. There will be a good selection of seeds from two vendors (Hart's Seeds and Landreth Heirloom Seeds), plus baked goods, soups, used gardening books and tools, pamphlets, plus special Exhibition Tables for Container and Butterfly Gardening,

*Thursday, February 13, 6:00-7:30pm,  
Washington Gardener Magazine Garden  
Book Club, Takoma DC Library, 416  
Cedar Street,*

We will be discussing Flower Confidential: The Good, the Bad, and the Beautiful in the Business of Flowers by Amy Stewart. The room allows food and drink and you may bring your dinner and/or snacks to share. The book club meetings are FREE and open to anyone who would like to attend. Please RSVP to "WG Book Club" at [WashingtonGardener@rcn.com](mailto:WashingtonGardener@rcn.com). Details on the [website](#).

*Monday, February 17, Silver Spring  
Garden Club monthly meeting, location  
To Be Determined*

Garden designer David Marciniak dispels Common Garden Myths at the Silver Spring Garden Club meeting on Mon 2/17 7:30pm FREE and open to anyone who would like to attend. Details at at the [SSGC website](#).

*Trips to Philadelphia Flower Show, March  
5 and 6 10 am to 10 pm*

Washington Gardener Magazine has two tours this year going up to the Philadelphia Flower Show. The Philadelphia Flower Show is the oldest and largest indoor flower show in the world. The Philly Flower Show is fabulous and fantastic way to greet spring. This is not your grandmother's Flower Show ... but she's going to love it too! The Flower Show attracts non-gardeners as well as die-hard green-thumbed people of all ages. Participate in the Lectures and Demonstrations series, Gardener's Studio, and All-Star Culinary Presentations. First-time and returning riders will enjoy the personalized and welcoming details of our coach service. The two tours are on different days and from different locations, so make sure you are signing up for the one that fits you best! Here are the details:

~ Wednesday, March 5 from 10am-10pm, leaving and returning to downtown Silver Spring, MD - includes a lunch and is nearby to public transit - contact [WGardenermag@aol.com](mailto:WGardenermag@aol.com) for the registration form and more details

~ Thursday, March 6 from 10am-10pm, leaving and returning to Behnke Nurseries in Beltsville, MD - includes a lunch and free parking at the nursery - contact [WGardenermag@aol.com](mailto:WGardenermag@aol.com) for the registration form and more details