



## CAPITOL HILL GARDEN CLUB

September 24, 2012

From the President's Desk:

As many of you know, we are enhancing and modernizing the ways in which we communicate both within the garden club and with the public. Folks, we are finally going green! News about activities and accomplishments of members will now come to you electronically, and a paper copy of *Hill Garden News* will no longer be mailed. By email, you will receive a monthly reminder of upcoming club meetings and events. Photo images of garden club activities, articles on gardening topics and problems, a calendar of events, links to web sites of interest to gardeners, and other information will be posted on the Capitol Hill Garden Club blog, <http://capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com/>. Please take a moment now to bookmark this address on your browser. Periodically, you will receive emails directing you to fresh postings. *Dear Problem Lady* and garden club meeting announcements will still appear in the *Hill Rag*.

Over the next months the garden club will be exploring additional ways to enhance communications, so please stay tuned. If you have an interest or experience in electronic or social media and would be willing to work on this transition, please contact me ([cedwards00@comcast.net](mailto:cedwards00@comcast.net)). All suggestions about the content, form, and frequency of garden club communications are welcome.

We are aware that several garden club members do not have access to electronic communications, and you will be mailed garden club announcements automatically. Any other club member can choose to receive announcements by mail by contacting the Capitol Hill Garden Club Secretary, Donna Brauth, 202-544-4261.

We can now share full color images, timely announcements of garden-related activities around the area, links to articles and images of interest, and other new sources of information. This is truly an exciting opportunity for the Capitol Hill Garden Club to enhance our service to members.

Sincerely,

Carol Edwards

## HILL GARDEN NEWS

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### **Fall Garden Party, Sunday, September 30, 2012, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Bring a friend and a dish of sweet or savory finger food to the Sisolaks's home, 638 A Street, NE.

### **Capitol Hill Garden Club Meeting *A Bee's Eye View of Native Plants*, Tuesday, October 9, 2012 7:30 PM, Church of the Brethren, 4<sup>th</sup> St. and North Carolina Ave., SE**

Sam Droege will speak on the intertwined life histories of plants and wild bees, emphasizing their codependence. He will explain how the plant design features we most treasure evolved to meet the often highly specialized needs of a single group of pollinators rather than the aesthetic of the manor garden or the subtleties of the nosegay. Native and non-native bees thrive on the Hill, and Sam will illustrate that with results of bee studies at the U.S. Botanic Garden, the National Mall, DC neighborhoods, Rock Creek Park, Haines Point, the Potomac Gorge, and Sidwell Friends School. He will discuss how a garden can be a feast upon which bees thrive and multiply or an empty promise bound to disappoint, and how a weedy lot is more a bee's 'field of dreams' than any gaudy display of cut flower bunches in the big box store's floral section.



Sam Droege received an undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland and a master's degree at the State University of New York – Syracuse. Most of his career has been spent at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. He has coordinated the North American Breeding Bird Survey Program; developed the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program, the Bioblitz, Cricket Crawl, and FrogwatchUSA programs; and worked on the design and evaluation of wildlife monitoring programs. Currently he is developing an inventory and monitoring program for native bees, online identification guides for North American bees at [www.discoverlife.org](http://www.discoverlife.org), and, with Jessica Zelt, reviving the North American Bird Phenology Program.



The **proposed 2012-2013 budget** for the Capitol Hill Garden Club that has been approved by the board of directors will be voted upon at the October general meeting. It is attached for your review.

In accordance with the by-laws of the Capitol Hill Garden Club, at its September 17, 2012 meeting, the board of directors **nominated Donna Brauth to serve the unexpended term of Treasurer**, due to the resignation of Charles McMillion. A vote will be taken to approve this nomination. (You must be a current member to vote.) Should Donna Brauth be approved as Treasurer, the board of directors will nominate a member to fill the resulting unexpended term of Secretary.

**Capitol Hill Garden Club Bulb Sale, Eastern Market, 7<sup>th</sup> and D Sts. SE, October 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28, 2012, 8:00AM-5:00 PM on Saturdays and 9:00AM-4:00PM on Sundays** (and additional weekend days until all bulbs are sold). Come join the fun. Please contact Joyce Jones, [jjones154@verizon.net](mailto:jjones154@verizon.net), to volunteer. This is the garden club's only fundraiser so buy bulbs and persuade your friends to buy!