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"Autumn is the mellower season and what we lose in flowers, we more than gain in fruit"

- Samuel Butler

A Message From Our President



President Jeanne Davis

The autumn days are here with their vivid displays of color, autumn perennials, and the "last rose of summer". Time once again to plant daffodil bulbs for the "Golden Days" project.

The first FGCMD Youth Environmental Awareness Day held at the Irvine Nature Center on October 2nd was a phenomenal success thanks to Chairperson Barb Small and the center's talented staff. The Girl Scouts attending earned the NGC Native Plants patch. Hats off to For-Win-Ash Garden Club for sponsoring and chaperoning a group of young people. This day was especially meaningful for me as it emphasized my theme of working with the youth. At the District II semi-annual meeting, I learned of another wonderful project for youth in the creation of a Butterfly Garden at the Phoenix School in Annapolis by the Naval Academy Garden Club. Listening to the passion in which its members spoke of working with the students was very emotional.

Thank you, Claire Jones and members from all five districts for creating beautiful centerpieces for the Habitat For Humanity luncheon in Baltimore on October 5th, attended by former President Carter and his wife, Rosalyn.

Great Falls, Montana was the site of the fall NGC board meeting. It was once again a pleasure to represent Maryland. Networking with members from all 50 states and South America reinforced the fact that we are an organization that does wonderful things for communities all over the world.

The NGC's goal for membership this year is adding more garden clubs. At District II's semi-annual meeting last week, it was also exciting to learn that the Garden Club of La Plata is mentoring a new club. Many clubs have a limit on membership due to logistics of meeting places, etc. A great way to bring in new members is to help create a new club.

At the end of October, Maryland had an opportunity at the conference in Long Branch N.J. to invite member states to Maryland for the C.A.R. Conference on October 21-23, 2011.

Our state fundraiser, November 6th at the Vollmer Center is a "sell-out" thanks to Nicki Schwab and her committee.

Before we know it, the holidays will be here, and garden club members will partake in many festive activities.

Isn't it fun to be a garden club member!
Bountiful wishes for the holiday season!

Jeanne

Open House

You are cordially invited to stop by to see our new home - made possible by your generous donations.

The Federated Garden Clubs of MD, Inc.
Office in The Vollmer Center
at Cylburn Arboretum
4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD

Sunday, November 21, 2010 - Noon to 2 PM

RSVP by November 15th
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or call 410-396-4842

Behind the Scenes: Designing for Habitat for Humanity - Susan Palmer

Twenty FGCMD volunteers from around the state gathered at the Pratt Street Hilton in downtown Baltimore to pitch in and create 66 floral arrangements on the eve of the October 5, 2010 Habitat for Humanity Luncheon with special guests Rosalynn Carter and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.



Under the able direction of District III Director Claire Jones (pictured at far right with volunteers Jackie Handley [left, D-III/IV] and Linda Masland [center, D-III]), arrangers turned out unique designs for the dining and registration tables of more than 620 attendees.

While designs were unified in the use of vibrant yellow sunflowers and deep blue delphiniums, designers had creative license to add hydrangeas, zinnias, strawflowers, hypericum, irises and a variety of greens and grasses in making their arrangements. In keeping with Habitat's 'build-it' mission, designs were placed in galvanized paint buckets with paint brushes, stir sticks and carpenter's rulers added as innovative and thematic accessories.

As they have done for more than two decades and despite the former President's recent hospitalization in Cincinnati, the Carters took time for hands-on work, devoting their efforts earlier in the day to help rehab a home on Jefferson Street in East Baltimore.

FGCMD was proud to contribute to this endeavor, which benefits local, national and international populations. In addition to providing a deep pool of talented arrangers and willing workers, FGCMD was able to contribute \$1,000 towards design materials. Funds available for underwriting were generated from individual sponsorships of former FGCMD President Lissa Williamson in walk-a-thons for Habitat for Humanity that took place at the May, 2009 and 2010 National Garden Clubs, Inc. conventions.



District II's Nicki Schwab and Anna O'Kelly at work, *left*; President Carter's table - arrangement by Marie Coulter, *right*. Designers in addition to those pictured above - **District I:** Marie Davis, Phyllis Gatti, Phyllis Rambo, Joy Shamburek; **District II:** Donna Farrow, Judy Maron, Liz Williams, Lissa Williamson; **District III:** Susan Palmer; **District IV:** Kathleen Brosi, Katie Stevens, Karen Visser and **District V:** Pat Gordon, Patsy Ransom.

In Memoriam
Jeanne Vollmer
State President 1969-1971
Hagerstown Garden Club

**Central Atlantic
Region
Conference
October 24 to 26
Long Branch, NJ.**

Members and delegates from the 6 states and National Capital (DC) area that make up the Central Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. convened at the Jersey Shore for communication, education, presentation of awards and fun.



Your FGCMMD delegation (Susan Palmer [hidden at left], Jeanne Davis, Bozy Markiewicz, Nicki Schwab, Marie Coulter, Lissa Williamson, Jackie Handley, Diana Bonner and Linda Masland) is pictured above with the hatted persona of 'John Bartram' (1699 - 1777), the father of American botany and early Philadelphia resident whose present-day incarnation in Kirk Brown addressed the assembly at Monday's dinner.

The business meeting included reports from regional chairs on the significant and inspiring accomplishments in the region and plans for the future. On the awards side, congratulations to the following FGCMMD clubs and individuals for their achievements recognized at the Conference:

Environmental Concerns Award Certificate: large club 50+ members: 2nd Place - **St. George's GC (District IV)** for their project to distribute 5,000 reusable bags to school children with instruction on the potential dangers of plastic bags.

Flower Show Schedule Award Certificate and \$50: 1st Place (tie) to "Run For The Roses", **Green-walled GC (District V)**.

Standard Flower Show by a District Award Certificate and \$50: 1st Place (tie) to "Natural Splendor", **District I**.

CAR Youth Excellence Award Certificate and \$50: 1st Place **Gibson Island Garden Club (District II)** for efforts with their junior garden club in a variety of plantings and projects.

Youth Awards:

High School Essay Contest Certificate: 2nd Place to **Kayla Fu**

Poetry Contest certificates to Grade 1 1st Place winner **Wyatt Bright**, and to Grade 2 **Kaylee Henson**, Grade 4 **Abby Bright**, Grade 5 **Reilly Maloy**, Grade 8 **Evan Morgan** and Grade 9 **Cortez Wilson**.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest certificates were awarded to Grade 1 2nd Place winner **Amelia Major**, and honorable mention winners in Grade 2 **Tommy Rampolla** and Grade 5 **Brenden Cliff**.

The October 21-23, 2011 C.A.R. Conference will be in Maryland

The hosting of the conference rotates among the seven C.A.R. members, and the 2011 Conference will be on home turf October 21-23 at the Sheraton North Hotel (Towson) and at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn. Mark your calendars NOW, and plan to attend: wonderful workshops, speakers and tours are in the works -- the event will be an entertaining learning experience you'll not want to miss.

Dover Air Force Base Center for Families Therapeutic Garden Donations

Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is having a private outdoor garden planted adjoining the Center for Families at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. Every military casualty outside the United States is transported to Dover and prepared for burial. Thousands of family members and friends of our fallen heroes have gone to Dover to be present for the dignified transfer of their loved ones. A facility for these families and friends is provided. The Delaware federation has donated an enclosed landscaped area adjacent to this facility providing a therapeutic garden space for the visiting family and friends. This garden will not be open to the public and is only accessible through the center. It will be landscaped area with walkways, trees, benches and a soothing water feature. To learn more, visit DeFedGC.com. NGC, Inc. has embraced this project and is encouraging all garden club members to support this project by making a donation.

Please send your fully tax deductible donation either as individuals or a garden club. Send to: Memorial Garden Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs. P.O. Box 17 Greenwood, Delaware 19950

State Committee Chair Reports

State Horticulture Chairman - Trish Reynolds



Spotlight on.....

Talbot County Garden Club

The “horticulture bug” seems to have taken hold in Talbot County!! During 2010, TCGC conducted five Horticulture related workshops for their members ranging from “Pruning for Winter/Snow Damage”; “Techniques for the Proper Pruning Boxwood”; creating Hypertufa Troughs; “Propagating Shrubs”; and “Succulents – How to Design with Succulents”. In addition, TCGC Horticulture Committee provides members with a quarterly Horticulture newsletter, “*Can You Dig It*”.

State Legislation Chairman - Ellie Kelly

"Positives in a Negative Time"

Once again, it is the gardeners who are productive, helping raise spirits in a dispirited time. We can welcome two wonderful gardening research and learning centers and a positive watershed consolidation.

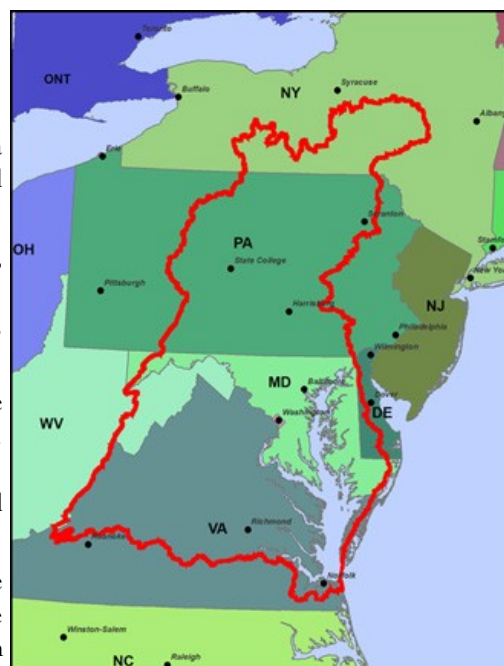
Cylburn has completed its sparkling new building, the **Vollmer Center**, which is now the headquarters of our Federated Garden Clubs of MD. Baltimore city can be proud of this center of learning about gardening, birding, and horticulture.

Opening in November with an environmentally adapted building is the **Baltimore County Agricultural Resource Center** off of Shawan Road. This center will be a resource for promoting sustainable harvests for farmers, gardeners, students, and marketers. A demonstration garden is being planted by Master Gardeners.

Five watershed groups: Gwynns Falls, Jones Falls, Herring Run watersheds, the Baltimore Harbor Association, and the Baltimore Waterkeeper are in the process of consolidating. The **Baltimore Watershed Alliance** can collaborate to create a sharper focus on reducing the pollutants that these watersheds now dump into the Bay. Already, the Alliance has enlisted the business community near the Harbor in efforts to prevent run off and in helping fund projects.

Environmental measures that **reduce sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorous** from entering the Bay no longer are a wish and a sort-of try; they are mandated. The **Federal Government through the EPA** has assumed oversight of projected targets for reduced pollution to the Chesapeake Bay. This clean up will receive national attention. Every 2 years reports will be required to be delivered to the EPA from the states. The EPA has found draft clean up plans from 5 states unacceptable (but not Maryland's). After the plans are submitted in November, if there is non-compliance, enforcement by the EPA will mean further restrictions on point sources, such as wastewater, treatment plants, stormwater systems, and animal feedlots. EPA does not regulate run off from lawns and fields. Nevertheless, coordinated efforts from everybody might finally overcome the past stalled struggles to make the Bay fishable and swimmable by 2025.

This summer, the Federated Garden Clubs of MD, as a member of one of the 220 organizations (over 630,000 Marylanders) of **Maryland's No Child Left Inside Coalition** supported a **Maryland environmental literacy graduation requirement**. In September 2010, the Maryland State Board of Education voted unanimously to require that MD public school students must have access to environmental education. Multidisciplinary environmental education programs are now being developed by the schools. *I'm glad I'm a gardener!* Ellie Kelly



The 64,229 square mile Chesapeake Bay Watershed includes six states and DC.

State Committee Chair Reports

State - National and Regional Projects Chairman - Anne Madden annemadden@verizon.net



It is time to brag about your club and its great service projects! As we approach the end of the 2009-2011 term, the FGCMD National and Regional Projects Committee would like to announce the awards that are available to clubs that participated in Golden Day and Beautify Blight projects.

GOLDEN DAYS National Garden Clubs will award certificates to all garden clubs that have a project involving daffodils. Doesn't your club qualify? You may fill out the Golden Days Daffodil Project award submission form or submit a one page report with up to three photos and send it to the National Chairman, Lila Petersen, 860 Hunting Hills Lane, Boone NC 28607.

BEAUTIFY BLIGHT The National Garden Clubs president's special project is called Beautify Blight. National awards for Beautify Blight projects require a book of evidence. The deadline for submission is January 20, 2011. More information is available through the National Garden Club website: gardenclub.org/special.projects. The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland plans to recognize all the clubs that have created a project that incorporates the spirit of the Beautify Blight national project by creating three categories of service to the community awards for 2009-2011: vegetables for the less fortunate, vegetable gardening with youth groups and vegetable growing projects with senior citizens or the disabled. If your club has created a unique project with vegetable gardening, please tell us about it.

How many daffodils have been planted in Maryland? The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland wants to brag too! Clubs that complete the Golden Days Daffodil Project award submission form will be part of our daffodil count. There will be awards for the club in each district that planted the most daffodils from March 2009 to March 2011. The district with the most daffodils planted will also receive an award. (See the Golden Days Daffodil Project award submission form.)

Many thanks to all the clubs and districts who have participated in Beautify Blight and Golden Days!
Anne Madden, State National and Regional Projects Chair, Connie Hoge, Vice Chair, Beautify Blight,
Lynn Vinke, Vice Chair, Golden Days, Pat Hamill, Vice Chair, Golden Days

State Scholarship Chairman - Marjorie Schiebel "Scholarship Program"

On page 21 of the State "Green Directory" for 2009/2011 of the Federated Garden Clubs of MD, Inc. is a list of scholarships.

One **National Scholarship** is offered each year in the spring. Several small scholarships are offered by our Maryland clubs. These include a scholarship offered by the Baker Foundation. In the fall of each year **C.A.R. (Central Atlantic Region)** offers a scholarship to those of high scholastic achievement. Details about these scholarships are on our National website www.gardenclub.org or in our State Green Directory.

Funds for scholarships come from gifts and endowments. To honor Garden Club retiring officers, a member's years of service or special recognition, etc., clubs often present a **FGCMD Life Membership** (\$75) or **NGC Life Membership** (\$200). Part of the cost of these memberships helps to fund the scholarships.

In May 2010, our chosen National candidate, **Lauren Joanna Richie** was awarded a scholarship at the National Convention. The amount of this scholarship was \$4,000. After due consideration by the scholarship committee, three scholarships were awarded by the Federated Garden Clubs of MD. The recipients were: **Campbell Byron Moore**, \$1,000 and his application will be sent to CAR for competition with other CAR candidates. **Emma Childs** received \$1,000 and **Kayla Marie Giffiths**, received a check for \$700.

SOLD OUT! Tony Todesco SOLD OUT!

**Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum
Saturday, November 6, 2010**

Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland will host a morning with acclaimed **Designer Tony Todesco**. Tony's colorful style and expertise, make him a sought after designer, commentator, and lecturer. He is proud to be a NGC Master Flower Show Judge, and has judged many prestigious shows including the New York, Philadelphia, and Boston Flower Shows. Many of his designs are featured in the beautiful, new NGC book ***DESIGNING BY TYPE***.



Questions?? Nicki Schwab
mako261mom@aol.com
or 410-437-6979

*Light refreshments
*Vendors

*Designer
Tony Todesco*

Continuing Education & Garden Notes

Hybrid American Chestnut Orchard at ThorpeWood

The Hybrid American Chestnut Orchard and Reforestation Project is a collaboration with the American Chestnut Foundation, Hood College and other partners. American chestnut trees were important both economically and ecologically in American forests before most were destroyed by a fungal blight in the late 1800's. The first long-term goal of the project is to produce a Catoctin hybrid that is resistant to the American chestnut blight. The second goal is to introduce this hybrid into eastern forests.

ThorpeWood established a 374-tree orchard to help scientists develop a resistant strain of chestnut trees that would be viable in the microclimate of the local region. ThorpeWood supports volunteer activities that maintain the orchard and serves as a host facility for youth and adult organizations committed to the study of chestnuts and the success of our orchard.

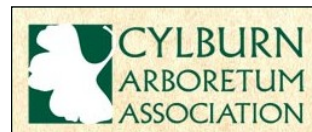
For more information about ThorpeWood: <http://www.thorpewood.org/index.html>



Eastern Tent Caterpillar

Examine branches of crabapples, cherries, and apples for the egg masses of the eastern tent caterpillar this fall. You can solve many spring problems with this pest by pruning off egg masses at this time of year.

-University of Maryland Extension
TPM/IPM Weekly Report : 10-15-2010



Cylburn Arboretum

Calendar of Events
Activities and Information
<http://www.cylburnassociation.org/>

Landscape Design School

Series XIII, Course II

Sponsored by

The National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.

in cooperation with

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

WHAT: Course II, "LEARN THE SITE STROKES"

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 9 to Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010

WHERE: Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg
620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Toll free 800-695-0826

Information contact: Chairman Charmane Truesdell:

301-490-4478, charmanet@comcast.net

The Registration Form link is on our website "Calendar of Events" page



Flower Show School Course I

April 27, 28, 29, 2011

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Comfort Inn

4500 Crain Highway

Bowie, Maryland 20716

301-464-0089

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News from Around the State

District I - Eastern Shore Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester *Trish Reynolds* 410-226-5290 preynolds@goeaston.net

The **District Meeting I Semi-Annual Meeting** took place on Oct. 6 featuring Dottie Howatt, Life Member of FGC of Maryland, and hosted by the Four Seasons Garden Club. District I garden clubs will once again participate in **Wreath's Across America Project**. Participants will help place wreaths on veteran's graves at the Veteran's Cemetery in Hurlock, MD on December 12. This activity honors all five branches of the armed services.

Members of the **Caroline GC** will hold their annual **"Christmas Workshop"**, decorating wreaths for the Caroline County Courthouse, the Denton branch of the Caroline County Public Library and the Rural Life Museum in Denton. The club members will also decorate the home selected by the Caroline County Historical Society for its annual Christmas fundraiser.

On Oct 8, the **Chestertown GC** hosted a **Small Standard Flower Show**, "Autumn Splendor". Gene Sumi of Homestead Gardens offers **"Holidays in Bloom"** on November 2, 2010. Dell J. Sadler III presents **"Natural/Organic Lawn Care"** on January 4, 2011. Sabine Harvey will conduct a demonstration/workshop **"Salad in a Box"** on Feb 1, 2011. All programs are open to the public at Parish Hall of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 101 North Cross Street, Chestertown, Maryland. Questions? 410-778-6530

Dorchester GC will present Dana York, Director, Conservation Planning and Tech. Assistance Div., U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service **"USDA's NRCS Chesapeake Program"**. On February 11th, Lee D'Zmura, from the American Society of Botanical Artists, will present **"Botanical Art"**.

On Nov. 11, **Greenfingers GC** will **plant bulbs** in the Galena Town Square. The club will decorate the **Mount Harmon Plantation House** with fresh greenery in the Williamsburg-style for their annual "Yuletide Tour" fundraiser on Dec. 4-5. On **March 2, 2011** Greenfingers will host the **District I Annual Meeting** at the Granary Restaurant, Georgetown, MD.

Four Seasons GC members will decorate The Poplar Hill Mansion on Dec. 3 for the holidays, followed by a Christmas Tea.

In early December, **Kent Island GC** will decorate Cray House for the Holidays with greenery and the Kent Island Library with wreaths. Members will also participate in the annual District 1 project to lay wreaths at Maryland's Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery on 12/11.

Oxford GC is looking forward to a busy program schedule over the next several months. The October 7 meeting on **"Bulb Layering in Pots"** with Stephanie Wooten of Garden Treasures was a hands on meeting where members planted their own bulbs. November 11's meeting will be at Atkins Arboretum participating in their **"Soup 'n Walk"** program.

Queen Anne's County GC will have a **"Christmas Workshop"** where members and their guests will gather to make decorations for the town of Centerville. Each member also brings two miniature arrangements to be given to Hospice and nursing home residents.

It's been a busy summer and fall for **The Somerset County GC** keeping up with their youth garden. Members are looking forward to November 1 and Dr. Mark Holland, Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Biological Sciences at Salisbury University advising us on **"The Growing and Care of Orchids"**.

Talbot County GC's activities for November and December center on getting ready for the Holiday Season. Nov. 30, members and guest will have their annual **"Festive Wreath Decorating for the Town of Easton"**, and on Dec. 7 members will be construction **Small Holiday Greens Baskets** to brighten Christmas Dinners provided by Meals-on-Wheels to Easton residents.

The **Worcester County Garden Club** was fortunate to have help in a re-design of the Butterfly Garden at the Snow Hill Elementary School. Lowe's in Pocomoke through their "Hero's Project" awarded a grant for materials, plants and volunteers to assist the WCGC. Local vendors in the community provided donations for breakfast, and lunch as well as many bottles of water for the hottest day of the summer!!



District II - Southern Maryland

Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles County, Prince George's, St. Mary's
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District II will be presenting **"The Magic of the Nutcracker" Standard Flower Show** on Tuesday, November 16, 2:00 -8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 17, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 400 Benfield Road, Severna Park. The public is invited and admission is free. Doris White 301-934-0999

District II is encouraging its member clubs to participate in the Helen Avalyne Tawes Garden's Holiday Fund Raiser on Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Contact Don Myers 410-956-3094 or Nancy Weber 410-269-6716 eweber05@verizon.net

On December 7-9, **Charles County GC** will hold a Greens Workshop & Sale at the Christ Church in La Plata. Ground was broken for a garden at the Friendship House. The house, over 300 years old is located on the campus of the College of Southern Maryland. The project is funded from proceeds of the 2009 House and Garden Pilgrimage. Upon completion, a dedication ceremony will be held. On a sad note, the Club lost member, Irene Potthast.

Chesapeake GC will hold a **"Christmas Made Easy and Elegant"** fundraiser on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 12:00 noon in St. Anthony's Church Hall in North Beach (Calvert County). A floral design program begins at 1:00 p.m., admission \$10. The program will feature designs by Vickie Trego, Linda Masland and Sylvia Deck. Fresh greens, centerpieces, raffle, & silent auction items as well as an auction of holiday designs. Light Refreshments will be available. Questions? Marybeth Krovisky 410-586-2620.

Crofton Greenery GC shared top honors for the DII Environmental Contest with their Bay-Wise Certification project. With 100% of the club practicing and encouraging Bay-friendly gardening, the Club is proud to be making a positive impact on Maryland's cherished Chesapeake. The Club has adopted a neglected Blue Star Memorial garden on Rt. 424 in Davidsonville. It will plant and maintain the garden similar to its original red, white and blue design. As part of National's Golden Days project, CGGC planted 500 daffodils at historic Sacred Heart Church in Bowie. Several members will enter the District II "Magic of the Nutcracker" Standard Flower Show. In early December, the Club will make its annual trek to John Hanson's home Mulberry Grove in Port Tobacco where members will pick boxwood for its Christmas tree fundraiser. Gathering greens at the home of a founding father while overlooking the Potomac has become a favorite way for members to start the holiday season.

Chartwell GC members and staging chair, Jill Breen, have been designing and building the staging for District II's November "The Magic of the Nutcracker" Standard Flower Show. The Club continues to support SPAN (Severna Park Assistance Network) through its monthly donations of non-

perishable food, assisting local families in crisis. Floral Designers from the Club created floral designs for the Chesapeake's Habitat for Humanity Luncheon on October 5, honoring President and Mrs. Carter. Funds for the project were raised by the participation of former FGCMDC's President, Lissa Williamson, in the NGC'S Habitat Walkathons. The Club participated in the preparations for the October Grand Opening of Kinder Farm Park's new Visitors' Center. Finally, the Club is especially proud of its "Junior Gardeners", Benfield Brownie Troop. Club Coordinator, Melissa Shegogue, received the National Golden Days Award for the daffodils planted at the Benfield Elementary School by the Junior Gardeners.

Four Rivers GC presented a small-standard flower show on Saturday, June 12, 2010 on the theme of **"Maryland, My Maryland"**. There were 114 entries in the Horticulture Classes, an all-time high for the club and Six Design Classes. A Best in Show Award was received by Carol Melchner for the highest scoring entry among all classes. Carol chose the Orioles Stretch Design Class. A masterful design - Congratulations, Carol!



LaPlata GC will present their third annual Holiday Design Show on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Grace Lutheran Church, 1200 Charles Street, LaPlata 20646. Floral Designer Sylvia Deck will present "The Grand Festival of Holiday Design." Doors open at Noon, the program is from 1:30-3:30. There will be vendors, a silent auction, a Green/Shabby Chic Sale, and raffle of the floral arrangements. Admission - \$12.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door, which included light refreshments. Tickets or questions - Carole Raucheisen 310-392-9736 caroleal@verizon.net

Naval Academy GC received a National Garden Club Standard Flower Show Achievement Award for its **"A Diamond in the Sky"** Flower Show staged in a public building. Pictured: NAGC's Presidents Ann Stagnaro (2009) Carol Kepler (2010).



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NCGC "Creating a Butterfly Garden" project shared the first place award for District II's Environmental Projects Contest. Since 2007, NAGC has enjoyed an ongoing relationship with the Phoenix Center, an alternative educational center (Anne Arundel County Public Schools) which serves 80 students in grades K-12. In the spring, the Garden Therapy Committee helped them create a butterfly garden, partnering with the City of Annapolis' Greenscape project. A thank you letter from the principle stated, "Many of the students had never used a trowel nor planted a plant so the experience was very meaningful to them".



Shown with the book of evidence & \$125.00 check is President, Carol Kepler and Awards Chair, Barbara Breeden.

Shipley's Choice GC has begun an ongoing Garden Therapy project at Sarah's House, an emergency shelter and transitional house serving men, women and children who are homeless. The facility located off Route 175 in Ft. Meade partners with Catholic Charities, Anne Arundel County and the U.S. Army. The Club planted over fifty-five plants on the grounds, donated hoses and sprayers, and assisted children in planting small decorative pots to give to a parent or special friend. Garden Therapy Chair, Lynne Stutz, coordinated this project. In November, Shipley's GC and Moonflowers GC will attend a lecture by Maria Price Nowakowki who will speak about using herbs in cooking, for medicinal purposes, and in holiday wreaths. Finally, in December, the Club will make and hang Holiday Decorations on the entrance monuments to the Shipley's Choice neighborhood & supply two decorated-fresh-green wreaths to hang on the light poles around Annapolis State Circle.

District III - Baltimore and Harford Counties

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District III is pleased to report that part of the proceeds from Towson Garden Days will fund benches in the Courthouse Garden with plaques honoring **Glen Arm GC**, **Hampton GC** and **Lutherville GC**. As District III volunteers assist in planning and staffing the event, profits from TGD also go to benefit D-III's 'Gifts for Great Gardens' fund. You can make an important contribution of time and talent! Look for information for this fourth-Thursday-in-April event (4/28 in 2011) as time nears.

As announced at the September 10th D-III Presidents & Delegates Meeting at Cylburn's Green-house Classroom, there's plenty planned for fall and 2011. By the time this issue reaches you, the October 27 '**Back to Basics' Flower Arranging Workshop** will have been put to bed; under the talented direction of District II's **Anna O'Kelly**, 24 participants will have learned or refreshed their skills at mass, line and vertical designs. Remember, the workshop is an annual event incorporating a variety of design styles and instructors -- it's a fun, educational event to plan on each fall! December 7 brings another creative opportunity in decorating for '**Yuletide at Hampton**'. Members bring greens and clippers, and meet at the Orangery at 9 AM to make designs and wreaths to adorn the National Historic Site for winter; Hampton provides vases and containers. **Lake Roland GC** will have trimmed the tree in the Music Room on the 6th, so a festive holiday mood will be in place. Contact **Betty Reeves** (Lutherville GC) at breevesdesign@aol.com (410-893-5027) to see how your club can participate. See www.nps.gov/hamp for other enjoyable activities at the Mansion.

Sophia Montgomery (Joppatowne GC) at 410-256-6834 is busy booking reservations for the annual **bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show** on Monday, March 7, 2011.

The theme for 2011 is 'Springtime in Paris', with displays addressing the opulent, romantic, gourmet, artistic and avant-garde elements of the City of Lights. The D-III trip will depart from locations at Charlestown, Maryland Presbyterian Church and the Aberdeen Clarion. Your \$70 check covers transportation, escort service, show admission, light refreshments on the return trip and driver gratuity. Reserve NOW; buses fill quickly! Don't forget Friday, March 4, 2011 is the **D-III Annual Meeting** at Hillendale Country Club.

From our clubs: **Glen Arm GC** reports that the Hampton Herb garden had a magnificent summer and will be put to rest in October. Over the winter, the club will assess what's best and what's not, and will make spring planting plans accordingly. In the spirit of the holiday season, **Green Acres GC** will be making arrangements in ceramic mugs for Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland. The club also will donate to U.S.O. to provide gifts for troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Gunpowder GC's** love of gardens extended to outreach events this past season. 19 members gave a 'judging and registration' hand at the Hereford Farm Fair flowers category with its 150 specimens of fresh arrangements, cut flowers and houseplants. Members judged entries of under age 9 youngsters to high-school seniors. Gunpowder members also hosted 'Bike Through History' groups at the Monkton Station Gardens tour of its four Bay-Wise Gardens.

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Woodbrook-Murray Hill GC celebrated the culmination of its two-year project to commission and fund art to permanently enhance the Healing Garden at GBMC's Berman Cancer Institute. The project was a partnership of the club, GBMC and students of the Schuler School of Fine Arts: the club sponsored a design contest among the students and raised \$10,000 to underwrite costs of casting the winning piece. Unveiling of 'Health, Healing, Hope', the 2-1/2' x 6' bronze bas relief of upraised hands and doves in flight, was held on October 3. This photo at the right is a detail from the lower right section of the sculpture .

District III join with members of **Manor GC** in mourning the September 2 death of beloved club president Dolores Hoover. An ardent lover of flowers, dedicated mother and wife, master of numerous home skills, Dolores was most fond of fairy gardens and miniatures. Memories of Dolores will be inspiration for the club's upcoming flower show.



Detail from "Health, Healing, Hope" - Sculptor Dana Maranto

District IV - Baltimore City

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District IV Holiday House Tour will be held 10a.m.-2p.m. on Friday Dec 10, 2010. The seven homes will be decorated by District IV's Lake Hills, Garden Workshop, Homeland, For Win Ash, Roland Park, Women's Club of Roland Park and Bolton Hill Garden Clubs. The homes include an eclectic mix of styles from Historic to renovated contemporary on Bolton St., Eutaw St., Eutaw Pl., John St., and Park Ave. Historian Jonathon Barnes will be available for tours at Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church for those interested in its Tiffany windows.

Tickets - \$25 in advance \$30 on event day at 1611 Park Ave.

Parking at the secure Fitzgerald garage located at the Mount Royal light rail stop near the Lyric theater.

Shuttle will be available from the garage and will move visitors from house to house.

Maps will be available at each house for walkers.

For more **information** - Roxie Henry 410-523-9068

Howard Peter Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park is 10a.m.-4p.m. Wednesday - Sunday (Closed Mon and Tues) The annual chrysanthemum show "Mums, Mischief and Merriment" will start with an Open House Oct 30 from 2-4p.m. and continue through Nov 21. "Holiday Poinsettia" display begins Dec 11, 2010 and will end Jan 2, 2011. Be sure to stop by after the Bolton Hill Holiday House Tour to buy some of their beautiful Poinsettias. Every Sunday - Plants and People activities from 1:30-3:30pm

Woodland GC is hosting a small standard flower show "Autumn Magic" at Keswick Multi-Care Center On Tuesday 11/16; open to the public 1:00-2:30 p.m. All design entries will remain at Keswick to enhance residential areas. The club donated a "**flower cart**" to the William S. Baer School for children with multiple disabilities. The club

supplies flowers for the cart and the children sell them at the school's gift shop. All profits benefit the school.

Homeland GC will be taking a field trip to DC to visit the US Botanic Garden Monday Oct 11. We will be continuing our gardening project at the William S. Baer School in Baltimore (a school for the physically and/or mentally challenged) by planting daffodils in the garden beds on each side of the front entrance. This "Golden Days" project supports the efforts of our National President.

Mount Royal GC was pleased to receive the award of Best Yearbook (2009 - 2010) for District IV. We look forward to another productive year. We will install the Christmas decorations on the Washington Monument in Mount Vernon Square on Wednesday, December 1 for Baltimore City's gala official lighting of the monument on Dec. 2 featuring fireworks and local celebrity appearances.

The MRGC has just completed its annual Mum Sale, during which hundreds of brilliantly hued mums and ornamental cabbages were sold, brightening our community. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the Club's projects.

Roland Park GC received \$300.00 from the District IV fund designated for youth related projects. Roland Park Club will use the money to support their ongoing projects with young people at the Hampden Family Center on 36th Street.

As the **Little Garden Club** embarks on its seventy-third year of service, we are planning a year of informational meetings, entertaining and enriching field trips, and several ambitious projects. One of our major undertakings is the planting of annuals and a few perennials around the Joseph Richey Hospice. The courtyard and deck are transformed with hundreds of colorful flowering plants after a cold winter

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to give patients and their families some joy. Through generous donations given by Joseph Radebaugh and Hollins Nursery, we were able to supplant a great deal of the supply costs. We have expanded our partnership with Meals on Wheels creating festive centerpieces and arrangements for the housebound for both the Christmas and Easter seasons. We continue our support of Flower Mart by staffing the Information booth and selling raffle tickets. The Lab School benefits by our maintenance of their outside urns and planters with seasonal plants and decorations. A new project this year is with the Baltimore Animal Rescue Center. The LGC will assist with front entrance plantings to give the industrial site a little color and brighter welcome. We are planning to field trips: one to the new Cylburn Arboretum in October in October and another to Mt Cuba Center, Delaware in April. Both are well

anticipated events to experience these beautiful gardens. In all its 73 years, the Little Garden Club has always played an active role in Baltimore city's landscape projects. Our members continue to volunteer at Cylburn, Baltimore Conservatory, Oregon Ridge, and actively converting abandoned city plots to vibrant spots.

Cliff Dwellers GC toured the beautiful historic mansion Hampton house, then a ranger took us around the gardens. We had our first meeting afterwards, where many of our members offered to volunteer to help with the holiday tour in Bolton Hill. Connie Fitzpatrick and Savilla Rohde, Chairs for the jewelry fair at the Walters, spent time getting us excited about the event. We continue keeping our garden at Evergreen as beautiful as ever.

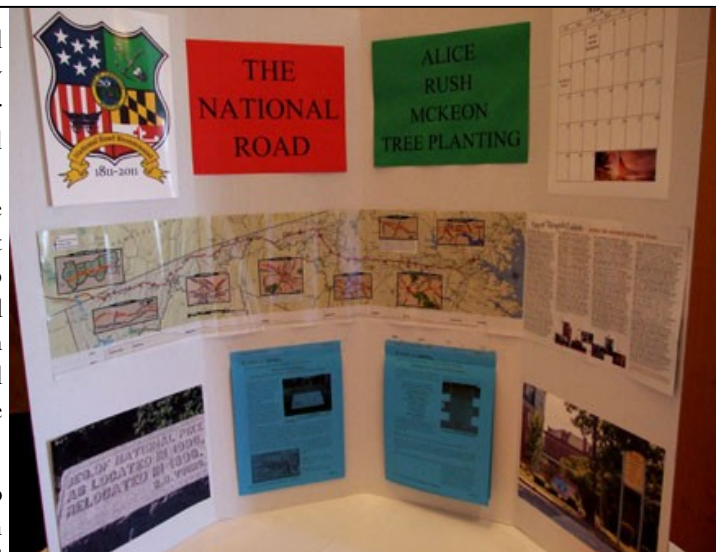
District V - Western Maryland Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, Washington
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District V's Semi-annual meeting held on October 7 had an Asian Theme. Chinese chicken salad for lunch, pretty umbrellas hanging from the ceiling and Ikebana designer Jeanne Benson shared a little of the history of Ikebana and created several beautiful arrangements.

The National Pike will be 200 years old in 2011. It was the first paved road in the United States and also the first "federally funded" road. It begins in Cumberland close to George Washington's Winter Headquarters which still exists in a Cumberland park. District V gave a contribution to the town of Cumberland for the coming celebration and the FGCMD **Alice Rush McKeon Grant** will provide funds for trees to be planted along the National Pike.

In October, 2010, **Branch & Twig GC** members went to Heartlands Assisted Living in Ellicott City to offer a Garden Therapy class. Members brought beautiful greens and flowers to work on a centerpiece project. The eleven residents attending the garden therapy session created centerpieces for their rooms with the assistance of our club members. We also enjoyed a tour of the three acre John I. Clark Honors Garden at the Howard County Conservancy - Mt. Pleasant in October. Tour guide and Master Gardener Donna White discussed the native plants planted in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Club members ended the tour by walking to our own newly established garden. We are quite proud of our work. A very rewarding day for all!

All are cordially invited to **Crossroads GC's** annual HOLIDAY GREENS SHOW to be held on Sunday, November 14th at 2p.m. at the Women's Club Building, 31 South Prospect Street, Hagerstown, Maryland. The 10 dollar admission price includes delicious refreshments, door prizes and a wonderful presentation on floral decorating by member Sukey Rankin. Tickets may be reserved by calling Glenna Cross at 301-223-8341. Thank you for your support!



Cattail River GC - Two of our members, Mary Charlotte Nicodemus and Betty Ann Daly are both turning 90 this fall. We celebrated both ladies at our October meeting with a surprise birthday luncheon, held at Gaye Holcomb's home! While Mary Charlotte is a founding member, both women have made tremendous contributions to the club throughout the years. Betty Ann attends almost every meeting! We will install them as permanent Honorary members of the club. Each year, along with other garden clubs of Howard County, we participate in decorating a room of Historic Waverly Mansion for Holiday tours. This Christmas we will be decorating the Dining Room in the mansion.

GC of Cumberland- On Thursday September 16, the Woodmen of the World held an Honor and Remembrance ceremony and Flag Raising at the Serenity Memorial Garden and Gazebo, Riverside Park. The Woodmen are to be congratulated on their yearly donation of a flag pole and American flag to any club or organization in the Cumberland area. We at the Serenity garden were honored to be chosen

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to receive the 2010 flag pole and flag and to host the ceremony at the garden location. We would like to thank all officers and members of the Woodmen of the World for their ceremony honoring and remembering the 9-11 victims as well as paying tribute to members of the military, both current and past, who selflessly protect American's freedom and liberty. On a local level, this ceremony also extends gratitude to those who safeguard our community - firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and other first responders - who put their lives on the line for our safety.

GC of Frederick presented the program “**Trinket or Treasure? An Evening with Michael Flanigan.**” The Oct. 28 program focused on the facts vs. fiction of antiques, fine arts and collectibles. Mr. Flanigan's talked about his experiences on the Antiques Roadshow and offered onsite evaluations and verbal appraisals for selected heirloom antiques or collectible objects. The highlight of 2009-2010 was our yearlong celebration of **The Garden Club of Frederick's 80th Anniversary**. The celebration kicked off with a look back at the founding women and the club's first year, 1929. The celebration continued each month with a summary of highlights from subsequent decades. A scrapbook was put together with all the information. The Anniversary Year ended with cake and balloons at our September 2010 meeting. The Historical Society of Frederick keeps and maintains all the club's records and worked with the members on this project.

Mt. Airy GC hosted a six-week Design Study & Workshop for our club and members of the **New Market GC**. Member Marilyn Potter organized and led this series of events. Mt. Airy GC is planning a second planting area at historic Pine Grove Chapel in Mt. Airy (a designated Civil War Trails site). At Parr's Ridge Elementary School and Mt. Airy Middle School, our members are working with students to create and expand gardens and involve students in various environmental activities.

Split Rail GC jumped into fall activities with renewed vim and vigor. We continue to maintain the Butterfly garden and the large flower urns at the Miller Branch of the Howard County Library. Club members will offer a “Fun with Fall Foliage” youth program at the library for 8 - 10 year olds, focusing on changing colors of leaves, how to identify trees by their leaves, and making fall arrangements with leaves, pods, nuts and cones. At the Ellicott City Senior Center, members will create mini seasonal arrangements with Day Care Seniors. The seniors delight in taking something home to share with family. With the Holidays fast approaching, workshops are scheduled for making items to sell at the Waverly Mansion Christmas open house. Decorations will be made to decorate the room assigned to the club for the tour. A bus trip to Longwood gardens is planned to view the magnificent poinsettias and 400,000 lights on 898 trees.



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BUTTERFLY WEED



ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSE (ASCLEPIADACEAE FAMILY)

A bushy, herbaceous perennial 18 to 30 inches tall by 18 to 24 inches wide, known for its large, flat-topped clusters of bright orange flowers. Butterfly weed is a type of milkweed (a group of plants with milky sap that is poisonous to most insects). Its bright flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies as well as larval host for the monarch and queen butterflies.

Calendar of Events - Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.



NOVEMBER 2010

- 5 Landscape Design Council Fall Meeting 10:30 a.m.
Cylburn Mansion [Details](#)
- 6 FGCMD Fundraiser featuring Designer Tony Todesco *Sold out!*
- 9 State Board Meeting hosted by District II Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Benfield Blvd. Severna Park, MD.
- 10 Awards Committee Oxford Community Center 10:00 a.m.
- 9-11 Course II Landscape Design School sponsored by
NCAGC and FGCMD [Registration form Brochure](#)
- 14 Soup N' Walk Series *Bark, Berries, and Buds- Winter Identification of Trees* [Registration & Information](#)
Cylburn Arboretum 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- 16-17 District II Flower Show "The Magic of the Nutcracker" [Show Schedule](#)
- 19 11:00 a.m. Ikebana International Baltimore Chapter 118
Cylburn Arboretum Greenhouse Classroom
- 21 FGCMD Open House for All Garden Club Members 12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.
Visit the new Federation Office in the Vollmer Center, Cylburn Arboretum [Directions](#)

DECEMBER 2010

- 4 Chesapeake Garden Club presents *Christmas Made ... Easy and Elegant*
For information call 410-586-2620 [Information](#)
- 7 District III Decorating Day for *Yuletide* at Hampton Mansion 9:00 a.m.
- 10 District IV Holiday House Tour in Historic Bolton Hill 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. [Tickets](#)
Visit eight homes and Brown Memorial Park Avenue Memorial Church.
- 11 Poinsettia Workshop at the Cylburn Arboretum Claire Jones 410-771-8182
Fee required.

JANUARY 2011

- 11 State Board Meeting hosted by District IV
- 21 11:00 a.m. Ikebana International Baltimore Chapter 118
Cylburn Arboretum Greenhouse Classroom



HELP MEMBERSHIP BLOOM! Contest Update - Adrienne Langan

National Garden Clubs, Inc., continues its Membership Contest with a fabulous new award and a new deadline: June 1 2010 to March 31, 2011.

Disappointed that your state did not win the honor of naming that beautiful new Daylily? Well, you have a chance to claim victory by participating in this new contest where the state with the greatest number of new clubs will have the honor of naming a magnificent new variety of African violet.

This African violet, grown by Lyndon-Lyon Greenhouses, Inc., is a semi-miniature variety with single/semi double pansy shaped blooms of white with a distinct wavy green edge and light purple highlights randomly scattered about the flower face. Wavy medium green foliage enhances the striking blooms.

HELP MEMBERSHIP BLOOM by creating new clubs in your state, and proudly compete to have this beautiful African violet bear your state's name!

Congratulations to North Dakota winner of the 2009- 2010 Membership Contest whose members chose NORTH DAKOTA SUNRISE as the name of this spectacular new daylily cultivar! Instructions for ordering this beautiful Daylily will be sent to all states, and order forms will be available at Fall Board.

