

GPPA NEWSLETTER

November 2006

Paul Cappiello presents “Perennials at Yew Dell Garden” November Meeting – 7:30PM, Tuesday, November 21

Paul Cappiello is executive director of Yew Dell Gardens in Crestwood, Kentucky. He was formerly horticulture director of the Bernheim Arboretum, as well as associate professor of horticulture at the University of Maine. He is an accomplished garden designer, lecturer, and photographer and co-authored the recent book *Dogwoods: The Genus Cornus* with Don Shadow.

Yew Dell Gardens (<http://www.yewdellgardens.org/>) is the 33-acre home, gardens and arboretum of the late commercial nurseryman Theodore Klein. It is one of 13 American gardens designated as Partnership Gardens by the Garden Conservancy, a national group dedicated to preserving America's exceptional gardens.



Yew Dell Gardens is committed to offering visitors and members the best the plant world has to offer for the nursery and garden. With so many new plants coming onto the market every day, it is no wonder gardeners and professionals alike are clamoring for information on new plant performance.



Yew Dell is evaluating new and existing varieties to determine their relative performance in the Kentucky climate. Many of the plants are evaluated in garden settings on the grounds where they can be viewed by visitors.

Recent evaluations include hosta, tiarella, fothergilla, echinacea and helleborus. There is an excellent report on the new coneflowers in their recent newsletter, *The Castle Chronicles* (http://www.yewdellgardens.org/files/docs/summer_06.pdf).



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. We also want to thank **Pam Beck** for the fern and book, *The Winter Garden*, that she provided. A special thanks also to **Jim Harrington** for bringing the wonderful seeds he shared with all.

Gift-giving Season Is Right Around the Corner

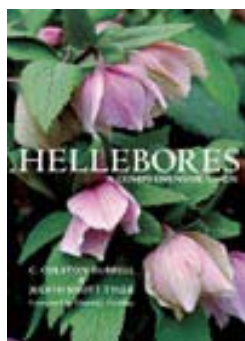
Please remember GPPA as the holiday and gift-giving season approaches. Please think of us when you are making your list for Santa and when you're shopping for gifts for your gardening friends. Tickets to the February symposium, *Come Home to Your Garden*, would be a lovely gift as would a GPPA membership. A gift membership is a great way to share the fun of all the great speakers, tour gardens, information and more that 2007 has to offer. Both will be available at the November meeting .

Many of our upcoming speakers are also authors and copies of their books would be welcome gifts. If you buy them (or anything else) from Amazon.com, Amazon will make a small donation to GPPA as long as you go from our web site directly to theirs. See page 3 for full details.

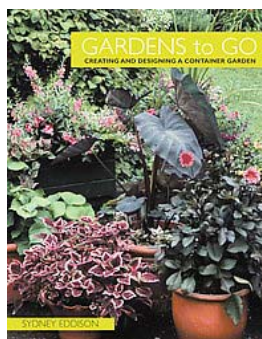
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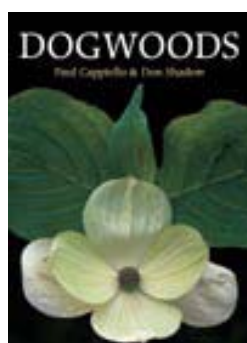
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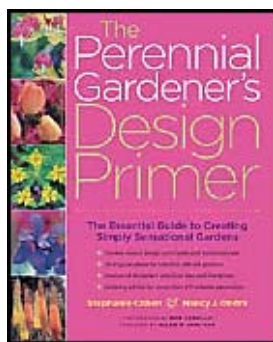
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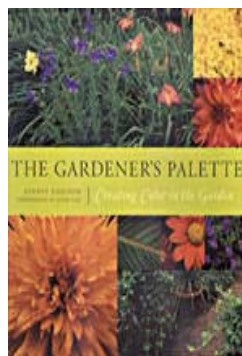
both by Sydney Eddison



by Paul Cappiello



by Stephanie Cohen



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November 9 - Last day to acquire plants to enter in the Southeastern Flower Show Horticulture Division

November 21 - GPPA Annual 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 - "Come Home to Your Garden" Perennial Symposium sponsored by GPPA & ABG

February 7-11 - Southeast 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

May 15 - GPPA meeting with Jason Powell 7:30

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

July 17 & August 21 - GPPA meetings 7:30
Speaker to be determined

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

October 16 & November 17 - GPPA meetings 7:30
Speaker to be determined

GPPA & ABG Symposium Planned for February 3, 2007

Come Home to Your Garden A Perennial Plant Symposium and Silent Auction

Saturday, February 3, 2007

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The symposium will be held in Day Hall of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Registration fee \$67(ABG/GPPA members \$57) includes morning coffee and breaks. A boxed lunch can be ordered for an additional \$10. To register by phone, call the Atlanta Botanical Garden at 404-876-5859 ext. 2558. For more information, e-mail Anne Sheldon, GPPA symposium chair at absheldon@bellsouth.net.

Make Your Garden Your Own: Tools and Techniques to Create Your Garden Home

Dan Benarcik, horticulturist of Chanticleer Gardens in Pennsylvania, creates many of the features that make this garden a national treasure.

Shaded Spaces: Intimate Seats and Horticultural Treats

C. Colston Burrell is a garden designer, photographer and award winning author. Most recently he is co-author of "Hellebores: A Comprehensive Guide".

Pint Sized Perennials: Small Treasures for the Front of the Border

Stephanie Cohen is a popular speaker and co-author of the best-selling "The Perennial Gardener's Design Primer".

Portable Gardens: Containers for Every Space

Mildred Pinnell Fockele is Director of Horticulture, Atlanta Botanical Garden.

Vertical Attraction: Climbers and How to Use Them

Paula Refi is a garden designer, popular lecturer and editor of the Georgia Perennial Plant Association newsletter "Perennial Notes".

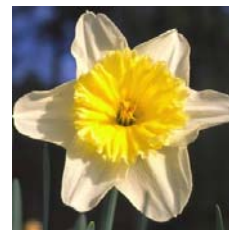
GA DOT Shares Daffodil Bulbs



The Georgia Department of Transportation is expanding their highway wildflower program (<http://www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/operations/maintenance/wildflower/wildflower-list.shtml>) to include daffodils.

They hope that the daffodils will bring color to the highways early in the year and that they will perennialize for many years of beauty. Brent and Becky's Bulbs (<http://www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com/>) assisted in the selection of three varieties that do especially well in this area. The varieties they selected are 'Carlton', 'Ice Follies' and N. odorus Linnaeus, also known as Camperelli. Many thousands of these will be planted along our highways in the next several weeks. The GA DOT is also providing GPPA with bulbs to distribute to attendees at the November 21 meeting. This is part of their effort to spread the beauty around and to remind citizens to look for and enjoy the blooms next spring.

The bags of bulbs will be available in the lobby before the meeting. Be sure to get there in plenty of time to get yours.



GPPA Annual Meeting November 21

Our November meeting is designated in our bylaws as the month that we tend to the business of the association. The slate of officers for the upcoming year was presented to the membership at the October meeting and will be voted on at the November 21 meeting. The proposed officers are: Sara Henderson, president; Anne Sheldon, vice president; Georgette Willix, recording secretary; Ginny Wolf, corresponding secretary; Pat Penn, treasurer and Karin Guzy, Carole Simpson, and John Wolfinger, directors. Karin Guzy will serve as a director in lieu of a past president as stipulated in the bylaws.

“Perennial Notes” Ads and Advertising Manager Still Needed

We need someone to take over the job of handling our existing advertisers and your help recruiting new advertisers. Any member who recruits a new, one-year ad for Perennial Notes will receive a commission of 15% of the ad. If you are interested, please contact Paula Refi to discuss the details. Her number is 404-377-4592 and her email is PMRefi@aol.com.

GPPA Receives Support from Amazon.com

Please remember to go through our web site whenever you visit Amazon.com so that GPPA will continue to receive a small commission for everything you purchase. It doesn't cost you a penny but helps GPPA fund the great programs that we all enjoy.

Just go to the GPPA web site and click on the Amazon logo on the lower left of the front page. This link will take you to Amazon and you can then move around as you normally would. You don't need to do anything else. Amazon handles everything and sends us a check quarterly. It's very easy.

2007 Dues

GPPA memberships run January to January so 2007 dues will be due soon. You can pay them now if you like or wait until January. Dues remain \$30 and a check can be mailed to GPPA, PO Box 13425, Atlanta, GA 30324 or brought to any meeting.

Volunteers Needed in February

Two exciting February 2007 gardening events seek talented volunteers for multiple and varied assignments!

Saturday, February 3rd – “*Come Home to Your Garden,*” The Spring Symposium and Silent Auction being held at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Visit www.georgiaperennial.org – special events - for program details.

The following week, “*The French Experience: C'est Magnifique!*” takes over the 20th Annual Southeastern Flower Show during **February 7th through 11th**. Visit: www.flowershow.org for the latest event updates. The GPPA entry will shine with your assistance.

Learn what opportunities await you. Phone or email Carole Teja; 404-643-2354 or carole.teja@gmail.com Thank You!

Correction

Incorrect credit was given to the volunteers helping with Miss Leila Mae, our scarecrow at ABG. Artist Becky Mensinger painted her charming face and Roxie Higginbotham was responsible for her flowered hat. Many thanks to all and apologies for the confusion. Miss Leila Mae was a great success!