Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club Breaking News

Winter 2017/2018



Calendar of Upcoming Events



Feb 8

Monthly Meeting

<u>Mar 8</u>

Monthly Meeting

Mar 3-11

Philadelphia Flower Show

Apr 12

Monthly Meeting

Apr 15

Input for Newsletter Due

Apr 21

PG County House & Garden Pilgrimage

Items of Note:

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will be published April
2018. Send input to
Deborah by
April 15th and include
captions for photos.

Earth's Treasures

Touch in the Garden

One of our horticulture topics this year is touch in the garden, courtesy of Allen Lacy's book *The Inviting Garden: Gardening for the Senses, Mind, and Spirit.*

"I write here as a gardener, but I also write as a grandparent five times over. When they visit, our grandchildren don't want to miss anything. They can't just stand in the middle of the garden and see how pretty it is. They dash forward, flying like bees to a particular flower, sticking their noses right inside to see what it smells like," Lacy writes. "...touch is primal: we never outgrow our need for it at the deepest level of our natures as human."

Lacy's chapter re-awakened my study of plants in the garden, reminding me of their assets beyond appearance. It's been a while since I stroked lamb's ears, but now I plan this spring to move some, cut back the old flower heads, and treasure them for their soft touch. In the fall, I want to test what he says about the seed pods of two plants. He tells that impatiens gets its name from the sudden explosion that hurls its seeds in every direction. The squirting cucumber has fuzzy, pale-green seed capsules shaped like little footballs that go ballistic -- sailing high in the air, propelled by a jet of water spewing from the stem end of the fruits.

We know spring is coming, and with it the excitement of working in our gardens. This year, I'll be on the lookout for touch in the garden...and it is influencing me now as I look through seed catalogues!

Diana Morse



5.00 DUES ARE COMING DUE SOON AND CAN BE PAID EARLY!



President's Corner

Hello.

As we begin the new year, we look forward to more outstanding programs, such as the January meeting with speaker Claudia Raskin. Her talk on "food deserts" in Prince George's County opened our eyes to some of the problems facing those who, because of lack of transportation, money, and health, are without access to good nutrition. Thanks to Elaine Arnold, who invited Claudia and to Marilyn Burkut, our hostess.

Please be thinking of other speakers you would like to hear from in 2018-2019 and bring your suggestions to our planning meeting in May.

Esther

Mount Airy Clay Breakers visit the Patuxent River Park and PG County Mulch Recycling Facility

October 13, 2017



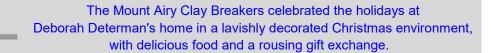




November Meeting at Connie Dalpra's



In keeping with our theme of "Growing for the Table," Shirley Nicolai presented a creative program of combining fruit and vegetables in flower arrangements.









January Meeting at Marilyn Berkut's





January brought a very informative presentation on Food Deserts in PG County by Claudia Raskin. Thanks to Marilyn for volunteering to host!

DEER RESISTANT PLANTS



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ANNUALS

Ageratum Begonias Cleome Coleus Dusty Miller Heliotrope Josephs Coat Lantanas (Annual) Lobelia

Marigold

Pepper (Ornamental)

Cryptomeria Cypress Deodora Cedar Dogwoods Elms Gingko

Golden Rain Tree

TREES

Crape Myrtle

Cedar

Hollies Magnolias Japanese Maples Maples (Red) Oaks Palms

Redbuds Riverbirch Vitex

Pines

Melampodium Pentas Petunias Salvias Snapdragons Verbenas Vinca (Periwinkle) Zinnias

HERBS Artemesia Catmint Chives Society Garlic Mints Oregano Rosemary

Sage

Research descriptions and photos of the plants listed on this page in the

'Garden Center'

www.WilsonBrosOnline.com

SHRUBS PERENNIALS

Abelias Agastache Ajuga Anise Artemesia Arborvitae Asters-All Aucuba Banana Shrub Astilbes Baptisia Barberries Bee Balm Beautyberry Bottlebrush Buckeye Bleeding Hearts Boxwood Butterfly Weed Cardinal Flower Camellias Carvopteris Clevera Catmint Cotoneaster Columbine Creeping Yew Coneflowers - All Eleagnus Coreopsis Euonymus

Forsythia (YellowBells)

Gardenia

Grasses - Ornamental: Pampas Grass Maiden Grass Zebra Grass Muhly Grass

Liropes (Monkey Grass)

Hollies Junipers Laurels

Lecouthoe Ligustrum Loropetalums Mahonia

Nandinas Pittosporum Pyracantha Quince Spireas Sweet Shrub Viburnums Wax Myrtle

Tea Olive

Yews Yucca Daffodils

Daisies (Shasta-type) Gaillardias Gerber Daisy

Guara Ferns - All Foxgloves

Helleborus (Lenton Rose)

Hens & Chicks Heucheras Hibiscus (Perennial)

Iris Lamb's Ear Lantanas Liatris Mums Peonies Rosemary Russian Sage Sedums - (most)

Sunflowers Thymes Salvias Salvia 'Bog' (The BEST!)

Yarrows

Verbenas

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