

# The Healing Power of Gardens

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Fall 2019



## President's Corner – Diana Morse

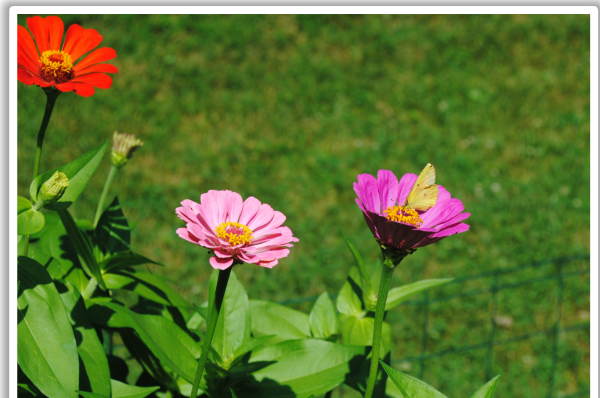
### Our Theme This Year: The Healing Power of Gardens

Our program theme this year is “The Healing Power of Gardens,” inspired by the Thomas Sacks essay we shared earlier.

I was especially interested in his describing the power of public gardens. I’d encourage us to take advantage of some of the nearby opportunities. There are two exhibits at the U. S. Botanic Garden featured elsewhere in this issue. A few blocks away is the Capital South Metro. My brother just came back from a day trip to Ladew Topiary Gardens in Monkton, Maryland -- about a 66-mile trip from Upper Marlboro. It’s a fascinating place, with some very restful sites. I’ve never had lunch there but George said you could eat in a barn stall. Nothing fancy!



*From the Garden of Pam Smart*





## Installation of Diana Morse

Diana Morse was installed as President of the Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club by outgoing President, Julie Harrison at the July Picnic and meeting.

## Installation of Officers

Linda Millette and Elaine Arnold Installed as Officers at the July Picnic and Meeting held at Concordia Lutheran Church of Upper Marlboro, MD



## Garden Club Dinner

Dinner was held at Hanabi Grill in Brandywine, MD

Everyone had a wonderful time!

## Enjoying Japanese Food

Enjoying friendship and food at the Hanabi Grill - Garden Club Dinner





## Message from our President

Thanks to those who came to our June meeting to work on the yearbook. Deborah Determan did her usual fantastic job pulling the yearbook together. We were following her caution to "Start early." All members were invited to the meeting and Connie graciously offered her home for a meeting site. Everyone there contributed to the yearbook -- ideas, programs, and contacting program speakers. Among the consensus was to move our meeting time to 12:15 p.m. for a light lunch, followed by the 1 p.m. program, giving us more time to socialize and getting us out earlier.

As the yearbook -- given out at our September lunch at Ledo's -- reflects, Mount Airy Garden Clay Breakers is a vibrant club. Thank you all for your gifts to the club -- in hospitality, in program planning and contacting, in ideas, sharing, and in accepting positions on the board, in committees, and in the many other roles that keep us a club we enjoy.

We enjoyed our September meeting, with many thanks to our hostess Esther Neckere for lunch and the program.

Following our Ledo's pizza, we took a quick drive to the Wyoming Farm property of Mr. Colin Dunphy to hear the fascinating history of that farm, his plans for a fruit and nut orchard, and a tour to hear of future plans and pathways.

Come November, a movie and news of the Audubon Naturalist Society will highlight the meeting, followed by our Christmas Potluck at Gilda Allen's, with our annual gift exchange and a holiday table decoration -- for a little competition.

We can't start our year without expressing appreciation for the wonderful leadership we've enjoyed these past two years with Esther, Dot, Iona, and Pat Hall. We have all benefited from their devotion and guidance in our club.



# SAVE THE DATE

## October 2019

*10th - Meeting Hosted by Connie Dalpra*

*Program - Historical Hysterical Herbs*

5th - NCAGC Meeting

24-25th - CAR Conference, Arlington, VA

26-27<sup>th</sup> - NGC Symposium, Arlington, VA

## November 2019

*14th - Meeting Hosted by Carol Ober at*

*Chapel of the Incarnation, Brandywine, MD*

*Program - Audubon Naturalist Society - Restoration at Woodland Nature Sanctuary*

5th - Franklin Day Fundraiser

12<sup>th</sup> - Morning of Design

14-15<sup>th</sup> - Gardening School, Course III, Merrifield, VA

## December 2019

*10th - Meeting Hosted by Gilda Allen*

*Holiday Potluck!*

Bring a gift to exchange

Bring a dish

## January 2019

*9th - Meeting Hosted by Lucille Gwynn*

*Program - How to Know and Use Healing Plants in Your Garden*





# NEWS AND EVENTS

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## District 1 Fundraiser – November 5<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 5, is the date for District I's fundraiser at Franklin's Restaurant in Hyattsville. Members of the eleven clubs in District I -- including Mount Airy Clay Breakers -- can enjoy meals in the restaurant and shopping in the gift shop -- with a percentage of their purchases going to District I as a fundraiser. Just tell the restaurant you are from District I.

It's a great time to have a meal together...and to do some shopping in what feels like an old-fashioned general store. If you have questions, feel free to ask Diana Morse or Julie Harrison.



## Gardening School - November 14-15

The National Capital Area of State Garden Clubs, Inc., is offering a two-day Gardening School class in Northern Virginia November 14-15.

It is one of four in a series -- this is Class III of Gardening Schools. You do not need to take classes in order. Once you have taken two, you can join in what is now Gardening Consultants Council and Environmental Studies Council (GCC-ECC).

The classes will meet at Merrifield Garden Center Fair Oaks location from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, with an exam on Friday at 4 p.m.

On Thursday morning, the class will carpool to Meadowlark for a botanical garden tour.

Topics covered include houseplants, plant growth, culinary herbs, new plant development, and outdoor container gardening.

Registration is now open and the registration form is on the NCAGC website. Registration deadline is before November 8. Cost to National Garden Club members is \$90 for the full course. Members of GCC-ECC may refresh at a cost of \$90.

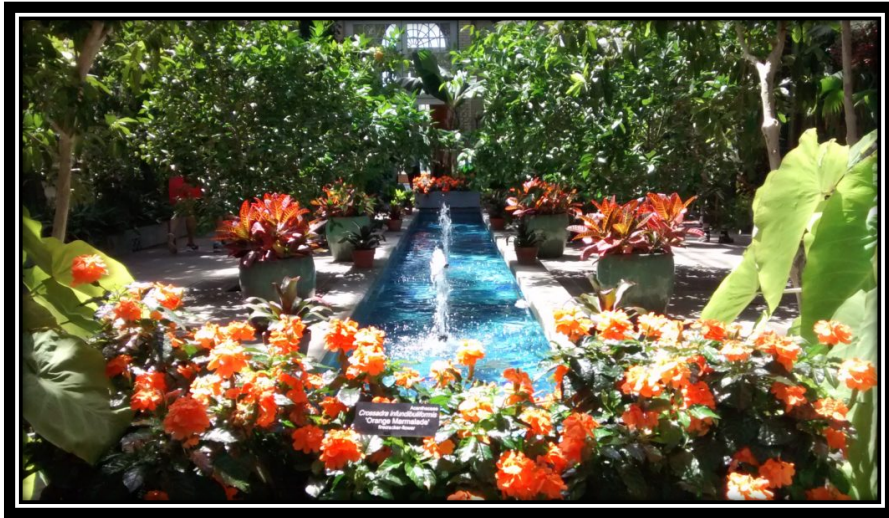
Joyce Skoglund is chairman of NCAGC Gardening Schools, with co-chair Jamie Nick. Joyce is always glad to answer questions -- [jeskog612@gmail.com](mailto:jeskog612@gmail.com). Diana Morse and Connie Dalpra are members of GCC-ECC and have taken the courses.

## **U. S. Botanic Garden Features Exhibits on Public Gardens**

The U. S. Botanic Garden has two exhibits on public gardens that will close in October.

Now that we are expecting some cooler weather, it may be a great time to take advantage of these exhibits. There's a tie-in to our theme this year and to the powerful Thomas Sacks essay on "The Healing Power of Gardens."

More information on these exhibits is on the U. S. Botanic Garden website.



*U.S. Botanical Gardens, Washington, D.C.*

### **Gardens Across America - May 24 - October 1, 2019**

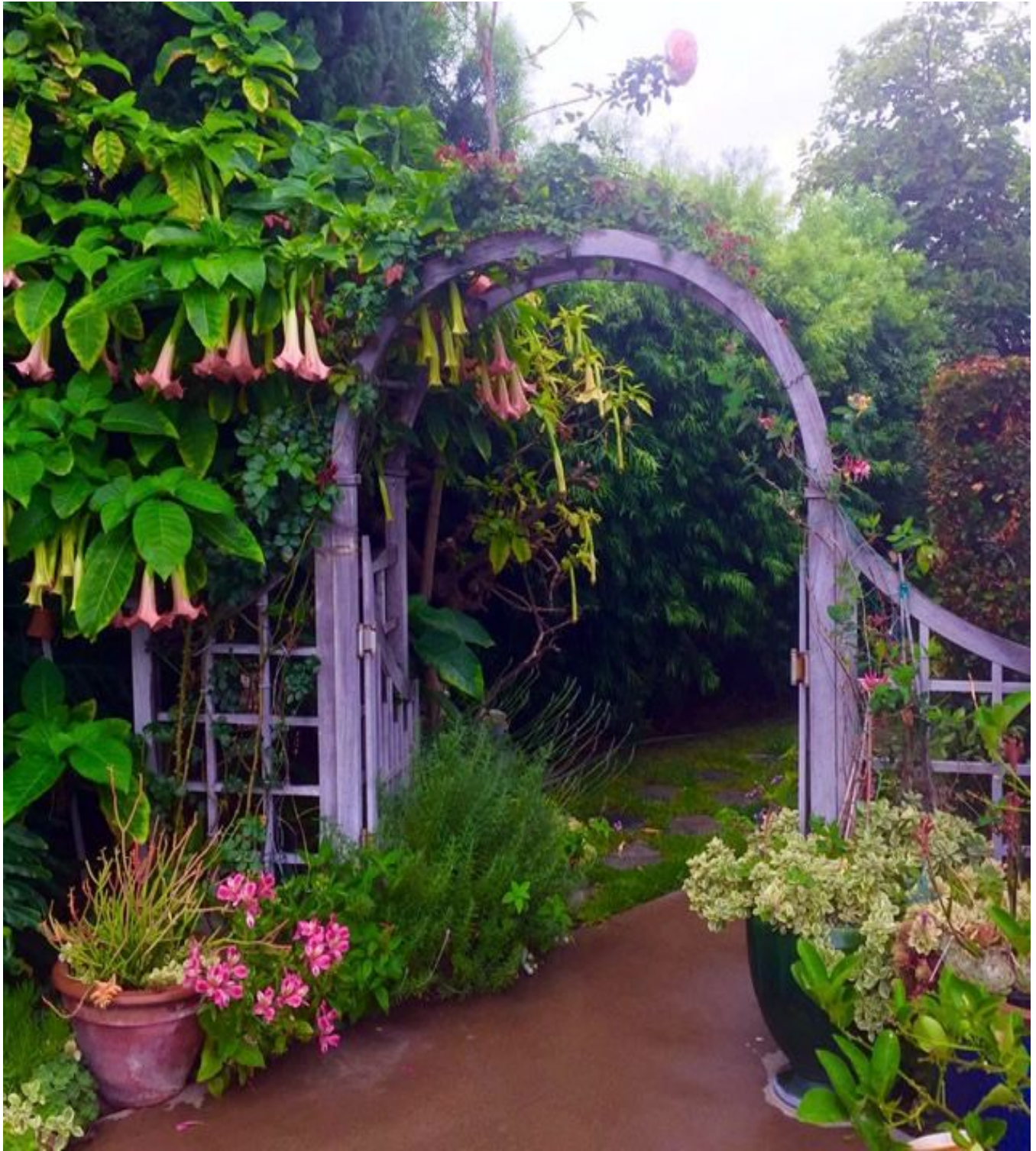
Featuring vignettes of a selection of gardens from across the country, this exhibit will spotlight the diversity and beauty of the more than 600 public gardens in the United States. From rare and endangered plants to historic estates to modern oases, the collections and stories of 21 different gardens will be showcased throughout the grounds of the U.S. Botanic Garden. These gardens reflect their local communities and the amazing diversity found in the plant kingdom. The displays will include signature plants and visual elements to provide visitors a deeper understanding of the gardens' plants, styles, origins, regional characters, and missions.

### **Celebrating New American Gardens - January 31 - October 15, 2019**

Public gardens across America are engaging, inviting, and dynamic. Gardens are living creations, as they display seasonal changes along with a constant ebb and flow. This exhibit celebrates American gardens created or renovated within the last five years. These gardens showcase new plant collections, create spaces for people to connect with nature, and foster sustainability. Come explore what's new in public gardens!



## *The Healing Garden...*





# Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club Officers

President - Diana Morse

Vice-President - Elaine Arnold

Treasurer - Dot Lower

Recording Secretary - Iona Black

Historian - Deborah Determan

Photographer - Pam Smart

Immediate Past President - Esther Neckere



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