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February 10th—Make It and Take It Event

Our winter get-together is organized and set from 1:30 until 4:00 for Sunday the 10th.

Decorate a slate for indoor or outdoor use using paints, brushes and stencils provided by your host. As your project dries you can take and make note cards using photos of peonies and rubber stamps with peonies or other subjects.

All of the supplies are

provided at no cost for MAPS members. All you need to do is bring your creativity.

New this year is the opportunity to make plant labels for your peonies. We have at least two types of plant stakes available for between \$1.25 and \$1.50 if you want to purchase them at the event or you can bring your own from home. We will have Brother label

machines and you can make up to six (6) labels each.

We will have light refreshments available. No RSVP is required for this event.

The location is south of the town of Media and just off Route 1. Address for those using GPS is 1730 Walnut Hill Blvd., Media, PA.

Contact Jeff or Marge if interested in serving on the Executive Board. Their contact information is as follows:

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Road Closure... Figure out alternative route

We have received notice that Baltimore Pike/Route 1 will be closed both northbound and southbound the weekend of February 8-10th in the vicinity between the old Franklin Mint building/State Police barracks and WaWa Corporation

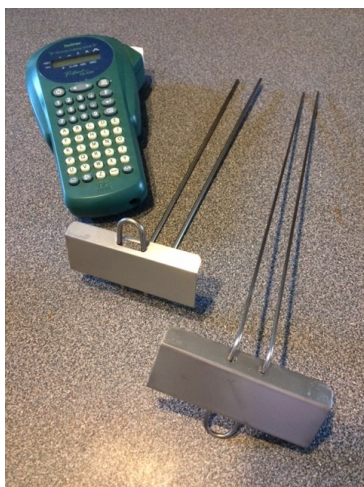
Headquarters. Septa is replacing the railroad tracks and overpass and needs that entire weekend.

Since Bernie lives just south of that construction it is advisable to figure out an alternate route when you plan on coming

to the Make It and Take It especially if you live north of the construction site.

One alternate route would be to go through Aston. Another would be to take the back roads off of Route 352.





Samples of some of the plant stakes that will be available for sale at the "Make It and Take It" meeting as well as the Brothers Label maker that members can use .

Save the Date: Monday, May 6th from 5:00-7:00pm will be the tour of the Scott Arboretum Tree Peony Collection at Swarthmore College. Jeff will lead the group that will meet at the Wister Center on a hike through the campus to see what is blooming. Bring your camera because you are in for a show. Light refreshments will be served.

Executive Committee Update

We would like to welcome Sylvia Green to the Executive Committee. She has been an active member of MAPS hosting two garden tours and supporting the group at

functions at the Wister Center.

We look forward to tapping her knowledge as she has had lots of commercial and hobby gardening experiences.

We are still open to having another volunteer step up and being a part of the executive committee to help with the planning and execution of events.

Mark Your Calendars.. Two more Gardens to Tour this Spring!

May 29th has been selected by Gail Hale and Marge Fern for their joint garden tour.

4:00 to 7:00pm

Gail and Marge live within walking distance of each other in bucolic

Rose Valley. Their gardens could not be more different. Enjoy a stroll through the Valley, judging of cut peonies, and light refreshments.



Peony Flower Judging

As you may remember we had a workshop on peony flower judging last May at Eleanor's house. This year we are going to have some fun and run our first flower judging event and continue to learn in the process.

As we get closer to the event we will share the scoring guide with you. We ask that you consider bringing one or more cut peony flowers to the gar-

den tour at Gail and Marge's homes. We will have vases for the entries. Ideally it would be great if you knew the name of the varieties you are submitting but it is okay if the name is a mystery to you.

Part of the fun of it is cutting the flower at just the right moment so that it will look it's best at the judging.

Most likely we will have classifications by color. So

as you check out your peony blossoms this spring look for that winner!

Think about volunteering to be judge... more on that later.

