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Memories



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May Memories

Members said they were interested in learning about the process of judging cut flowers and so, in May, we held a workshop at Eleanor's home. It was a rainy day but the weather gave us a period of time to tour her garden and then we migrated to her clean and well organized multicar garage. Eleanor and Butch had set up tables so that we could hold a class on judging peonies.

There were tables where

peonies, that members brought with them, could be displayed with their name and who brought the blossom. Another table held multiple blooms of the same variety so that we could practice comparing blossoms of the same variety. The third set of tables held vases of peonies currently in bloom.

Each member was given a scoring guide and Jeff took us through the exercises. Once the instruc-

tion was completed the group was left to judge and determine which peony came in first through 5th place within a group. Those assembled then shared their thoughts and debriefed on their decisions. This exercise was very helpful for those in attendance .

The executive board will consider next steps for having a juried show in the spring of 2019. Stay tuned.

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Mid-Atlantic Peony Society



Spread of food available at the workshop.



Marge greeted members at the sign in desk.

Photos in this newsletter are from the workshop on judging. Thanks to everyone as this was a group effort and loads of fun.

Judging Peonies

On the next page (3) you will find the guidance provided to the group as they worked at deciding which flower would receive the largest point count.

Each peony flower is judged on the condition, form., color., stem, foliage and size.

The least important is the stem and foliage because most contestants will strip the blossom of leaves so the focus is on the blossom.

Color is important as the flower is judged if it has been cut at it's peak or if it is fading/aging.

Condition is critical as judges are looking to see if is free of bruising and that the petals are healthy and of good substance that they show well.

Size becomes important as we look at what would be considered a well grown specimen.



Save the Date

Make sure that you have marked your calendars for our annual fundraiser and special event.

Carol Adelman will be our keynote speaker on Sunday, October 14. The event will be held at Swarthmore College at 2:00 pm.

The event will be open to the public and this is a joint collaboration between MAPS and the Scott Arboretum.

The lecture is free but bring your cash or checkbook to pick up a couple of peonies and Carol's book.

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Scoring Guide

Condition Free of Blemish and bruises 5
Uniformity 10, substance 10

Up to 25 points

Form Uniformity 5, maturity 5, correct shape 5, regular petalage 5

Up to 25 points

Color Uniformity 5, strength and straightness 5, foliage quality 5, size and proportion 5

Up to 25 points

Stem and Foliage Uniformity 5, intensity 5, clarity 5, trueness to variety 5

Up to 10 points

Size Uniformity 5, deduct points in relation to development and condition of oversized or undersized 10

Up to 15 points

Total



“America” herbaceous peony



“Cream Puff” herbaceous peony

