

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Breaking News

Summer 2015



Calendar of Upcoming Events



Aug 1

Annual Potluck



Sep 10

Monthly Meeting

Sep 10—13

PG County Fair



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Earth's Treasures

No horticulture article was provided this quarter. I wrote one last quarter when I didn't get an input, but prefer these be provided by club members. Please think about writing a short horticulture article for our October edition.

Thanks! *Deborah*



Our picnic potluck is August 1st at 2pm. Please contact our hostess Pat Hall to let her know what dish you will bring and number of people attending. Also remember to bring labeled horticulture in a green bottle and priced white elephant items (and \$ to spend!).



Pam has been working to set up the CSS Community Garden in Croom across from St Thomas. The garden will benefit CSS clients who use the area food banks. They are well on their way with their first summer vegetable garden and are hoping for support from the garden club either through contributions of monies or time to pick veggies and help weed the garden. They will need help through October and then again in spring when they start planning next years garden. Please contact Pam if interested 301-856-3024.



Pam and other CSS Community Garden volunteers in front of the century old barn where they store tools and the old tobacco sticks they use for staking tomato fencing

President's Corner

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. I am enjoying the fact that I really don't need more plants, mine have outgrown their borders or have had to many babies and need to be spread out. I am filling in the bare spots...which means less weeding. YEAH. And best of all who knew...we got a new dog in December and have not had any deer damage this year so far. I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic and to having an exciting new club year.

Lenay

Invasive Species of Concern in Maryland: Aquatic Plants

<u>Key Code</u>	Scientific Name	Common Name
1 2, 3	* <i>Caulerpa taxifolia</i>	Marine Macroalgae
2	* <i>Elodea densa</i>	Brazilian Elodea
1, 2, 3	* <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	Water Hyacinth
1, 2, 3	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	Hydrilla
1, 2	<i>Myriophyllum brasiliense</i>	Parrot Feather
2, 3	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian Milfoil
2, 3	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curly Leaved Pondweed
1, 2, 3	* <i>Salvinia molesta</i>	Giant Salvinia
1, 2, 3, 4	<i>Trapa natans</i>	Water Chestnut

Key code

1. Currently regulated by state and/or federal law
2. Widely recognized by biologists and natural resource managers to degrade natural resources and/or negatively impact native species
3. Known to have a negative economic impact on agricultural or natural resources
4. Known or potential negative impacts on human (or animal) health

Information courtesy of The Maryland Invasive Species Council (MISC) http://www.mdinvasivesp.org/invasive_species_md.html



Marine Macroalgae



Brazilian Elodea



Water Hyacinth



Hydrilla



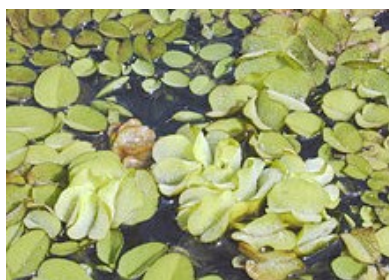
Parrot Feather



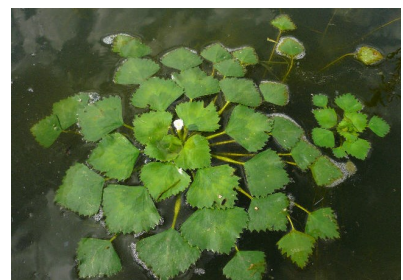
Eurasian Milfoil



Curly Leaved Pondweed



Giant Salvinia



Water Chestnut

Photographs courtesy of Wikipedia and www.biolib.cz

Next 3 months in the Garden

August Gardening

- Divide Iris. This is a good time particularly for bulbous iris as they are now dormant. Fibrous rooted as well as rhizomatous iris can also be divided now. Wait until fall or spring to divide Siberian iris.
- Fertilize roses. Roses are heavy feeders and usually require a spring and summer feeding. Now is a good time as later feedings may encourage soft growth late in the season that can be damaged by a cold snap.
- Order bulbs for fall planting now! You can often get early bird specials when ordering bulbs through the mail. Bulbs are delivered at the optimal time for planting in the fall.
- Prune firs and spruces now. Unlike other evergreen trees these form buds on outside of branches rather than at the tip.
- Last time to trim deciduous hedges for the season. Their growth will be slow until next spring. Conserve water by letting grass go dormant. Lack of water and higher temperatures will trigger dormancy. Grass will begin to grow again when your water increases and temperatures cool. Don't do this on high traffic areas as they will wear more easily.

September Gardening

- Bulbs ordered last month will begin to arrive and you can plant them as soon as the soil is ready. It's still not too late to get an order in for bulbs.
- Transplant perennials that were sown in late summer e.g. delphiniums, forget-me-nots, primroses.
- Divide astillbes, daylilies, lily of the valley, peonies, phlox, Shasta daisies, Siberian iris, and violets.
- Stop deadheading roses and allow hips to form. This helps roses slow down and prepare for dormancy.
- Keep cultivating as weeds pick up with increased rainfall and cooler weather. Many weeds will overwinter but they are easier to control now while they are small.
- This is an optimal time to start a new lawn from seed or to seed worn or bare spots—as well as lay sod.
- September is a good time for a late lawn feeding and pH correction.
- Send out soil for testing to determine what soil amendments to add next month when preparing the beds for winter or for your fall lawn feeding.
- It's fall planting time! Take advantage of the warm soil and increase in rainfall. You can plant perennials, shrubs and trees. This is a good time to start a new garden or expand beds.

October Gardening

- After frost, pull out annuals and clean up and compost perennial beds. If plants have been infected by disease during the season do not compost them.
- After frost, dig up tender tuberous and bulbous plants like dahlias, gladiolus and begonias and store them in a frost free area like a garage. Be careful not to nick or cut the storage structures as disease can enter wounds. Bulb powder is available that contain fungicides and/or pesticides for additional protection.
- Plant colorful cold tolerant plants like pansy, flowering cabbage, Bright Light's Swiss Chard.
- Begin planting spring flowering bulbs. The general rule is to plant bulbs three to four times their height. So a 1-inch tall bulb would be planted 3-4 inches deep.
- Continue taking advantage of fall plant sales since there is still time to add perennials and ground covers to your garden. This is also preferred time to plant evergreen trees and shrubs, both broadleaf and coniferous.
- Monitor rainfall (now that we have some) and adjust your irrigation.
- First week of October still provides sufficient time to start a new lawn either from seed or from sod.

Don't forget, the best time to use roundup on your Summer weeds is when they are mature and starting to draw their energy back in to prepare for the winter (which will also draw in the roundup and making it more effective).

So, start looking now for that stage (which will be different for different weeds) so you can get those weeds at the right time!



PINLESS POSIES

The FLORAL ACCESSORY
with a MAGNETIC HOLD!



PINLESS POSIES PROJECT

By Linda Millette

Jo Sellers was recently installed as the NCAGC president. Every president has a project. Hers is a fund-raiser selling pinless, magnetically-held posies. They are made of various materials (silk, feathers,, combinations, etc.) and are really very lovely.

So why am I writing about these? Our esteemed Julie asked me one day if I would man a table at the President's Tea – taking in orders and money for posies. It was all a little fuzzy to me and Julie, I think. It seemed a simple thing to do. However, I have ended up in the role of District 1 coordinator/liaison. At least I don't have to market these, since club presidents will be sent the information sheet. This said – I'm COMING AFTER YOU!!!

My hope is that everyone in our club will purchase at least one posy, which will show support for not only the Arboretum (where the money will go) but also for our club member and District I President – Julie Harrison.

I shall be bringing information, pictures and order forms to the picnic. I may also have the board with the real samples. These pins are \$20 each and are great for putting on clothing, hats, purses, giving as gifts or for decorating. A few members may be wearing theirs. If YOU don't want one, think "gift." Let's have our club show a 100% participation.

If anyone wishes to see and/or order a pin before the picnic, just call and come over or I'll bring the pictures to you. The order form and pictures will be up on the NCAGC web-site. This will allow non-garden club members to also purchase posies.

Keep safe and keep cool. See you in August.

Linda

Marion's oldest daughter Winterlee helped Pam identify this glorious daylilly that Pam planted in our garden club garden this spring in honor of Marion. Marion's mother first planted this in 1930. It is different from the typical road side orange lily we see in the summer—it has a triple layer of blooms that are just stunning. We should see blossoms next summer! It is a *Hemerocallis fulva* 'flora plena' which is sometimes listed as Hem. 'Kwanso' and is a variety that was introduced in 1917 and was very popular on the east coast.

