

Blossom & Bloom Bulletin

January President's Letter

Dear Members:

Happy New Year 2025!

It was odd to type those new numbers, but here we are in a brand new year. We have changed our fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year, so Fran is busy. She will be in touch with all the committee chairs who have a line in the budget that passed at our December meeting, to explain the new system. The Board will be expanding beginning with our January 21st meeting. A representative from Trips, Library Garden, Garden Therapy, Public Relations and Young Gardeners will be asked to be in attendance, which should help get more input on our decision making.

Our nominating committee has been working on the slate for 25- 26. Their results will be announced on the 21 st at the Board meeting.

Symposium tickets are on sale to our members only until January 6. It is going to be a very exciting day at our new venue with 3 great speakers. I hear that there will be lots of vendors, so lots of shopping.

January is a quiet time, but the bees will be buzzing at our monthly meeting on January 28. Come meet Sam Droege, who will be telling us about the bees of Talbot County. While you are there remember that our theme for the next few months is "getting to know you".

Maribeth



Member News:

Annual Meeting 2025

Kay Perkins has graciously offered her home to host our June meeting. The meeting will be held on June 17th . **Please mark your calendars as this is a change from the date in the yearbook.** This will affect the monthly Board meeting, more information on that meeting in January.

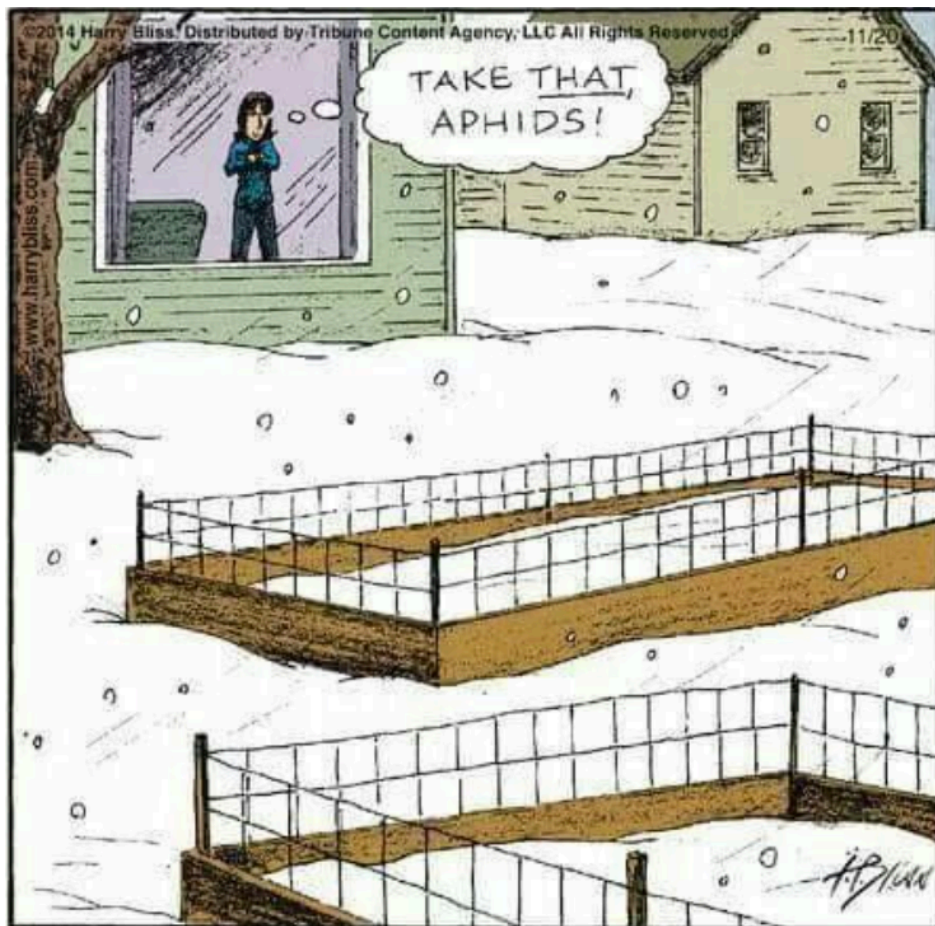
Introducing: "Dear Gabby Gardener,"

This column is a community information column for our Club. It will include plant questions, swaps or anything else garden related.

Examples:

- ~ I'm dividing my Black Eyed Susans, anybody want some? or
- ~ My peonies are in full bloom, come see them on Sunday? or
- ~ I've got 10 pairs of clippers I'm selling. Anybody interested? or
- ~ Anybody have suggestions for what to plant in an area that floods in my yard?

Please submit anything you want by the 20th of the month for the following month. This will be fun!



December Minutes

TCGC General meeting
Tuesday December 3, 2024
Easton Firehouse

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 after a productive session making wreaths and decor for the town of Easton and 140 mugs for Meals on Wheels.

With a correction to the spelling of Jody Shaner's name, the October 22 meeting's minutes were approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report:

\$17,877.00 operating budget.

\$28,000.00 CD

\$25,000.00 Pilgrimage CD

\$270.54 Restricted funds account

Fran asked that everyone get all their expense reports and receipts in as soon as possible. She stressed that she needs to know the name and address for each reimbursement check, as well as which committee it belongs to.

President's Report:

The J. McLaughlin event raised \$630 for the Children's Room at the Library.

The State House tree is installed and lovely; everyone should make a trip to Annapolis to see the display. A certificate from the Governor and First Lady was presented to TCGC.

Hospice flowers will be December 20.

Young Gardeners will be helping the children make wreaths on Dec. 12.

The number of Standing Committees represented at Board meetings will be increased to include Trips, Young Gardeners, Public Relations, Library Garden, and GardenTherapy.

Only 1 member of each committee should attend Board meetings, does not need to be the chair.

Membership:

Judith Roney was welcomed into the club.

Virginia announced that everyone should go see the new tree at the Fountain Garden. As a result there are 3 old trees from the past up for grabs. Takers should contact Virginia.

Trips:

The Longwood trip December 4 has one last minute opening.

The trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show will be March 6. There is no limit to the number of attendees, but Chloe will need to know attendance for dinner reservations.

New members are especially encouraged to attend as per Maribeth's theme of getting to know each other.

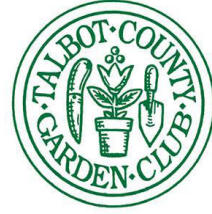
Budget:
There were no questions or changes to the budget as sent. Boots made a motion to accept the budget, which was seconded by Chloe. The budget passed unanimously.

The theme for 2025 is "Getting to Know You," so everyone was encouraged to introduce themselves to someone new before lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Gons



Log on!

Log on! The Club's Website Adds Value to Your Membership

In analyzing the club's membership rolls, we discovered that 52 percent of our members joined the club within the last 5 years. It's understandable that many do not know the depth of club history. And many do not know all the club's other 100+ members. Yet, we have web resources that can help!

If you want to secure a copy of TCGC's Centennial History to learn about the club's legacy, you will find it fully available for free on TCGC's website: <https://talbotcountycgc.org/>. Click the "Read and Listen" pull-down menu atop any page. There you will find the "Centennial Book" in pdf format (1917-2017) to read online or to download to your own device.

For the club's continuing history, click the same "Read and Listen" menu. Among "Publications" find Annual Reports (2019-2023), along with issues of "Can You Dig It?" and "Tid Bits!" and audio of the club's "Going Green" gardening programs that have aired on WHCP-FM (91.7) in Easton.

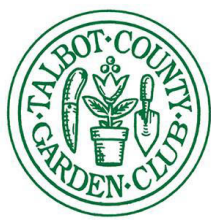
AND while you're on the site, please add your photo to your "Member Profile" to help others know who you are:

1. Log into the "Members Section" (via box, top right) and look for "Account Settings" in the dropdown menu
2. On Account Settings, hover over "Howdy," which appears with your name (top right)
3. Hit "Edit Profile" in the dropdown menu to open your Profile
4. Scroll down to "Member Info" and follow instructions to add a photograph and edit information
5. Hit "Update Profile" key (at the bottom) to save your input
6. "Log Out" in the dropdown menu (top right).

Best to log back into the "Members Section" to verify that your changes were made. *Thank you!*



Mark your Calendars!



Native Bee, Bumblebee &
Wildlife Advocate
SAM DROEGE
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
Eastern Ecological Science Center



“Helping Native Bees in Talbot County: It’s Easier Than You Think!”

- 187 different species of bees live in Talbot County.
- New species are being discovered in the Conservation Park, on Poplar Island, on private properties.
- SAM DROEGE will discuss how to support these bees with fascinating stories about collecting them.

Droege has spent his career at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Center, with expertise in developing, designing and evaluating wildlife inventory programs. His team is currently inventorying and monitoring native bees, and developing tools/techniques manuals and a bumblebee floral survey for citizens with online identification guides at www.discoverlife.org

It's Symposium Time!



Floral Fête

presented by The Talbot County Garden Club



Tuesday, April 22, 2025
The Oaks Waterfront Hotel
Easton, Maryland



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The Talbot County Garden Club
biennial
Symposium/Luncheon 2025
Floral Fête

Tickets are now available for
purchase – exclusively for
TCGC Members through January 6!

The day promises to be an elegant
and inspirational event,
and the community of our members
will be a huge part of its success.

Get your tickets NOW!

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm



The Oaks

25876 Royal Oak Rd,
Easton, MD

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Speakers

**“The Art of the Possible: Stories and Lessons
from a Self-taught Gardener”**

Linda Jane Holden (prolific garden design author,
self-taught garden historian, educator,
and Bunny Mellon gardens insider and expert)

**“French Blooms: Floral Arrangements
Inspired by Paris and Beyond”**

Sandra Sigman (second-generation floral designer
and author of *French Blooms*, founder and operator
of Andover, Massachusetts’ *Les Fleurs* and
curator of all things French)

“Pressing Botanicals: Harvesting Nature’s Bounty”

Anne Thompson Blackwell (trained artist
and plantswoman, using centuries-old traditions,
her preserved foliage and flowers are collected from
some of the most picturesque regions of the eastern US)

TICKETS:

Individual Floral Fête ticket, \$175 per person,
open seating. **Limited number of VIP Reserved
tables will be available, \$200 per person.**

Enjoy the day with family, friends or colleagues in a
choice of either eight- or ten-person capacity tables.
Tables are center-stage, premium seating for the best
vantage point for the Floral Fête's expert speakers.

Reserve your tickets at:

Individual: <https://buy.stripe.com/dR6cQBbEI2Xs3za8wE>

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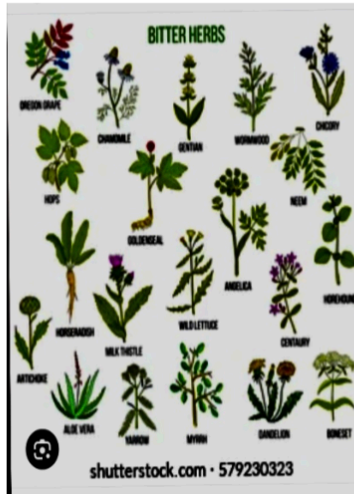
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The TCGC Horticulture Committee invites You to Our Third Lecture/Workshop – January 7, 2025

“Herb Bitters and Human Biology”

Learn how humans and herbs have evolved



to interact with each other in fascinating and powerful ways, and how bitters can improve our cocktails and our lives – includes a tasting of several types of bitters.



At the conclusion of the workshop , Terry will have samples of new and interesting Bitters to taste!!!

Our speaker, Terry Holman, District I Director, is a retired chemist with a passion for Garden Clubs and Flower Shows.

Location: Parish Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Oxford

Time: 10am

Please contact Trish Reynolds should you want to attend....

pk26998@gmail.com 410-253-1983

This is a members only event



Landscape Design School Course 1



Wednesday & Thursday

May 7 & 8, 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton

5485 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD 21045

Sponsored by

**Landscape Design Consultants Council
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.**

Council Chair, Betty Reeves

Credentials Chair, Linda Harris

School Chair, Linda Harris



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Blossoms and Blooms Deadline: The 20th for the following month's issue.
Please submit photos and articles to: newsletteroftcgc@gmail.com

***Taken any fun photos of our members at work or play?
Submit them for our next edition!***

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