

GPPA NEWSLETTER

June 2006

Private Visit to Lyndy Broder's Garden on Sunday, June 11 from 10:00 to 3:00

Be sure to make time to go to Lyndy's garden on the 11th. Her extensive garden is filled with wonderful treasures of all sorts, but her clematis collection is clearly the star. She has developed her large garden on land that was part of her husband's family's dairy farm and it is truly lovely. The garden is largely full sun, but she has been adding trees for a number of years and has developed a number of areas with different conditions to accommodate her many different plants. She has installed arbors and trellises for a number of her clematis but quite a few can be found climbing through shrubs. These combinations have been carefully selected to complement each other. Lyndy is a member of the International Clematis Society (<http://dSPACE.dial.pipex.com/clematis/index.htm>) and contributes to the "Clematis of the Month" feature on the group's web site. She has lectured in the US and England and will be speaking to us on July 18....a program you won't want to miss! Between the visit and her lecture, we will have a great opportunity to learn which clematis do best in the south and new, creative ways to use them. Lyndy has also been very involved with the American Hydrangea Society and her hydrangeas should be in full bloom for the visit.

Her address is 35 Gabrielle Court, Stockbridge, GA 30281. A map is available by clicking this link to Google maps: <http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=35+gabrielle+court,+stockbridge,+ga+&ll=33.501216,-84.252005&spn=0.015782,0.042915&om=1>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 11—Visit Lyndy Broder's garden , 10:00 to 3:00

June 14—Visit to Smith-Gilbert Arboretum 6:00-8:30

June 20—GPPA meeting "A World of Ferns" with Judith Jones 7:30

July 18—GPPA meeting "Growing Clematis in a Southern Garden" with Lyndy Broder 7:30

August 15—GPPA meeting "The Garden as a Place of Sanctuary" with David Berle 7:30

September 12—GPPA meeting "Mt. Cuba Center: Inspiring Gardeners to Broaden the Plant Palette" with Rick Lewandowski 7:30

October 12—Perennial Planting at Historic Oakland Cemetery

October 17—GPPA meeting "winter Interest in the Landscape" with Pam Beck 7:30

November 21—GPPA meeting "Perennials at Yew Dell Garden" with Paul Cappiello 7:30

Reservations Still Available for Smith-Gilbert Arboretum Visit June 14, 6:00-8:30 pm

G.P.P.A. members will have a unique garden tour opportunity the evening of Wednesday, June 14th. We will be returning to the Smith-Gilbert Arboretum in Kennesaw. Members who were lucky enough to visit last fall will confirm that this is a very special garden. On 13 acres, the property consists of a historic plantation house and a woodland, naturalistic garden of over 3,000 plants. The perennial border will be at its peak, and the woods will be full of hosta, hydrangeas, ferns and other shade-blooming plants. New, too, is the Rose Garden, planted by Cobb Master Gardeners, consisting of over 90 plants, which will also be at its prime. The evening hours are a perfect, relaxing time to visit.

Spaces are still available so please plan to join us. Reservations must be made, as the Arboretum is not yet open to the public and parking is limited. To make a reservation, contact Michele Browne 678-797-1020, or mnbrowne@mindspring.com. Michelle will provide you with directions and information on nearby places to have dinner if you wish.



New Members' Password....

Be sure to visit the "Members Only" area of the web site. You never know what you may find. PLEASE NOTE: *Effective June 1, 2006 the new password is 'phlox'.*

The boards are a great way for you to contact each other and everyone is encouraged to post when you have free plants, questions to ask or you want to invite others over to see what you're doing, to see a special plant at its peak or learn a new skill. GPPA also receives notices of gardening happenings throughout the metro area and this is where we post them. Be sure to stop by the "Out and About" discussion board to learn the latest news. If you've never visited the board, give it a try. If you need help, let us know and we'll be happy to show you how.

Tailgate Market Each Month at 6:30

Our monthly Tailgate Market will occur in the front parking lot before each meeting during months of Daylight Savings Time. Members who have extra plants are encouraged to bring them to swap, sell or share with each other. Please plan to come around 6:30 and share whatever you have. In the past we have had hand made birdhouses, custom stepping stones and outgrown gardening books so non-plant items are included, but please restrict these to hand-made or personally owned, garden related items.

JUNE MEETING
“A World of Ferns”
with Judith Jones — June 20, 7:30

Judith Jones, owner of Fancy Fronds Nursery (<http://www.fancyfronds.com>) in Gold Bar, WA is a self-taught fern specialist who has spoken throughout North America and England. She is also a contributor to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden book, *Ferns: Wild Things Make a Comeback in the Garden*. Her knowledge of ferns is extensive and she brings a fresh approach to this large group of plants. Judith will be in Atlanta to speak at the Fern Symposium at GA Perimeter College on Saturday, June 17. She will also be leading two walks through their fern collection on Friday, June 16 and will remain to speak to us on Tuesday, June 20. These events have all been planned to complement each other so take this opportunity to delve deeply into the intriguing world of ferns. Additional information on the walks and the symposium can be found at <http://www.gpc.edu/~ddonald/botgard/george3.htm>.



Ferns of the World Garden at Georgia Perimeter College

Georgia Perimeter College Fern Symposium
June 16 & 17

June 16: Walk with Judith Jones through the largest temperate fern collection in the US.

Morning Walk 10:30 - 12:00 *Reservations required! \$10*

Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 Bring a sack lunch.

Afternoon Walk 1:00 - 2:30 *Reservations required! \$10*

Call 678-891-2628 or 770-786-6513 for reservations.

Visit <http://www.gpc.edu/~ddonald/botgard/map.htm> for directions.

June 17: Fern Symposium *NO reservation required!*

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:15 Welcome

9:15-10:15 Don Jacobs “*Fern Serendipity*”

10:15-11:15 Judith Jones “*How to Propagate Ferns*”

11:15-12:15 Rick Barnes “*The Incredible Ferns of Natural Bridge, KY*”

12:15-1:30 LUNCH Bring your own.

1:30-2:30 George Sanko “*Made In the Sun with Ferns: the Xerics*”

2:30-3:30 Judith Jones “*The Ferns of Fancy Fronds Nursery*”

3:30-5:00 Visit the garden and retail area

Help Needed with Plant Giveaways

Help is still needed organizing the drawings at each meeting. We already have a good team but could really use a few extra hands. The plant raffle will continue each month but the door prizes will only occur when someone steps forward to make these arrangements. In the meantime, we will happily accept plant divisions for door prizes, but, because of the AHC rules against bringing plants into the building, we must know in advance so that pick-up tickets can be prepared. Contact Sara Henderson at gardenmakers@att.net if you want to help.

Nominating Committee at Work

Is there someone who you feel is a great asset to GPPA but who has not served on the Board? Would you be interested in serving yourself? If so, please contact Linda Copeland or Paula Refi and share your suggestions. They will be working over the summer to identify candidates for the 2007 officers and would appreciate hearing from you. All suggestions will be seriously considered for next year and/or the following years. The proposed slate of officers will be presented at the October 2006 meeting and voted on at the November meeting.



!!!Corrected Date!!! **Oakland Work Day** **Planned on October 14**

GPPA will be organizing a perennial work day at Historic Oakland on the morning of Saturday, October 14. Our work will be part of Oakland's 2nd Saturday workday program where community volunteers work under the guidance of GPPA member Kevin Kuharic, Oakland's Restoration and Landscape Manager. Kevin will identify groups of perennials that are in need of division and our members will divide and replant them into additional areas. This event is open to the public and we hope to teach these skills to newer gardeners from both GPPA and the public. Additional details will follow later but please put this on your calendar and plan to participate.

More information on Oakland and the 2nd Saturday program is at www.oaklandcemetery.com This is a monthly activity and Kevin would always appreciate additional volunteers. You can reach him at kevin@oaklandcemetery.com or 404-688-2107.

Thank You! to the donors for our April and May plant drawings.....

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Please be sure to take a moment and thank these merchants for their support whenever you visit their nursery. We want them to know how much we appreciate them and need your help telling them. We also want to thank the individuals who personally donated specimen plants: **Joe LeVert, Rita Randolph, Sandra Sandefur and Harvey Brickley**