

Ann Arbor Garden Club

May 2009 Newsletter

From Bonnie Ion, AAGC President:

Our last **meeting** is **May 1st** 6 – 9 PM Matthaei: **Annual Potluck** with Speaker Jim Fuester “Gardens and Persian Rugs.” Free and open to the public. Please bring a dish to pass. Short AAGC business meeting to start about 7 pm (installation of officers and voting on the bylaws changes) and Jim’s presentation will start about 7:30 pm.

There was no **AAGC Board** for May. A Board meeting is planned for the end of May and Nancy Hart will be organizing the event when she gets back from France.

Thanks to everyone for putting up with me as I bumbled my way through the past three years. All told, I have been President for 5 years including the two years my husband and I shared the spot 1995-1997. It has certainly been interesting but it is also time that I move on to other pursuits and interests. I will be helping Nancy Hart and the AAGC Board with two of the meetings in 2009-2010 so I promise not to disappear but I will not be as involved as I have been in the past. Cheers to everyone, especially those who cannot make it to the Potluck this Friday. Sincerely, Bonnie

TIME TO PAY DUES by May 1st -- Please send your dues payments (payable to Ann Arbor Garden Club) to Nancy Hart, 369 Hilldale Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 348105-1118. Annual dues are \$20, \$25 for a couple and \$30 for Patron Member. Pay early to be included in the next Yearbook!

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

May 2nd—For those who attended the Saturday talk of Tom Grant you will remember that he invited AAGC members to come to his property at the end of April and dig trilliums. Please let Bonnie know if you are interested in joining the group by emailing or call Bonnie. bion@umich.edu or 769-2015 and she can give you directions.

May 11 and 13th Lunches for the MGC Tri-Refresher and ESS IV School. AAGC Fundraiser Event: Contact Nancy Hart (665-7072 or nhartgreen@aol.com) if you can donate food/help serve the lunches at Matthaei these days.

ANN ARBOR GARDEN CLUB MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 6, 2009

Present: Bonnie Ion, Nancy Hart, Joanne Warner-Handelsman, Sharon Terry, Susan Beecher

Treasurer’s Report: Nancy Hart presented the treasurer’s report, which was accepted.

Old Business:

- Marie Smith attended the board meeting of the Michigan Garden Clubs [?]. She shared our concern over the raise in dues. The group tabled the dues raise issue.
- AAGC is providing food for the ESS on 5/11 and 5/13 as a fundraiser. Nancy Hart will coordinate the meals.
- Flower Show to be held on 9/5. Marie Smith will discuss the show at the 5/1 meeting of the AAGC and will present the zinnia challenge.

New Business:

- 5/1/2009 Meeting of AAGC
 - At the 5/1 AAGC meeting and potluck, Jim Fuester will present “Persian Gardens and Persian Rugs”.
 - In addition, members will vote on the Bylaws change, budget and approve the new officers. The new officers are:
 - President: Nancy Hart
 - Programs: Bonnie Ion
 - Publicity: Sharon Terry
 - Secretary: Melanie Caughey
 - Treasurer: Susan Beecher
 - Refreshments: Joanne Warner-Handelsman
 - Website: Robert Carter
 - Ways and Means: Kathy Fojtik
- Discussion of the 2009-2010 AAGC
 - Meetings:
 - 9/5 Flower show
 - 10/14 7:30 a.m.
 - 12/12 Greens Workshop 10 a.m. to 12 noon
 - No January or February meetings
 - 3/13 10 a.m. to 12 noon workshop TBD (Susan will coordinate)
 - 4/14 7:30 p.m.
 - 6/4 potluck for members at Sharon’s house 6 p.m.
 - Other:
 - Bonnie will inform members of when the trillium dig at Tom Grant’s will be
 - The Herb Study group does not wish to combine with the AAGC.
 - Next Board meeting will be 5/30 at Susan’s house at 1:00 and lunch will be salads and whatever.

NEWS & NOTES

Susan Beecher would love to share her bounty of horse manure with Garden Club members (for free). Contact Susan at s_beecher@sbcglobal.net or 433-1798.

Gardening/Lawn Worker Available. If you need help with your garden this summer (weeding or mulching or moving plants), call Elliott Ross at 734-717-2528. Elliott has been working with plants and landscaping for three years in the Ann Arbor area and Bonnie recommends his work too (he is her son).

Farm & Garden 19th Annual Garden Walk will be Saturday, June 13, 2009. Tickets \$10 for members (if purchased by May 14) and \$12 for the general public. Tickets will be sold after May 15 at Downtown Home & Garden, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Dixboro General Store and Nicola’s Books. See www.annarborfarmandgarden.org