

Takoma Horticultural Club

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Happy New Year Fellow Gardeners!

Please make plans to join your fellow Takoma Horticultural Club members for a Potluck and Indoor Plant Exchange on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Heffner Park. Early birds with appetizers come at 6:30 pm, dinner to begin at 7.



Enjoy the good company and delicious potluck treats.

Please bring an appetizer (if coming at 6:30), main dish, side dish, or dessert. As usual, the club will provide beverages. Heffner has a kitchen with a sink, refrigerator, microwave and a cook top but **no oven**.

For our after-dinner entertainment, we'll have the Indoor Garden Exchange. If you don't have an indoor plant you can part with, you can bring garden books, garden magazines, a tool, any garden-related item—or nothing at all is fine, too. Be prepared to give the group a little description of your treasure. If you bring something, you'll go home with something! Remember to protect your plants from the cold while transporting them.

This is a members-only THC event. You may pay your 2018 dues or join the club at the Potluck. Please bring a check for \$12, made out to THC. We will not have cash to make change. You are welcome to bring a guest.

This is always a fun evening and a great opportunity to get to know fellow THC members and meet new friends in a relaxed setting.

Please RSVP to me so we know how tables and chairs to set up.

—Taffy Turner

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In with the New!

by President Katherine Lambert

Good-bye 2017!

From inaugurating the THC Centennial Garden at Piney Branch and Philadelphia to learning about water gardens, edible landscaping, encouraging wildlife (the good kind) in our gardens, composting and a fun little flower show, we had a rich and varied calendar of activities this year. There were fabulous Friday evenings in June enjoying the lovely gardens of some proud and generous gardeners, as well as a potluck in Taffy Turner's always fascinating shady garden. A field trip, two plant exchanges, bulb selling at the Takoma Street Festival...I'm sure I've left some things out but you can see that every year there are lots of ways to participate in your club.

Hello 2018!

Gardeners tend to be eternal optimists—lose one plant, now you get to try get something new you've been waiting to grow! Lose a tree, you get a chance to try some

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sun-loving beauties or grow herbs and vegetables! And that plant you just adore that seems to not thrive for you? Well, you keep moving it, changing its watering schedule, applying this or that magical remedy and on and on.

Every new season brings hope and possibilities as we cruise through Pinterest fantasies, plant catalogues and photos of our gardens past (if we remembered to take them).

With that thought, the Club has some great programs planned for 2018 to spark your inner gardener and keep you informed and hanging with gardening pals. Starting off with the annual **Winter Potluck/Plant Exchange** in January and then a talk in February by **Michael Judd** (*ecologiadesign.com*), we've got a great year coming up. Even a talk on ticks and mosquitoes in July—so relevant now when the planet is warming and we are out in the garden more.

In the Open Gardens series, usually on Friday evenings in June, Club members open up their wonderful and diverse gardens to the public. They provide opportunities for area gardeners to gather, share ideas and socialize in the best venues possible. The 2018 schedule will soon appear on the THC web site *www.takomahort.org*. Four are already planned and we're looking for one more host for Friday, June 29. Keep in mind we have no "perfect gardens" scheduled, and you have six months to prepare!

Dues can be a pretty boring subject to write about, but they do keep the Takoma Horticultural Club going, helping pay for our unique Historic Takoma Inc. venue, for speakers, workshops, trips, donations to the City of Takoma Park, Brookside Gardens, and more. So please join us, and pay your dues!

Club Dues Are Due

Our calendar year for dues begins January 1st. Please consider paying your 2018 dues now—**still only \$12!** It won't help you with your 2017 or 2018 taxes, but it will help the club! We are finalizing our Calendar of Events for 2018 and have some great topics and speakers planned. Your dues help pay for everything the Club does each year. Thank you to the 80 members who have paid their dues for 2018. Check with me about your membership status (*cagalati@rcn.com*). Keep in mind that our **Winter Potluck on January 17 is for members only.**

Hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends. Happy New Year to everyone. See you at the Potluck at Heffner!
—Carole

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