

Ann Arbor Garden Club

January 2009 Newsletter

From Bonnie Ion, AAGC President:

Updated Membership List: The most current list with names and addresses is enclosed with this newsletter and I will send it also via email.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is **Saturday, January 10th** starting at 11am at Matthaei (Speaker will be Jack Richardson on "Trees and Pruning", see description below). Since I will be out of town from Jan 2. through Jan. 24, this newsletter will cover both January and February meeting announcements.

Also in this newsletter is a **Member Survey** that we need everyone to fill out and return to me (1456 Kensington Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48104). While it has been my great pleasure to be President the past three years, I am not able to continue as President of the AAGC next year. We need volunteers to help run the club as well as organize AAGC events.

Stay warm in 2009 and hope you can come to hear some of our interesting speakers in the New Year!

JANUARY MEETING: Jack Richardson, President of Guardian Tree Experts, will speak on "**Trees and Pruning**" at the Brown Bag Lunch meeting on January 10th in the Matthaei Auditorium. The meeting will start at 11 am with the lecture first followed by the Brown Bag lunch. Bring a sack lunch or bring a dish to pass, whichever you prefer. Joanne Warner-Handelsman and Nancy Hart will make sure there are hot drinks and paper products so come and listen and relax on a Saturday morning. Jack recently started his own tree care company in Ann Arbor. He is an ISA Certified Arborist and a TCIA Tree Care Safety Professional. His company's mission is to protect and improve the beauty, health, and stability of its clients' trees and shrubs. Jack began his training in the Northern Virginia area with Bartlett Tree Experts, the industry's leader in arboriculture. For the past three years he worked for Urban Foresters and recently decided to establish a company that was more "care" oriented than "removal" oriented. See www.GuardianTreeExperts.com.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Dr. Chip will be speaking on "**Seed Starting**." The meeting will start at 11 am on Saturday, February 14th with the lecture followed by another informal Brown Bag lunch.

NEED HOSTESSES – Call Joanne Warner-Handelsman at 734-995-5894 to help with refreshments for upcoming events. Thanks!!

REPORT on October 23rd SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH AA FARM & GARDEN. About 50 people showed up to hear Reggie Millette speak on the "Flower is Queen in France." His pictures were enhanced by beautiful music and, for a while, many of us were transported back to other

times visiting France. Farm & Garden members enjoyed the joint meeting and many expressed the desire to have another joint meeting.

REPORT on November 12 at Matthaei : **Tom Kimmel** spoke on "**Hostas**" (well, once he showed us other pictures which led up to showing his son's picture.... You had to be there...) While it was not a heavily attended meeting, about 15 people enjoyed the show and hosta cuttings.

REPORT on December 6th at Matthaei: **GREENS WORKSHOP** and **POTLUCK**. Sharon Terry has been doing a fine job with publicity this year but she cannot make the Ann Arbor News typeset properly! Still, even with the errors in the workshop information we had about 25 people attend. Since the Farm & Garden sale did not go as well as usual, the AAGC workshop had an additional variety for the participants which was great fun. We also had greens cut by our Susan Beecher and Ypsi GC Louise Hinzmann so **THANK YOU BOTH**. Several Ypsi GC members attended the workshop as well as repeat customers from last year. While the weather was icy and cold, we had about 20 for the potluck and it was a lovely relaxed affair with all of us sitting around and talking over cookies and presents. The AAGC dropped off 5 wreaths to some of our members who are no longer as active as they have been in the past.

REMAINING AAGC SCHEDULE 2008-2009

January 10 – 11 to 2 pm Matthaei: **LECTURE & POTLUCK** Jack Richardson will speak about "**Trees and Pruning**"

February 14 (NOTE CORRECT DATE) – 11 to 2 pm Matthaei: **POTLUCK & WORKSHOP** **Dr. Chip** will be speaking on "**Seed Starting**"

March 11 – 7:30 PM Matthaei: **Meeting– Speaker TBA**

April 8 – 7:30 PM Matthaei: **Joint Meeting with the AA Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society**

May 1st (NOTE NEW DATE) 6 – 9 PM Matthaei: **Annual Potluck** with Speaker Jim Fuester "Gardens and Persian Rugs."

NEWS NOTES

Doris Caddell has moved to live in Sunrise Assisted Living at 1901 Plymouth Rd. Dorie has been a member of the AAGC since 1992 and is missing her lovely home and garden. Call her at 734-663-2879 and let it ring since she doesn't have an answering machine.

MIDLAND 7th Annual KNOW & GROW SEMINAR National Speakers coming to Midland on **Saturday, February 21, 2009**. Speakers **Barbara Damrosch** (Author of The Garden Primer, Theme Gardens, and the Page-A-Day-Gardener's Calendar) and **Pat Stone** (Editor of Green Prints, Weeder's Digest, and coauthor of Chicken Soup for the Gardeners Soul) Call 631-2677 to request a brochure or register. **Cost:** \$50.00 prior to February 1st. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2009 AAGC MEMBER SURVEY

Date _____

Name _____

I would like to see the Ann Arbor Garden Club continue and grow into the future. I would be happy to volunteer to work in the following position for the Club:

President (Newsletter & Yearbook) _____
Vice President (Programs)- _____
Publicity _____
Secretary _____
Treasurer _____
Yearbook _____
Ways & Means _____
Garden Tours _____
Garden Maintenance _____

I would also be happy to help with the following events:

Refreshments _____
Annual Flower Show (Sept.) _____
Annual Greens Workshop (Dec) _____
End of Year Potluck (May) _____

While I would like to help, I cannot physically attend night meetings and would prefer to have meetings on:

Saturday morning _____
Saturday afternoon _____
Sunday afternoon _____
No, stay with Wednesday night _____
Other _____

I wish the AAGC well but I cannot come to many meetings because

I don't drive _____
I travel frequently _____
I live in Florida in winter _____
I attend other meetings _____
Just too busy _____
Don't like the topics _____
Other _____

Please use this blank space to make any comments about any of the questions or anything you would like to be taken into consideration as planning for the 2009-2010 year is done.

We need your name on the survey since we will be making sure that everyone returns a survey so that we know everyone's ideas have been considered.

PLEASE SEND BACK by 2/1/2009 TO

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