

# Blossom & Bloom Bulletin

Newsletter of the Talbot County Garden Club  
April 2025

Happy First Day of Spring!

So excited to hear that all the tickets for Symposium have been sold!

Our wonderful chairs and committee members have been working to make this a very memorable day. Can't wait!

All the garden chairs have their work schedules in place. It will be good to see the gardens come back to life and see each other.

The Club won many awards at the District and State level. I will share these with you when we meet in May.

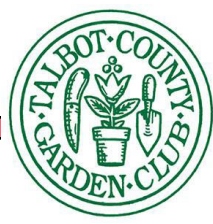
Hope to see everyone on the 22nd at Symposium.

Enjoy this lovely weather!

Maribeth



# March Minutes



TCGC General Meeting  
March 26, 2025  
Cloverfields, Wye Mills, Md

Maribeth called the meeting to order at 9:32

The minutes of the February 25th meeting were approved as sent.

President's Report: Oxford Garden tour is May 17th, Docents are needed.

May Day Baskets will be judged May 1st at 10:00. Volunteers are still needed. In association with May Day, the town is looking for flower arrangers to work with local galleries to display "Art In Bloom". A flyer will be attached to Blossom and Blooms.

6 trees were purchased by the club in honor of Arbor Day. Sweet Bay Magnolias were chosen.

Maribeth has coupons for \$25.00 off the price of a tree from the state of Maryland. The goal is 3 million trees. Chloe is still on the Town of Easton tree board.

At the Federated state meeting on Tuesday, Trish received a well deserved big award. She is leaving the board after 12 years of service.

We will deliver flowers to Hospice on April 18th, for Easter.

The next "Adults with Disabilities" program will be held May 8th. Judith Roney will lead the group on a project with dried flowers and polaroids. Volunteers needed.

Corresponding Secretary: Carol sent a note to Marsie Hawkinson on the passing of her husband.

Pilgrimage: Caroline announced the dates for the 2025 House and Garden Pilgrimage. Queen Anne's County will include the Galloway House that was moved by barge from Easton.

Trips: Chloe talked about the trip to Chanticleer on April 30th. The cost is \$120.00. There are 30 spots and so far 22 have signed up. The cost includes lunch at Aronomink Golf Club.

Children's Garden: Hatsie reported that the irrigation is up and running. The electrician has been there, so the lights should be working. Lin has had her people come and clean up the garden. A group from the Country School has cleaned up the bridge.

HSG: Irrigation will be extended to Joseph's Cottage garden.

A trip is planned to "Peppers" before Easton Beautification Day. All are welcome. Will also be going to Della Terra.

Library Garden: The Jan Kirsch artichoke has been damaged and is out for repair. They will be meeting with Jan and the library to discuss new planting strategies to keep it safe.

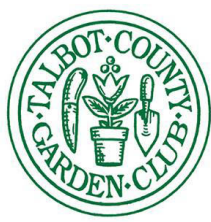
Symposium: Ready to go!

Conservation: Native Plant Sale will be held September 26th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49

Respectfully Submitted;  
Carol Harrison for Myra Gons Recording Secretary

# Member News: Daffodils!!!



Spring is finally here! And our daffodils are starting to bloom, with more to follow and then the tulips....so if you are driving around, stop by and stroll through the daffodils!

Enjoy!!!

Trish & Tom Reynolds



Brightwaters Farm .....26998 Oxford Road

# Member News:

## FGCMD – District I Awards – 2025

Garden Therapy Award Talbot County Garden Club	“Inclusive Gardening”	Large	HM
Publication Award - Newsletter Talbot County Garden Club	“Blossom & Bloom”	Large	3rd Place
Publication Award - Education Talbot County Garden Club	“Can You Dig It?”	Large	2nd Place
Yearbook Award Talbot Garden Club		Large Club	HM

Director Awards – Given by Terry Holman

Director’s Certificate of Appreciation

Maribeth Lane for hosting District I’s Semi-Annual Meeting

Gretta McDonald for all her work with Youth Gardening, especially for the 2024 District I Flower Show.

Trish Reynolds for serving as District Advisor, “Garden Basket” and “Gardenews” Editor for District I, and Awards Co-Chair.

Trish Reynolds, TCGC FGCMD Awards Chair



Meribeth , Susie Middleton, President FGCMD, and Terry Holman, District I Director (on her last day as Director), being recognized for TCGC’s Awards...

# *Floral Fete*

*presented by The Talbot County Garden Club*

April 22nd is a few short weeks away!

The Fete Committee has worked tirelessly to make this a day to remember and we can't wait to celebrate the day with our guests!

A couple of reminders:

All ticket holders will be receiving an email with specific instructions prior to the event.

Parking is limited so please carpool if possible.

Drivers may drop their guests at the front door before parking. Follow the signs.

Our supporters are listed on the following page. We can not thank them enough for their continued support.

*à bientôt!*

## ***THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!***

Talbot County Garden Club appreciates these local business and organizations that are supporting the 2025 Symposium and regularly support TCGC "green and good" efforts that benefit the greater Talbot County community. When you patronize our supporters, be sure to mention your ties to the Talbot County Garden Club to express our thanks

### **Calla Lily Champions**

Arrae

Bartlett Tree Experts

Dwelling and Design

Focus Construction Ltd

Fur Baby Pet Resort

### **Peony Patrons**

Avalon Theater Foundation

Bluepoint Hospitality

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Bountiful/Jaime Merida Interiors

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Sotheby's Realty/Laura Carney

Windswept Clothiers

Sunflower Supporters

Bay Country Security/Safe House

Caldwell Banker Chesapeake

Chesapeake Chamber Music

Farm Creek FC Investments

Farm Creek Insurance

Garden Design of Easton

Garden Treasures

Hambleton House Events & Catering

Ken's Creative Kitchen

Kevertin Pet Resort

McHale Landscaping

Piazza Italian Market

Pulse and Beats Pilates

Troika Gallery

Wells Fargo Advisors- Kevin Connelly

### **Buttercup Boosters**

Aqua Pools

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Chesapeake Blooms

Dragonfly Boutique

Easton Cycle & Sport

Legal Assets Craft, Food & Spirits

Lizzy Dee

Morgan Stanley

Olivins Tasting Room

Our Greek Market

Parker Counts Law Firm

RBC Wealth Management

Sandaway Inn

Sullivan Plastic Surgery

Yard Works

Zebra Gallery

### **Pansey Promoters**

Avery Hall Insurance & Benefits

Benson and Mangold

Callahan Irrigation

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Chesapeake Trading

Crackerjacks Toys

Eastern Shore Nurseries

Elizabeth Claire Salon

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Mark Randall Clothing Boutique

### **Foxglove Friends**

Avalon Theater Foundation

J.McLaughlin – St. Michaels

Lynn Smith

Robins Nest Floral & Garden Center

Simpatico

Welcome Home Easton

**An Invitation from  
The Oxford Garden Club:**

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*Oxford Garden Club Presents*



**Internationally famous  
Dr. Michael J. Raupp  
“The Bug Guy”**

**You Can Aid and Abet  
Mother Nature’s Hit Squad  
to Keep Insect Pests at Bay**

**Meet Wicked Wasps,  
Bodacious Beetles,  
Fierce Flies and other  
allies in the quest  
for the pest-free  
garden!**

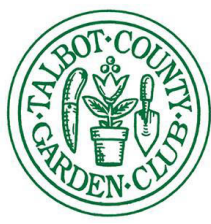
**April 3, 2025,  
2 pm**

**Oxford Community  
Center**

200 Oxford Rd. Oxford, MD

**FREE—open to the public**

**[www.oxfordgardenclub.org](http://www.oxfordgardenclub.org)**



## Trip to Chanticleer Wayne, PA



**THE TALBOT COUNTY  
GARDEN CLUB**  
is planning a bus trip to  
Chanticleer Garden in Wayne PA  
on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

This 48-acre estate on  
Philadelphia's Main Line  
is a refined,  
sophisticated garden full of  
fabulous and varied plants,  
stately mature trees,  
many different themed gardens  
and wonderful decorative pots.

This is a docent-led tour  
and limited to 30 people.

**Chanticleer is truly inspiring  
and ranked by many as  
The Best Public Garden  
in the  
Eastern United States.**

The cost of the trip is \$120 each.  
This includes the bus, entrance to  
Chanticleer and a buffet lunch  
at nearby Aronimink Golf Club.

We will leave the firehouse  
parking lot off of  
Creamery Lane in Easton  
at 7:30 am sharp and return  
no later than 5:00 pm.

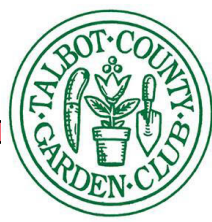
To reserve your spot,  
send your check for \$120 to TCGC,  
PO Box 1524, Easton MD 21601.  
Mark Chanticleer in the memo line.

Or... pay by Stripe.

<https://buy.stripe.com/60E3g137P41w5Hio0e>



# Reminder: Lets Get Beautiful!



## TCGC - EASTON BEAUTIFICATION DAY

**MAY 6, 2025**

It is that time of year for TCGC to make the gardens in Easton beautiful....adding new perennials, annual and small shrubs!

In preparation for this, Captain's Work Day will April 29th . The Fountain Garden Captains will meet at the Fountain at 8:30 am. The schedule has already been distributed - please check it out....Virginia and Anne will meet you there and go over what needs to be done prior to EBD.

On May 6, EBD Day, Committee Members will all report to their respective Gardens at 8:30...with the exception of the Library Committee, you will go to the Historical Society Garden.

Be sure to bring your gloves, kneeling pads, clippers, water, and trowels....there will be many plants that will need planting....over 300 alone in the Historical Society Garden.

Once you have finished at your assigned garden, please go to the Historical Society Garden and help the HSG gals finish up.

8:30 – Children's Garden regular workers

8:30 – Historical Society regular workers

8:30 – Library Workers to HSG

8:30 – Fountain garden Captains

9:30 or when finished - Fountain Garden Captains go to HSG

11:00 – Brief business meeting & Refreshments at the Gazebo in Idelwild Park.

Anyone that is not on a garden team regularly go to Historical Society Garden to help or come at 11:00 !

The Library Garden will do their planting on their first workday as they have an overlap of many HS workers.

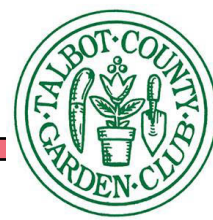
Thank you.....and see everyone on May 6!

Garden Committee Chairs

ps - Rain Date: May 7



# Member News: IT'S TIME TO GARDEN!



The Fountain Garden kicks off in May.  
Grab your gloves and mark your calendars!

## TALBOT COUNTY GARDEN CLUB 2025 FOUNTAIN GARDEN SCHEDULE

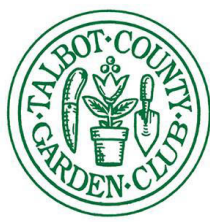
5/4 - 5/17	JELICH	Adler	Roney	Teale	Williams
5/18 - 5/31	MALIN	McLuckie	Shaner	Miller	Carroll
6/1 - 6/14	LONG	Mhley	Ashby	Fitzgerald	Champion
6/15 - 6/28	LANE	Graham	Keeton	LeBrun	Cullen
6/29 - 7/12	GILLEN	Vlk	Helfgott	Robins	Thompson
7/13 - 7/26	THE LOSEN	Cobb	Parker	Hoopes	Steckler
7/27 - 8/9	ECKERT	Massie	Garrett	Harris	Benhauser
8/10 - 8/23	DOREMUS	Carr	Nammack	Millar	Benson
8/24 - 9/6	MACDONALD, P	Pitard	Sheldon	Coakley	Fry
9/7-9/20	PEASE	Firth	Cohen	Peterson	Campbell
9/21 - 10/4	MCDONALD, G	Connelly	Gons	Jenkins	Watkins
10/5 - 10/18	MACKANESS	Moeller	Middleton	Sable	Jarboe
10/19 - 11/1	SAPPINGTON	Murcott	Bernstein	Kessler	Denegre

WORKERS: Thank you, Garden Club Members, for helping to keep the Five Corners Fountain Garden beautiful for the town to enjoy. Feel free to switch your work time. Please be sure to let Anne or Virginia know so that we can have an accurate master list!

CAPTAINS: Please fill out the garden journal with your activities and suggestions for the next team and pass on to the following CAPTAIN.

Feel free to call us with questions or concerns. THANK YOU!

- Anne and Virginia



## Help Wanted

**The Oxford Garden Club** needs docents for their May 17 Garden Tour. The shifts are 9:15 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 3:15. The Oxford club members were very helpful to us during our last tour. So, we would like to reciprocate.

The homes are mostly in the historic area and are walkable. One home is outside the downtown area. Please give me a call if you would like to volunteer for a morning or afternoon shift.

### May Day

Need a few more people to judge the May Day entries on Thursday, May 1 at 10am. This is the 4th annual May Day in the Town of Easton. It involves quite a bit of walking. We will be viewing all the entries that the businesses submit. Selecting winning entries and awarding the prizes. The process takes about 3 hours.

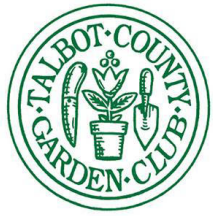
Call or text me to volunteer. Maribeth 201-280-2312



## May 8 Inclusive Gardening Program for Adults Living with Disabilities Volunteers Needed!

The Garden Club is hosting a hands-on gardening workshop at the Peachblossom Y for adults with disabilities, many of whom live in group homes around the area. New member Judith Roney will guide the class in creating a unique botanical arts project! Setup will begin at 10 am. The event begins at 11. Please contact Tamara Kessler at [tamarajkessler@gmail.com](mailto:tamarajkessler@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.



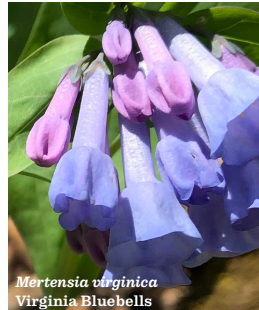


## What can you do to help?

April showers bring May flowers ... and May is now Maryland Native Plant Month when nurseries and native plant retailers will have increased inventory. The Conservation Committee encourages you to add natives to your gardens and landscapes. Every native tree, shrub, and plant makes a difference. Why? Because natives support biodiversity and build healthy ecosystems that provide food and shelter for native bees, birds, butterflies, caterpillars, and other wildlife.

Under the stellar leadership of Dana Vlk, the Conservation Committee has identified feasible projects to raise awareness of the importance of native plants. We're gathering resources to share - - 2nd annual Plant Sale returns in September! - - and getting the word out. Here's a handy poster with actions each one of us can take to make a difference. Try one (or more) in April and let us know how it goes.

“By restoring native plants, we can restore the life that depends on them.” Doug Tallamy



*Mertensia virginica*  
Virginia Bluebells



*Asclepias tuberosa*  
Butterfly Weed



*Ratibida pinnata*  
Gray-Headed Coneflower

There are LOTS of things each of us can do to make a difference, including:

### in your yard

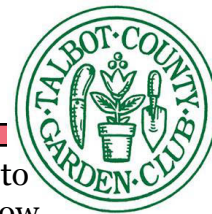
- Plant many more native plants in your yard to feed wildlife
- Plant trees and shrubs that produce seeds and berries for birds
- Eliminate the use of pesticides in your yard
- Add native plants to your ornamental gardens
- Use native plants with deep roots to reduce soil erosion
- Replace food-free, sterile lawn areas with native plant habitats
- Plant large native trees to expand the national tree canopy
- Plant drought tolerant native plants that use less water
- Add a source of water in your yard for wildlife

### in your community

- Plan or participate in native plant events in your community
- Teach children about why native plants are so important
- Buy native plants from local growers
- Help install pollinator gardens at schools and in public areas
- Design, plant, and observe a pollinator garden with a child
- Collect and grow native plants from seed collected nearby

### at home

- Plant a pollinator garden in your yard to expand pollinator pathways
- Use compost to amend soil and save valuable peat bogs
- Use lids over outdoor lights so they don't shine upward
- Keep yard waste on-site by composting
- Turn off outdoor lights at night to help migrating birds
- If outdoor lights are needed, use motion detectors



Samantha Nestory from Stoneleigh, our dynamic speaker at the February meeting, responded to the audience's requests for lists of some of the plants that she included in her amazing slide show. She provided both a list of plants she talked about and also a list of the native vines that grow on the property's long pergola. Enjoy!

## Gardens Alive: Elevating Our Landscapes Through Ecology

### Trees and Shrubs

- Eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus* 'Vercurve')
- Eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana* 'Taylor')
- American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Slender Silhouette')
- River birch (*Betula nigra* 'Summer Cascade')
- Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum* 'Falling Waters')
- Oakleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Little Honey')
- Eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis* 'Carolina Sweetheart')
- Red maple (*Acer rubrum* 'Vanity')
- Carolina allspice (*Calycanthus floridus* 'Burgundy Spice')
- Mountain bush honeysuckle (*Diervilla rivularis* 'Honeybee')
- Box elder (*Acer negundo* 'Winter Lightning')
- American witch-hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana* 'Lemon Lime')
- Eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis* 'Black Pearl')
- Southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora* 'Southern Charm')
- Eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus* 'Fastigiata')
- Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis* 'Yellow Ribbon')
- American snowbell (*Styrax americanus*)

### Perennials, Biennials, and Annuals

- Beardtongue (*Penstemon* x 'Dark Towers')
- Fringed loosestrife (*Lysimachia ciliata* 'Purpurea')
- Plains coreopsis (*Coreopsis tinctoria*)
- Forked bluecurls (*Trichostema dichotomum*)
- Fernleaf phacelia (*Phacelia bipinnatifida*)
- Eastern prickly pear (*Opuntia humifusa*)
- Maryland senna (*Senna marilandica*)
- Closed bottle gentian (*Gentiana andrewsii*)
- Field chickweed (*Cerastium arvense* subsp. *strictum*)
- Saltmarsh fleabane (*Pluchea odorata*)

### Vines

- Grape honeysuckle (*Lonicera reticulata* 'Kintzley's Ghost')
- American wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens* 'Amethyst Falls')
- Kentucky wisteria (*Wisteria macrostachya* 'Clara Mack')
- Crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata* 'Tangerine Beauty')
- Limber honeysuckle (*Lonicera dioica* 'Eureka')
- Trumpet honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens* 'John Clayton')
- Trumpet honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens* 'Tangerine Princess')
- Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

### Stoneleigh Pergola Vines Species List

1. *Apios americana* 'Treasure'
2. *Aristolochia tomentosa*
3. *Bignonia capreolata* 'Tangerine Beauty'
4. *Bignonia capreolata* 'Variegata'
5. *Bignonia capreolata* 'WFHgoFin' Gold Finch™
6. *Campsis radicans* 'Flamenco'
7. *Campsis radicans* 'Flava'
8. *Campsis radicans* 'Mango Yellow'
9. *Gelsemium sempervirens* 'Margarita'
10. *Humulus lupulus* var. *lupuloides*
11. *Lonicera sempervirens* 'Clay Hills'
12. *Lonicera sempervirens* 'Crimson Cascade'
13. *Lonicera sempervirens* 'Tangerine Princess'
14. *Lonicera sempervirens* f. *sulphurea* 'John Clayton'
15. *Passiflora lutea*
16. *Rosa setigera*
17. *Wisteria frutescens* 'Blue Moon'
18. *Wisteria frutescens* 'Nivea'

Samantha Nestory,  
Stoneleigh Engagement Manager,  
snestory@natlands.org



## Join us for a Members-only Garden Tour June 10th, 2025 along both shores of Dixon Creek, located just west of downtown Easton.

From approximately 9 am to 1 pm, we will visit four gardens between the two neighborhoods of Ratcliffe Manor and Leehaven. These gardens showcase our members' passion for gardening, habitat creation, and providing a sanctuary for visitors and wildlife.

### The tour will proceed as follows:

**(1) 27950 DIXON CREEK LANE:** Begin your day between 9:00 am and 9:30 pm at Madeleine Cohen's property at Ratcliffe Farm. Her cottage gardens feature flowering trees and shrubs with herb and perennial borders that bloom year-round, attracting pollinators and supplying their home with cooking herbs and florals.

**(2) 8116 LEEHAVEN ROAD:** After leaving Madeleine's we will drive to Paige Connelly's home. We suggest you head over by approximately 10:00 am. Here you will follow graceful and winding paths throughout mature gardens with structural plantings including spring blooming trees and shrubs.

**(3) 8075 LEEHAVEN ROAD:** Just down the road from Paige's, Dede Hoop's garden features a variety of specialty cut flowers for her flower shop. The garden includes shade gardens, cottage gardens, and a new experimental native garden.



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## (Members Only, cont'd)

**(4) 7962 LEEHAVEN ROAD:** The tour will end at Zandi Nammack's garden, featuring an eclectic mix of flowers, vegetables, shrubs, and other natural elements on her waterfront point property with a new living shoreline. Once you have explored the garden, you are invited to stay and enjoy a brown bag lunch in Zandi's garden.

This is an outdoor event that we are unable to reschedule. We will let you know the day before should we need to cancel due to impending weather.

### **One last note on Parking:**

We are asking everyone to carpool to minimize parking at our members' homes. There are three carpool meeting spots where members can meet to carpool:

- (1) The "pincushion" at St. Michaels Rd. and Unionville Rd.
- (2) The new parking area on Rte. 33 at the Easton Village Light
- (3) The parking area at Oxford Rd. and Cedar Point Rd.

In Ratcliffe Manor, you may park along Dixon Creek Lane. Leehaven is a lovely neighborhood to walk through, so if you wish, you may park along the road and walk between the three homes.

We ask that you please leave space in the driveways for those that are mobility impaired.



Photo of Dede Hoopes Garden



**RSVPs should be sent to  
Pam Keeton  
Co-Chair Horticulture Committee  
at [pvkeeton@yahoo.com](mailto:pvkeeton@yahoo.com).  
If you have any questions,  
please call Pam at  
**209-904-7265**.**





## Garden Basket

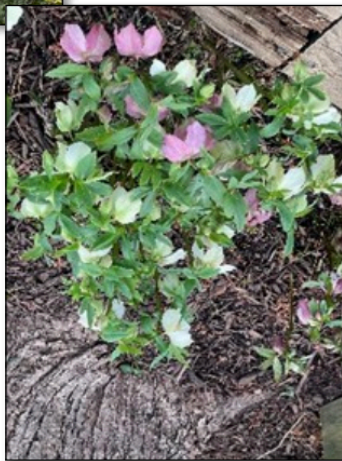
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With just a few short days till Spring 2025 I thought we might just reflect on what Spring means to us as gardeners.

The Spring season is a time of the year when the weather starts to change. It is the season between winter and summer. The days get longer and the nights get shorter, the temperature is milder, and flowers bloom. There is a warm wind in the spring season in the air!

But you say..."wait a minute" this is not what I am experiencing! The wind is still cold, the ground a bit muddy, certainly not the time to plant much, my



daffodils are just now starting to bloom....what kind of spring is this! And yes, this spring is starting out to be very different from the last few years.

As the Dutch said to me and my husband years ago...."Winter is just late leaving!"

The only things I have in bloom here in Oxford are a few daffodils, forsythia, hellebores, and winter aconite...so I guess we just have to wait and hope that the "real Spring" arrives soon!

A word about this issue of "Garden Basket".....with the change in administration at the State level, District and Clubs, we thought we would devote this issue to saying farewell to Susie Middleton, FGCMMD President, and Terry Holman, District I Director....as well as introduce the new District I Executive Board, District I Director, Ann Street, and new or returning Club Presidents.

We hope you will find this issue informative, and we will be back soon with more fun, interesting, and educational articles.

Trish Reynolds  
Gardenews and Publications Chair

[Click here to read entire issue.](#)

**An Invitation from  
The Chevy Chase Garden Club:**



**Garden Club of Chevy Chase  
Garden Tour**

*Landscapes, Hardscapes and Tablescapes*

**Tour five gardens in Historic Chevy Chase Village**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**12 pm to 4 pm**

**rain or shine**



**Tickets: \$40 per person**

**\$45 after April 12**

**Available online**

**[gardenclubofchevychase.org](http://gardenclubofchevychase.org)**

**or day of event at tour headquarters**

**33 West Kirke St, Chevy Chase**



# An Invitation from The Caroline County Garden Club:

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Good afternoon!

Our club would like to invite members of your club to join us on a bus trip to Winterthur on Wednesday, May 21st. The cost is \$120 and includes the cost of coach bus transportation, admission to the museum and gardens, and a one-hour private tour of the gardens. There will be two boarding locations, one at 8:30 AM at the Denton Food Lion parking lot, the other at 8:50 at the Route 50/404 Park and Ride Lot. If any of your members are interested they may respond to us at this email or by calling Kim at 240-419-9177. I've attached the flyer for the event that you can share with your members.

Hoping some of your members can join us!

Tammy Coulbourne

Recording Secretary

Caroline County Garden Club



Join us in exploring the beautiful gardens and remarkable home of Henry Francis du Pont.

WEDNESDAY MAY 21st

Departures: 8:30am Denton Food Lion 840 5th St


8:50am Rt 50/404 Park & Ride

6:00pm Approximate Return

Tickets include: transportation, admission to the gardens, museum, exhibitions and a privately lead garden tour  
\$120 per person

Please contact: [cvgardenclubinfo@gmail.com](mailto:cvgardenclubinfo@gmail.com)  
or call Kim 240-419-9177



 [carolinecountygardenclub-maryland](https://www.facebook.com/carolinecountygardenclub-maryland)

# An Invitation from The Lake Forest Garden Club:

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Dear Visiting Gardens Chairman,

The Lake Forest Garden Club would love to have you join us for our 68th walk this June 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is “Seeds of Change” showing 4 historic properties each with a unique story, 3 designed by notable architects, David Adler, Howard Van Doren Shaw and Ike Colburn.

A Save the Date will be mailed in March and Invitations will go out via email in April. To receive an invitation or for questions, please send an email to [housewalk@lakeforestgc.com](mailto:housewalk@lakeforestgc.com) or me Cathie Denckla, [visitinggardens@lakeforestgc.org](mailto:visitinggardens@lakeforestgc.org)

I am happy to provide accommodation ideas, other places in the area to visit, for example The Chicago Botanic Garden 15 minutes from Lake Forest, which will be in full bulb display, a beautiful 12 acres Japanese garden in Rockford IL, <https://andersongardens.org>, and of course Millennium Park in Chicago.

Hope to see many of you in June.

Warmly,

Cathie Denckla  
Visiting Gardens Chairman  
Lake Forest Garden Club  
Zone XI

# Federated Garden Clubs of MD:



## JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EARTH DAY EVENT

8:00 to 8:45 Registration & Refreshments  
8:45 to 9:00 Welcome

April 24, 2025 - 8 am to 12 noon  
Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum  
Baltimore, MD

**9:00 AM - 9:50 AM**

### **Ecological Landscaping for a Climate Resistant Watershed**

**Stacy Small-Lorenz, Specialist for Residential Landscape, UMD Extension**

Learn about Maryland's climate forecast and delve into practical steps we can take as individuals and neighborhoods to become better stewards of the land, water, and atmosphere, in a shared quest for climate-resilient, sustainable landscapes that support native biodiversity and enhance our human connection to nature.

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

### **Beauty, Biodiversity and Resilience**

**Lisa Kuder, Native Plants & Landscape Specialist, UMD Extension**

Explore naturalistic design and how to select native plants that can tolerate deer pressure, as well as a range of environmental conditions such as drought, flooding, and salt intrusion. Try your hand at applying what you've learned in a group garden design project.

**11:10 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **Protecting Pollinators and Beneficial Insects Amid Climate Change**

**Madeline Potter, Specialist for Entomology & IPM, UMD Extension**

Connect the dots between Climate Change, native plants, pollinators, and beneficial insects while hearing actionable advice for gardeners. From habitat creation to learning about fascinating insect-plant relationships, discover how your greenspace can become a refuge for biodiversity.

#### MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 Registration. Please make checks payable to: FGCMD  
Earth Day Event

Mail this registration form and payment to:  
FGCMD, PO Box 65172, Baltimore, MD 21209

### **Native plant sale by Herring Run Nursery**

Several conservation organizations will have exhibits with information about their activities and missions, with staff members available to answer questions.



Eventbrite online Registration  
\$33.85 includes \$3.85 processing fee

Pre-registration is required & must be  
received by Friday, April 18  
Note: Fees are non-refundable



"Approved Maryland Master Naturalist &  
Master Gardener Advanced Training 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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[\(click here for registration information\)](#)

## Zone VI Flower Show:

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(Note from Maribeth: Attached is the Show schedule for the Zone VI annual meeting. It is early but some of the categories are filling up and so if anyone wishes to enter they may need to sign up soon.)

An illustration of oak leaves and acorns is positioned at the top of the flyer. The leaves are green with some yellowing, and the acorns are brown with green caps. The background is a soft, yellowish-green gradient with a faint rainbow-like arc.

# TREASURES

Explore Discover Preserve

## GCA ZONE VI FLOWER SHOW

### NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Presented by  
The Green Spring Valley Garden Club  
and the Hardy Garden Club

[Click here for Exhibitor and Flower Show Information](#)

# Art In Bloom

## A May Day Gallery Experience

Downtown Easton • May 1st - 3rd

Easton Economic Development invites our galleries to participate in our May Day Floral Gallery Walk. In addition to our other May Day festivities and decorating, we are striving to bring something special and fresh for our galleries this year!

Set up on or before Thursday, May 1st. Event continues Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd. This will also continue to Sunday to those who would like to participate.

Galleries will be responsible for inviting a florist (professional or hobbyist) or Garden club to choose one or more pieces of art, and to create a floral arrangement inspired by that chosen piece of art to be displayed by that piece of art for the duration of the event. We encourage the galleries to invite friends, mailing lists and social media followers to come and view the event to participate.

### RESTRICTIONS:

The cost of materials will be borne by the gallery or floral artist • No potted plants or soil  
No cut fruit, or food of any kind, or live animals (like fish) are permitted

We are asking that between one and three of these floral arrangements per gallery be displayed as a minimum, with at least one arrangement to be raffled off per gallery.

### THE ARRANGEMENT RAFFLE:

The raffle arrangement must be easily transportable, weighing no more than 35 pounds. We are asking that each gallery provide a box or bowl where prospective winners will fill out a form to be provided by Easton EDC, to be used as a raffle ticket. That form will ask for entrants' name, phone number and email. The purpose of this raffle is to gather these emails to grow each galleries' email list. We are only requiring one raffled floral piece per gallery.

The drawing will be on Saturday at 4pm. Each Gallery will be responsible for drawing and contacting their winner, but the winners will be responsible for picking up their arrangements. Easton EDC will provide the raffle ticket slips. After the drawings, the EDC will compile the contact lists from the raffles and share that list with participating galleries.

### EASTON EDC'S PART:

The Easton EDC will market the event, provide a list and map of participating galleries, and distribute the information to visitors at the visitor's center, and at a May Day brunch event at the Tidewater Saturday, May 3rd. Additional maps will be handed out to galleries before the event.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Tom Maglio at 410-858-7819.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 2, 2025

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Delmarva Chapter of the National Nonprofit 'Wild Ones' Seeks Members and Collaborators

Wild Ones Delmarva is seeking chapter members and collaborators to create an inclusive community of diverse voices and backgrounds interested in learning, growing, and connecting people and native plants for a healthy planet. Wild Ones Delmarva aims to promote native plants and natural landscapes throughout the Delmarva Peninsula through advocacy, education, and collaboration. The chapter, formed in August 2024, would like to highlight the ability of native plants to help protect and restore biodiversity, improve air and water quality, provide people with year-round aesthetic landscaping and wildlife with quality food and shelter.

Those interested in attending programs and activities can connect with chapter representatives at [Delmarva.WildOnes.org/events](http://Delmarva.WildOnes.org/events), [wildonesdelmarva@gmail.com](mailto:wildonesdelmarva@gmail.com), or by calling 410-656-9713.

About Wild Ones:

Wild Ones is a national nonprofit organization that advocates for the use of native plants in landscaping to combat the loss of biodiversity. With over 120 local chapters and more than 10,000 members, Wild Ones provides education, resources, and support to help individuals and communities make environmentally beneficial choices for their local ecosystems. Learn more at [WildOnes.org](http://WildOnes.org).

About the Delmarva Chapter of Wild Ones:

Wild Ones Delmarva was formed in August 2024 by a small coalition of like-minded individuals, organizations, and businesses on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It serves communities on the Delmarva Peninsula and adjacent areas. You can connect with this chapter, see upcoming events, and become a member by visiting [Delmarva.WildOnes.org](http://Delmarva.WildOnes.org), calling 410-656-9713, or on social media at [@WildOnesDelmarva](https://www.instagram.com/WildOnesDelmarva).

To learn more, click here to read about our short history and mission:



Dear Gabby....



## A MUST for gardeners!

A description isn't always the best indicator for fragrance – sometimes you need to smell before you buy!

There is an app called Flori Opal, which sends olfactory waves through your smartphone speaker, allowing you to smell flowers before you purchase the plants!

read more about this new app at : [www.aprilfools.com](http://www.aprilfools.com)

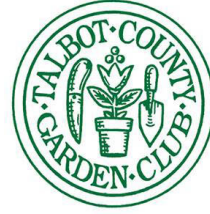
Is anyone reading this?? If so, please let me know! Email me at [newsletteroftcgc@gmail.com](mailto:newsletteroftcgc@gmail.com) if you saw this silly thing. Prizes will be given for all responses to Gabby's April Fool's joke at the next regular meeting in May.



### "Dear Gabby Gardener,"

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

# Add your photo to the TCGC website:



## Newer members want to know who's who in TCGC! Take a moment to put your photo on the TCGC website!

Did you know that only 15% (ok we didn't count but it's not many) of the members have their photos in the members' directory online?

It's a great help to your fellow newer TCGC colleagues when your photo is up so they can get to know more of you and not flounder for names or stare at name tags at meetings and events. Please take a few minutes to find a picture of yourself that you can live with, and upload it to the members' directory here:

<https://talbotcountygardenclub.org/members/>

Here's all you need to do:

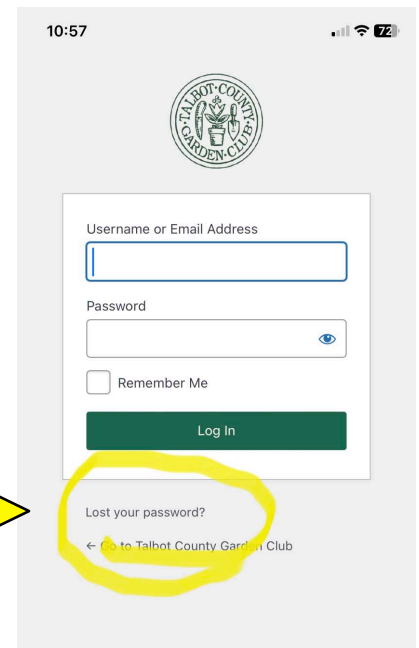
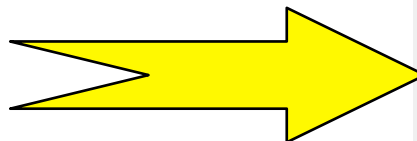
1. Log into the "Members Section" at the right of the menu at the top of the page. Find "Account Settings" in the dropdown menu.
2. On Account Settings, hover over "Howdy," which appears with your name at top right.
3. Tap "Edit Profile" in the dropdown menu to open your profile.
4. Scroll down to "Member Info" and follow instructions to add a photograph and edit information.
5. Tap "Update Profile" key at the bottom to save your input.
6. Tap "Log Out" in the dropdown menu top right.
7. To check your upload, log back in to the "Members Section."

## But what if I forgot my password....

Forget Your Password? It's Easy to Reset It!

Go to the website and click in the "Members" box in the menu to bring up the log in page.

Below the boxes where you would enter your user name and password is a question, "Lost your password?" Click there and yet will take you to a reset page.





Follow TCGC on Facebook!

To get instant updates on TCGC activities – news of coming events and photos from events of the day – log on to our Facebook page. You can find us by searching for TALBOT COUNTY GARDEN CLUB.

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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](mailto:newsletteroftcgc@gmail.com)

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

THE END