

The Grapevine
Royal Oak Garden Club
August 2015



We continue to send our best wishes and love to Beth.

At our last gathering on July 27 we had a delightful visit to the garden of Naoma Rohman. She – and her husband, Greg, and daughter, Pepper– were so generous in giving us their time, and in showing us their beautiful bounty of edible plants. We were happily distracted and too busy to take minutes or to discuss much "business". Instead I offer a few photos to remember our morning ----

Our next meeting will be our Annual Luncheon with many of the ingredients coming from our gardens. It's scheduled for noon on the last day of August, the 31st at Judy Gaston's home in Newcomb. Directions will follow. When you decide what food you'd like to bring please advise Cherron Crane at steamtrain0@gmail.com or by phone, [410 745 2868](tel:4107452868). Cherron will try to balance the menu offerings.

Besides EATING we are hoping to discuss some ideas for the future of our club – new members, publicity, etc. Beth has already contributed suggestions and we look forward to everyone's input. Please send your RSVP to me at judyanglada@yahoo.com

THANKS! Judy A



While Beth is taking a break from all of this she has not forgotten us and sent along the following...always a welcome addition to the grapevine.



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Fall Into Spring Flowers, Dijon Green Beans & Membership Drive

This week we are on the road visiting some of our growers in central and northern California. We always look forward to these visits as we get to renew friendships, see the crops and seed production and do some brainstorming on seed quality and possible new varieties for the future. These visits are a core part of our seed quality control, as we get to see successes and challenges in the field and make corrections as needed without delay.

It is great to take a break from the office routine and freshen our minds for a few days.

Our internet access will be limited, but we will monitor phone messages and email as we can and respond as we have connection and time.

We are looking forward to bringing back some beautiful photos and video, as well as some new ideas from our trip!

Plant Your Spring Flowers in the Fall



Do you know when the best time is to plant wildflower and flower seeds for next spring?

Fall to early winter.

It's true – if you want a beautiful patch of flowers for their scent, color or to attract pollinators, the best time to plant them is not next spring, but very soon – this fall.

Most wildflowers can (and should) be sown in the fall to early spring throughout many regions of the U.S.

Almost all varieties of flowers, whether domesticated or wild, need periods of cold followed by a warming, such as freezing and thawing that naturally happens in the soil outside. This is called stratification, and keeps the seeds dormant for enough time to make it to the warm spring days to sprout successfully.

[Read the full article here!](#)

[See our Flower Department here!](#)

Young Green Beans with Dijon Vinaigrette



Whether you have a bounty of young green beans from your garden, or have gotten a great deal at the Farmer's Market – here's a quick and simply delicious way to make them into a very memorable side dish that will be talked about after it is devoured!

Pairing the fresh crispness of young green beans with the slightly sharp tartness of the Dijon mustard based vinaigrette gives you a flavor combination that often takes diners by surprise and has them coming back for more.

[Get the Recipe Here!](#)

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Stephen and Cindy Scott

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Minutes for July 27, 2015, meeting

Sixteen members and two guests met at Neoma Rohman's remarkable urban garden. We toured multiple vegetable gardens, ingenious fruit orchards, studied Neoma's rabbit hutch, chicken coop and tasted home grown honey and green tomato chutney. All on a 1/4 acre area.

Our tour was followed by a very brief meeting:

Treasury report: Janet reports that we have \$771 in the treasury. It was agreed that we contribute \$100 to Thompson Park.

The pool garden is going well. Brenda suggested that after members work in the garden that they report to her and Jan any problems or areas in need of more work.

Karen is asking for more help watering the post office pots.

Our next meeting will be August 31, the annual end-of- season luncheon. Members were asked to think about what they want to contribute.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted



photos by Judy

Aug 14 (3 days ago)

Kristine Cruikshank

to me

Forwarding a web site that I receive. The photography is wonderful and very extensive. Members may enjoy. Site under separate sending.

Thanks kristine

Currently on the road to Nova Scotia.

<http://gapphotos.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=804e21386c7ecdcc751fa4e2b&id=c8d9c09163&e=4e815fa03d>



Judy is snapping away while you least expect it...



One more thing-

Good morning, Jane! This was sent to me by the naturalist, Will Cook, otherwise known as Barbara's husband. Thought it might be interesting for the Grapevine.

Judy

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: William Cook <willcook3@mac.com>

To: Barbara Cook <barbara_cook@verizon.net>

Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 8:28 PM

Subject: Poplar Island Tour

Link to a note about our tour of Poplar Island this morning:

<https://www.evernote.com/l/ALvUpibnqVpJ379viWWyBZ0JInaDQ3pYzaw>



photos by Judy



DIRECTIONS TO JUDY GASTON'S HOUSE

7387 Station Road

Newcomb, MD 21653

410-745-3967

Cell number: 410-591-9427

- 1) **As Route 50 approaches Easton, merge to the right onto the Easton by-pass road, Route 322, just past local airport.**

- 2) **You will go about 3 miles on Route 322. At the light turn right onto Route 33, toward St. Michaels and Tilghman Island, just past Lowes on left and Target on right.**

- 3) **You will go about five miles and cross a small bridge. Just immediately over the bridge, you will be turning left, so use your left turn signal early to let folks (not paying attention) of the left turn option at the end of the bridge. This is your first view of the Miles River (to the right) and Oak Creek (to the left). At the far side of the bridge, turn left into Station Road (Newcomb post office on left)**

- 4) **My house is the first house in the second block on Station Road, on the left. It is a gray Victorian two-story and has a two-story separate garage also in the driveway. The address is 7387 Station Road. I will have an American and a Maryland flag hanging from the front of the house. The driveway is able to hold a number of cars. If the driveway is full, I will help with options. If all fails, call the house at (410) 745-3967. I look forward to seeing you.**

- 5) **My cell number is 410-591-9427**