



Summer 2019

Can You Dig It?

In celebration of summer, and also our Tenth Anniversary, the Horticulture Committee decided to take up the idea of one of our members and produce an issue devoted to photographs we have all taken over the years, or in some cases just for this issue.

We thought we would make a brief comment about our pictures...some of the comments are very personal, examples of how intertwined our lives are with our memories and plants.... some are just fun....but all meaningful to the photographer!

We hope that you will enjoy this issue and the talent of your fellow TCGC members....not just in Horticulture or Design, but in photography as well. We also hope that you will take a bit of time and photograph your favorites too....be they flowers, birds, landscapes, or all kinds of critters.....so enjoy and be inspired.

Trish
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* **Bobbie Brittingham, Photos and Text**

In the deepest cold winter I thoroughly enjoy watching the array of different birds enjoying open water that this heated birdbath offers. I've heard and do believe that the birds need water almost more than they need food so it is extremely important to have open water for them. The bluebirds plainly do enjoy it.



The oriental lily is a favorite bulb, plant or flower. Whatever you want to call it I'm fine with. Yes, they can be a bit pricy but the return on your investment is what I eagerly anticipate every year. Given a mostly sunny location, fairly good drainage and decent soil, a little fertilizer in spring and fall helps them put on a show that is spectacular. Planting a grouping of bulbs gives a striking display and they will be stronger and more prolific as time passes. When in full bloom the intoxicating fragrance can swallow up the air. Lilies are a must for any of my gardens.

Nothing is as enjoyable to me as strolling to the garden at dinner time and finding such a wealth of vegetables to choose from. I've found that having all my vegetables in raised boxes is so much easier to take care of. I now have seven 14ft long boxes. Annuals that I use as cut flowers are slowly creeping into the space too. I'm finding it is so much easier to take care of and keeps weeds somewhat controlled.

On the table---- carrots, regular tomatoes, cocktail tomatoes (purple and red), potatoes, cucumber, zucchini squash, beets, two different eggplants, red pepper, basil, and dill.



This rusty old garden cart has carried many plants in its life time and still is holding up very well. My mother had used this cart for a long time in her gardens. I found it hidden and covered with vines behind a garden shed I was cleaning out. It had not been used for many years and a mulberry tree had grown up thru the wire bed of the cart. The only way to move it was to cut the tree trunk above and under the bed of the cart. It's still rolling along constantly filled with plants and a dead tree trunk stub in the wire grate.

These beautiful English Boxwood are a prized possession of mine. They are so very much a part of who I am and of my garden history and gardening love.

My mother who was a member of Talbot County Garden Club for many years was born and raised on Hawksworth Farm on the Miles River. There was always a garden on the farm and she started her gardening by helping out a little. She told me it was as little as possible at the time. But with marriage, children, and her own home she quickly developed into a true gardener and could germinate any seeds, create cuttings from most any plant and create alluring gardens. The garden as I remember it when we lived on Hawksworth as a child until twenty one always had many long boxwood edged borders and boxwood specimens. She used boxwood all around the place. It would have been expensive but she was a wizard at making slips or cuttings from the older plants and always had a raised bed of boxwood cuttings at different stage of development.

When my mother died and we had to clear the house and property I went into her very over-grown cutting garden and found a row of small boxwood that she had started from the old boxwood of the main house on Hawksworth. My parents had saved ten acres of the farm to build their last home and garden on.



tenderly, lovingly dug, potted and moved and cared for about fifteen of these boxwood. I grew them on for about two years, planted to create a boxwood patio at my home, then dug and moved and healed them in for a year to another home. When it was time to plant them I decided to keep them all together since they were closely related, and they were planted on the driveway circle in front of my new home. It's been eight years since they were planted and I don't think there is a time I go by them and don't think of my mother and what a treasured gift she left me.

*** Janet Mackey, Photos and Text**



Hypericum 'Gemo' is a cultivar of the native brushy St. John's wort. A friend gave me a volunteer from her garden two years ago, and this year it burst into blooming attracting seemingly every bumblebee in Maryland! So if you are missing bumblebees in your yard/garden, you can figure they are hanging out on my St. John's wort.....I will send them back soon.....

Meadow anemone is a lovely native groundcover that fills in among other shade-loving plants in my woodland garden. The little white flowers open just as the ephemeral native wildflowers finish their springtime show, signaling the arrival of summer.



I always plant a moonflower vine in a container on my patio. I love the giant white blossoms that open in the evening. The buds have such a striking form in the late afternoon of the day they will open. The bud holds my attention while I impatiently await the flower's nocturnal performance.

Japanese painted fern has beautiful fronds to brighten my shady garden beds. The patterns formed by the colors are mesmerizing.



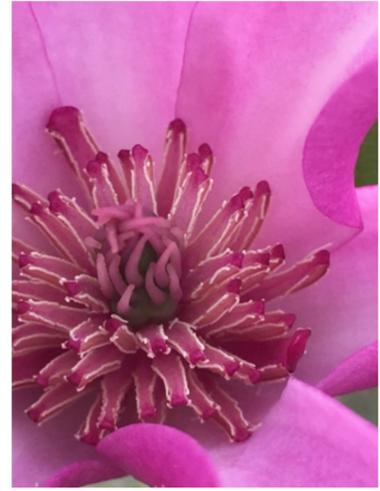
* Samantha McCall, Photos and Captions



Allium schubertii and mint dance with the perennial bee!



Close-up of Maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), my favorite!



Magnolia 'Jane' close up sort of looks like something you would find under the sea.



This praying mantis has done a remarkable job hiding amidst the late summer *Abelia*.

* Lin Moeller, Photos and Captions



I have a variety of day lilies. This one, *Hemerocallis 'Becky Lynn'*, is a favorite.



Lupine reminds me of Maine. I was surprised to see it blooming in my wildflower meadow early in May!



Sunflowers—a gaggle of them actually 10 feet tall. Growing in Mother's garden in Vermont 2 years ago.



Belamcanda chinensis—Blackberry Lily was grown by Jefferson. An interesting addition to my garden. Common name is from the seed pod resembling a blackberry.



Flat leaf parsley (*Petroselinum crispum var. neapolitanum*) with a few swallowtail caterpillars enjoying a snack. I plant plenty of seeds in early spring....enough to share!

* Kim Eckert, Photos and Captions



Lilium 'Stargazer' for my sweetheart and strongest Labrador "Stargazer Lily of YBR" and daisies for my English "Daisy of Deep Run Farm."



Hosta 'Praying Hands' which I planted when my little grandson to be was diagnosed prenatal with Down syndrome.



Rudbeckia maxima in the meadow garden I designed for my sister.



Peonia 'Festiva maxima' I transplanted from my historic home in Annapolis.

* Trish Reynolds, Photos and Text

One of the greatest joys we can all receive is a gift of plants from someone we hold dear....I was very fortunate to spend my teen years here at Brightwaters Farm and enjoyed the friendship of Pat Carroll (and her family), a member of TCGC (now deceased). When I returned to live here again in 1995, Pat was just as lovely and welcoming as she had been, but sadly she was leaving her home on World Farm and moving to William Hill. But before she did, she gave me a clump of Shasta daisies which I planted in the beginning of my garden. These daisies have prospered and spread over 25 years and given me such enjoyment.



When Pat passed away a few years ago, her sons invited Tom and me to attend her brief interment in the columbarium at Holy Trinity in Oxford. I shared this story with John and Tom, and to this day I send them a picture each year of their Mother's Daisies. Though this little gift, our friendships from our teen years has continued!

Traveling to other parts of the abroad or US often provides opportunities to capture images that reflect the beauty of that part of the world. Several years ago we took a wonderful trip to France and got to experience the beauty of Monet's Garden....



Photos taken at Monet's Garden

One of my favorite places to visit in the U.S. is Longwood Gardens.... every time I go there I spot something new and exciting....be it a new display, or a new plant introduction, it is always a delight!



But the best travel of all is perhaps in our own backyard...



Monarch butterfly visiting zinnias.



Louisiana Iris



Day lily



This Oriental Lily "tree" is almost 6 feet tall - *Lillium Flava.*

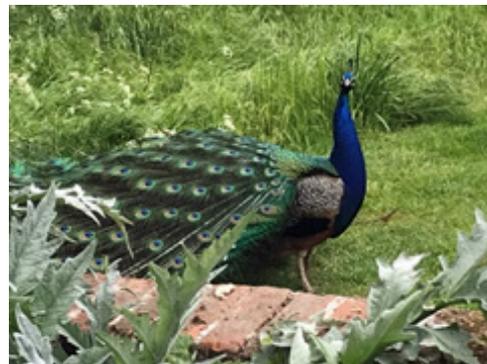


Lillium 'Flava' blossoms

* Louise Williams, Photos and Comments

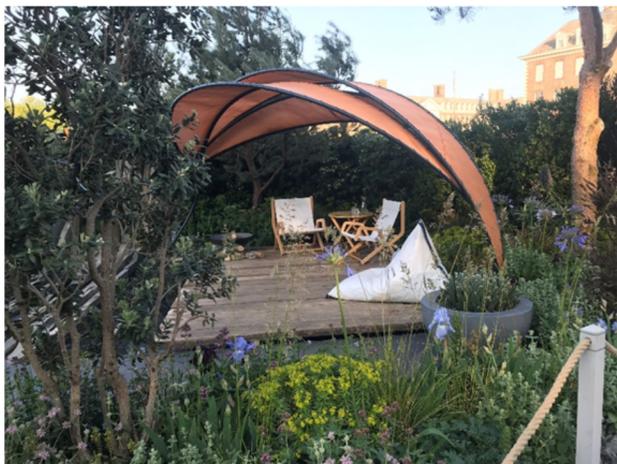


And speaking of traveling, I had the very good fortune to visit England on a very special garden tour just about a month and a half ago! Am sure glad I had my camera with me!



One of our new acquaintances was Mr. Peacock in all his royal glory!

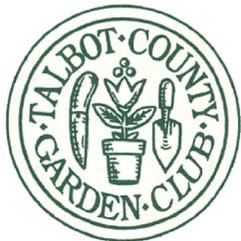
One of the highlights was an early morning tour of the Chelsea Flower Show. It is unlike anything we do and the work that goes into it is not to be believed. Creative and spectacular displays!



Thank you to all our writers/photographers for this fun edition, and of course to Rebecca for putting this all in her original formatting! We hope you have enjoyed our little diversion. In the fall we will be back to our "normal business."

Have a terrific summer.....and see you again soon!

Trish, Editor



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