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## A Message From Our President

*"..... the world is mud luscious and puddle wonderful....." e.e. cummings*



*President Jeanne Davis*

The heavy snows of February melted and our gardens produced magnificent daffodils to the delight of club members who participated in "Golden Days" projects. It is not too late to participate in this National Project.

Our March Annual Meeting was a phenomenal success thanks to Elyssa Baxter, Annual Meetings Chairman. Thank you to Elyssa and the many members who worked with her. It was a delightful day for all 480 attendees. Plans are already under way for the annual meeting on March 22, 2011.

April was the month of daffodil shows, Conservation Day and the opening of the Pauline Vollmer Education Center at Clyburn. Thanks are in order to Barb Henderson and her co-chairmen Rae Thompson and Bridgett Maginn for a very informative Conservation Day. Now that the beautiful "green" Vollmer Center is open, garden club members are encouraged to visit. Contact Education Coordinator Chairman, Marilyn Potter, for information on its availability for club functions.

In May, District III and IV had two wonderful days of activities at the Vollmer Center, the classrooms and the mansion.

Garden Study School was a great success thanks to Lois Lissauer and her committee.

The Flower Show Judges Symposium took place in Ocean City. Chairman Joanna Tilghman and her committee did a terrific job of organizing this informative and educational event.

At the end of May, I attended the National Garden Clubs, Inc. convention in Atlanta, Georgia. It is always exciting to see the national organization at work. I was proud to walk across the stage to accept the many awards our Maryland clubs received. The state presidents report on just a few of their many activities.

Looking ahead to our fall activities, Barb Small, Youth Chairman has a Youth Day planned on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Irvine Nature Center. She has put much thought and time in planning this fun-filled day. I hope clubs continue to endorse my theme of working with youth.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for our fundraiser on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Vollmer Education Center. Thanks to our Fundraising Chairman, Nicki Schwab, designer Tony Todesco will work his magic.

The Central Atlantic Region 2010 conference presented by the Garden Club of New Jersey will be October 24-26, 2010 at Ocean Place in Long Branch N.J. "The Jersey Girls" will have an exciting conference planned. We need Maryland well represented so try to attend.

Enjoy digging in the dirt this summer!

Warm wishes,

*Jeanne*

## Our First "Electronic Only" Issue

### GARDENEWS

In preparation for a vote to change to an electronic only newsletter, the Garden Club Federation of Maine, recently did a nationwide Garden Club survey. Of the 37 States responding to the "Electronic Newsletter" survey, Maryland is one of six states taking the lead to move forward with "Electronic Only Newsletters"! Clubs all over the country are discussing this issue. On June 10th, Maine voted to go "electronic only"!

## THE VOLLMER CENTER AT CYLBURN ARBORETUM

-Bridget Maginn

The history of the Vollmer Center goes back many years when Pauline Vollmer first realized the need for a special building in the Baltimore area.

This would be a center where all Horticulture, plant societies, and allied groups could meet. Education of adults and children in all aspects of the environment would benefit from such a structure.

Time passed and her dream began to come true. Because she has held many roles in the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland and other related organizations, Pauline made a gift to the City of Baltimore for a new building at Cylburn Arboretum with an auditorium, classroom and offices.



*May 1st Reception at the Vollmer Center*

This gift was matched by the City of Baltimore, and further funding was made available by the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, The Horticultural Society of Maryland, and Cylburn Arboretum Association.

To obtain as much information as she could to achieve a state of the art building, a group visited Brookside Gardens and the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Contractors were appointed and began designing the Center which was to be a totally green building. Finally on May 1st 2010 the Vollmer Center was officially dedicated and opened to the public.

Pauline has received many awards during her 60 years as a member of the Murray Hill Garden Club. She has been the District III Second Vice President, Chairman of Meetings and Arrangements Committee, Flower Show School, Landscape Design, Civic Development, and Birds. As founder in 1981 of the Robert Lewis Baker Scholarship Fund, Maryland students were helped financially to study and receive a degree in Landscape Architecture.

**In 1953** she and her husband Leo moved into Murray Hill to a garden with lawns. This needed change. She contacted Wolfgang Oehme, a German Landscape Architect. Removing all lawns...a radical move at the time... they created a garden enhancing her gentle, calm personality. With a water interest in the garden, birds, butterflies, frogs, and even snakes found her secret garden.

Becoming a famous educational destination, many garden and professional horticulture groups have visited, including some from overseas. Because her garden is world renowned, many articles with photographs have appeared in books and magazines.

Thank you for all you have done for Horticulture, Pauline. You and Leo will always be remembered for your generosity and foresight when activities are held in the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum.



*Photo: Carol Oppenheimer WOCO Organic Gardens, LLC WOCOGardens.com*

## The State Awards Committee News.....

### Changes in format for 2010 applications

*Joanna Tilghman - Awards/Flower Show Evaluation Chairman*

The **Awards Committee** has made some changes in format for applications for the following year (2010 Awards Year). As always, Award applications will be due to the Chairman by November 1, 2010. For Photography Awards in all categories, only one application per award will be accepted. **Please be sure to use the current forms available on the Federation website and not any of the old ones.**

Please note that the Dessie Moxley Award is now the District Director's Photography Award and is given for a close-up photograph of a flower, tree or shrub detail.

The Annette Richter Award is given for a photograph of a native plant -- please research this and be sure your subject is truly a native.

The Harry C. Reynolds Award is given for a photograph of a tree or shrub, regardless of its origin.

National Garden Club, Inc. applications are also available on the NGC website -- there are many categories from which to choose. The Maryland Clubs participate in so many activities and are involved with so many projects in their communities that every club could apply for at least one award from the state and could probably apply for a NGC award also.

Be sure to document your activity with before and after pictures and statistics of cost, how the money was raised or if it was budgeted, plans of areas if it is a garden and publicity.

Next spring, at the National Convention, let's make Jeanne Davis tired of walking up to receive so many awards for our state federation. Don't hesitate to email or call with any questions -- either to your District Chairman or the State Chairman. We are ready to help in any way we can.

In Memoriam  
 Juanita B. Millican  
 1930 - 2010  
 Webmaster [www.fgcofmd.org](http://www.fgcofmd.org)  
 Gardenews Editor  
 President Ten Hills Garden Club



### Designer Tony Todesco Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum Saturday, November 6, 2010

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland will host a morning with acclaimed designer Tony Todesco on November 6, 2010, at the new Cylburn/Vollmer Center Auditorium, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209.

Tony's colorful style and expertise, make him a sought after designer, commentator, and lecturer. He has appeared before Civic and Design Groups as well as Garden Clubs on state and national levels.

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.

Because of his creative use of plant material in his designs and his extensive technical knowledge, he not only interprets design trends, but helps to create them as well. Many of his designs are featured in the beautiful, new NGC book *DESIGNING BY TYPE*.

Don't miss this exciting chance to see  
 Master Designer  
 Tony Todesco  
 create!

Come and enjoy a fabulous morning,  
 vendors, light refreshments, and Tony!

**Tickets are on sale now - \$25.00. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.**

**Seating is limited!**

For information and tickets : contact Nicki Schwab  
[mako261mom@aol.com](mailto:mako261mom@aol.com) or 410-437-6979  
 or your District Director!

## Continuing Education & Garden Notes

### Emerald Ash Borer

is an exotic beetle from Asia that attacks ash trees. It has been found in Prince George's and Charles Counties, Maryland. It has killed many millions of



ash trees in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. The **Maryland Department of Agriculture** needs help in locating possible infested ash trees and stopping the movement of the emerald ash borer into other areas. **If you suspect that you have an infested ash tree with symptoms, please call 1-800-342-2507 (410-531-1757 in Washington, D.C.) for further assistance Monday - Friday, 8AM - 1PM.** You can also send your contact information to the Maryland Department of Agriculture via this [electronic form](#).

**Prince George's County, MD and Charles County, MD are currently under a quarantine for this pest.**

Firewood and all ash wood products cannot be moved out of the county.

As part of a national survey for the **emerald ash borer (EAB)**, the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will begin hanging 4,000 14" x 24" triangular purple insect traps in ash trees statewide, up from 2,500 last year. Surveys, which are continuous and ongoing, are crucial to understanding the emerald ash borer's impact in Maryland and determining the best course of action. This year, the battle to stop the spread of the emerald ash borer will include more intensive surveys in Western Maryland and on the Eastern Shore.

Additionally, MDA will use systemic insecticides to treat selected trees in and around the known infested area and release three biocontrol agents (beneficial wasps) at selected sites.

The highest density of purple traps will be in the area where emerald ash borer has been found between the Washington beltway and Route 4 in Prince George's County and Routes 6 and 225 in Charles County. Surveyors will place at least one trap per 1.5 square miles across the rest of Maryland targeting high risk areas such as campgrounds and urban areas. The purple traps, which are sticky and baited with a compound that simulates a distressed ash tree, are designed



### Ash Tree



to attract the destructive emerald ash borer, should it be present. Residents should not be concerned if they see the traps and should not disturb them. MDA will place some traps on private property. All traps should be in the trees through August and will be checked every two weeks.



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### Tulips and Windmills Viking River Cruise

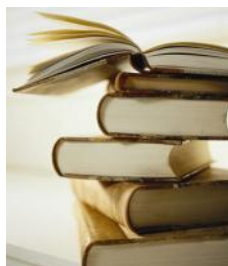
This fund raiser was so very successful and all participants of the last cruise were so very pleased that the State has booked another for March 31 - April 9, 2011. Act now and reserve one of the two staterooms remaining! Call for information on pricing and available staterooms!

Contact Marilyn Potter, Coordinator 301-829-9616 (home)  
301-606-6328 (cell) [ridgecrest1@verizon.net](mailto:ridgecrest1@verizon.net)

### Looking for National Garden Club Book Reviews?

National Garden Club Book Reviews are available in print in THE NATIONAL GARDENER and on the website at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org). See Resources/Forms, Book Reviews.

Marilyn K. Alaimo  
Book Review Chairman  
National Garden Clubs, Inc.



## Julia A. Clevett

World Renowned Floral Designer, National  
Design Instructor, Master Flower Show Judge and  
much more . . .

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Fountain Head Country Club

Hagerstown, Maryland

Bar will open at 11:30

Lunch will be served at 12:00

Program will begin at 1:00

Six of Julia's floral designs will be auctioned off during the program. Tickets are \$30. For tickets and more information contact Maureen Sasse, **Hagerstown Garden Club**,

Program Chair, at [msmail2006@myactv.net](mailto:msmail2006@myactv.net) or call  
301.733.4987



**April 29th Conservation Day in Annapolis**

*Speakers - Annette Ipsan, Wanda MacLachlan, Brian Cutting*

*The Conservation-Environmental Awareness Committee (Chair Barbara Henderson) planned the "Creating Healthier Environments" Workshop in conjunction with the Birds & Butterflies Committee (Chair Bridget Maginn).*

**Native Plant Profile**

**Eastern Redbud (*cercis canadensis*)**

Plant guru Michael Dirr calls redbud "one of our most beautiful native trees." Before it leafs out in spring, purple-pink sweetpea-shaped blooms hug the



branches tightly, creating flashy whips of color. After rain, the fuchsia blooms blaze even brighter against wet black bark. This 20-30 foot tree is terrific planted with native dogwoods. In fall, the heart-shaped leaves turn yellow-green, sometimes a very good yellow. Adaptable to sun or part shade as long as the soil is well drained, redbuds need vigor to stay healthy. Avoid stress from drought or soggy soil, which can lead to Verticillium or canker disease. <http://hgic.umd.edu>

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. AWARDS  
Maryland Awards**

**Scholarship** - Lauren Joanna Richie

**Green-Walled Garden Club** - Horticulture Therapy Project Certificate of Commendation

**Bolton Hill Garden Club**- Historic Preservation First Place

**Worcester Garden Club**- School Gardens Project Snow Hill Elementary School \$25

**Flower Show Award**

**Charles County Garden Club** "A Day at the Beach

**District II** "If Only Daffodils Could Talk"

**Naval Academy Garden Club** "A Diamond in the Sky"

**Somerset Garden Club** "A Palette of Blooms"

**The Lutherville Garden Club** "Christmas at the Manor"

**District I** "Natural Splendor"

**Garden Entry Contest**

1<sup>st</sup> Place **Jean Lowry** Lutherville Garden Club "A Garden Feature"

**Certificates of Appreciation**

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Charles County Garden Club  | Garden Club of Stoneleigh |
| Crofton Village Garden Club | Homeland Garden Club      |
| Calvert Garden Club         | For-Win-Ash Garden Club   |
| Gibson Island Garden Club   | Mount Royal Garden Club   |
| Moonflower Garden Club      |                           |



**Landscape Design School**

**Series XIII,  
Course II**



**Sponsored by**

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in cooperation with

**The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.**

**WHAT: Course II, "LEARN THE SITE STROKES"**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**WHERE:** Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Toll free 800-695-0826

**WHY:** If you want to learn more about landscape design, how to deal with a changing environment, or landscaping in an environmentally friendly manner; if you need to refresh or new landscaping ideas, Join Us!

For further information contact:

Chairman Charmane Truesdell:

301-490-4478, [charmanet@comcast.net](mailto:charmanet@comcast.net)

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

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## News from Around the State

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In April the **Caroline County GC** enjoyed a trip to Walters Art Museum to view the "Golden Age of Cloisonné" and a beautiful trip to Mt. Cuba. In May, our members enjoyed an excellent photography program presented by Ann & Richard Rohlfing. In June we are off to the national model for habitat restoration of Poplar Island. In September we will enjoy our fall meeting with our annual picnic and auction of plants and garden related treasures.

The **Dorchester GC** has been celebrating its 80th Anniversary during 2010. After being delayed by the snowy, icy winter, the Club was finally able to celebrate this anniversary on March 20, 2010 with dinner, a silent auction and awarding of certificates. June finds the Club holding a picnic and celebrating this anniversary by wearing gloves and hats. Prizes will be given for the funniest, most creative, prettiest, and most historically accurate hats. On May 26, the Dorchester Garden Club met at the Veterans' Cemetery near Hurlock to honor our deceased veterans' service by placing flags on their graves.

Members of the **Kent Island GC** have been seen around the historical sites of Kent Island doing various projects: summer plantings at Historic Christ Church; "Art Blooms" at Kent Island Federation of Art; Kent Island Day parade and perennial plant and herb sale; and planting new hydrangeas at Kirwan House in cooperation with the Kent Island Heritage Society. We placed American flags for Memorial Day at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery. Our June meeting was a fun design project and the following day we enjoyed our annual picnic supper as we watched the sunset on the Chesapeake Bay accompanied by William Tell's Overture! July and August will find us pulling weeds and watering and getting ready for the Fall sessions for our Young Gardeners and a tour of Ladew Gardens.

The **Oxford GC** presented its first-ever Standard Flower Show "The Canterbury Tales" on May 15, 2010. We look forward to a road trip in June to visit Lavender Fields in

Milton, DE. In July we will celebrate our fourth "Annual Garden Party" at Reed Creek Farm in Centreville, MD. This is a "just for fun" event where we can enjoy the company of our club members and show off our fabulous garden party hats.

**Queen Anne's County GC** is looking forward to September when Joshua Taylor will give the Club a digital photography presentation entitled "Photographing Flowers and Gardens: Seeing Shapes, Colors and Textures". In October the Club will make a trip to London Town and Gardens. Then in November Tony Dove, the horticulturist for Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, will present "Exciting Plants for the Winter Garden".

The members of the **Somerset County GC** will be busy this spring and summer. One project will be helping the children of the Garland Hayward Center in Princess Anne tend the vegetable gardens we helped them plant in May. We are working with 25 children to help instill the love of gardening and learn how to use the vegetables they grow. In August, we are planning a boat trip over to Holland's Island, owned by one of our members, to learn about the flora and fauna. July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> is our Herb Show in conjunction with the Somerset County Fair which is held at the Princess Anne Civic Center. And then...it's fall.

On June 15, 2010, the **Worcester County GC** celebrated **50 years as a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.** Our Club organized the placing of 5000 Flags at the Hurlock Veterans Cemetery for Memorial Day, inviting other clubs in the District I to assist. Club members had a "Garden Day" with Catered Living Community Residents, meeting at a local garden shop, assisting them in purchasing plants, then returning to the residence to plant their flowers. In June, members will enjoy a trip down the Pocomoke River to view the Cypress Trees and other conservation changes.

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**District II** will sponsor a field trip to Green Springs Garden in Alexandria, VA on Saturday, September 11 for a "Garden Stroll" with a Master Gardener Tour Guide. If there are a minimum of sixteen people there will be an English High Tea at a cost of \$32.00, which includes the "Garden Stroll." If there are less than sixteen it will only be the "Garden Stroll" at

a cost of \$7.00. There are many different styles of gardens and the stroll will last between 45 minutes and 1 hour. The group will carpool to the garden. Contact Sue Betz at 410-647-3824 or at [suebb@verizon.net](mailto:suebb@verizon.net) for information and/or to make a reservation.

District II **Semi-Annual Meeting** will be Friday, October 8 at the Bowie Comfort Inn. The theme will be “Celebrate Maryland”. There will be a “Maryland-America in Miniature” photo contest featuring five entry categories: lighthouses, public gardens, private gardens, mountains and seashore.

The District is currently working on the arrangements for its November 16-17, 2010 Flower Show. The theme will be “**The Magic of the Nutcracker.**”

The **Calvert GC** and Annmarie Garden are presenting their first “Art Blooms” show July 23-25. You are invited to enjoy a wonderful scenic area and visit the art exhibit, “Green-Art with the Earth in Mind” at the Garden. Nineteen floral designers from District II, from way up north to way down south, are interpreting the many creative and beautiful art pieces that focus on ecology and preservation. The Preview Night Party is Friday, July 23 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Art’s Building in the Garden. Tickets are \$30 per person for hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar and music. To purchase tickets, please call 410-586-0601. Proceeds will benefit the Garden’s new Childrens’ Discovery Area. The Art Blooms exhibit is open during normal Garden hours and Saturday and Sunday as well.

To enter a floral design, please call Barbara Whited at 410-586-0601. There are several fabulous installation art works that are begging for designs. Annmarie Garden is located at 13480 Dowell Rd, Dowell, MD 20629 on the north side of Solomons, MD. For additional information go to [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

The **Charles County GC** presented, to the public, eight private homes and three sites of historic interest for the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage. May 8 was a beautiful day and tourists viewed the home’s floral arrangements, designed by Club members, with enthusiasm and nice comments. Many Club members served as hostesses. The Clubs next big project will be the September Standard Flower Show at the Charles County Fair. In the meantime, the Club is planting trees in various places, beautifying the county. Anne (Jameson) Weaver, a 50-year member and past President of Charles County Garden Club passed away suddenly June 2, 2010.

The **Chesapeake GC** won the **Evelyn Cotton Conservation Award** for the Butterfly Garden at Battle Creek. It also won awards for the following projects – Life Cycle of the Butterfly at Sotterley Plantation; the floral designs for the Holly Hill Garden Party, and special recognition for the Club’s newsletter.

Kay Parris presented a seminar on “How to Set up a Greenhouse” at the April meeting; Vicki Trego presented a May basket demonstration at the May meeting, and Andrew Brooks will present a Rose slide show at the September meeting.

**Crofton Greenery GC** is embracing the environment by getting their yards **Bay-Wise Certified** this summer. By learning and practicing Bay-friendly, sustainable garden methods, members are doing their part to spread the word about responsible gardening. CGGC will be well represented at Art Blooms at The Annmarie Garden, July 22 – 25. Members Anna O’Kelly and Sylvia Deck are entering the exhibit and club members will carpool to the event. On July 25, the club will deliver bud vases of fresh flowers to combat-wounded at the National Naval Hospital in Bethesda. Our summer fun workshop, How-to-Make-a-Hypertufa, is planned for June as a good excuse for members to ‘play in the mud.’ On October 9, Crofton Greenery will adopt a Girl Scout troop for a day of planting daffodils at Sacred Heart Church in Bowie .

The **Four Rivers GC** held a small-standard flower show at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Morris on June 12. The theme of the show, “**Maryland, My Maryland**” featured design classes such as “Bet My Money on a Bob Tailed Nag”; “Let’s Go Down the Ocean, Hon”, and “Hidden Treasures of our Rivers.” A cocktail party for members and invited guests following the show allowed guests to appreciate the horticulture and design entries and to learn from the judges’ comments and awards.

The **Gibson Island GC** will host a panel discussion about the “Health of the Chesapeake Bay and Magothy River” on Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gibson Island Club House. It will be open seating. There will be a Q and A session. For information, phone Club President, Laura Cecala, at 301-365-9221.

The Club will present a Small Standard Flower Show titled “**Lets Get Things Growing**” on Thursday, August 19 from 2 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Gibson Island Club House.

In September, the Club will take a field trip to Cylburn Mansion to tour the new Vollmer Visitor’s Center. They will also view the wildflower watercolors that several Club members painted and donated to Cylburn.

The **Hollyberry GC** received a \$1,000.00 Unity Grant for the Club’s continuing work at the Severna Park Library’s Native Garden; they recently installed an educational sign that lists the species of the plants in the garden and they received a Chesapeake Bay Wise Certification for the garden.

The **LaPlata GC** will hold its fourth annual “The Grand Festival of Holiday Designs” on November 20 featuring Designer, Sylvia Deck. Festivities will include a silent auction; a “Shabby Chic” sale and twelve vendors.

The **Naval Academy GC** closed their club year with a private placement flower show in historic Buchanan House, the 100+ year old residence of the Superintendent of the U. S. Naval Academy.

As guests of Vice Admiral and Mrs. Jeffrey R. Fowler, club members enjoyed a morning filled with floral designs, piano music, delightful refreshments, and the annual installation of officers. Vice Admiral Fowler was present to address the members and thank them for the many projects they have undertaken in the last 75 years that benefit the Naval Academy and the Brigade of Midshipmen.

The **Shipley's Choice GC** recently held a Children's Garden Therapy Day at Sarah's House, which is an emergency shelter and transitional housing program that serves homeless men, women and children. It is located at Ft Meade and collaborates

with Catholic Charities, Anne Arundel County and the US Army.

The **St. Mary's GC** was recognized by Leonardtown Mayor, Chip Norris, for their landscape design and plantings around the new Southern MD Winegrowers' Cooperative at its opening on Friday, May 21. The Club also donated \$1,500 toward the landscaping project. The Club's First Vice Chair, Judy Moe, chaired the five-member committee. The project site is located at the Port of Leonardtown Public Park, which shares its location with the Winegrowers' Cooperative.

## District III - Baltimore and Harford Counties

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**District III: Towson Gardens Day** on April 24 was most successful, with 5 clubs participating at Courthouse Square. The District potting shed featured 'Queen Anne (also known as *Elyssa Baxter*) and Her Lace', with lemon sticks and pine seedlings for visitors.

9 clubs participated in Mayfair at Kenilworth on May 16, sharing information and building their treasuries; kudos to **Hampton GC** who won 1st place for their booth with its stellar informational display.

The happy collaboration of Districts III & IV in the '**Revere-Reduce-Reuse**' Seminar and Standard Flower Show benefited from gorgeous weather on May 22 - 23 at Cylburn. Special Exhibits and presentations led by Master Gardeners, community gardeners and other experts drew lots of visitors, with the rain barrel, youth and beekeeping demonstrations being hugely popular. The Flower Show's Design and Horticulture divisions at the Mansion and Greenhouse Classroom got plenty of foot traffic too, with talented exhibitors showcasing their best garden performers and innovative designs. Congratulations to the many ribbon winners, and heartfelt thanks to the worker bees, entrants, and attendees who made it possible!



Rain Barrel Workshop at the Vollmer Center



Bee Keeping Demo at the Cylburn hive



Educational Award "Nurturing Hands"  
Jan Magee, Cliff Dwellers



*Design Excellence Award*  
Pat Parker Halten



*Horticultural Excellence Award*  
S. Palmer Woodbrook-Murray Hill

19 clubs attended the June 4 Presidents Roundtable at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom, preceded by **Jane Keenan's** workshop on producing an award-winning yearbook.

**Awards:** FGCMD President Jeanne Davis picked up these awards and certificates for District III clubs at the National Garden Clubs Convention in Atlanta, GA in May - congratulations to: **Jean and Jack Lowry**, Certificate for their Garden Feature entry; **Garden Club of Stoneleigh**, flower show Certificate of Appreciation; **Lutherville Garden Club**, Rosette Award #22-A for their 'Christmas at the Manor' Standard Flower Show; **Manor Garden Club**, Certificate in honor of their 50th Anniversary; **Roslyn Garden Club**, Certificate in honor of their 75th Anniversary.

**Glen Arm GC** is planning the refurbishment and replanting the Hampton National Historic Site herb garden. Herbs familiar to the 18th century Ridgely family will be marked to identify common and botanical name, and use for culinary, household or medicinal purposes. Continuing its 'green' theme, the club will hear from Gunpowder Valley Conservancy about soil conservation and water quality improvement in the Gunpowder River watershed.

**Gunpowder GC** has increased membership by 3, and is proud to report installation of new signs and legends for the 4

work hours. The club also hosts 'Blooming Magic' in the *Bike Through History* event at the trail.

'Irvine in May' was the theme for **Halten GC's** Flower Show at Irvine Nature Center in Greenspring Valley. Frances Huber, who headed the club's Butterfly Garden project at Irvine's former location, and Jackie Handley chaired the event. The show included a new Photography Division in addition to the standard Horticulture and Design Divisions.



**Lutherville GC** has been on the move with a tour of *Grounds for Sculpture* in Hamilton NJ, and the club's annual 'Members' Road Trip', which took them to the lovely garden of Richard Cole and Joe Cohen in Baltimore; lunch at the Baltimore Museum of Art followed the garden tour.

*Notes:* We are sorry to report that **Fieldstone GC** has disbanded. Several members have expressed interest in joining sister clubs, please welcome any or all of these gardeners to your circle as they inquire.

We join the members of **Heatherfield GC** in mourning the death of **Ginny Chavatel**. Ginny was an enthusiastic President, a creative gardener who started new plants from leaf and gave them to friends, and an enthusiastic amateur ornithologist who kept the birds well-fed; she will be sorely missed. Sincere condolences also go to **Linda Masland Friendship GC**; FGCMD 1st Vice-President) on the loss of her beloved husband Bruce. Bruce was a Master Gardener; his helpful participation in setting up many a flower show and support of Linda's non-stop schedule of garden club related duties and presentations is fondly remembered.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the **Presidents and Delegates meeting Friday, September 10** at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom. Additional information to follow as the date nears.

## District IV - Baltimore City

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**The For-Win-Ash GC** has a plethora of activities for this summer. On June 10th, we will take a bus trip to Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. We will participate by serving as hostesses for the first annual Colonial Market Day at the Benjamin Banneker Park and Museum on June 12th. The club will show herbs that Benjamin Banneker might have planted and used at that time. Proceeds from herbs sold will be donated to the museum. In July, we will gather at a member's

home for a For-Win-ash Garden Club Picnic. For-Win-Ash participated in the recent Standard Flower Show at Cylburn and won many ribbons in the Horticulture Division, in addition to providing hostesses for the event. An informative Begonia Class, taught by Johanna Zinn, expert in creation of terrariums, conducted an instructional class in April with For-Win-Ash membership. In September we will review the progress of the terrariums.

About nine members from the **Homeland GC** planted a “bulb garden” last October at the entrance to the William S. Baer School, a school for students with serious disabilities, both physical and cognitive. The flowers, when in bloom this spring, were in the shape of the school logo of a bear hugging a child. We are hoping to install another garden at the school this fall, possibly with daffodils.

Thoughts from Leslie Goldsmith of the **Little GC**: *Recently my husband and I helped produce a beautiful musical event for BARCS (our Baltimore City Animal Shelter) at the Peabody Conservatory. As I listened to Leon Fleisher playing Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze", I thought of my dear friend Liz Briscoe, tending her sweet sheep and goats in Baltimore County. All of her animals think of her as mother and the follow her as she moves from garden bed to garden bed. The sheep and goats share a peaceful coexistence. The sheep graze on the bright green grass and meadow while the goats are only interested in foraging in the taller greens! What a lovely pastoral image as the music transports the listener to a beautiful time and place.*

At the **Rawlings Conservatory**:

Visit the outdoor gardens which are planted and ready for **Summer**. Enjoy your lunch and the beautiful view from one of the gardens picnic tables!

On the inside: Check the Sun paper for Susan Reimer’s weekly report on “What’s blooming?”

**Participate in “Plants and People” 1:30 pm with new programs every Sunday:**

**First Sunday** of each month- Master Gardener plant clinic with changing topic and discussion

**Second Sunday**- Elementary School aged children hands-on “Exploration Station”

**Third Sunday**- Pre K Story Hour

**Fourth Sunday**- Science demonstration for all ages

**Become a fan of the Conservatory on Facebook!**

**Cliff Dwellers GC** celebrated our **80th Anniversary with a “Retro Flower Show”** on May 7, all looking back to the “Apartment Dwellers Garden Club”, our original name, so all the Horticulture exhibits were terraria and potted plants. We even had a retro lunch: crab tomato aspic, tea sandwiches and a wedge salad with homemade Green Goddess dressing.

(It was divine!)

We are still working with a group of young people from the stadium school and we’ve received awards for projects we’ve done with them.

**Jane James**, our long time, active member and wonderful person won the **Grace Parker Soper Award**.

We continue tending the garden at **Evergreen Mansion**. It is beautiful right now. Be sure to stop by see it..

**Jan McGee** reports the very good news that Cliff Dwellers Outreach Committee won an award:

As you may recall, last spring I was asked to enter the Outreach Committee's Adopt a Garden Project for the JW Rouse Service Day in the National Garden Clubs, Inc's Central Atlantic Region competition. Last week I learned that we did in fact win The **Jean Ladson Outstanding Achievement Award**. This is a first place award in the middle size club category.

The Central Atlantic Region includes the following: Delaware, Maryland, National Capital Area, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania!

With such a wide area of talented competition, you can see why I'm so proud of our achievement. The award was announced last fall, but I just learned of it, last week through an accidental set of circumstances. We also received a \$100 check which will come in handy with our Christmas project expenses later this year. I look forward to sharing the award with you at our April meeting.



Evergreen Mansion “Friendship Garden” ~ Cliff Dwellers Garden Club

## District V - Western Maryland

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**District V's** Daffodil Show "Daffodils are the Gift of Spring" on April 15th in conjunction with The American Daffodil Society was a success. The District V Board meeting will take place on August 26th at 1:00 at the Mt. Airy Library and our Semi-Annual meeting will be held on Oct. 7 at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center in Frederick. Jeanne Benson will be our guest speaker.

**Antietam GC** cares for the front herbal and flower gardens, and furnishes flowers for the interior of The Historic Hager House built in 1739. It is located in Hagerstown City Park. The Club also provides hostesses for the Jonathan Hager Craft Days.

**The Branch & Twig GC** celebrated its 50th anniversary on May 20, 2010 at the King's Contrivance Restaurant in Columbia. About twenty-seven members, three past presidents and our own District 5 Director, Pat Gordon attended. Everyone received special menu commemorating the anniversary. Our charter member, **Irma Keene**, who started the club gave us a detailed history of how the club was established back in 1959. After Irma spoke, members were free to tell of their special times in the Club. We hope we may prosper for another fifty years!!

A Volunteer Award Certificate was presented to **Carroll GC** and club volunteers were treated to lunch for their continued program with seniors at the West End Center in Westminster. The Club enjoyed a tour Ladew Topiary Gardens on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the **Cattail River GG** gathered flowers from our gardens to create a magnificent arrangement which we donated to Glenelg High School. The arrangement, designed by Suzanne Bourg and Maryruth Harless was used for the Senior Awards Ceremony, as well as the Graduation ceremony.

In April, we all donned our hats and gloves and attended at Victorian Tea, held at the Glenwood Community Center. We also created an arrangement for the annual "Art Blooms at the Walters'" in Baltimore.

**Cross Country GC** created a "pot child" using terracotta orchid pots and placed it next to the club's existing pot lady at the **Howard County Conservancy** at Mt. Pleasant. The new pot child is attracting a lot of attention from children visiting the Conservancy. Our Club plant sale and bake sale held on May 1<sup>st</sup> was very successful.

Members of the **Dorsey Hall GC** are participating in the renovation of two Butterfly Gardens in the Village of Dorsey's Search in Ellicott City. Originally planted twenty-two years ago, these gardens have provided residents a pleasant area to enjoy a variety of native plants, shrubs, perennials and annuals. An evaluation of the gardens in 2009 resulted in a major work effort to remove overgrown plants and restore the garden. The Club has partnered with the Columbia Association to complete this project and maintain the area.

**Green-walled GC** decorated Frederick again this year with Hanging Baskets. The club took part in the **Beyond The Walls Garden Tour**.

**Mt Airy GC** began a new Garden Therapy program last Fall at Lorien Assisted Living in Mt. Airy. Club members work on garden related projects with 20 residents twice a month. This project has been very popular at Lorien and will continue throughout the summer and next year. The club also offers a long established monthly Garden Therapy program at Mt. Airy Middle School for special needs students. The Annual Flower and Plant Sale on Mother's Day weekend was a huge success for our garden club.

**New Market GC** will present "**The Great County Fair**" a Flower Show on Sept 18, 2010 at the New Market Church Schoolhouse Building, 550 Old New Market Road, New Market, MD 21774. Members are working with the New Market PTA to plan beautification projects for the remodeled New Market Elementary School.

**Silver Fancy GC** has established a second Garden Therapy project. Members now work on garden related projects with residents at the Lorien Senior Rehabilitation Community in Taneytown. The club continues with its program at Fairfield Senior Center.

**Split Rail GC** created a new Memorial Scholarship in honor of past members and \$500 was awarded to Kaitlin Wilhelm, a senior at Centennial High School, who will be attending St. Joseph's University in Pa. in the fall.

Members embraced a busy spring. A program at the Miller Branch of the Howard County Library called "Let's Build a Birdhouse" was well received by 24, 3 to 5 year olds. After listening to bird stories they each built a birdhouse to take home.

Other members gathered to do the spring cleanup at the library. The gardens were weeded, edged mulched and planted with annuals. The very large containers were planted with boxwood and wave petunias.

Another group of club members met at the Ellicott City Senior Center and assisted the Senior Plus group in making May Baskets.

Our members enjoyed a day of touring the new visitor center and gardens at Cylburn and lunching at the Mt. Washington Tavern.

**Town and Country GG** donated and planted a salad table for **Coffman Nursing Home** in early May. It was great and the residents love getting their hands dirty. The wheel chairs wheel right under the table so residents can tend the vegetables. We plan to have many activities this summer for young gardeners and the residents.

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



### JULY

17-18 Symposium sponsored by NCAGC Poss Tarpley,

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22-25 Calvert Garden Club presents Art Blooms at Annmarie Garden

### AUGUST

### SEPTEMBER

7 State Office Reopens

14 State Board Meeting

### OCTOBER

2 Maryland Youth Awareness Day *Limited Enrollment*

Chairman Barb Small [bsn144@aol.com](mailto:bsn144@aol.com)

8 Chestertown Garden Club Standard Flower Show "Autumn Splendor"

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chestertown. MD

8 District II Semi-annual Meeting Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD

24-26 CAR Conference Ocean Place Long Branch, NJ

27 District IV Semi-annual Meeting Baltimore Country Club

### NOVEMBER

6 FGCMF Fundraiser featuring Designer Tony Todesco

9 State Board Meeting

9-11 Course II Landscape Design School sponsored by

NCAGC and FGCMF

### DECEMBER

10 District IV Holiday House Tour in Historic Bolton Hill

### 2011

### JANUARY

11 State Board Meeting

### FEBRUARY

8 Snow date for January Board Meeting

### MARCH

31 – 9 Tulips and Windmills Tour

### APRIL

31-9 Tulips and Windmills Tour

### May

3 – 5 Garden Study School contact Lois Lissauer

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