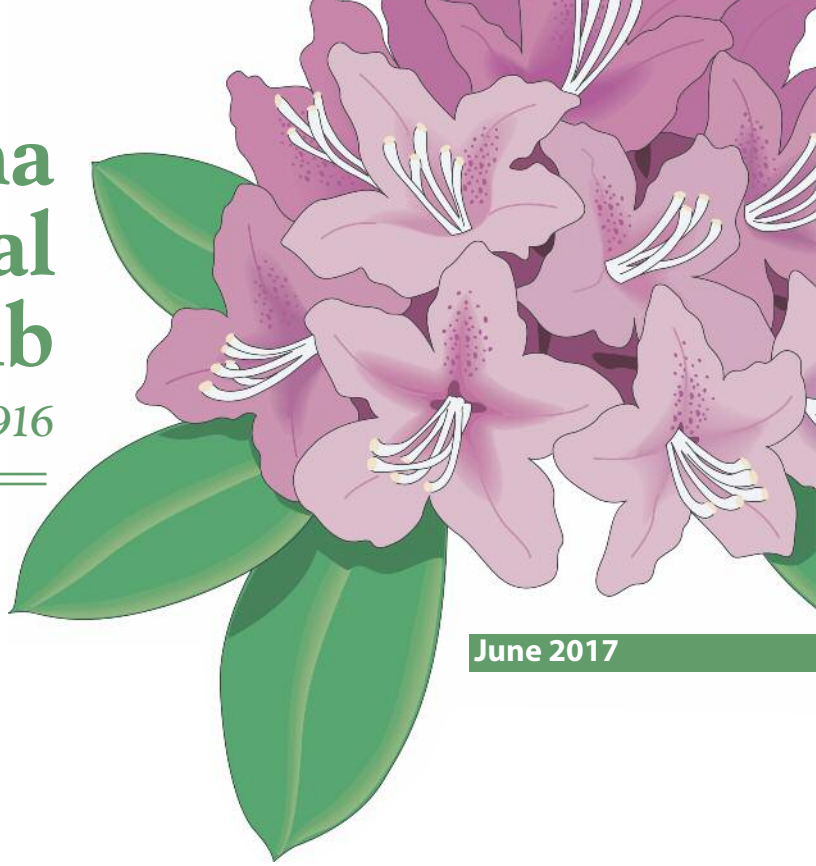


Takoma Horticultural Club

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June 2017



Photo: Eileen Schramm

A New Takoma Garden

Official Unveiling of the new Centennial Garden (left), with Ribbon-Cutting and Reception will take place **Saturday, June 3, 4:30 to 5:30 pm** on Philadelphia Avenue between Piney Branch and Boston Avenues.

Some parking on Boston Avenue; walk or bike over if possible. See you there!

Members Only High Glen Trip/Open Days Tour

Saturday, June 10, 9:00am – 4:30pm

THC is going on a road trip to view High Glen and other open gardens in Frederick Co. on Saturday, June 10.

We will meet to form carpools among those who RSVP and depart at 9:00am. Our first stop of the day will be at 10:00am at High Glen. Then we will go to two nearby private gardens.

At about 1:00pm, we will meet at Surreybrooke for a brown-bag picnic lunch and after lunch, we'll visit two further private gardens on the tour. We plan to return by 4:30pm.

See full garden descriptions at The Garden Conservancy website (www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/frederick-county-md-open-day).

The Club will pay for the entry to High Glen Garden with a donation to the Garden Conservancy. Meet at High Glen at 10am to get your passes. Cost of visits to additional gardens to be paid by the participants.

Pack your lunch and cold drink(s), sunscreen, hat, walking shoes, and camera/extra batteries.

This club event is limited to 12 current members. Please reserve your spot **by June 8** by emailing Laserblast@aol.com.

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Open Gardens Galore

Our Open Garden series starts June 2 with Kathy Rushing's garden. This year one of our Open Garden events will include two gardens, side-by-side! Our Open Gardens are hosted by our generous and dedicated club members and are free and open to the public. This year they will be held on **Friday evenings between 5:30 and 7:30**. Each week, details will be posted on our Yahoo Group list. Watch for updates, questionable weather alerts, directions, host phone numbers and addresses. These Open Gardens provide great opportunities for all gardeners, including novice to seasoned, new and prospective club members, members from other area garden clubs, along with friends and neighbors to gather, socialize, network, enjoy and learn from sharing our gardening passions with each other. The summaries below will surely entice you! Mark your calendars now. If you have any questions, or would like to consider hosting an Open Garden, please contact Carole Galati (cagalati@rcn.com).



Photo: Diane Svenonius

One of the many frogs inhabiting Kathy Rushing's gardens.

Friday, June 2: Kathy Rushing

Kathy Rushing's garden is described in the May issue of the News and on the web site (www.takomahort.org), with full instructions for driving and parking.

Friday, June 9: Sherrell Goggin

When Sherrell bought her house, the landscaping consisted of forsythia, orange daylilies, a skinny strip of tulips and daffodils, and a slowly collapsing metal shed. Seventeen years later, she has transformed this space with unusual and interesting specimens of trees, shrubs, and perennials in various shades of purples, blues, and complementary colors. A gorgeous deck and brick patio will give us convivial gathering spaces and provide good vantage points to enjoy her garden.

Friday, June 16: Lorraine Pearsall & Paul Chrostowski

Lorraine and Paul's historic colonial revival house was built in 1904. With the help of Matt Cohen of Matt's Habitats, the front and side gardens are lush with native plantings that draw lots of pollinators and birds. Their commitment to historicity is shown by their preservation of the original hardscape, as well as Glenn Dales and other early azaleas and maintenance of an oak canopy. Besides

eco-friendly amendments and gardening practices, having blooms throughout the growing season is important to Lorraine and Paul. And then there's the gorgeous recently renovated very spacious kitchen with plenty of room to relax and eat.

Friday, June 30: Lizz Kleemeier & Bob Muehlencamp

The owners of two houses on the 2016 Historic Takoma House Tour invite you see very different approaches to backyard gardens. Bob Muehlencamp and Karen Ackerman have transformed their backyard through hardscaping and landscaping. The back now features a babbling brook, a gentle curve of steps to one side of this water feature which leads to a broad flagstone terrace, with a stunning modern sculpture. It is made from the wood of a red oak which once stood in the same spot. Next door, by contrast, Lizz Kleemeier has been introducing ecology as the unifying theme for her garden, based on the principles of Doug Tallamy in *Bringing Nature Home* and West and Rainer in *Planting in a Post-Wild World*. Lizz hopes visitors will discuss and suggest native species to replace her common non-natives. In the front, she and her neighbors are working together to make their median strips (between the street and sidewalk) into native species gardens.



Photo: Sherrell Goggin

View over Sherrell Goggin's transformed backyard.

Welcome to New & Returning Members

Lots of dues news last month. First, please welcome these new and returning members: Ann Miles, Mokie Pratt Porter, Lauri Winter and Claire Narrod. We want to welcome them in person at some of our upcoming THC events or meetings. Our popular Spring Plant Exchange encouraged thirteen members to exchange plants and pay their dues for 2017. Unfortunately, there are still 56 people who were members in 2016, but have not renewed their club membership. Check with me if you are not sure if you paid your 2017 dues. These dues...just \$12...keep the club going, paying speaker and venue fees, maintaining our Centennial Garden and much more. See you soon!

—Carole Galati, Membership Chair Person (cagalati@rcn.com)