

Winter 2021

Gardening for All

President's Corner

By Diana Morse

The Joy of Gardening

What joy there is in gardening.

I was greeted this morning with new cheery blossoms on my Christmas cactus. Connie recently shared some tips on caring for this lovely plant.

With Mary's encouragement to look at our winter gardens, I discovered for the first time that my mahonia had bloomed...just as the Washington Post's John Kelly wrote a delightful story about the evergreen plant.

Turns out before Christmas a volunteer at Green Springs Garden spotted a rufous hummingbird sipping nectar from a flowering mahonia. This caused an expert from Delaware to come and catch and band the hummingbird, which weighs an eighth of an ounce. It's extremely rare for the bird to be in the East, let alone be here in winter.

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Christmas – 2016. St. Thomas' Chapel of the Incarnation
Pam Smart



Congratulations Pam!

Pam's floral design was chosen along with 49 other entries from around the world for the NCAGC Look of Love favorite floral arrangements presentation!! Pam used lemons in the garlands and in some of the smaller arrangements. What an honor!!



Conservation by Lorraine Leonard

The old large, Tabaco warehouse next to Cheltenham Veteran's Cemetery is now a state warehouse for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) They accept donations of wheelchairs, bathroom seats, rollators, etc. They accept medical equipment that doesn't take a prescription to dispense. Everything is repaired and cleaned before it is handed out. The location is 11701 Crain Highway, Cheltenham. (There are other locations around the state.) You can call 240-230-8000 before you come or for questions. They are open from 8 to 4 each day.

What is happening in your garden and your home? I'm enjoying searching for hellebores flowers outside and studying a seed catalog indoors.

Looking forward to our March meeting featuring Gilda and Parker's Garden. So enjoyed the Chelsea Garden Show on YouTube for our January meeting, and Deborah's presentation on garden pests.

With all best wishes,

Diana

Winter Floral Design – Gilda Allen



Joyce Meyer – In Memoriam

On February 1, 2021, our garden club lost a long time and cherished member, Joyce Meyer. Many of our members have Joyce to thank for their home garden designs. Joyce was kind and willing to share her knowledge and love of gardening.

As noted in her obituary, Joyce attended landscape design school at the University of Maryland and worked as a landscape designer for 20-plus years. She also attended a floral design school at Texas A&M and was very involved with the National Capital Area Garden Club's Landscape Design Council. Her own yard was a showcase of landscape creativity and was recognized as such with an award from the Prince George's Beautification Committee. Over the years she was active in the Hilltop Garden Club, Mt. Airy Clay Breakers (a garden club; past president), Clinton Presbyterian Church, and Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church. Her hobbies were flower arranging, landscaping, and caring for her feline companions.





Mount Airy Clay Breakers
Garden Club

Our Officers:

President – Diana Morse

Vice-President – Elaine Arnold

Treasurer – Dot Lower

Secretary – Iona Black

Editors – Mary Woodruff
& Pam Smart



Lucille Gwynn's Christmas Flower

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 11, 2021 – Parker's Garden

Presented by Gilda Allen. We have watched Gilda's grandson Parker and his garden grow over the years.

Theme Tie-In: Bringing children into gardening and having that garden grow with them showcases that gardening really is for all.

Winter Gardens



Gardens of Pam Smart



THANK YOU!

Rah! Rada Cutlery

I just wanted to express my appreciation for Dot Lower who has done some club fundraising through Rada Cutlery.

I wasn't familiar with them til Dot introduced them to us a while ago. My kitchen has been upgraded, thanks to that fundraising. The cookie sheet I bought is larger than my ancient one and has speeded up chocolate chip cookie baking time. I leave the clear thin Rada cutting board on my kitchen counter and use it daily for dicing and cutting. Magically, I no longer have cuts! (My father taught me to always cut away from you but knowing and doing evades me.)

Diana Morse



Somewhere in Maryland – photo credit unknown

One month to Spring!

