



## KEY DATES

### Next Garden Club Meeting:

Thursday, May 20, 2021 at  
the Gibson Island Club

10 am: Business Meeting

11 am: "Developing a Native  
Garden" with **Linda Rieger**

Noon: Lunch

### For Reservations call:

410-255-1000

or

clubhouse@gibsonisland.com

**M**other's Day Plant Sale,  
Saturday May 8, St.  
Christopher by the Sea  
Parking Lot, 8am (set up)

Mother's Day Plant Sale  
basket/pot assembly  
workshop: Thursday, May 6,  
9:30 Eagle School

### June Program: Field Trip

Guided Tour of Historic  
London Town and Gardens,  
Edgewater, MD (see page 6)

### District II:

A full list of activities is  
provided in the Calendar:  
[https://mdgardenclubd2.org/  
calendar/](https://mdgardenclubd2.org/calendar/)

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**"Protect, Preserve, Promote, Pollinate"**

*"May, more than any other month of the year, wants  
us to feel most alive."* *Fennel Hudson*

**H**ow amazing is it to be back in the sunshine  
working the soil and planting after a long and somewhat lonely  
winter! And all that rain that has made our gardens grow  
incredibly green in such a short time is adding to the joy. It also  
felt great to see so many of you and enjoy each other's company  
again at our first in-person meeting of 2021. Hopefully as the  
months go on, more members will feel comfortable to join us.  
We are well on our way to regaining what we consider a  
'normal' life. HT

## Garden Care



## **M**AY IS MULCH **MONTH**

The soil has warmed  
enough that you  
don't have to worry  
about trapping cold,  
and for two reasons,  
May is the right time  
for mulching: mulch

excels at stopping weeds, many of which germinate in May, and it  
conserves soil moisture, which is needed as summer heat,  
dryness, and peak sunlight arrive. Don't over-mulch. 2 inches is  
ideal around perennials, and 1 inch around annuals. In all cases,  
keep mulch away from stems and trunks to avoid rot. If you have  
enough mulch from the year before, cultivate the existing layer.

## GIGC NEWS



**A**t our April meeting, *Etelvina Tyler* received her well deserved black-eyed Susan pin; a life membership to the FGCMMD for her commitment and support of the FGCMMD, after her 2 year role as the president of the GIGC. Congratulations *Etelvina* and **thank you** for your service!



**New Members** *Beverly Rogers* submitted a request for *Carlisle Hashim* to join the Garden Club; *Kathie Weinberg* and *Luanne Adams* are sponsoring her.

**Gibson Island Club Floral Arrangements** This will provide a floral arrangement for the Clubhouse, to be dropped off on every other Thursday for the following weekend. Each arrangement hopefully will stay fresh for a week. We still need volunteers for July 29 and August 26. Please contact *Colleen Reed* at [colleenreed@gmail.com](mailto:colleenreed@gmail.com) if you are interested in floral design and adding some color to the foyer of our beautiful Clubhouse. Thank you.



**Gibson Island Spring Bird Count** Bird counters will meet at the Parish Hall of St. Christopher by the Sea at **7 am on Saturday May 8th**. Coffee and doughnuts provided. Please bring your binoculars and bird book. No experience required and bring your family. You can participate in the count anytime May 8th. Results will be tallied at 6 pm. Any questions - call *Neva Leigh* **410 294 1374**

**Hostess.** *Anne Emmett* is still looking for someone to take care of the May 20 lunch menu and center-pieces. Please contact her at [anne@anneemmett.com](mailto:anne@anneemmett.com) if you would like to contribute in a fun and artistic way. Thank you as well.

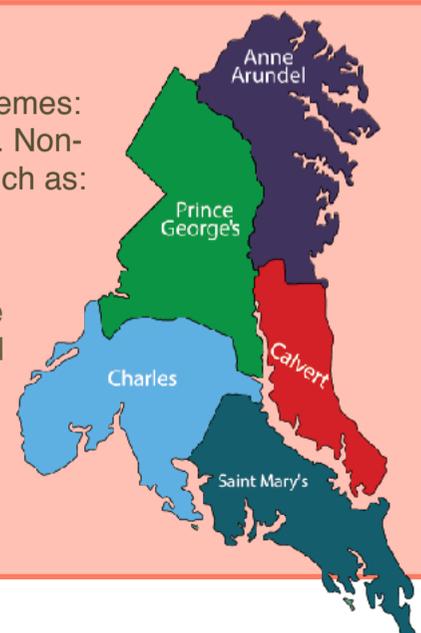
**Share Your Thoughts** If you have any gardening/environment related articles or tips, recipes, pictures, announcements, or anything else you think our members would be interested in seeing in the newsletter, please send your submission to me by the end of the third week of each month. Without saying, these contributions are also welcomed and encouraged to be expressed during the Monthly Meeting. Remember, sharing is caring...

### **ABOUT District II**

Under the umbrella of the **National Garden Clubs**, our Clubs focus on several themes: Floral Design, History, Conservation, Horticulture, and Birds, Bees and Butterflies. Non-Members and Members alike have access to educational schools and councils such as: **Flower Show School, Landscape Design School, Gardening Study and Environmental Study**

One unifying feature of our District II Garden Clubs is that we are all bordering the Chesapeake Bay. One ongoing focus for all of our members is to develop certified Bay-Wise gardens by planting native plants, managing runoff, and more. This program is administered by our State Master Gardeners and has different but similar goals by county. **Bay-Wise Program.**

For more information visit: <https://mdgardenclubd2.org/about-district-ii/>



## Programs **Join us Thursday, May 20th**

### *“Developing a Native Garden” with Linda Rieger, Master Gardener.”*

Do you have a very small garden, or do you have an acre? This presentation will show you how you can develop a native garden no matter how big your space. Do you have a deer problem? The presentation will identify some plants and tips to help keep those hungry critters at bay.

Do you want a pretty garden no matter what the season?

This presentation will identify plants that will bloom in winter and others that will bloom throughout the year. Linda Rieger has been a Master Gardener since 2016 and has worked mostly in the Conservation area at the Demonstration Garden of the University of Maryland. Linda’s volunteer activities including being a Master Gardener of the Extension Services of the University of Maryland shows her commitment to native plants. She is on the action committee of the Sierra Club MD Conservation Council, is on the board of the Montgomery County garden Clubs and participates in The Wild Ones of the Chesapeake. Linda Rieger has a master’s degree from Purdue University and worked on her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at Stanford University. After being an Adjunct Professor at American University, Linda changed her career and worked in Sales and Marketing for 25 years, much of that in graphics and presentations. No matter what her vocation, **Linda Rieger** has always enjoyed gardening. Linda's passion now is how native plants affect our ecosystem, including humans. She holds a Post Graduate License with the Commonwealth of Virginia to teach with an endorsement in science.



## Monthly Gardening



*May is the best time to be a gardener in the mid-Atlantic region. Fragrant lilacs scent the air, crabapple flowers glorify cobalt-blue skies, and fresh summer annuals add colorful new life to your front yard.*

Even the weather is generally well behaved. March winds and April clouds and showers give way to frequently pleasant, sunny days in May that kick plant growth in high gear.

The arrival of frost-free time means widespread planting of annual flowers - the petunias, zinnias, lantana, and begonias that color our landscapes until frost returns in fall.

The spring bulb show joins in with it’s last hurrah, in particular the tulips but also late daffodils, Spanish bluebells, and the year’s peak month for ornamental onions (Allium).

It all adds up to a delightful setting at a time that’s usually not too hot or too cold and not too wet or too dry. But don’t sit on that bench under the tree gawking too long. There’s plenty for the gardener to do to maximize the current display and set for the rest of the growing season.

Those early blooming shrubs will need to be pruned once their flowers fade. The yellowing bulb foliage will need to be cut. And your new plantings should go in the ground before it gets too hot in June or beyond. It is a busy time for gardeners - one of our busiest. But you won’t hear much complaining.

Excerpt from ‘Month-by-Month Gardening’, Mid-Atlantic by George Weigel



March 30



April 18

Hetty's seedlings



## HOMESTEAD GARDENS NEWS

**Gardening with Kathy: Planting for Pollinators**  
May 5th @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm by Zoom (free seminar)

Learn the Top 20+ native plants for pollinators to add to your garden to support native bees, butterflies, humming-birds, etc. Kathy will share how to have something for every season in the garden to benefit native pollinators, as well as support the declining honeybee populations. Kathy Jentz is Editor, Publisher and Founder of *Washington Gardener Magazine*. Kathy is a life-long gardener from a family of farmers and dedicated gardeners. Currently she is President of the Silver Spring Garden Club and on the board of several other clubs and organizations, including GardenComm, the association for Garden Communicators.



To register go to: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Zx7-01\\_aRyi2l1nP3uh6MQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zx7-01_aRyi2l1nP3uh6MQ)

## Friendly Reminders



We could still use a few more hands to help out with the **Mother's Day Plant Sale planting workshop**, Thursday **May 6**, starting at 9:30 at the Eagle School and the **Sale on May 8** (the day before Mother's Day). Set up is at 8 am, in the St. Christopher by the Sea parking lot. The 10 inch pots will contain 3 herbs, an ornamental sweet potato vine (*Ipomoea*) and a colorful annual. The 12 inch hanging basket will be filled with a few annuals and a spilling vine as well. Sale starts at 8:30 sharp. Wear your GC apron if you have one. Hope to see you then!



We hope you plan to make a **pinecone wreath** with us in **November**. If so, start foraging pinecones now. Each wreath requires about 100 large, medium, and small pine cones. The white pine trees near the fourth tee box and along the right side of the fourth fairway have dropped lots of pine cones. Bill Reil tells me his crew won't remove them anytime soon. You can easily access these trees using the road behind the staff houses.

Questions? Call Katherine Railey at 301-351-8893.



Ajuga blooming now

**Bugleweed** (*Ajuga reptans*), also called common bugleweed, is a fast-growing herbaceous perennial ground cover (the species name *reptans* means “creeping”). Although it produces beautiful flower spikes and is available in several different cultivars that work well in landscaping, it can also make quite a nuisance of itself through its aggressive spreading via underground runners (called stolens).



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## In and Around Anne Arundel County

### Hammond-Harwood House

Hammond-Harwood House museum is one of the highlights of Annapolis’ Historic District. Tours and programs focus on architecture, cultural history, urban slavery, paintings, furniture, and decorative art. History comes to life at this incredible site! The historic house, located at 19 Maryland Avenue in Annapolis, was built in 1774 and is one of the premier colonial houses remaining in America from the British colonial period.



#### *Museum From the Collection*



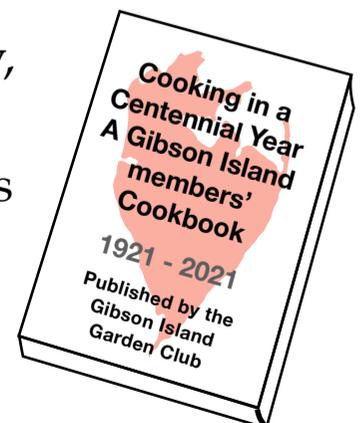
**I**n the late 18th century the traditional design of Chinese porcelain shifted to cater to Western clients. Direct American trade with the Chinese began in 1784 after the Revolutionary War, and by 1800 nearly 60 million pieces of Chinese porcelain had been imported to America. The Hammond-Harwood House collection contains more than 350 pieces of porcelain, 86% of which is Chinese export, including this

decorative urn made for the Western market.

To read more, please visit: <https://hammondharwoodhouse.org>



If you haven't done so already, now is the time to look for and submit your favorite family recipes for the **Centennial Cookbook** to [Gigccookbook2021@gmail.com](mailto:Gigccookbook2021@gmail.com)



## June Program: Field Trip



**Historic London Town & Gardens** is a 23 acre park featuring history, archaeology, and horticulture in Edgewater, Maryland. Right, an artist's rendition of London Town (founded in 1683), which began as a port town on the

South River. It served as the County Seat for Anne Arundel County until Annapolis took over in 1695. The park is owned by Anne Arundel County and managed by the London Town Foundation.



**June 17:** Guided Tour of Historic London Town and Gardens, Edgewater, MD starting at 10:00 am. Tours of the Ornamental and Woodland Gardens (45mins-1hr) and the Historic Area (45 mins). Cost: \$12.00 per person. We will be ordering boxed lunches which we will eat after the tours at the outside picnic area - details to follow, including ride sharing. Wear comfortable shoes! More information: [www.historiclondontown.org](http://www.historiclondontown.org)

## Seasonal Recipe



### Orecchiette with Pea Pesto Sauce

*This orecchiette pasta needs a sauce to act as the perfect pairing. Nothing could be better than a pea pesto that's topped with lemon zest and asparagus for a bright, spring flavor!*

#### Ingredients

- 12 oz **asparagus**, cleaned and trimmed
- 1/2 tbsp **olive oil**
- 3 oz **prosciutto**
- 1 lb **orecchiette**
- 1 1/2 cup **peas**, frozen or thawed
- 1 cup **prepared pesto**
- 2 tsp **lemon zest**
- 2 oz **Parmesan cheese**, grated
- 6 leaves **fresh basil**, torn

#### Instructions

##### For the asparagus

- Preheat oven to 375°F.
- Cut asparagus into bite-size pieces, approximately each spear in thirds. Spread on a baking sheet in an even layer. Drizzle with olive oil and place pieces of prosciutto over the top. Roast in the oven until the asparagus is crisp-tender and the prosciutto is crispy, 12-15 minutes.
- Remove from oven and set aside until pasta is prepared.

##### For the pasta

- In an 8-quart stockpot, bring 4 quarts of water to a boil. Add 1 1/2 tbsp salt. Pour in the pasta and return to a low boil. Cook until the pasta is al dente, 10-12 minutes.
- Once cooked, reserve 1 cup of the cooking water and drain the pasta. Return to the stockpot and add the sauce (see below) and lemon zest. Stir to combine, adding reserved cooking water 1 tbsp at a time to achieve the desired texture. Add prepared asparagus and prosciutto. Top with fresh parmesan and basil.

##### For the sauce

- While the pasta is cooking, prepare the sauce. Warm the peas with the pasta or in a separate saucepan. Cook the peas in boiling water for 1 minute. Remove from water and combine with the pesto. Blend the pesto and peas together using an immersion blender or countertop blender.

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