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As we put 2020 behind us, I hope we remain positive and test negative! We won't be able to have in person meetings for the foreseeable future, but we can continue meeting on Zoom until we can resume our regular meetings.

Our program chair, Laura Hoffman, has arranged unique and interesting programs to kick off the new year.

Program for January 21, 2021

"Terrariums - Two Different Climates"

Would you prefer a moist terrarium with humidity for lovely ferns, or one with a dry climate for cacti?

Amy Jones, of Merrifield Garden Center, will give a demonstration on how to make a terrarium featuring each climate. She will discuss materials, set up, maintenance, and lighting requirements for each. We will see Amy via Zoom, from Merrifield Garden Center's studio in Fair Oaks, Va.



Members tuning in to the presentation will receive a 15% off coupon for Merrifield Garden Center good for thirty days.

Program for February 18, 2021

"The Art of Kokedama & Kusamono "



Kusamono refers to a Japanese botanical art that developed alongside bonsai. Kusamono are potted arrangements of wild grasses and flowers in unique pots or trays selected to suggest a season or place.

Kokedama is the Japanese art of growing plants in a moss-covered ball of soil wrapped with string or mono-filament fishing line. They can be displayed on a decorative surface or hung by string in a window.

Our Zoom presenter Young Choe is an accomplished artist who studied traditional art ink painting and calligraphy-in her native Korea before moving to the United States. Young currently works at the Woody Landscape Plant Germplasm Repository at the U.S. National Arboretum. She also presents workshops and lectures about Kusamono throughout the United States as well as internationally.



January Design Challenge



“Let’s Celebrate the New Year”

A Low Profile Design: A three-dimensional design incorporating three or more design techniques. The completed design must be four times as long or wide as it is high. This design is to be viewed from above.

Space: 30' x 30'

Note: Design techniques include such things as pillowing, bunching, weaving, leaf manipulation, pave, etc.

Your design will not be judged but we will show everyone’s entries to the group. The design photographs must be submitted to Lynn Wilson by 5 pm on Tuesday, January 19th.


Centennial Garden Club and the Prince William Area Council of Garden Clubs invite you to join them on a

Video Tour of Dumbarton Oaks

This tour was recorded in November for the NCAGC Landscape Design Council.

January 13, 2021 at 9:45 AM

[Zoom Link](#)



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SAVE THE DATES!

JANUARY 12 **2 PM**



BHGCBC

Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil

JANUARY 21 **10 AM**

BHGC MEETING & PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 9 **2 PM**



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*The Hidden Life of Trees:
What They Feel, How They
Communicate—Discoveries from A Secret World*

FEBRUARY 18 **10 AM**

BHGC MEETING & PROGRAM

River Farm Memorial Bench

With the future of River Farm uncertain, I decided to contact AHS about retrieving our bench. Head Horticulturist Daniel Scott was very helpful in unlocking the gates and giving us the bench. Until the club decides on a new location, the bench is in my yard. We'll discuss restoration and a new home for the bench this month.



Holiday Table Designs



Sharyn Abbott



Gail Brown



Anne Alexander

Garden BUZZ







Several members have expressed their delight at the amaryllis bulbs distributed by the club in October. Many prefer the smaller size and delicate beauty of the Amaryllis Belladonna and asked where we purchased them. We ordered from Van Engelen Inc.



The Sonatini *Hippeastrum*, developed over the last 15 years or so in the Netherlands, grows to only 13"-18". This is good news for those of us growing the bulbs for table arrangements during the holidays. But even better, these bulbs have proven hardy in Zone 7, and in Zone 6 with some protection. Which means that we can plant our bulbs in a permanent place in a perennial bed this spring and leave them there indefinitely to grow like any other perennial bulb.

This isn't possible with the *Symphony* and *Sonata* Christmas Flowering Amaryllis. *Symphony* varieties are the largest, yielding big, 6" to 8 3/4", saucer shaped flowers on 14" to 18" stems. *Sonata* Amaryllis yield slightly smaller 5" to 6" flowers on 14" to 16" stems.

It never occurred to me that I could plant these bulbs outside and leave them to perennialize. K. van Bourgondien offers Amaryllis Alaska and Amaryllis Eye Catcher for Spring delivery.

-  **Hardiness Zones**
3-10. Lift in Fall in zones 3-6
-  **Mature Height**
15 - 18 inches
-  **Bloom Time**
May - June (Late spring to early summer)
-  **Light Requirements**
Full Sun, Half Sun / Half Shade
-  **Cut Flower**
-  **Container Friendly**



Holiday Party Fun!

