

January Edition 2018
Happy New Year!!!!



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Peony Crafting Set For Saturday, February 17th

Members are welcome to participate in a MAPS craft event. Bernie and Debbie Miller will host this activity at their home which at 1730 Walnut Hill Blvd., Media, PA which is off of Route 1 south of Media (for those familiar with the area it is south of WaWa Corporate Center).

At 1:30pm participants will be able to take a recycled roofing slate and turn it into a garden sign for indoor or outdoor garden use. There will be stencils and paints available to assist you make a professional looking sign. You can make a welcome sign, your house number displayed, or family name as possible projects.

There will be other craft projects at various “make and take” craft stations. You will have to come to find out what the other projects are. Even if you are not super crafty the projects should be fun and you get out of the house and connect with members during the peony “off season”.

Light refreshments will be served. There is no cost for this event as long as you are a member and no RSVP is required.

Your executive committee thought that it might be fun to get together and chase the winter blues away.

Directions: From Route 1/ Baltimore Pike south of the

town of Media ...turn on to Walnut Hill Blvd. Go approximately 75 feet and turn right on the first lane on the right side and the Miller’s house is the first house (tan stucco) on the right. If you go to the Highlands or Darlington Woods developments you missed the private lane. Parking is available in the driveway and on the lane’s circle.

You are welcome to bring additional paint colors, sponges, brushes and stencils you may have laying around the house.

Guest who are not members of MAPS can participate if they pay the \$10.00 membership fee at the door.

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

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Mid-Atlantic Peony Society

Vacancies on MAPS Executive Board

We have two vacancies on the MAPS Executive Committee so we looking for people to serve alongside Jeff, Eleanor, Marge and Bernie.

One recent opening is due to the recent resignation of Geri Eunson. She has served the

organization for several years and we thank her for her time and dedication. Geri will still be part of group and has said she would like other people to have the opportunity to serve as part of the executive committee.

The executive committee typically meets 2 times a year for planning purposes. At those meetings we explore and decide on garden tours, educational topics and organize the annual dig and divide meeting. All other “work” is done via email or phone calls.



Styer's field of peonies in the spring of 2017

Thank you to all of you that have already submitted your dues for 2018! Send \$10 checks written out to MAPS to Bernie Miller, 1730 Walnut Hill Blvd., Media, PA 19063 for renewals.



Roofing slates to be used for the craft project in February along with some of the supplies being provided. The slates are predrilled.

Chinese Tree Peony Tour at Swarthmore College

April 30, 2018 will be the tour lead by Jeff Jabco. At this time it should be the tree peonies putting on a show. This event will be open to MAPS members, Scott Arboretum members and the general public.

The group will gather at 5:00pm at the Wister Center and shortly thereafter walk over to the peony beds. Wear comfortable walking shoes or sneakers.

There will be a reception at the conclusion of the tour. The

event (tour and reception) should conclude at 6:30.

There is no cost for this event. Bring your camera because the Arboretum has a large number of mature specimens that should be putting on a show for you.

Mark Your Calendar for September 23, 2018

We will be holding our annual Dig and Divide Meeting at Eleanor Tickner's home this year.

As in previous years, this meeting will include a tutorial on how to plant peonies and give them a good start. Following the demonstration we will hold our annual fundraiser which includes plants for sale and the

auction of plants donated by members and some special plants that MAPS purchases of rarer varieties.

As you check out your own plants this spring think about donating a division of a peony when the autumn planting season arrives. We have found that having a photo of the flower helps generate more

interest in the plants up for sale or auction.

We will have refreshments at the event and as we get closer to the event we will ask for a few volunteers to step up and provide snacks.

Time: To be determined later.

Survey Results Say....

The Executive Committee surveyed the members in attendance at the Dig and Divide meeting to find out what they might be interested in attending or participating in.

There was a very positive response to learning about flower show basics related to peonies.

We are working on the details but plan to hold an introductory training at Eleanor Tickner's home sometime in the month of May.

We will be inviting MAPS members to bring a couple of

cut peony blossoms to be displayed. We will go over what judges are looking for in competitions so that if you ever entered your flowers you would know which blossoms would potentially be ribbon winners and give you bragging rights.

This event is not a real competition but an educational introduction into competitive cut peony flowers.

We are suggesting that you bring the name of the varieties that you are bringing to display so that members can learn

more about the varieties they may not have seen or own.

Eleanor will have vases to display the single stems that were used by the American Peony Society when they held their competition at Longwood Gardens.

Our plan for this event is to have a tour of Eleanor's extensive collection at 4:00 followed by the flower judging training at 6:00pm.

We will be asking for people to RSVP for this event once we nail down a date.