

THE GARDENER

Newsletter of the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club



The aims of the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club shall be to promote interest in and develop skills in gardening through cooperation, joint efforts, and good fellowship.

April 2009

Next Monthly Meeting By *George Cornwall*

The April 28th meeting will be held at the Bowie City Hall, General Purpose Room at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Hada Flowers. The subject is ***The Selection, Care & Feeding of Houseplants.***

Hada Flowers has been a Master Gardener for nearly three years. She serves as the Database Manager for the Prince George's County Program and was recently elected to the PG Master Gardener Executive Council.

Hada has taught several classes on houseplants, as part of the Master Gardener Basic Training Class. She has extensive personal experience and raises a variety of houseplants. She has worked in the Federal Government for over 16 years. Here is the contact information for Hada: ***Hada Flowers, 301.856.6766 – Home; 410-490-3922 – Cell, Email: HFlow91@Verizon.net***

Presidents Comments by *Jesse Terres*

On Saturday, April 4th, I planted four varieties of onions: Hybrid Candy, my favorite, Walla Walla, Hybrid First Edition, and Hybrid Red Mars. My wife likes the red variety for salads. We like onions, and most of these have good long term keeping qualities. Last year, from a long-term-keeping standpoint, my onions did not keep very well, even on a short-term basis. The only thing I can think I did wrong was to harvest them too early, not allowing them to cure in the ground long enough. This year I'll leave them in the ground longer.

On Sunday I planted beets, carrots, and spinach. Later that day, I was on my hands and knees pulling weeds to make room for turnips. That was when I got to think about an article in Sunday's 'Post' about Thomas Jefferson by Adrian Higgins, a staff writer. In the article Peter Hatch, a lyrical scholar of Jefferson the gardener, says Jefferson invented the style of vegetable gardening we know today.

Jefferson championed the tomato, which didn't take off until the first two decades of the 19th century (Europeans thought it poisonous and possibly, as Hatch conjectures, too sensual a fruit). He added to the summer garden such heat lovers as Crowder peas, peanuts, sweet potatoes, peppers, lima beans, eggplant, asparagus and okra--a true American garden.

After the White House, when Jefferson returned to Monticello, he wrote that "I am constantly in my garden, as exclusively employed out of doors as I was within doors in Washington, and find myself infinitely happier in my new mode of life." I understand. As silly as it may sound, I too find myself happier being employed

out of doors and perfectly content on my hands and knees pulling weeds and potting up miscellaneous plants. Actually, I'm playing in the dirt, but at my age I'm afraid to admit it for fear the guys in white coats will be coming for me.

Meeting Minutes, March 31, 2009

The Tuesday March 31st meeting of the Bowie Crofton Garden Club was held at the Bowie Community Center instead of the usual location at the Bowie City Hall.

Jesse Terres, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

The Minutes were unanimously approved.

Program:

George Cornwall, Program Chair introduced Gene Sumi from Homestead Gardens. Gene was informative and knowledgeable as always in his presentation. He spoke on "New Shrubs and Trees for 2009 at Homestead Gardens" and introduced several new garden products for 2009. Gene brought several shrubs for demonstration and also brought all the new garden products that he spoke about. Gene provided two handouts: one on the new shrubs and trees for 2009 and the other on the new garden products for 2009. Both handouts provide great reference material. Gene was kind and left a Blueberry shrub for one of our door prizes. It was a nice gesture to help further celebrate the 25th Anniversary spirit of our garden club.

Membership:

Lynne Snyder, Membership Chair introduced new visitors and new members.

Plant Sale:

Lynne Snyder, Plant Sale Chair shared some of the new and returning vendors to our May 2nd Plant Sale. Kent Winterson designed and supplied wonderful graphics for our Plant Sale and provided many different sized advertisements for display in stores to advertise and showcase our event.

Treasurer Report:

Karin Banta, Treasurer, shared that the club lost money on the Philadelphia Flower show trip. As of the March 31st meeting, Karin reported a balance of \$117.25 in the treasury. It was agreed upon that the club won't entertain buying our AV equipment until after we realize profits from the plant sale. Karin expects the balance to increase substantially once the Flower Show checks are cashed.

Field Trip Report:

Ellen Brous, Field Trip Chair was absent but we discussed our appreciation for the hard work from both Ellen and Hospitality Chair, Eleanor Leshinsky, who made the field trip a success for those who braved going out in the early morning snow that day.

Hospitality:

Eleanor and Charles Leshinsky did a wonderful job making the evening extraordinarily festive. What a great way to celebrate the Club's 25th Anniversary! There was so much good food and a variety of beverages. Kudos to Eleanor and Charles on their spectacular hospitality. Eleanor recognized Bertha Houchens for making the beautiful 25th Anniversary cake.

Executive Committee changes:

George Cornwall is resigning as Program Chair; Lynn Snyder will continue with Membership; Dorothy Bice will relinquish her duties as Public Relations Chair and Karin Banta has agreed to remain the Treasurer. And we'll need a new Hospitality Chair since Eleanor and Charles will pass the baton to someone else. We also need a new President if we can't convince Jesse for another term! So, in summary, we need a slate of nominations for vacancies for President, Programs VP, Public Relations VP and Hospitality.

Highway Cleanup:

Highway Cleanup is being led by Linda Snow. The volunteers will meet on April 4th at the Burger King from 8:30 am to 11:00 am to clean the two-mile area from Burger King to Rockledge Elementary. Burger King has agreed to provide coupons to the volunteers. There was some discussion regarding the stretch of cleanup whether or not to include the additional two miles to include the distance from the McDonalds to Burger King. Linda will work this out with the State Highway Administration.

Free Mulch Giveaway:

The Department of Environmental Resources (DER) is sponsoring a one day "Mulch Giveaway" on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at Western Branch Composting Facility, 6601 S.E. Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro (*From Crain Highway, proceed on Maude Savoy Brown Road and follow the Visitors' Center signs to the Facility.*) The quality of the mulch is good; however, mulch is accepted "as is" and may contain foreign debris, such as small pieces of plastic. This mulch is derived from a mixture of hardwoods that have been shredded at our facility. A skid loader is available to load mulch into pickup trucks, or residents may bring their own containers/tools. This event is restricted to non-commercial vehicles, ¾ ton maximum weight. No business vehicle signage will be permitted; all commercial signs should be covered or removed prior to entering the site.

Executive Board Meeting:

Jesse Terres announced that he planned to have an executive board meeting soon.

25th Anniversary Celebration:

Harold Moline was recognized as a 25-year member. Rich Dodson highlighted the 25-year history of the club. Door Prizes were awarded. Plants and goodies were shared and exchanged. The meeting adjourned and people stayed until 10:00 pm enjoying the food and refreshments. While we feasted, Francisco Román, Historian showed slides of various club events.

Respectfully submitted, *Kathleen Beres*, Secretary

Hospitality Committee Report

By *Eleanor Leshinsky*

Hospitality: We had a wonderful turn out for the 25th Anniversary of our club at the March meeting. Thank you to all who contributed to the refreshments. And a special thanks to Bertha Houchens for making the cake, and also a special thanks to Kent Winterson for making the lovely sign for the 25th Anniversary.

Membership Report

By *Lynne Snyder*

Membership Renewal for 2009-2010

It's not too early to think about renewing your membership for next year. Since we will be having a meeting in June, at the end of our fiscal year, all membership renewals are due by 30 June so Karin will be able to get the taxes done in a timely manner.

The Garden Club currently has 35 families and 73 individual members in good standing.

Barbara Perkins was our first member to renew for next year. Our fiscal year ends on June 30th, so be sure to get your renewal in before then. You can renew your membership at any meeting, the Plant Sale, or the Picnic, or mail a check to the club's PO Box (the return address on the newsletter).

Treasurer's Report April 2009

By *Karin Banta*

Starting Balance/Checkbook	\$117.25		PA Flower Show Bus trip, March 3, 2009	
Expenses			Expenses	
Crofton Printing/ March Newsletter	\$54.67			
Homestaed Gardens/Guest speaker Gene Sumi	\$50.00		Dillon's Charter incl.driver tip	\$1,246.00
Rose Arslanian stamps 1 month	\$31.08		PA Horticultural Society tickets	\$1,233.50
TOTAL	\$135.75		E. Leshinsky/Snacks/PA Bustrip	\$145.89
			E.Brous/Favors	\$26.50
Deposits			TOTAL	\$2,651.89
Membership	\$62.00			
Collected for PA Flowershow trip	\$2,162.00		Income	
Refund Flower show trip supplies	\$4.11		Tickets sold \$47.00x46	\$2,162.00
TOTAL	\$2,228.11		TOTAL	\$2,162.00
Checkbook Balance	\$2,209.61		Loss	(\$489.89)
Library Escrow	\$0.00			
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$2,209.61			

Annual Plant Sale

By *Lynne Snyder & Gaye Williams*

The BCGC 2009 plant sale date is fast approaching! Please stop reading this newsletter right now (unless it's dark or snowing outside) and go divide, pot up, clean, label, and do anything else to those plants that are destined for our **SATURDAY, 2 MAY, 2009** event. Yes, it's less than a month away! Seriously, folks, we want to offer good quality, thriving, affordable material that encourages repeat customers, year after year.

The Plant Sale will be held from, 8 AM to 12 Noon. Kent Winterson has designed a terrific flyer that you can download from the website. We will also have flyers available at the April meeting. Please help us get the word out about the sale by posting flyers around town and by telling your friends, family, coworkers, and community about the sale.

If you will be in town on that day, please plan to help at the sale for at least an hour or so. You do not have to spend the whole morning there but the more people we have the easier it is on everyone. If you aren't able to run around with plants, we will need people to sit and answer questions about the club and gardening and the club and can definitely use your help there. We will also need help with cleanup, so if you can't be there until late morning, don't worry, there will still be things to do!

Cardinal Creek Nursery will be joining us again this year, and Lynne will be confirming with Davidsonville Nursery next week. We also have several members who will have tables at the sale. If you have something garden-related to sell and are willing to donate 20% of your sales to the club, or if you know someone who may be interested in being a vendor, contact Lynne at LynneinMD@gmail.com or call her at 301-464-4642 or 443-306-8920.

All those working at the sale or bringing plants should plan to be at the sale no later than 7:15 that morning, as we want to have all of our unloading done and cars parked by 7:30. If you arrive after 7:15 please park your car toward the library end of the lot and get help or a wagon to move your plants to the sale area.

We will need help with many tasks related to the sale. Please plan to attend the April meeting, as we will be going over this list, adding other items, and asking for definite names and commitment. Most of the tasks are not hard and do not require much time, so if everyone pitches in for a little while, we can all have fun and nobody will feel overworked.

Contact Lynne if you NEED HELP or CAN HELP with any of these tasks. She will coordinate and match helpers with those who need help.

Before the sale:

- Pot plants ASAP so they have time to settle before the sale. (Got plants? Need help? Call!)
- Load tables on Friday evening at St. Matthews (about 15 minutes, 4 people and one truck)
- Collect plants from members who do not drive or need assistance loading, or who are bringing more plants than will fit in their vehicle.
- Quick mow of the grass near where we hold the sale, if the city doesn't mow it that week. (About 15 minutes -- one person with a mower.)
- Save cardboard boxes or flats for buyers to use for shopping and to carry their purchases. Paper or plastic bags with handles will also work.

The morning of the sale:

- Bring your plants by 7:15
- Bring your (labeled) wagon or garden cart to help transport flowers to buyers' cars (wagons will not be used for shopping this year, only for moving purchased plants to vehicles)
- Bring your folding table (card table up to 8 feet).
- Bring a folding chair to sit on.
- Bring your Easy-Up or similar tent. We had several last year and they helped a LOT in the heat.
- Bring water, use sunscreen, and wear a hat. It was quite hot last year and we had several mild cases of sunburn.

At the sale:

- Set up tables and tents and string tape/set up traffic control cones (4 people at beginning)
- Traffic Control (two or three people at all times)
- Hospitality (two people at all times)
- Membership (two people at all times)
- Master Gardener/Gardening Questions (two or three people at all times, including one MG)
- Cashier (Two people per cash box at all times; we will have either two or three cash boxes)
- Plant Transport (one person per wagon, preferably - about six or so through the bulk of the sale)

After the sale:

- Load unsold plants for donation or for transport. (4 people)
- Gather and dispose of trash and recyclables (2 people)
- Take down tents, tables, and traffic control tapes/cones (4 people)

- Help load member-owned tables and wagons (2 people)
- Return tables to St. Matthews (2-4 people and a truck)

There will be more items added to the list as we get closer, but if you think of something that isn't on here and should be, please contact Lynne. Also, Lynne has far too many mini-blind plant markers and would be happy to see them all go to new homes. Call or email her if you need plant markers.

Rich Dodson has also accumulated at least 25 or 30 sets of mini-blinds from Bowie FREECycle that can be cut up to use as plant markers for the plant sale. Each set of blinds has at least 25 slats and each slat can be cut into 6 or 7 plant labels. Contact: Rich & Betty Dodson at (301) 262-6984 or (301) 262-6994 to arrange a pick-up.

EMPTY SEATS AT THE TABLE (Nominations for New Officers)

A strange beginning to an article in the garden club newsletter you say. Well, if some good members decide not to help to run the club, on July 1 we will have several empty seats and probably a less well-run club.

A number of our longtime members have served as officers numerous times and wish for a break. We have many loyal members who attend our meetings and our events, but we need you to take a more active role in administration as well.

The empty seats are President, Vice-President for Programs, and Hospitality. If there are some members who would be willing to volunteer, please contact Jesse Terres at 301-464-5914, or Joan Walker at 301-262-6816. Believe that your contribution will be appreciated.

Joan P. Walker

Bowie Gardens for Wildlife Presentation

Please join the Bowie Gardens for Wildlife Team on Thursday, April 16th at City Hall, Room 204 from 7-9 pm for the First Gardening for Wildlife Presentation

The Bowie Gardens for Wildlife Team was formed by local residents and business owners to certify the Bowie Community with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Wildlife Habitat Program (visit: <http://www.nwf.org/community/>) There are currently more than 67 yards in Bowie certified with NWF. The Team's goal is to certify more than 500 yards, apartment balconies, places of worship, schools, etc. in 3-5 years (there are approximately 20,000 households in Bowie).

The Annual Presentation is a requirement of NWF certification. If you are unable to attend, please distribute the attached information to family, neighbors, friends and others who may be interested in listening to speakers discuss how residents and businesses can encourage butterflies and birds to thrive in the Bowie community.

Thank you for your interest in improving the Bowie environment,
<http://www.cityofbowie.org/GreenBowie/default.asp>

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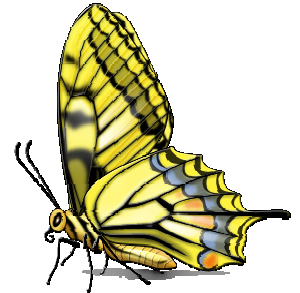


Bowie Gardens for Wildlife - Backyard Invitational

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND LEARN ABOUT GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE



Thursday, April 16, 2009
7 – 9 p.m.
Bowie City Hall
2614 Kenhill Drive, Room 204



Hear speakers on:

- ∞ Gardening for Wildlife
- ∞ Sustainable Gardening & the Bay
- ∞ Bayscape Program

Visit exhibits, local businesses and organizations, including:

- ∞ Bowie Lions Rain Barrels
- ∞ The Wild Bird Center in Old Bowie
- ∞ Bowie-Crofton Garden Club
- ∞ Master Gardener & Bayscaping
- ∞ Patuxent Nursery
- ∞ Homestead Gardens

Visit informational displays to learn more about how you can garden for wildlife and certify your yard as a National Wildlife Federation Habitat!

Bowie is seeking to become a National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat™

A NWF Community Wildlife Habitat™ is one that provides wildlife habitat at home, on school grounds, in public areas, at businesses and places of worship.

Why should I create a NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat?

- ∞ **It's fun!** Watching wildlife in action can be fun and relaxing for everyone. Your habitat may attract beautiful songbirds, butterflies, frogs, and other interesting wildlife for viewing from your very own window.
- ∞ **Curb appeal!** Replacing grass lawns with native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees will increase the beauty of your property and provide a nurturing refuge for wildlife.
- ∞ **Bring wildlife home!** Restoring habitats where commercial and residential development have degraded natural ecosystems can be your way of giving back to wildlife.
- ∞ **Eco-friendly!** Gardening practices that help wildlife, like reducing the use of chemicals, conserving energy and water, and composting also help to improve air, water and soil quality.
- ∞ **Community Gardening** for wildlife can help you share your love of wildlife with your neighbors and help them get involved in creating a home for wildlife.

How do I provide habitat? Provide food, water, cover, and places to raise young using sustainable gardening practices.

Once your habitat is certified by NWF, you can order and display an attractive Certified Wildlife Habitat sign to convey your commitment to wildlife conservation and the environment, and help you spread the word to your neighbors.

[Let's get started!](#)

Hummingbirds in the Garden

By *Rich Dodson*

Well, it's April and "Tax Time," which isn't a very fun thing to deal with anytime of the year.

BUT... April is also "Hummingbird Time," which is obviously a lot more pleasant and always something to look forward to each year! A rule-of-thumb is that we should hang our Hummingbird Feeders outside on April 15th, to feed our migrating hummingbirds as they begin flying into our backyards.

RANGE: Hummingbirds are found only in the Americas, from southern Alaska to Central/South America, including the Caribbean. The majority of species breed in the tropics, but several species also breed in temperate areas. Only the migratory Ruby-throated Hummingbird breeds in continental North America, east of the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes.



Most hummingbirds of the U.S. and Canada migrate south in fall to spend the northern winter in Mexico or Central America. A few southern South American species also move to the tropics in the southern winter. A few species are year-round residents in the warmer coastal and interior desert regions. Among these is Anna's Hummingbird, a common resident from southern California inland to southern Arizona and north to southwestern British Columbia.

The Rufous Hummingbird is one of several species that breed in western North America and are wintering in increasing numbers in the southeastern United States, rather than tropical Mexico. Thanks in part to artificial feeders and winter-blooming gardens, hummingbirds formerly considered doomed by faulty navigational instincts are surviving northern winters and even returning to the same gardens year after year. Individuals that survive winters in the north, however, may have altered internal navigation instincts that could be passed on to their offspring. The Rufous Hummingbird nests farther north than any other species and must tolerate temperatures below freezing on its breeding grounds. This cold hardiness enables it to survive temperatures well below freezing, provided that adequate shelter and feeders are available.

Which brings us to the subject of how do you attract Hummingbirds to your yard and encourage them to stick around? The secret is to populate your property with Hummingbird (and Butterfly) friendly plantings and to hang one or more Hummingbird Feeders in locations where they can easily find them and feel safe while feeding.



FEEDING: Hummingbirds feed on the nectar of plants and are important pollinators, especially of deep-throated, tubular flowers. Like bees, they are able to assess the sugar in the nectar they eat; they reject flower types that produce nectar which is less than 10% sugar and prefer those whose sugar content is stronger. Nectar is a poor source of

nutrients, so hummingbirds meet their needs for protein, amino acids, vitamins, minerals, etc. by preying on insects and spiders, especially when feeding young.

Most hummingbirds have bills that are long and straight or nearly so, but in some species the bill shape is adapted for specialized feeding. The two halves of a hummingbird's bill have a pronounced overlap, with the lower half (mandible) fitting tightly inside the upper half (maxilla).



When hummingbirds feed on nectar, the bill is usually only opened slightly, allowing the tongue to dart out and into the interior of flowers. Like the similar nectar-feeding sunbirds and unlike other birds, hummingbirds drink by using protrusible grooved or trough-like tongues.

CO-EVOLUTION WITH ORNITHOPHILOUS FLOWERS (I.E., POLLINATED BY BIRDS).

Hummingbirds are specialized nectarivores and are tied to the ornithophilous flowers they feed upon. Some species, especially those with unusual bill shapes such as the Sword-billed Hummingbird and the sicklebills, are coevolved with a small number of flower species.

Many plants pollinated by hummingbirds produce flowers in shades of red, orange, and bright pink, though the birds will take nectar from flowers of many colors. Hummingbirds can see wavelengths into the near-ultraviolet, but their flowers do not reflect these wavelengths as many insect-pollinated flowers do. This narrow color spectrum may render hummingbird-pollinated flowers relatively inconspicuous to most insects, thereby reducing nectar robbing. Hummingbird-pollinated flowers also produce relatively weak nectar containing high concentrations of sucrose, whereas insect-pollinated flowers typically produce more concentrated nectars dominated by fructose and glucose.

Hummingbirds do not spend all day flying, as the energy costs of this would be prohibitive; the majority of their activity consists simply of sitting or perching. Hummingbirds feed in many small meals, consuming many small invertebrates and up to five times their own body weight in nectar each day. They spend an average of 10-15% of their time feeding and 75-80% sitting and digesting.

FEEDERS AND ARTIFICIAL NECTAR. Which brings us to the subject of hanging a Feeder or two (or three) in your yard to attract Hummingbirds. Hummingbirds routinely take sugar water from artificial feeders. Such feeders allow people to observe and enjoy hummingbirds up close while providing the birds with a reliable source of energy, especially when flower blossoms are less abundant. Hummingbirds will either hover or perch to feed; red feeders with yellow "flowers" are preferred and colored liquid is not necessary and may be hazardous to their health.

RECIPE: only white granulated sugar has proven safe to use in hummingbird feeders. A ratio of 1 cup sugar to 4 cups water is common. Boiling and then cooling this mixture before use is recommended to help deter the growth of bacteria and yeasts.

CAUTIONS: Powdered sugars contain corn starch as an anti-caking agent; this additive can contribute to premature fermentation of the solution. Brown, turbinado, and "raw" sugars contain iron, which can be deadly to hummingbirds if consumed over long periods. Honey is made by bees from the nectar of flowers, but it contains sugars that are less palatable to hummingbirds and promotes the growth of microorganisms that may be dangerous to their health.

Red food dye is often added to homemade solutions. Commercial products sold as "instant nectar" or "hummingbird food" may also contain preservatives and/or artificial flavors as well as dyes. The long-term effects of these additives on hummingbirds have not been studied, but studies on laboratory animals indicate the potential to cause disease and premature mortality at high consumption rates. Although some commercial products contain small amounts of nutritional additives, hummingbirds obtain all necessary nutrients from the insects they eat. This renders the added nutrients unnecessary.

Other animals are also attracted to Hummingbird feeders. For example, bees and wasps are attracted to the nectar and may crawl into the feeder, where they may become trapped. Likewise, ants are also attracted to the nectar, which is why most commercially manufactured feeders include a "Water Moat" to defeat the ants in their quest to get to the hummingbirds' nectar. Sometimes a large hummingbird drives its smaller hummingbird brethren away from a feeder.

To lure flying insects away from your hummingbird feeders, hang several, and provide one feeder with a 3 to 1 mix. The insects will be attracted to the sweeter solution and it won't hurt the hummers to sample it.

Executive Committee			From the Editor Donald Sminkey All members of the Garden Club are welcome to write an article on a gardening-related subject. Please send via e-mail to: gardener@bcgardenclub.org. Include "B-CGC" or "Garden Club" in the subject heading; or mail to: Donald Sminkey, 508 Otway Road, Wake Forest, NC 27587 Deadline, May issue: May 8, 2009
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