

Garden Club of Annapolis (GCA) March Meeting  
March 19, 2014 @ Annapolis Yacht Club

**Opening and Welcome**

Mary Gatanas, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. and welcomed all present, thanked Kathy Antosek for an outstanding Workshop, acknowledged the beautiful table decorations which would be auctioned off later in the meeting. She introduced Jackie Handley, District II president and guest of Jenny Henry; and Rosemary Smollen, an official new member. She reminded GCA members to initial their names at the registration desk to ensure their attendance is accurately acknowledged.

Today's meeting agenda included project reports and a guest presenter, Nicki Schwab around the theme of "Butterflies and Flowers".

Present: 23

Guests and their sponsors: Tessie Ballard, Membership Chair reported that there are now 47 members of the GCA and introduced guests present :

Carla Clemens

Jenny Henry

She noted that the **Minutes for February** will be on the website and anyone may provide recommendations for additions or corrections via e-mail to Carol Small, Secretary. In the meantime the Minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jenny asked Carol Miller, Treasurer to provide a Treasurer's Report. Carol reported that after expenses and deposits, as of January March 19, 2014 the GCA Balance was \$4,191.54. A detailed report is available upon request.

**Project Reports**

Mary asked each of the Committee Chairs of current projects to report on progress or make announcements about their activities and/or needs as follows:

- May Fair Project – Sheryn Blocher, Chair, reported that the Committee is moving forward with their planning. They are planning on having 20 vendors and 20 door prizes; the White Elephant table. Members are asked to contribute items of potential value of \$5 or more and to bring them to the April meeting or to Gullan Kass' home (875 Coachway, Annapolis, 21401, 410-841-2434). Please make sure items are clean and in good condition. Members were reminded to make reservations early (Send \$40 to Carol Miller, 1706 South Harbor Lane, Annapolis, MD 21401). Registrations must be received by April 27, 2014. There was also a plea for more silent auction items or "services", (e.g. boat rides, dinners, lunches, etc.) Contact Donna Howard with offers (410-849-3128).
- Evie Renz GCA Memorial – Jenny reported for Shahla Butler that plans are proceeding on the Memorial for Evie Renz and they are continuing to work with a Girl Scout Troop who will be helping with the project. More information is expected at the April meeting.
- Art Blooms at Walters Art Museum – Jenny Henry reported that plans are proceeding re the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Art Blooms at the Walters Museum, 600 N. Charles St., Baltimore Md. , "For the Love of Art and Flowers" scheduled for April 4-6, 2014. The GCA will be participating. She asked for a volunteer to work with her. Kathy Antosek volunteered. For tickets and more information, contact wamwc.org or call 410-547-9000, ext. 305.

## **GCA Program and District Highlights**

Jenny Henry, Co-President, continued the meeting reminding members to be sure to go to the website to find out details of the many upcoming April and future activities about the District II or Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland ([www.fgcofmd.org/calendar\\_of\\_events.html](http://www.fgcofmd.org/calendar_of_events.html)). She reported on the District II meeting in early March which was most successful. She highlighted some upcoming events and made available some flyers at the meeting:

- Mar. 25 – Pollinator Workshop, Turf Valley, 8:45-9:45 a.m., \$25, 443-927-6285, Claire Jones, [jonesbl@comcast.net](mailto:jonesbl@comcast.net).
- Apr. 4-6 – Art Blooms 2014, “For the Love of Art & Flowers”, Walters Art Museum, contact Jessica Dorsey, [jessicaandvan@verizon.net](mailto:jessicaandvan@verizon.net), 410-627-1505.
- March 2014 – January 2015 – Winterthur – Costumes from Downton Abbey show.

Other Gardening Links:

- April 15, 16 -- Maryland Daffodil Society Show, The Shops at Kenilworth, 800 Keilworth Dr., Towson, MD 21204.

Maryland Native Plant Society; <http://mdflora.org/>

Horticulture Society of Maryland; <http://www.mdhorticulture.org/>

**March Presentation** – Jenny Henry introduced this month’s presenter, Nicki Schwab who gave a most informative presentation on the theme of “Butterflies and Flowers”. She had a most helpful handout on “How to Grow Butterflies for Butterfly Gardening” which is attached to these minutes and provided information on how to become a Monarch Butterfly Waystation (see [www.MonarchWatch.org](http://www.MonarchWatch.org))

## **Meeting Adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.**

Next Meeting will be on April 16, 2014 – at the Annapolis Yacht Club. Workshop 9:00 a.m. contact Karen Wass, [rosethyme@verizon.net](mailto:rosethyme@verizon.net). To sign up and get details.

Respectfully submitted  
Carol Small, Secretary

HOW TO GROW BUTTERFLIES  
FOR BUTTERFLY GARDENING

From egg to caterpillar to butterfly

**Food Plants for Caterpillars and Butterflies are very Different.**

**Both Food Sources are necessary to create a Healthy Population of Butterflies**

**CATERPILLAR FOOD PLANTS**

<b><u>Plant name</u></b>	<b><u>Caterpillar Species</u></b>
Asters (Aster)	Pearl crescent, field crescent
Mallows, Hollyhocks (Alcea Rosea)	Gray hairstreak, west coast lady, Common checkered-skipper
Milkweeds (Asclepias)	Monarch
Parsley (Petroselinum)	Black swallowtail anise swallowtail
Sassafras (Sassafras albidum)	Spicebush swallowtail
Snapdragon (Antirrhinum Majur)	Common buckeye
Sunflower (Helianthus Annus)	Gorgone checkerspot
Turtlehead (Chelone Glabra)	Baltimore checkerspot
Violets (Viola)	Greater and less fritillaries
Black cherry (Prunus serotina)	Tiger swallowtails, coral hairstreak spring azure
Wild indigo (Baptisia leucophaea)	Wild indigo duskywing

**CULTIVATED PLANTS FOR BUTTERFLIES**

Butterfly bust (Buddleia davidii)  
Globe amaranth (Gomphrena globosa)  
Heliotrope (Heleiotropium arborescens)  
Lavendar (Lavandula angustifloria)  
Lillies, Oriental hybrids (Lilium rubrum) (these drive tiger swallowtails wild!)  
Marigolds (Tagetes patula)  
Japanese privet (ligustrum japonicum)  
Stonecrop (Sedum spectabile)  
Thyme (Thymus)  
Zinnia (Zinnia elegans)

**NATIVE PLANTS FOR BUTTERFLIES**

Asters	Forget-me-nots
Bee Balm	Wild Geraniums
Wild Bergamot	Goldenrods
Spanish needles	Lantana
Blazing stars (Liatris)	
Milkweeds – Butterfly weed (Altuberosa), Swamp milkweed (A.incarnata), Common milkweed (A. syriaca), Purple milkweed (A.purascens) (really beautiful milkweed worth trying)	
Buck-wheat	Wild lilac
Dogbanes	Thoroughworts-Joe pye week
Mountain-mints	Ox-eye daisy
Violets-Bird foot violet (V.pedata)	Coneflowers-Purple and pale purple coneflowers