

# ***GPPA NEWSLETTER***

February 2007

## **Sandra Jonas presents “Designing Hydrangea Heaven with Penny McHenry” February Meeting – 7:30PM, Tuesday, February 20**



GPPA member Sandra Jonas worked with Penny over a period of several years and together they created the beautiful garden we know as Hydrangea Heaven. Sandra will give us the rare opportunity to share her memories of the time they shared developing both the garden and a deep friendship.

Be sure to join us on February 20 for what will be an enjoyable, and informative, presentation.



## **Oakland Work Day on Dividing Perennials 9 AM to Noon, March 10**

Our fall work day at Historic Oakland Cemetery was enjoyed by all attending and we have scheduled another for Saturday, March 10. Once again we will be lifting, dividing and replanting the perennials in their gardens and adding any our members bring to donate. We were only able to cover a small section of their extensive gardens in the fall, and many of the fall bloomers were not ready for division, so there is plenty to do.

Our work will be part of Oakland's *2nd Saturday* workday program where community volunteers work under the guidance of 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 share these skills with 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](mailto: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](http://www.oaklandcemetery.com) This is a monthly activity and Kevin would always appreciate additional volunteers. You can reach him at 404-688-2107. In appreciation of your efforts, Agave and Redfish restaurants donate \$10 gift cards to each *2nd Saturday* volunteer.

## GPPA Wins Gold at 2007 Southeastern Flower Show

GPPA earned a Gold Certificate at the 2007 Southeastern Flower Show thanks to the efforts of John Wolfinger and the many others who assisted him. This year's focus was on the new cultivars of our native *Heuchera villosa* that have been brought to us by French breeder Thierry Delabroye. Be sure to congratulate John when you see him! More details will follow in the next issue of Perennial Notes.



### Order *Heuchera villosa* Plants Now for April 17 Delivery

We are taking orders for the wonderful plants featured in our SFS entry. Many of us have found the early *Heuchera villosa* hybrids such as 'Autumn Bride' to be excellent additions to our gardens, providing beautiful foliage throughout the year and, for a Heuchera, rather showy flowers in summer. They are easy and quite adaptable native plants. Several new varieties are being introduced this year and they broaden the range of foliage colors to include copper, lime and shades of burgundy. They are the work of French breeder Thierry Delabroye and will be grown for us locally. The plants we are selling will be gallon size plants and are not the actual plants from our display. Those were forced into growth and would not perform as well in your garden.



The deadline for orders has been extended until March 1. We are offering gallon size *Heuchera v.* 'Caramel', 'Mocha', 'Citronelle' and 'Brownies'. The same plants can be ordered from Wayside at \$12.95 for a 3" pot but GPPA members can order gallons for \$9.35. Also offered are the new Alternantheras introduced by ItSaul Plants. They are colorful annuals to add to our shade gardens or containers. These are available in 4" pots for \$3.40.

Delabroye is seen here with his new Heucheras. Clockwise from upper left: 'Caramel', 'Brownies', 'Citronelle' and 'Mocha'

**Order Deadline Extended until March 1**

*Georgia Perennial Plant Association*  
Southeastern Flower Show Plant Order Form

Orders will be accepted until Friday, February 24, 2007 and must be picked up Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Plants will be available from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Atlanta History Center, 130 West Paces Ferry Rd., Atlanta on the bottom level of the parking deck. You are also invited to stay for our program at 7:30 when renowned plantsman and popular lecturer John Elsley, Director of Horticulture at Klehm's Song Sparrow Nursery in Avalon, Wisconsin and Past Director of Horticulture at Wayside Gardens will introduce us to some of the indispensable plants in his garden as well as fascinating new selections. Visit [www.georgiaperennial.org](http://www.georgiaperennial.org) for more information.

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> 'Brownies', 1 gal	_____	\$11	_____
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> 'Caramel', 1 gal.	_____	\$11	_____
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> 'Citronelle', 1 gal	_____	\$11	_____
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> 'Mocha', 1 gal	_____	\$11	_____
Alternanthera 'Party Time', 4" pot	_____	\$4	_____
Alternanthera 'Cognac', 4" pot	_____	\$4	_____
Altern. 'Crème de Menthe', 4" pot	_____	\$4	_____
Alternanthera 'Grenadine', 4" pot	_____	\$4	_____

**NOTE: GPPA members receive a 15% discount on their order.**

Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
7% GA tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "GPPA"

Name:  
Address:  
City, State, Zip:  
Phone #:  
email:

Orders may be mailed to: GPPA, P O Box 13425, Atlanta, GA 30324. They must be received by Feb. 24, 2007.



*Clockwise from lower right: Alternanthera 'Partytime', 'Grenadine', 'Crème de Menthe' and 'Cognac'*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

**March 1** - Deadline for placing plant orders

**March 10** - Perennial Planting and Dividing at Historic Oakland Cemetery 9:00 to Noon

**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

**May 15** - GPPA meeting "The Complete Garden" with Jason Powell 7:30

**June 2 & 3** - GPPA Garden Tour

**June 19** - GPPA meeting "New Forms of Favorite Perennials" with Linda Askey 7:30

**July 17** - GPPA meeting 7:30

**August 21** - GPPA meeting 7:30

**September 18** - GPPA meeting "Gardens to Go: Creating a Container Garden" with Sydney Eddison 7:30

**October 16** - GPPA meeting "Plants for Green Roofs in GA and Their Other Garden Uses" with Ed Snodgrass 7:30

**November 17** - GPPA meetings 7:30

## DUES ARE DUE

All 2007 dues are due. Please be certain to get your dues in so that you don't miss anything. Dues are \$30 and a check can be mailed to GPPA, PO Box 13425, Atlanta, GA 30324.



*Nepeta* 'Walker's Low' (catmint) is the national Perennial Plant Association 2007 Plant of the Year. Visit [www.perennialplant.org](http://www.perennialplant.org) for more information.

## Volunteers Needed To Assist with Hospitality

Help is needed to staff the welcome table at meetings and to bring the refreshments that everyone enjoys.

We welcome any assistance you can give so please let us know if you can help for one meeting or on an ongoing basis. A smiling face at the welcome table is a nice welcome to our visitors and the treats at the refreshment table are appreciated by all.

Please contact Carole Teja, 404-643-2354 or [garden-ing4u@gmail.com](mailto:garden-ing4u@gmail.com). She will be happy to have your help!

**Thank You!** to the donors for our recent 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.