

GPPA NEWSLETTER

September 2006

Plants Needed for Oakland Work Day on Dividing Perennials 9 AM to Noon, October 14

We can finally enjoy our gardens again now that the heat has broken. The seasons are shifting and it is time to begin your fall cleanup. As you evaluate the different parts of your garden please keep our Oakland work day in mind. Those plants that are in need of dividing would be wonderful contributions to this project. Please save any extra plants you may have and plan on bringing clumps of those we can divide that day. This will assure that we have of clumps to demonstrate with and plants to share. Heirloom, native and passalong plants are especially appreciated as they work best within the historic framework of Oakland but everything is welcome and will find homes at Oakland or with our volunteers and/or the public.

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. We will demonstrate these skills as we go along. This event is open to the public and we hope to teach these skills to newer gardeners from both GPPA and the public. Please put this on your calendar and plan to participate.

Please also let Sara Henderson (gardenmakers@att.net) know you plan to come and tell her about any plants you can offer.

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 404-688-2107.



Each member who participates in the Oakland workday will receive two \$10 gift cards, one to Agave Restaurant and the other to Redfish Restaurant. Agave and Redfish sponsor the 2nd Saturday program.



Thank You! to the donors for our recent plant drawings.....

Ashe-Simpson Garden Center
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Ladyslipper
Perennial Grace Nursery
Urban Gardener

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 **Paula Refi** for donating the book of perennials that was offered.

Rick Lewandowski
“Mt. Cuba Center: Inspiring Gardeners to Broaden The Plant Palette”
September Meeting – 7:30PM, Tuesday, September 12

Rick Lewandowski is Director of Mt. Cuba Center in Greenville, Delaware, the former estate of Mr. and Mrs. Lamont du Pont Copeland. Rick has been at Mt. Cuba since 1999 and is responsible for institutional planning, garden development, and research programs for the 630-acre property. He is passionate about the plants native to the Piedmont and frequently explores our native areas to learn more about these plants and their use in our gardens. Prior to working at Mt. Cuba, Rick was on the staff of the Morris Arboretum for 16 years, serving as Director of Horticulture and Curator of the Living Collection for the last 8 of those years.

Mt. Cuba Center is dedicated to the evaluation of species native to the Piedmont. According to their web site, <http://www.mtcubacenter.org/Gardens.htm>, their mission is “to foster an appreciation for plants of the Appalachian Piedmont and the conservation of their environment through garden display, education, and research. Mt. Cuba strives to foster an appreciation of the Appalachian Piedmont.”

Rick will suggest some uncommon, but gardenworthy, alternatives for discriminating gardeners.



Important Reminder....

Please park in the Swan House lot this month as there is a large event in the museum that evening. The Andrews Drive gate will be open for our use.



15% Commission Offered for Perennial Notes Ads and Advertising Manager Needed

Advertisements help us afford the wonderful, high quality publication that we have come to expect from Perennial Notes but this summer has brought us several disappointments in this area. First, our wonderful Advertising Manager, Susan Byrg, finds that she must step down and we need to find someone to fill her position. Secondly, some of our long time advertisers have decided to refocus their advertising monies and have not renewed. Susan did a wonderful job of managing our existing advertisers and trying to solicit new ones, but the board has decided that this is a job for more than one person. We need someone to take over the job of handling our existing advertisers but we want your help recruiting new advertisers and we are going to pay you for your efforts. Any member who recruits a new, one-year ad for Perennial Notes will receive a commission of 15% of the ad. Any and all current members are eligible and we urge you to help us with this. There are some limitations to what ads we can accept and there is a limited amount of ad space available, but we are interested in new ideas. Please contact Paula Refi to discuss the details. Her number is 404-377-4592 and her email is PMRefi@aol.com.

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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 404-351-3344 or Paula Refi 404-377-4592 and share your suggestions.

Tailgate Market Monthly at 6:30

Please plan to come to the meeting around 6:30 to shop or share at our Tailgate Market. You can sell plants and anything else garden related you have made or personally owned. You never know what surprises you will find. September & October are the last Markets this year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

October 14 - Perennial Planting at Historic Oakland Cemetery 9:00 to Noon

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

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January 16 - GPPA meeting "Modern Day Plant Hunters" with Bobby Ward 7:30

February 3 - "At Home in the Garden" Perennial Symposium sponsored by GPPA & ABG

February 7-11 - Southeaster Flower Show, www.flowershow.org - Be sure to visit GPPA's entry and plan to attend "Gardener to Gardener Night" from 4:00 to 8:00PM on Wednesday, February 7.

February 20 - GPPA meeting "Designing Hydrangea Heaven with Penny" with Sandra Jonas 7:30

March 20 - GPPA meeting "Design Adventures at the Chelsea Flower Show" with Brooks Garcia 7:30

April 17 - GPPA meeting "Recent Observations from a South Carolina Garden: New Additions and Outstanding Performers" with John Elsley 7:30