

# Takoma Horticultural Club

*A hardy perennial since 1916*



February 2018

## Edible Architecture—Espalier & Trellis Design with Michael Judd

Historic Takoma Inc., 7328 Carrol Avenue

Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7

Imagine a yard where trees are festooned with fresh fruits, shrubs are dotted with delicious berries and hardy kiwis fruit over an arbor. Michael Judd, founder and principal designer of the firm Ecologia Design in Frederick, MD, and author of *Edible Landscaping with a Permaculture Twist*, will speak to the Club on Trellis and Espalier Design at THC's February meeting. He will show examples of espalier apples, hardy kiwi arbors, fanned gooseberries, raspberry trellising, and living willow domes. The talk will cover trellis materials, plant selection, shaping, pruning and maintenance.

A popular speaker, Michael Judd is also a presenter for *Mother Earth News*, a guest on popular radio, and has a host of podcasts revolving around edible landscaping, gardening and permaculture, "the harmonious integration of the landscape with people providing their food, energy, shelter and other material and non-material needs in a sustainable way..." Examples from his work in a range of topics can be seen at the website [www.ecologiadesign.com](http://www.ecologiadesign.com).

Left: Tomato trellises. Right: Gooseberry fans work even in small urban spaces.

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### Coming Events

**Friday, February 23 through Sunday, April 8:**

"Orchid Spectrum," annual orchid show. Visit the US Botanic Garden Conservatory to explore thousands of amazing orchid blooms arranged in captivating displays, and to appreciate many unique, rarely seen orchids from the USBG's and Smithsonian Gardens' extensive plant collections.

**Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m. at U.S.**

**Botanic Gardens:** "Orchids: Evolution, Physiology and Biogeography of the Floral Rainbow," lecture by Todd Breithauser, USBG Education Volunteer. Register (free) at [usbg.gov](http://usbg.gov), select "Learning and Programs".

### End of the Deep Freeze?

#### Probably Not!

Thanks to all those who came out to our wild and wonderful Winter Potluck on January 17. What a group of great gardeners we are! Three new members joined and lots of "regulars" paid their 2018 dues.

Winter is by no means even close to being over, but getting temperatures above freezing and winds below 40 mph can make one giddy! We can even do some cleaning up and light pruning now. Feeding and hydrating the birds is a priority. Let me know if you have any questions about your membership status. I know you don't want your THC membership to lapse.

Thanks, Carole ([cagalati@rcn.com](mailto:cagalati@rcn.com))