



December, 2008 Newsletter

Annual Kick-off Lunch To Feature Noted Speaker, Internationally Acclaimed Entertainer

The club's annual kick-off lunch for 2009 will be held on Sunday, January 25 at the Springfield Country Club, Springfield, PA.

The featured speaker will be Jonathan Alderson, who will speak about creating a sustainable garden. Mr. Alderson is the founder and principal of his own landscape architectural firm.

His accomplishments range from the design of a meditation garden for the Wellness Community in Wilmington, Delaware, to a \$1.5 million project including a prairie restoration and rooftop gardens for Spiegel Corporation.

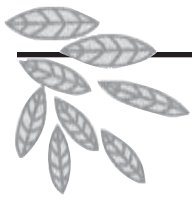
He is a member of the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia, the U.S. Green Building Council and the site committee of West Philadelphia's Habitat for Humanity.

The afternoon will also feature entertainment from the world-renowned guitarist, Charlie Gracie. A native of Philadelphia, Charlie Gracie was the first successful recording artist to come from South Philly.

His "Butterfly" recording sold more than 3 million copies. He has been inducted into Great Britain's rock and roll hall of fame and was recently granted a star on Philadelphia's walk of fame.

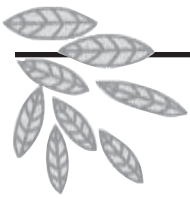
Charlie Gracie





Looking Back: The Club Visits Chanticleer September, 2008





Winter Pond Tips

Here are some tips to consider if you shut down your pond for the winter.

Remove the pump and store it in a warm place, such as your garage or basement. Protection from the cold can lengthen the life of your pump. You might also want to keep it in water to keep the seals fresh.

Drain the water from the plumbing. This can prevent standing water from freezing and expanding, possibly cracking the pipes.

Remove and clean the filter media. Store them in the garage or basement, with the pump.

Oxygenate the water by placing a small pump or bubbler on the top shelf of your pond. Oxygenating the water will help keep a hole open on the surface when ice forms, thus allowing harmful gases to escape and oxygen to come in.

If it gets really cold, you might consider adding an electric de-icer. At extremely low temperatures, a de-icer may be necessary to keep a hole open in the ice.

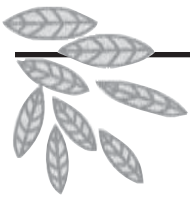
When the temperature drops below 50 degrees, stop feeding your fish. Their systems will be slowing down, and they do not need to be fed.

BRING \$15, TAKE HOME A HAT

Bring \$15 to the January 25 luncheon, and you can bring home a beautiful DVWGS baseball style cap. Don't miss this opportunity!

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Advertise your business in our next newsletter. Telephone Alan Letofsky at (610) 649.1424 for our reasonable rates.



Do You Know Welkenweir?

Welkenweir is a 197 acre oasis of natural beauty, featuring a 55 acre arboretum and historic estate house and an ecologically diverse wetland, meadow and woodland habitats.

The property is a living laboratory for the study of ecological issues, sustainability and land stewardship.

It is also the headquarters for the Green Valley Association, a non-profit dedicated to preserving the water resources of Northern Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Open to the public year round, Welkenweir is located at 1368 Prizer Road, Pottstown. The telephone number is (610) 469.7543 or Check it out at www.greenvalleys.org and select the visit Welkenweir option.

COMING EVENTS

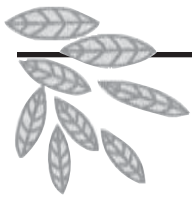
This spring:

Join us at Stephens Garden Creations, Kennett Square, for a discussion of pond openings.

We will also visit Miller's Greenhouse, Wallingford, where Chuck Miller will have many flower varieties available for sale.

Both events will be opportunities to socialize with our wonderful group and, oh yes, discounts will be offered.

Details will come later.



DVGWS Officers and Contacts:

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Vice-President: Stephanie McGrory
(610) 789.9921

Secretary: Lois Wagner (610) 527.2277

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Other Board Members: Rose Ball; Bill Fogel;
Eric Goldenberg; Donna Miller; Chas Pierro;
Cindy Weiss and Pat Wood

Sunshine: Sharon Deutsch (856) 983.2729

Newsletter: Alan Letofsky (610) 649.1424

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CLUB
DUES FOR 2009?**

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL.

Sunshine Committee

We are there for members in need.
If you know of a member who needs
support, contact Sharon Deutsch
at (856) 983.2729 or
maggied989@yahoo.com

Material Wanted

Do you have a pond story?
Would you like us to publish
pictures of your pond? Send material
to Alan Letofsky, 108 Allgates Drive,
Haverford, PA 19041.

Join us at the annual kick-off lunch at the Springfield Country Club, 12:30 p.m. on January 25, 2009.

Enjoy great food, hear Jonathan Alderson speak about creating a sustainable garden, enjoy the fellowship and listen to old time rock and roll from the great Charlie Gracie.

Detach and send to Cindy Weiss, 339 Valley Road, Merion Station, PA 19066, before January 18.

#_____ Chicken Dijon

#_____ Roasted Salmon

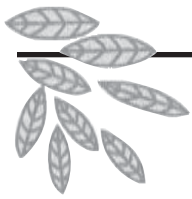
#_____ Vegetarian Pasta

Enclosed is my/our check for \$_____ (\$30 per person)

Name(s)_____

Telephone_____

Questions? Telephone Cindy Weiss at (610) 667.7545.



**DIRECTIONS TO:
Springfield Country Club
400 West Sproul Road
Springfield Pa. 19064
Restaurant phone # 610-690-7600**

From Center City Philadelphia or Philadelphia International Airport:

I-95 South to 476 North to Exit 3 (Springfield). Turn right off exit on Baltimore Pike (Route 1). Proceed on Route 1 for approximately ½ mile to Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Left on Route 320. Springfield Country Club is located ½ mile on the left.

-or-

I-76 West to 476 South to Exit 5 Springfield-Media. Turn Left off exit. Follow signs for 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn right on Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Springfield Country Club is located ¾ mile on the right.

From Pennsylvania Turnpike, Bucks County, Montgomery County

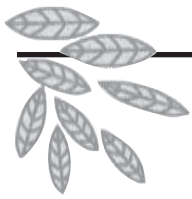
Exit 20-Mid County off Pennsylvania Turnpike to 476 South towards Chester to Exit 5 marked Springfield-Lima. Turn left off exit onto Route 1 North. Stay in right lane, follow signs for route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Right on Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Springfield Country Club is located ¾ mile on the right.

From Delaware

I-95 North to exit 7 marked I-476 North (Blue Route). From the Blue Route to Exit 3 Springfield- Media. Turn right off exit onto Baltimore Pike (Route 1). Proceed on Route 1 for approximately ½ mile to Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Left on Route 320. Springfield Country Club is located ½ mile on the left.

From New York/ North Jersey

Take New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 6/Pennsylvania Turnpike. Follow Turnpike to Exit 20 Mid County Exit. Follow sign for 476/ Chester (Blue Route) to Exit 5 marked Springfield-Lima. Turn left off exit onto Route 1 North. Stay in right lane, follow signs for route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Right on Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Springfield Country Club is located ¾ mile on the right.



DVWGS memberships are based on a calendar year beginning on January 1st.

**All members need to renew their membership on January 1st,
with the following exception;**

*If you joined the club as a new member late in the year during Sept, Oct, Nov or Dec,
your \$25.00 membership fee will be good for the following year.*

DVWGS Membership Application

Check one: NEW RENEWAL
Check one: Family @ \$25.00 Commercial @ \$35.00

Check here if you wish to keep your contact information as
"unlisted" and only to be released to board members.

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Date and year: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

**Enclose a check with this application, made payable to DVWGS and mail to:
DVWGS * Connie Snyder * 1255 Buck Lane * West Chester, Pa. 19382**

As a volunteer organization, we encourage you to be an active participant in our activities.
Please indicate your interests by checking off all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Write newsletter articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with raffle | <input type="checkbox"/> Program development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Host a meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staffing exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Display my pond on Pond Tour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make telephone calls | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with pond tour | <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Board |

Suggestions included on back. (Thank you for your input!)



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The club needs your support. Send
in your member form and dues and
luncheon reservation ASAP.

For the latest news:
www.dvwgs.org