

Takoma Horticultural Club

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October 2017

Our Centennial Garden at the corner of Piney Branch and Philadelphia could use another spruce up. PLEASE join us at the next Centennial Garden weeding session:

Tuesday, October 3 from 6 – 7pm.

We would love to see some NEW faces there this time —bring a friend—"many hands make light work!" :-)

Suggested items to bring: gloves, kneeler, digging tools, bucket for collecting weeds and debris, bottle of water.

A BIG thanks to all those who have gone by on their own to weed and who have come to previous weeding sessions!

—Kathy Jentz

Annual THC Bulb Sale at the Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, October 1, from 10am – 5pm on Carroll near Tulip.

Darwins, lily-flowering tulips, daffodils, alliums, croci and more will be represented in wonderful colors....Mixed Peacock...Purple Dream...Night Club...You know you want them! For a complete list of what's available, go to the Club's web site, takomahort.org.

The Festival will have live bands on three stages, over 200 artists and crafters, community groups, food vendors, and much more.

This is the Club's only fundraiser for the year, so please come out and bring your neighbors and friends, the weather will be perfect! Bulbs make great gifts, and extras can be bought for easy indoor forcing to brighten those grey winter days. Members get a 10% discount, and you are welcome to renew or join the club at the Fair. **(Please note: cash or check only.)**

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THC MEMBERS-ONLY* Fall Plant Exchange

Sunday, October 15, 1:00 to 3:00pm

Heffner Park, 42 Oswego Ave.

The Fall Plant Exchange is coming up fast. The actual exchange starts at 1:30, so bring your labeled plants by 1:00 so we can make sure they are properly labeled, sort them and be ready to begin on time. The best labels include: Latin name, common name and plant requirements.

Since we each tell the group what we have brought, it speeds things up if you bring a list of your contributions...you can bring one plant or several. Pot up your plants now and keep them watered so they look good for the exchange. Make sure the plants you bring are not considered invasive, such as common orange daylilies or English ivy. Do some research (Google "invasive species Mid-Atlantic") if you are not sure.

No plants to exchange? No problem! You are welcome to bring finger food, snacks, beverages and garden related items, such as gardening books, tools, interesting clean pots, garden art, cuttings, seeds, etc. We never have enough chairs, so bring a folding chair if you can. It would also be helpful if you could bring a name tag; sunscreen, water, hat and containers for your bounty are useful—smiles are optional but fun!

Here are the categories we use to organize the plants: Ground-covers, Grasses and Vines; House Plants/Tropicals; Perennials: Shade; Perennials: Sun; Trees/Shrubs; Annuals; Seeds/Bulbs/Cuttings; Vegetables/Herbs; Pond Plants and Miscellaneous Garden Items. See you there!

—Anne Hardman

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Delicious September..

Potluck Party Time

What a wonderful Summer Potluck it was! Thanks to Taffy and the group of club leaders who came early to help set up and stayed behind to clean up. Taffy's new permeable paver driveway, pond, stone path and cut-away garden along the street were on display, plus those new hostas and other new plantings. We can never go wrong with Taffy's incredible garden as our setting. The food was delicious, including lots of vegetarian creations. We had thirty members and their guests. Some 2017 dues were paid and a new member came on board.

Our Summer Potluck is one of the popular Takoma Horticultural Club events for members only. Stay tuned for several Members-

only benefits and events coming up this fall and winter. Please make it a habit to check our website: www.takomahort.org. It is continually updated with our news and events, especially around the beginning of each month.

Speaking of member benefits, please welcome new and returning members Debbie Glassman, Adria Polluck, Julie and Henry Hubbard, Sara Stone and Katherine Quinn. We are glad you chose THC for all your gardening needs!! Check with me if you have questions about your membership status.

—Carole Galati (cagalati@rcn.com)



*Above left: Taffy giving a tour of her garden.
Above right: enjoying good food, drink and company on the patio.
Right: the storybook shed in the woods.*



Photos: Katherine Lambert, Diane Svenonius

Fall event For Urban Gardeners

Montgomery Master Gardeners continue to share information and (and have plants or bulbs to give away) at "Urban Gardening" events in downtown Silver Spring.

On **October 14, from 10:30 am to 3 pm in the Silver Spring Library**, they'll feature "Fall Garden Cleanup," "Planting Bulbs for Spring," and "Houseplants: Winter Care." Come on by! Questions are welcome.