



President's Letter

Dear Friends

The poet R. Combe Miller calls August the "fairest of months! Ripe summer's queen. The hey-day of the year with robes that gleam with sunny sheen. Sweet August....."

Yes, it is a sweet August and has been an unusually lovely and temperate summer. Brookside Gardens has had a sunny sheen despite the construction that promises enhanced beauty in the months and years to come. Despite its sweetness, August is the month that marks the end of summer and a glimpse of fall activities.

The parking lot construction could not stop our eighteenth Annual Plant Sale, scheduled for Saturday, September 13th. Be sure to note that there is a new location this year. The sale will be in the Service Area for Brookside Gardens at the top of the hill on **Fernmont Lane**. FOBG members are welcome to come at 8:00 a.m. Members of the public are invited at 10:00 a.m. The sale will continue until 2:00 p.m.



According to Joan O'Rourke, "the plants look better than I've ever seen!" because of the care they received from FOBG volunteers throughout the summer. You will have your choice of a wide range of beautiful perennials, including several varieties of hellebore, lovely shrubs, and unusual woodies so be sure to put September 13th on your calendar. A complete plant list will be posted on our [website](#) before the sale.

Another major FOBG activity every fall is the membership drive. You will read more about it in this issue of the Brooksider. The bottom line is that we are eager to have all current members renew their memberships and to help us recruit many more members. Although Brookside Gardens has over 400,000 visitors annually, fewer than 900 are FOBG members. Please be a Friend and spread the word that joining FOBG makes Brookside thrive and grow.

Suzanne Carbone, President



ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, September 13, 2014

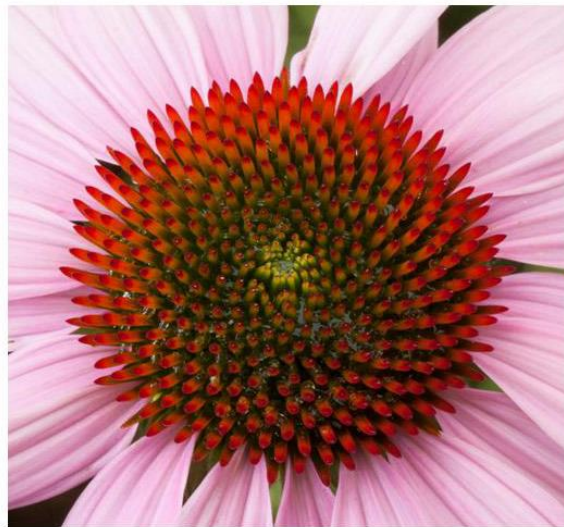
10:00AM-2:00PM

Open to Public — Rain or Shine

8:00-10:00AM FOBG Members Only

10% Discount for FOBG Members. Not a Member? Join at the Sale!

We accept Visa & MC, checks, and cash



Hard-to-find perennials, plants selected for seasonal appeal,
native plants, woodies, and more!

Brookside Gardens Service Hill

Follow signs on Glenallan Avenue

Wheaton, MD 20902

For more information & plant list,

call 301.962.1435 or visit

www.friendsofbrooksidegardens.org



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN GETS UNDERWAY

Our membership drive begins NOW! You will receive your renewal notice early in October, as usual, and most of you know how important it is to get your payment back by the third week in October. Bulk mailing your new cards at the end of that month saves us hundreds of dollars.

DUES INCREASE THIS YEAR

This year, for only the third time in FOBG's history, we have increased our basic membership dues. The Sponsor (\$100+), Patron (\$250+), and Benefactor (\$500+) categories are unchanged. The Contributor category is being eliminated. And Individual, Family, and Garden Club memberships will increase to \$45, \$60, and \$60, respectively--about a third. These changes are expected to raise an additional \$7,000 for Brookside Gardens. Our dues will now be in line with similar organizations. Besides, don't most of us join FOBG mainly to support the programs and plantings of Brookside Gardens anyway?

OUR GOAL: 1,000 MEMBERS


Brookside Gardens gets more than 400,000 visitors annually, but FOBG has fewer than 900 members. Help us reach our goal of 1,000 members this year. You can find membership applications at the Visitor Center, on our [website](#), and in [Xperience](#). Every new member who joins FOBG between August and October gets a bonus: the membership will continue through October 2015. Do you have friends or neighbors who are not members of FOBG? Spread the word! And don't forget, FOBG memberships make thoughtful gifts for many occasions.

LOTS OF BENEFITS

Benefits of membership include discounts at numerous local garden centers, a Wild Bird Center, a special subscription rate for Washington Gardener Magazine, 10% discount at Brookside Gardens' Marylandica Gift Shops, and special FOBG fees for many of the programs listed in Xperience. Plus...early bird members-only shopping at the September 13th annual plant sale and a 10% discount.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS BROOKSIDE BLOOM!

We encourage each of you to join FOBG at the highest level you are comfortable with. Dues are used exclusively to support Brookside Gardens' programs and plantings and are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Members who give at the Sponsor, Patron, or Benefactor levels will be acknowledged in *The Brooksider* and at next year's Annual Meeting. We appreciate your support and welcome any suggestions you might have to help us grow. Call us at 301-962-1435 with comments or to request membership forms.



In this and future issues of *The Brooksider*, we will provide a listing of upcoming FOBG sponsored events and Brookside Gardens adult programs. The list will be updated as information becomes available. We hope this will be helpful in planning how you can take advantage of all that Brookside Gardens has to offer. Additional offerings, such as children's programs, art exhibits and excursions are available in the [Xperience](#) program guide.

FOBG Sponsored Events

| | Date | ParkPASS # |
|--|-------------|-------------------|
| Fall Plant Sale @ Beech Hill maintenance area | 09/13/14 | ----- |
| Holiday Greens Sale @ Brookside Gardens Conservatory | 12/06/14 | ----- |

Brookside Gardens Adult Programs

| | Date | ParkPASS # |
|---|--------------|-------------------|
| Apples and Pears | 09/10/14 | 295399 |
| Observe and Compose - A1 | 09/11/14 * | 296754 |
| " | 09/18/14 | " |
| " | 10/02/14 | " |
| " | 10/09/14 | " |
| Field Sketching | 09/16/14 | 296849 |
| New Gude Garden II | 09/17/14 | 296699 |
| Four Seasons of Deer-Resistant Bulbs | 09/19/14 | 296700 |
| Pointed Pen: Copperplate Writing Review | 09/20/14 | 296757 |
| McCrillis Gardens Sunday Afternoon Walk | 09/21/14 | 297053 |
| Drawing Basics - D1 | 09/23/14 * | 296749 |
| " | 09/30/14 | " |
| " | 10/07/14 | " |
| " | 10/14/14 | " |
| Yoga in the Garden | 09/24/14 *** | 389656 |
| Brookside Gardens Saturday Afternoon Walk | 09/27/14 | 297049 |
| Holly Garden Hopping | 10/08/14 | 296649 |
| McCrillis Gardens Sunday Afternoon Walk | 10/12/14 | 297054 |
| Butterfly Gardening in a Golden Season | 10/17/14 | 269701 |
| Champion Tree Tour | 10/21/14 | 296049 |
| Fall Market Cooking | 10/22/14 | 295400 |
| Botanical Drawing - D2 | 10/23/14 * | 296750 |
| " | 10/30/14 | " |
| " | 11/06/14 | " |
| " | 11/13/14 | " |
| Fall Color Exploration | 10/24/14 | 296702 |
| Brookside Gardens Saturday Afternoon Walk | 10/25/14 | 297050 |
| Mixed Winter Container | 10/28/14 | 293167 |
| Mixed Winter Container | 10/29/14 | 293168 |

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| Plant Whims and Oddities | 10/31/14 | 296703 |
| Colored Pencil - Introduction | 11/02/14 * | 297099 |
| " | 11/09/14 | " |
| Winter Greens | 11/12/14 | 295401 |
| Lewes and Garden Lights at Red Mill Pond | 11/19/14 | 296599 |
| The Fragrance Garden | 04/30/14 | 270551 |
| A du Pont Family Holiday | 12/03/14 | 296099 |
| Value Study - D3 | 12/06/14 * | 296751 |
| " | 01/10/15 | " |
| Holiday Buffet | 12/10/14 | 295402 |
| Holiday Air Plant Terrarium | 12/11/14 | 296399 |
| Holiday Centerpiece | 12/16/14 | 296400 |
| Holiday Centerpiece | 12/17/14 | 296401 |
| Painting Basics - P1 | 01/08/15 * | 296752 |
| " | 01/15/15 | " |
| " | 01/22/15 | " |
| " | 01/29/15 | " |
| Fairy Gardens | 01/13/15 | 296449 |
| Fairy Gardens | 01/14/15 | 296450 |
| Winter Salads | 01/21/15 | 295403 |
| Art in Graphite - A2 | 01/24/15 * | 296799 |
| " | 02/14/15 | " |
| Calligraphy for Botanicals: Pointed Pen | 02/06/15 * | 296756 |
| " | 02/13/15 | " |
| " | 02/20/15 | " |
| " | 03/06/15 | " |
| Terrarium Workshop | 02/10/15 | 296499 |
| Terrarium Workshop | 02/11/15 | 296500 |
| Hearty Casseroles | 02/18/15 | 295404 |
| Everything you wanted to know about pruning... | 02/19/15 | 296549 |
| Art in Watercolor - A3 | 02/24/15 * | 296755 |
| " | 03/24/15 | " |
| " | 04/07/15 | " |
| Green Matters Symposium | 02/27/15 | 297058 |
| Philadelphia Flower Show | 03/03/15 | 296149 |
| Philadelphia Flower Show | 03/05/15 | 296150 |
| Botanical Painting - P2 | 03/05/15 * | 296753 |
| " | 03/12/15 | " |
| " | 03/19/15 | " |
| " | 03/26/15 | " |

* This course meets multiple times

*** Register through Montgomery County Recreation Dept. (240-777-6840)

***For additional programs, more information and fees,
click this link for the [Xperience](#) program guide or click this link for [ParkPass.org](#)***

Suggestions? Ideas? Let us know!

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