

# The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society



## November 2009 Newsletter

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**OUR NEXT MEETING** will take place on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Morris Arboretum. Come at 7:30 for refreshments and a chat before the meeting begins at 8:00. Our speakers will be Alice Farley and Leslie Purple; they are partners in the landscape design and construction firm *The Plant Connection*. Leslie and Alice have been designing gardens in the Delaware Valley for more than two decades. Drive around the Hill and you will see dozens of gardens that have had their touch. Both have quite beautiful and noted gardens that are frequently featured on garden tours, such as the Nature Conservancy. Their gardens are beautiful and interesting and are proof that gardens in our climate can be interesting at any time of the year. Yes, they have the touch. Come and learn how to add the touches that will turn your garden into a twelve-month garden.

**THE DISTRICT 8 2009 EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE** was a great success. Our registrations far surpassed our expectations. We had 163 registrants. The speakers were engaging and the camaraderie was inspiring. We want to thank everyone from our Chapter as well as those from the other Chapters in our District who made this event such a success. Our own Karel Bernady chaired the event and because of his leadership and guidance our event was well received and attended.

**THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW** plans are in the works for February 2010. The theme this year is *Passport to the World*. We can interpret this to be *'Anything Goes!'* The committee is working to solidify a design. If anyone would like to join in planning please contact Linda Hartnett. We will, of course, need help setting up and taking down in February and March. The show dates are 27 February through 7 March.

**NOW IS THE TIME FOR CLEANING OUT THOSE BEDS** (GARDEN BEDS THAT IS) FOR THE WINTER. The more that you can do now the happier everything in your garden will be in the spring. It is a great time for planting. Bulbs can go in the ground, too. Clean out dead and diseased leaves and garden material and put your happy plants to rest for the winter.

## CALENDAR

- November 12, 2009 -Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Monthly Chapter meeting, Morris Arboretum
- November 17, 2009 – Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Board meeting, Betts Layman
- January 10, 2010 – Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting. Thrifty Tips from Michael Mills
- February 21, 2010 – 1:30 p.m. Joint meeting with Valley Forge Chapter at Ewchlan Meeting. Liz Ball will speak.
- February 27 – March 7, 2010 – Philadelphia Flower Show
- April 10, 2010 – Saturday, 6:00 p.m. Annual Chapter Banquet. Whitemarsh Valley Country Club. Doug Jolley will speak.
- May 6 – 8, 2010 (Thursday to Saturday) Plant sale and Truss show, Morris Arboretum. Joint show with Valley Forge Chapter.
- June, 2010 - Picnic TBA

**BOARD MEETING REMINDER** – The next board meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 17th, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Betts Layman. RSVP to Linda Hartnett or Betts Layman.