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Busy Spring Season for MAPS

It was so good to see so many members come out for our various spring events.

We started out with Jeff leading us on a tour of the Scott Arboretum tree peonies on May 6th. The peonies did not disappoint us this year as they were blooming on time and we are all guessing that the large size of the blooms was because of all of the rain we got last fall and this spring. Following the tour and photo opportunities we went back to the Wister Center for some light refreshments.

Next on the touring calendar was the first time visit to Bernie and Debbie's gardens which featured many herbaceous and Itoh peonies. The weather cooperated and there

were plenty of blooms to check out. So many members brought food to the event that no one should have left hungry that night. Asian fare in the form of Korean beef patties, black bean paste and Chinese noodles, gimbap, and mandu were just some of the choices.

The following week we went to Rose Valley to check out Marge and Gail's gardens. Knowing it was going to be late in the season for herbaceous peonies we added a program on judging peonies. We had members chill some of their peonies and both Eleanor and Jeff brought buckets of peonies from their gardens so we had plenty of flowers to drool over. Everyone in attendance got peony blossoms

to take home. We had some great food provided by our hosts and members in attendance.

At both the Scott Arboretum and Miller tours we sold potted peonies.

We gained three members from the events and we welcome them to our fun group.

For those of you who do Facebook we had a steady stream of photos and educational tidbits being posted during the height of the blooming season. We gained a dozen followers.

Time to put our feet up and relax ...oh, but wait, with all this rain the weeds are growing! Better get back out there and keep up with all of the gardening chores.

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Mark your calendars for our big October event

We have reserved the Wister Center on the Swarthmore College campus for our October 6th Dig and Divide Educational Program and Fundraiser. At this meeting we will have plenty of plants to check out and purchase.

The event will start at 1:00 with the educational part of the program. We will show you how to divide peonies and how to plant them successfully.

Following the training we will have refreshments and are working on having our auction

and prepackaged peonies for sale. We hope to give you a sneak peek at some of the varieties we will have in future editions of the newsletter and on Facebook.

So get your phone out and save the date on your calendar.

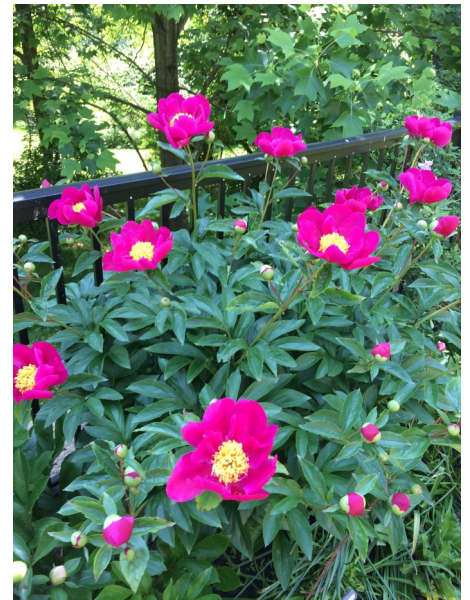


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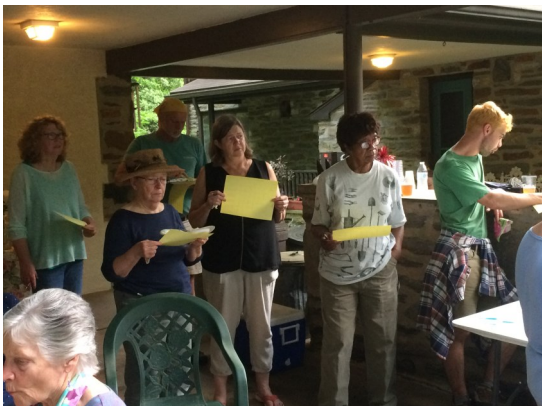
Introductions at Scott Arboretum tree peony tour, light refreshments, and touring the grounds of Swarthmore College

May 22



Multiple tiers of gardens at the Millers, time to enjoy some Asian food and catch up with friends

May 28



Peony judging at Marge and Gail's homes, scoring guides provided, and lots of blooms to check out