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Mid-Atlantic Peony Society

## *Autumn MAPs Event a HUGE Success*

Success can be looked at in many different ways. We can be proud to be able to bring a nationally known peony grower to the Mid-Atlantic region to speak on peonies.

The word, with your help, got out to both MAPS members and the general public and we had 67 people sign in at the registration table. We are so glad we planned on having the event in the auditorium as we would have been standing if we held it at the Wister Center.

Carol Adelman brought with her gardening strategies based on what she deals with in the Oregon area and showed photos of how they plant in the fields. We loved her down-to-earth style as she talked about the trials and errors when entering into this aspect of growing peonies. She is now up to 25 acres of peonies for both the cut flower trade and for mail ordering roots. She even has a following of gar-

deners in Russia that purchase each year.

MAPS had purchased 30 books that Carol co-authored and sold 21 copies that she signed on the day. We have copies available for \$20.00 each if you have a special gardener you would like to give a copy to over the holidays. Carol gladly signed these additional copies. Contact Bernie Miller on how you can get access to this most current book on peonies. ([brmil-leriii@yahoo.com](mailto:brmil-leriii@yahoo.com))

MAPS purchased \$1,682 worth of peonies so that we would have a variety of It-oh, herbaceous and tree peonies available on the sale tables. Our tabulation is we sold \$1,523 worth of potted peonies and roots on that Sunday. Your executive committee are baby sitting those plants left over from the sale and they will be available for purchase in the spring.

We provided some new offerings this year at the sales

very positive so we will probably offer items such as plant stakes, notecards, and fertilizer at future events. These items were priced just above cost so we could help gardeners with one stop shopping. These items brought in another \$54.00.

Last, but not least, we held a pot luck dinner for MAPS members to give us time to relax and converse. MAPS members can cook!!! What a huge selection of offerings. No one walked away hungry that evening. The icing on the cake was when Carol Adelman donated plants as door prizes and Eleanor Tickner provided free peony roots for all of the members present.

We want to thank all of those that volunteered before, during and after the event to make the event so successful.



Refreshments for the Peony lecture in October.



MAPS Greeters on October 14 registering everyone.

## *Mark Your Calendars for a Winter Get-Together*

For the second year we are going to have a **“Make It and Take It”** event for MAPS members. This event is free for MAPS members and \$20.00 for guests.

Sunday, February 10th from 1:30– 4:00 you are welcome to come to Bernie’s home at 1730 Walnut Hill Blvd., Media, PA and try your hands at some peony themed activities.

New this year will be the opportunity to make plant labels. You can bring a plant stake and the name of the

peony variety (s) and we will let you print out a plant label for that plant ( a limit of 6 labels per person). We will have plant stakes for sale if you don’t have any in your inventory. Several members have label printers and will bring them to the event.

Other activities will include the option of painting a roofing slate either free-handed or with stencils provided. Paint, slate and brushes will be available (no cost).

Make a notecard using peo-

ny photos provided. (no cost)

Rubberstamp a notecard with an assortment of stamps, stamp pads and colored pencils. (no cost)

We will have tables set up as work stations with all of the supplies and light refreshments for those participating.

The feedback from last year was that it was fun to get together off season and the bonus was having some great garden related items to take home.



(left photo) Four tables of peony and peony related products available to MAPS members and the public. Continuing our mission to introduce and bring quality peony varieties to the Mid-Atlantic Region.

(bottom left photo) Gail, Marge, and Julieta pose for a picture. Gail and Marge coordinated the pot luck dinner and Julieta helped unload and set up for the event and clean up at the conclusion. Many others assisted and participated and may see their photos in future newsletters. Thanks to Diane for being the photographer.



## *Thanks to Two MAPS members*

The staff and volunteers at Food Moxie (formerly Weavers Way Community Programs) would like to thank Eleanor Tickner and Loretta DeMarco for their donations of peonies. The peonies have been planted at the Hope Garden at the Stenton Manor Family

Homeless Shelter. FM runs nutrition programs there for both children and families, as well as working with autistic children at Martin Luther King High School. The peonies, “Athena” and “Festiva Maxima” will be part of a perennial and herb garden planted and maintained by volunteers.