



April, 2008 Issue

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT 3 EVENTS

April 20, 2008: 12:00 noon
Millers Greenhouse Visit

We are once again invited to visit Chuck and Rosemary Miller's Greenhouses for a Spring Social and plant bonanza. The greenhouses will be overflowing with colorful blooms ready to go home with you. Discount prices will be extended to all DVWGS members. Millers is located at 403 Beech Road in Wallingford, Pa. 19086. Contact information: Miller's phone # 610-874-3863. Email chuck@millergreenhouses.com. See page 4, for more information and directions.

May 18, 2008: 11:30 am
Pot Luck and Plant Exchange

Come join us at Craig and Connie Snyder's house in West Chester, Pa. For a Pot Luck Lunch and a Plant, Pond and garden items exchange. Spring is here!! Put this event on your calendar now so that you will be ready! What do you need to do to be ready? Repot your pond plants! Split your garden plants! Clean out your garage! Then just remember to bring the loot for our garden and pond exchange. More details and directions to this event are on page 5.

June 1, 2008: 7:45 am
Washington D.C. Bus Trip

Its time for another DVWGS bus trip. This trip will combine a visit to Lamar and Lois Wagner's new house in Gainsville, Virginia with lunch included at the Heritage Hunt Country Club. Then it is on to Washington, DC to visit The Gardens and Museum of Dumbarton Oaks. More information can be found on pages 6 and 7.

2008 Calendar

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July 13, 2008

New Jersey

Pond Tour

August 2008:

Audubon, Pa

Visit to Richard and Ann Chung's pond

LOOKING BACK

On Tuesday, March 18th, our members were invited to visit **Organica Biotech**. Organica Biotech works toward successful “organic plant management”. Members learned how helpful bacteria is produced and how it works in our ponds.



On Sunday, March 30th our members joined together at Aquascapes, Unlimited in Pipersville, Pa.

We want to thank Randy Heffner of Aquascapes Unlimited, for his time spent with our club members. His enthusiasm for his plants and services flowed through to our members.



Spring Peepers

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Among the first true signs of spring is the cacophonous sound of the tiny, thumb-nail sized Chorus Frogs, known as Spring Peepers.

A **Spring Peeper** (*Pseudacris crucifer*, synonym *Hyla crucifer*) is a small tree frog widespread throughout the eastern USA. The spring peeper is a small frog, attaining an adult size between 0.75 and 1.5 inches (up to 40mm) long. They have a dark cross on their backs roughly in the shape of an "X", though sometimes the marking may be indistinct. The color variations of the spring peeper are mostly tan, brown, olive green, and gray. Females are lighter-colored, while males are slightly smaller and usually have dark throats. There are two subspecies of the spring peeper, the northern (*P. c. crucifer*) and the southern spring peeper (*P. c. bartramiana*). The northern is similar to the southern except for a strong dark marking on the southern frog's belly. The southern spring peeper is limited to northern Florida and southern Georgia, while the northern can be found all over the east of the USA and eastern Canada.

The spring peeper eats small insects such as small spiders, ants, and water bugs. Its predators include great diving beetle larvae (when in tadpole form), snakes, skunks, and larger frogs. Spring peepers breed in southern areas from October to March, depending on the local temperature. In northern areas, they breed from March to June when the warm rain starts. Spring peepers typically lay around 900 eggs per clutch, but up to 1000 is possible. In very cold weather, they hibernate under logs and loose bark. Spring peepers are nocturnal

frogs, so they are mostly heard but not seen. They are especially easy to hear due to their extremely loud mating call which gives them the name "peeper," but it is often hard to pinpoint the source of the sound, especially when many are peeping at once.

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Take some time to send in your pond stories, tips, jokes or photos for the member's bulletin board pages. Why does no one send me anything??



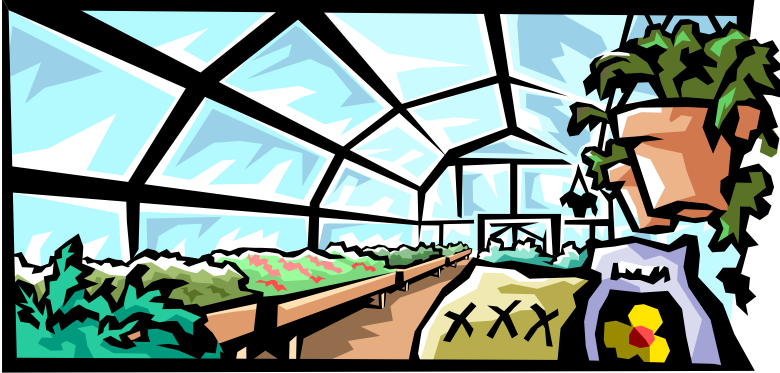
It is always nice to read stories written by other pond club members. Tell us about your past years ponding experience, or any tips you have learned along the way.

If you want to submit an article or a story for the newsletter, please submit them to Connie Snyder 1255 Buck Lane, West Chester, PA 19382.

Or send them by email to ccsnyder123@verizon.net. All photos will be returned unharmed.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION:

April 20, 2008
Millers Greenhouse
Chuck and Rosemary Miller
403 Beech Road
Wallingford, Pa 19086



Miller's is a family-owned and operated business and has been a wholesale grower of quality plants since 1973. They sell to the general public as well as to many commercial customers.

Chuck and Rosemary Miller, who are members of DVWGS have invited us to visit their 12 greenhouses during the springtime growing season. This visit is sure to give you a good case of spring fever as the greenhouses should be full of plants in many different colors and varieties.

Members will receive their best wholesale price on all purchases for the day.

Refreshments will be provided.

Directions to Millers Greenhouses

Coming towards Media/Chester on Rt 252:

Cross over Baltimore Pike in Media. Turn right at 2nd traffic light onto Brookhaven Road. Turn left after 2nd traffic light onto Moore Road. Follow Moore until Firehouse on your left. Turn right onto Hastings Ave. Go 2 blocks and turn right onto Beech Road. We are the 2nd house on the right # 403.

From Rt 352 from Granite Run Mall:

Follow Rt 352 into Brookhaven. At traffic light look for Walgreens store. Turn left onto Brookhaven Road. At first traffic light turn right onto Waterville Road. Go to first left and turn onto Hastings Ave. Go 1 block and turn left on to Beech Road. We are the 2nd house on the right # 403.

From Macdade Blvd South into Chester:

Macdade becomes 22nd street. At the first light on 22nd street turn right onto Chestnut Street. Follow Chestnut Street. You will go down a long hill and up another very long hill. At

the top of the hill look for a park on the left. One block past the entrance to the park turn right onto Hastings Ave. Go 1 block and turn left onto Beech. We are the 2nd house on the right # 403.



UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION:

May 18, 2008

**Plant, Pond and Garden Items Exchange
At Connie and Craig Snyder's house
1255 Buck Lane
West Chester, Pa. 19382**

All of us have a favorite pond or garden plant. Many of these special plants, especially pond plants multiply over the year. SO, divide them now and save the surplus to share with other members of the club. Please place all items in some type of pot or containers and then if possible, also in a clear plastic bag. Place your name on the bag or container in case there are any questions about your item. A picture of the item in bloom would also be great if that is possible, or a detailed description would be fine too.

If you have items you would like to sell, you may bring them also, plainly marked with your name and the price you want for the item.

This is the first time we are trying this at the club so there are no rules. Bring pond or garden plants. Pond items, filters, air pumps, xtra fish, well maybe just bring a picture of them. You might want to bring garden statuary, decorative pots, frogs on leashes, garden seeds or any item you want to share or no longer have any use for, but someone else might enjoy.

This is a rain or shine event.

**Lunch will be a Pot Luck.
Hamburgers and beverages
will be provided.**

**Please bring a dish for the
Pot Luck Lunch!**

**Please RSVP to Connie or
Craig to coordinate food
choices at 610-399-1654,
or by email to
ccsnyder123@verizon.net.**

Directions: From the North:

From Rt 202 traveling South.
Cross Rt 926.
Turn left at next traffic light into development of Thornbury.
You will be on Greentree Road.
Take your 3rd left onto Buck Lane.
Arrive at 1255 on right side of street.

Feel free to park in driveway as space allows or on the street in front of the house.

Directions: From the South:

From Rt 202 traveling North
Cross over Rt 1.
Pass all the car dealerships on Rt 202.
After the traffic light at the new WaWa and the Dilworthtown Getty, take your next right at traffic light into development of Thornbury. You will be on Greentree road.
Take your 3rd left onto Buck Lane.
Arrive at 1255 on right side of street.
Feel free to park in driveway as space allows or in front of the house.

NOTE: If Lilly Pad has been visiting you, bring him along with his book of photographs too so we can all share where he has been this past year. Then you can send him home with someone else.

DVWGS Bus Trip
Sunday, June 1, 2008
FEATURING THE GARDENS AND MUSEUM OF
DUMBARTON OAKS

TRIP ITINERARY:

7:45 A.M. We will depart from Springfield Shopping Center, at 751 Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064, near the intersection of Sproul Rd / Route 320 and Rt 1. note: Please park to the Rt. 1 side (left of Staples)

11:45 A.M. Arrive at the home & pond of Lamar and Lois Wagner (DVWGS Treasurer) to view Koi Pond, in Gainesville, Va.

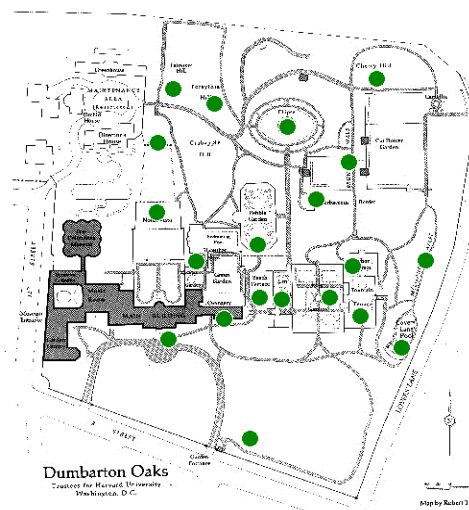
12:15 P.M. Elegant lunch included, at **Heritage Hunt Country Club in Gainesville Va.**

The magnificent clubhouse is designed to emulate the grand colonial-style of a Virginia plantation. DVWGS members arriving at the facility enter the building under the vaulted Porte Cochere and arrive in the grand lobby with open columned arcade that culminate in a central domed area. The restaurant is open and views extend in many directions through the rich mahogany lounge with beamed ceiling and views of the Bull Run Mountains.

1:45 P.M. depart for **Dumbarton Oaks Garden & Museum.** **Dumbarton Oaks** is a 19th century Federal-style mansion with famous gardens in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, D.C. It currently houses the **Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection**, a center for scholarship in Byzantine studies, Pre-Columbian studies and the history of landscape architecture. **There are about ten acres of gardens on the grounds of Dumbarton Oaks**, designed from 1922-1947 by noted landscape architect Beatrix Farrand in collaboration with Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss. The gardens comprise a series of terraces and water features built on a hill behind the house, with the remaining areas laid out informally. They include the Star Garden, Green Garden, Beech Terrace, Urn Terrace, formal Rose Garden, Arbor Terrace, Fountain Terrace, Lover's Lane Pool, and Pebble Terrace, as well as a Camellia Circle, Prunus Walk, Cherry Hill, Crabapple Hill, Forsythia Hill, and Fairview Hill. For a preview of the gardens go to www.doaks.org/gardentour.html

5:00 P.M. depart for home.

8:00 P.M. return to Springfield Shopping Center.



**DVWGS BUS TRIP
FEATURING: THE GARDENS AND MUSEUM
OF DUMBARTON OAKS**

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL
BOTTOM PORTION OF FORM TO:

ROSE BALL
675 Cricket Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003

Checks to be made payable to “DVWGS”

Cost is \$85.00 per person

(Price includes all entry fees, lunch, snacks and gratuities).

Reservation form and check MUST BE RECEIVED

NO LATER THAN April 25, 2008

Questions?

Call Rose at 610-642-3276
or email rball675@aol.com

Any issues that may arise the day of the trip,
please call Rose’s cell:
610-513-5233

We must have 35 respondents for this trip to go!

We hope to see you there!

Return this bottom portion with check to reserve your spot



DVWGS Bus Trip Featuring: The Gardens and Museum of Dumbarton Oaks

Names: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ **cell phone** _____

_____ People @ \$85.00 = Total \$ _____

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Attention all members:



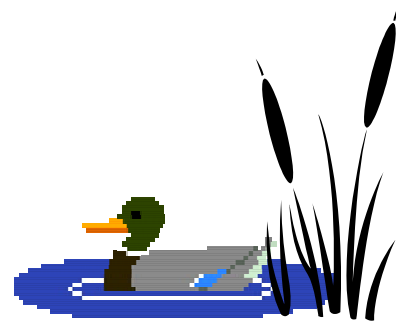
Do you have any suggestions as to places you would like the club to visit, or fun things you would like our club to do?
Please email Victor Barskey at petfoodboy@aol.com or call him at 215-840-0811 with any suggestions.

Check out our new and improved DVWGS website at: www.dvwgs.org

We are very fortunate that one of our members, Sandy Grimwade, has volunteered his time to review and change our web page. Please send any comments to Sandy at sandy@grimwade.us and Victor at petfoodboy@aol.com.

Sunshine Committee

If you have any knowledge of club members in need of the services of the sunshine committee, please call Sharon Deutsch at 856-983-2729 or email her at maggied989@yahoo.com



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