

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club - Spring 2021



A Message from our President – Diana Morse

As We Move into Summer

As we move from spring to summer, what bounty is showing up in our gardens?

I've become an aficionado of hearty geranium, aka cranesbill. I've had it for years under a tree and never appreciated it. Lovely flowers, slow spreader. This spring I've divided it to put in a difficult spot. Thanks to Alison Pearce's suggestions in our May meeting, I'll look for golden ragwort aka groundsel for a groundcover that is native.

What is growing in your gardens that you'd like to share info on? I'm finding some of mine are showing aggressiveness after years of calm. The variegated Solomon's seal is encroaching on a row of hostas. My nephew said my strawberries years ago were the sweetest he's ever had but that patch is now thin.

On June 1, we welcomed Estelle Noone as our District I Director.

HAPPY SPRING AND SUMMER!

Do stay in touch with each other and share suggestions for activities and programs.



Photo credits

Plumeria from Mary's garden

Virginia spirea and peony from Gilda's garden

Frederick Douglas High School

A HUGE THANK YOU to Linda Millette for her dedication and hard work to make the courtyard at Frederick Douglas High School into a beautiful garden oasis for the students and faculty!

Come visit and see this beautiful garden and courtyard.

Thank you Linda!



OUR GARDEN PHOTOS

Gardens of Gilda Allen



Gardens of Pam Smart



NEWS



Hollaway Park

Pam Smart has made contact with MNCPPC the owners of the property where our club garden is located in Hollaway Park. Due to the pandemic, the garden was only worked on twice last year. We now have a contact at MNCPPC, John Wilson at Randall Farm in Upper Marlboro. MNCPPC will periodically check the garden. A first mulch and trim was completed in early April. Check out the garden and if inclined – feel free to weed the garden!

Yearbook

The yearbook committee has been meeting to plan our 2021-2022 year. We look forward to their report at the September meeting.

COVID

We have had a challenging year and a half dealing with the pandemic and the changes as a result. Thankfully much of our world is cautiously reopening and we will soon meet again in person. Thank you for everyone's patience as we have navigated the pandemic and this "new normal." Stay safe!

ENJOY YOUR SUMMERTIME!



SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting will be held at the home of Deborah Determan.

The theme is “Steadfast in Showcasing our Gardens.”

Take and gather photos and videos of your garden successes and even failures!

Send your photos and videos to Deborah by August 13th.

Deborah will create a presentation of our gardens that she will share with us during the September meeting. Be ready to discuss your photos and videos!

As Deborah reminds us, “We all have stories to tell and a group of gardeners who want to hear them.”

Share your garden! See you soon – in person!



Photo by Pam Smart





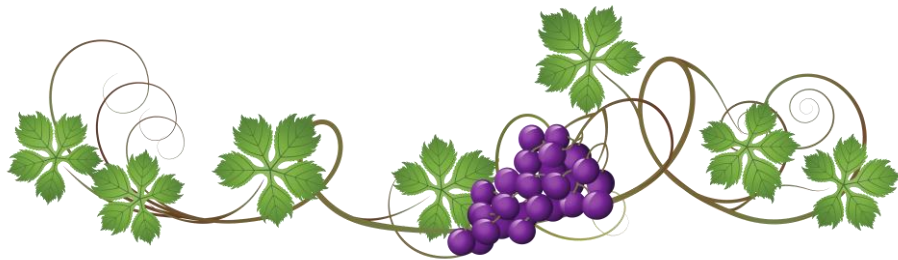
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