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From the President's Desk

by Marybeth Guerrieri

The Bloomin' Wedding is behind us, and soon we will all be straggling back from the honeymoon for our July meeting. I hope everyone got some rest after all the hard work involved with putting on a standard flower show. Terry Holman and Dodi Sutton were spectacular co-chairs. All the classes were filled, and the designs were gorgeous and innovative. Even a collapsing table could not diminish the exquisiteness of the horticulture. The sheer stark beauty of those clear glass bottles with their single specimens is magical. The special exhibits were a big hit too. We turned the Community Center into a jewelry store, an art gallery and a botanical museum as well as a continuing education facility—kudos to the whole club for a job well done.

Our garden party was held the week after the flower show in Eden-on-Goldsborough, otherwise known as Trish and Tom's. Hostess Marie Davis pulled together a delicious spread with her usual organizational expertise. Guests lingered well into the afternoon. The gardens were lush and inviting. Many enjoyed exploring the grounds and discovering all the hidden nooks and treasures. The inside was just as lovely and welcoming. Trish's garden and design library is top-notch. I could spend many happy months there!

As you enjoy the rest of the summer, look over pages 11 to 13 in your yearbook and think about what committees you'd like to chair next year. We can get that all sorted this fall and winter so we will be ready for the transition next spring. Wishing everyone a bountiful and joyful summer!

Poem - Rainbow Treasure

I have found the treasure
That lies at the Rainbow's end;
Wealth beyond computing
Is mine to give or lend.
Opals of an April dawn,
Gold of a shimmering noon,
Amethysts of the sunset,
Pearls with the glow of the moon.
Would you like to share it?
There's more than enough for all
In my Iris Garden
Against a grey stone wall.

-Agnes Hayes Post-

Programs by Carole Abruzzese

July 14, 2016 - "Chesapeake Bay Foundation on Pollination Solutions". Alan Girard, Director of Eastern Shore Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will talk about home-owner and community solutions to controlling polluted run off.

August, 2016—NO MEETING. Enjoy your garden.

September 1, 2016—Trish Reynolds will talk about the functions of C.A.R. (Central Atlantic Region), NGC (National Garden Clubs) and FGCM, Inc. (Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.) and their themes. Susie Middleton, FGMD, Inc. District I Director, will talk about her goal of promoting leadership in District I.

October 6, 2016— "All About Horticulture." Bob Rich, former OGC member, will talk about the cultivation of various plant species for gardens, orchards, or nurseries.

November 3, 2016— "Transitional Designs for the Season." Dorchester Club member, Jeanne Bernard will Demonstrate how to transition our holiday décor from Thanksgiving to Christmas with just a few changes.

December 8, 2016— Holiday celebration luncheon at the home of Club President Marybeth Guerrieri.

Recipe - Cucumber and feta cheese salad



Ingredients:

2 English cucumbers
salt to taste
3 scallions
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
fresh cracked pepper
1 bunch dill, chopped
50 g feta cheese

Directions:

Half the cucumbers length-wise. Remove the seeds. Slice into thin ribbons. Put in strainer with some salt and allow to drain for about 10 mins. (the salt will draw out some of the moisture from the cucumber). Slice the white part of the scallions thinly. Cut the green part into very thin slivers. Prepare a dressing from the oil, vinegar, salt and pepper to taste. Mix the cucumber, scallions, dill, and dressing. Crumble the feta cheese over the salad and add pepper to taste.

OGC Youth Programs

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Junior Troop #289 led by Mrs. Lori Hammond includes 17 girls from the Trappe/Oxford area. The girls worked on their Gardening badge. The 5 guidelines are listed below along with options girls specifically completed:

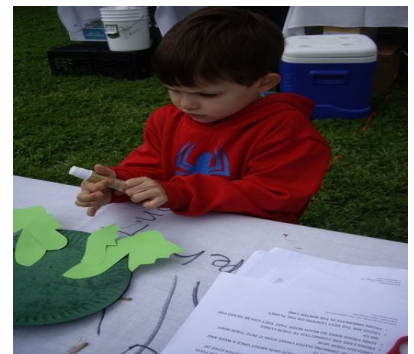
- 1) Visit a garden:- visited and learned about the outdoor landscaped garden at OCC
- 2) Explore garden design and specialty gardens by:
 - plan a dream garden using cut pictures from magazines; experiment with color, pattern, shape- visited and learned about the rain gardens at OCC
- 3) Learn how to choose garden plants:
 - learned about native plants, annual vs. perennial
- 4) Experiment with seeds:
 - each girl grew 3 sunflower seeds and varied soil, water, or sunlight to observe differences
 - each girl planted flower and/or vegetable seeds at the Davis garden.
- 5) Grow your own garden:
 - help weed at the OCC community garden
 - planted seeds of four native plants to use in pollinator garden at OCC

Carole and Marie met the girls at OCC to explain the function and benefits of creating a rain garden. There was much energy and interest in knowing the names of the plants and the girls actually did some weeding. Then we visits the Davis garden where the girls planted seeds and learned about square-foot gardening.. They were all invited back to see the progress of what they had planted. Of course Carole's cookies were a bit hit.



Oxford Day in the Park

A poster display was created to explain what is happening to frogs and other amphibians as a result of pesticides, diseases, habitat loss, and pollution. Using as a guide the book "The Frightened Frog" an Environment Tale, descriptions of the effects of environmental changes to frogs was displayed. There were many children of all ages who stopped by the display to read the information, ask questions, and to take away a list of "Fun Facts about Frogs". Also, adults were encouraged to purchase a copy of the book to share with their children and grandchildren. A craft was also included that allowed the children to create their own frog to take home.



Rare Plant Rediscovered in Maryland after 112 Years (Department of Natural Resources)

March 7, 2016

Riverbank Goldenrod Found in Montgomery County



\\Riverbank goldenrod (*Solidago rupestris*)

After 112 years, riverbank goldenrod has been rediscovered in Maryland. [Department of Natural Resources](#) Wildlife and Heritage Service Ecologist Wes Knapp and a team of researchers discovered the rare flower in Montgomery County.

“We know that the riverbank goldenrod’s seeds can easily travel by way of wind gusts and water flows,” said Knapp, who led the effort. “When I looked at the proximity of the Virginia population, I predicted riverbank goldenrod would be somewhere in the Potomac Gorge in Maryland, but there was no guarantee we’d find it. Plants don’t always show up where you expect them.”

In September 2014, Knapp, along with colleagues from the National Park Service, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Maryland Native Plant Society began their initial search along Olmstead and Bear Islands in Maryland’s portion of Great Falls Park.

It wasn’t until their second outing in September 2015, that the team – Knapp, and experts from the National Park Service and Salisbury State University – finally discovered a patch of goldenrods near Carderock, just west of Bethesda. A sample of the flowering plant was confirmed to be goldenrod by Dr. John Semple at the Waterloo Herbarium.

Riverbank goldenrod is a perennial, fall-flowering plant found along river edges scoured by floods. It was last documented in Maryland in 1903, but a small population was known to occur across the Potomac River in Virginia. Globally, the species is believed to be secure but is very rare on the east coast.

This rediscovery is part of a larger project the department is working on with NatureServe to identify rare plant species that may occur in Maryland based on their proximity in other states. The project has resulted in the rediscovery of eight species, including the Susquehanna doll’s-daisy and the thread-leaved water-crowfoot.

FGCMD, Inc. District I Hort Day “Gardening Smarter” April 19, 2016

OGCC member Terry Holman and FGCMD, Inc. District I Director, Susie Middleton co-chaired a “Hort Day” sponsored by FGCMD, Inc. District I.. There were forty five attendees who enjoyed this learning experience. Hopefully this will become an annual even in District I.



Co- Chairs of the event
Terry Holman and Susie Middleton



Members of Master Gardener Program



Speaker Barbara Melera



Speaker Michael Maker



Speakers Ann Adams and Liz Brensinger



Speakers from Environmental Concern



LEAF MANIPULATION by Pat Jessup

I'm a great fan of the website "Pinterest" and frequently browse it to get decorating ideas, recipes, gardening tips and ideas. I'm occasionally inspired by a floral design someone posts (they tend to favor ikebana designs).

Recently I was thinking about leaf manipulation, mostly because I'd seen a lot on the website lately and I have no skills or experience in this area. I tried one time to wire and shape an aspidistra leaf which was a disaster. Anyway, it's an area that I find kind of fascinating and recently saw this entire "floral design" created by leaf manipulation and posted on Pinterest:



Weaving, plaiting, rolling and who knows what other techniques are used. I think it's way cool. I tried to find the 'home' website for detailed information on how it was created, but had no success. Fortunately there are a wide variety of you tube videos on the subject of leaf manipulation. One that seemed easy to follow was plaiting a palm frond: http://www.gillmcgregor.com/leaf_manipulation_plaited_palms.php. If you like the video you might to purchase her book



Here's another video showing some simple techniques with aspidistra: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHVEtkkQgWo>

And if you look hard enough, you'll find exactly what you need. This one told me what I should have done to manipulate the aspidistra leaf I tried playing with before the last flower show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZY0hMiQG9s>

If you have an interest in playing with leaves, let Marybeth or I know. Maybe we can set up a workshop and learn together!

*“Bloomin’ Wedding”
Our Standard Flower Show*

June 4-5, 2016

By Terry Holman, Most Photos by Ingrid Blanton

Dear Garden Club members,

We want to thank all of you who participated in our recent flower show achievement. It was a wonderful success! Our flower show received a 95/100 rating from the flower show judges which means we had a very high caliber show and we will be in competition with other Standard Flower Shows in the nation! My thanks to our fabulous Committee Chairmen who did a terrific job organizing, planning, and educating our members. Trish Reynolds led a Horticulture “Dream Team” Chris Myles-Tochko, Phyllis Rambo, Pat Jessup, and Meryl Nolan along with our District I Director, Susie Middleton, Mikaela Boley from the Talbot County Master Gardeners, Nancy Richards, Luann Madary and Priscilla Tut from TCGC. I can’t say enough kind things about our Stager, Sandy Wrightson, who did a fabulous job creating a very well planned lay-out complete with 8 newly built pedestals and innovative petite design stands. Dodi Sutton was a wonderful VP and did a great job with Awards and Clerk duties in addition to her staging skills. Our hospitality staff for workers and judges (Marie Davis, Paula Bell, Marybeth Guerrieri, Susie Dial and Ginny Wagner) outdid themselves. The wine and cheese event was a great way to celebrate the show with our significant others! You should all be proud of this achievement!

The Exhibits were of high caliber with many given a 90+ scoring (which is to say that if you received a red, yellow or white ribbon with a 90+ circled, you basically scored 90 points or more). I was especially pleased with new members Cid, Dorothy, Linda, Sandra and others who did a fabulous job entering horticulture, designs and artistic crafts for their first time.

The Special Exhibits Division was a huge success. This display of Educational Exhibits, Photography and Artistic Crafts were very pleasing and we had many 90+ scoring exhibits.

The Artistic Craft Botanical Jewelry Exhibit was just spectacular. Truly, these exhibits added some fun (perhaps some stress) and educative interest to our show. It was very worthwhile.

A special thanks goes out to Cathy Beam who created and donated a whimsical replica of a Wedding Scene on a Porch. The resulting raffle generated \$177 which was added to other collections yielding \$197 for our Scholarship fund.

Special Yellow Rosette Ribbons were given to the following 3 special people who especially made our Standard Flower Show more successful;
Sandy Wrightson: For her Exceptional Staging and Building Skills and Vision
Phyllis Gaiti: For sales of Ads and Patron Donations generating \$2,420
Luann Madary: For her involvement with Publicity, Signage, Setup, Placement and Accounting

For this flower show, we decreased the total number of designs from 44 to 24 from our last Standard Flower Show, “Mardi Gras in May”. We created lots of aisle space to allow more room for the public to view exhibits. We reduced the total classes in horticulture to a more manageable limit to ensure that they would all fit into the new space. Also, this was the first time we added photography and artistic craft sections to our Special Exhibits.

2016 Flower Show Statistics

Number of Floral Designs: 24
Number of Horticulture Exhibits: 159
Number of Special Exhibits: 40
Number of National Garden Club Flower Show Judges to Judge Show: 9 (from MD and NJ)
Number of Individual Oxford Garden Club Exhibitors: 23
Number of Individual Public or other garden club Exhibitors: 9
Number of Visiting Guests: 211 (over 100 visitors each day of show)
Number of Guests who voted for People’s Choice Awards: 208

Sectional Horticultural Award Winners:

Award of Merit: Susie Middleton - Flowering Bulbs: *Lilium ‘Asiatic Red’* (Lily)
Award of Merit: Phyllis Rambo - Vines: *Lonicera sempervirens* (Coral Honeysuckle)
Award of Merit: Phyllis Rambo – *Rosa: Rosa ‘Radrazz’*
Award of Merit: Dawn Phillips -Herbaceous Perennial: *Digitalis purpurea*
Award of Merit: Susie Dial – *Hosta: Hosta ‘Paul’s Glory’*
Arboreal Award: Trish Reynolds – *Cornus kousa* (Dogwood)



Bloomin' Wedding cont'd.

Here are some of the highlights of the Show. First place winners. n Division I, Design:



Class I “ Always a Bridesmaid”
Pat Jessup (also winner of people’s choice both days)



Class 2 “New Beginnings”
Designer’s Choice Award and
Award of Design Excellence
Bonnie Stevens



Class 3 “Reception”
Trish Reynolds



Class 4 “Flower Girl”



Class 5 “Wedding Bands”
Ann Cooper



Class 6 “Boutiniere”
Linda Wilson

Bloomin' Wedding cont'd.

Division II Horticulture first place winners



From left to right:

Susan Middleton - Dorchester Garden Club Award of Merit *Lilium*
Phyllis Rambo - OGC- Award of Merit and Rosette Vine - Coral Honeysuckle
Lonicera sempervirens
Phyllis Rambo - OGC - Award of Merit - *Rosa*
Dawn Phillips - OGC - Award of Merit - *Digitalis*
Trish Reynolds- OGC - Award of Merit - *Cornus Kousa*
Susie Dial OGC - Award of Merit - *Hosta*

Division III Special Exhibits Section A first place winners



Class 2 "Groomsman Gift"
Dorothy Williams

Class I "Bridal Earrings"
Pat Jessup



Class 3 "Mother of the Bride"
Ingrid Blanton

Division III Section B Educational Exhibit Educational Award



"The Frightened Frog"
Carole Abruzzese and Marie Davis

Division III Section C Photography First place winner



"Orange Ruby"
Katy Green

OGC Members Continuing Education



Dodi, Marybeth, and Marie joined District I Club members in elective curriculum training with the MD “Growing Up Wild” Program. Run by the MD Dept. of Natural Resources, this program highlights the importance of educating young people in the use and care of our natural resources. Additional courses are available.

Phyllis G, Phyllis R., and Marie attended a workshop at Unity Gardens on how to attract birds to our backyards. The workshop was led by an old friend, Stephanie Wooton. We also learned how to make bird “snacks”. Unity Gardens offers many free workshops,, check out their website for more information.



Carole and Marie attended a series of Design Classes prepared and presented by Sylvia Deck. Another series is planned for the fall 2016.

Oxford Garden Club Activities and Happenings



OGC member Linda Wilson and
President Marybeth Guerrieri
Show NGC Award for Youth Involvement



OGC President Marybeth Guerrieri
displays NGC Flower Show Schedule

Memorial Day Celebrations:

At Hurlock Veterans Cemetery



OGC members joined with other District I
Club members to place flags on graves

In Oxford Park

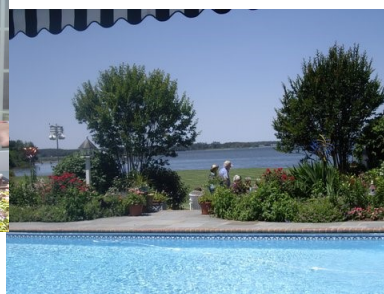


Speaker Worth Hobbs



Bill Dial, Pat Matthews
and Rev. Kevin Cross

Easter "lunch bunch" flowers



OGC Annual Garden Party at the home of Tom and Trish Reynolds

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