

Takoma Horticultural Club

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July 2017

Join the Parade!

THC Members! Both feet forward! Your Club will be On the March again in the 2017 Takoma Park Independence Day Parade, and we want to be many members strong! If you haven't already, please let coordinator Joan Frye (joan.anon@outlook.com) know that you will march.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. on the Fourth of July. Marchers gather at 9 a.m. at our designated meeting place which this year is with Division V on Boyd Avenue.

Reflecting this year's Parade theme, "Unity in the Community," we're unifying around the "community" of gardeners, insects and other pollinators, that make local vegetable and flower gardens fertile and beautiful. So don your antennae or your paper wings, or your Bee Suit...or carry a flower that attracts them. The City of Takoma Park has donated packets of pollinator seeds that we'll distribute along the route. Costumed canines are also welcome!

Barbara Karpas has graciously offered to host a post-parade potluck for marchers again this year! Let Joan know if you plan to join the party (and what you'll bring) by July 1st at the latest. If you wish, you can drop off your food and beverages at Barbara's house (6916 Westmoreland Ave., Takoma Park) before the parade assembles at 9:00 am.

Note: you must be a member to march! If you are not sure of your club membership status, please check with Carole Galati (cagalati@rcn.com).

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Small Water Features in the Garden

Joan Kramer, Master Gardener

Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 *

Historic Takoma, Inc., 7328 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD

Joan Kramer loves to talk about container water gardens and how to put them together in your own garden—especially if you don't think you can manage such a project. Be careful! If you come to hear her talk on July 19, at our monthly Takoma Horticultural Club meeting, she may talk you into becoming a "water gardener". Her presentation will focus on making a container water garden to fit your space; focusing on size, light requirements and the various plants suitable for container water gardens. She hopes to inspire us to create our own container garden and expand the type of plants we can grow, while enjoying the soothing motion of water and attracting birds and pollinators to our gardens.

Joan has been president of both the St. John's and the Flower Valley Garden Clubs. She currently serves as Secretary of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association Auxiliary and is Historian for the Ladies Auxiliary Maryland State Firemen's Association. Joan seems to truly be an Earth, Fire and Water person! As a Montgomery County Master Gardener, she is active in the Demonstration Garden at Derwood and works with the Therapeutic Horticultural and the Urban Gardener groups.

Come and enjoy an informative and interesting talk. We invite you to bring your questions and share your experiences with water gardens—all sizes and shapes! By the way, Joan also keeps bees! ***Doors open at 7:00 pm; talk begins at 7:30.** Please bring a snack to share, a recycled name tag and a friend. This talk is free and open to the public, but you are welcome to join or renew your 2017 membership in the Takoma Horticultural Club.

June was happening!



Photos: Barbara Henderson, Kathy Jentz



Photo: Diane Svenonius

Top to bottom, left to right: TP Mayor Kate Stewart cuts the ribbon to officially dedicate the Takoma Horticultural Club's Centennial Park; City Gardener Mike Welsh, whose team made the garden a reality, is at the far right. Judy Casey family members view the big beautiful bench they donated in memory of Judy's grandparents, Clarence and Catherine Casey, long time mainstays of the Club and its annual Flower Shows. Wendy Bell, Barbara Henderson and Jeff Trunzo seem to like it. . . it is also appreciated by the school crossing guards on their breaks, according to Mike Welsh. Visitors enjoy Sherrell Goggins's garden, part of the Club's 2017 Open Garden series. At the Open Garden of Lorraine Pearsall and Paul Chrostowski, native plants like butterfly weed draw visitors onto their handsome grounds with its 1904 house and many mature trees.



Photos: Diane Svenonius



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Welcome to Newest Members!

Please welcome our newest members: Elizabeth Lane, Steve Branch, Wade Kness, Nina Stark-Slapnik and Bob Slapnik, Elizabeth Bakacs and Mene Santana. We hope to see you at a THC event soon. Please note: I only officially twisted two arms—and they deserved it because they have been lurking around our Open Gardens for a few years! But then, Wade and Steve have agreed to host (again) in 2018—I have witnesses to this promise!! So I do apologize for arm twisting. Speaking of Open Gardens (sorry), please get in touch with me if you are considering hosting one in June 2018. You have plenty of time to weed, plan, clean up and transplant, etc. We are not looking for perfect gardens!

Believe it or not, we still have over 50 people who belonged to our club in 2016, but have not paid to rejoin for 2017. Consider checking your membership status. Remember, our wonderful, not to be missed, popular Annual Summer Potluck at Taffy Turner's garden in September is for **members only!**
 —Carole Galati, Membership Chair Person (cagalati@rcn.com)