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#### NEXT MEETING **INFORMATION**

#### **Please RSVP!**

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019 promptly at 6:00 PM

Location: **Brookside Gardens** Wheaton, Maryland

**Sponsors:** Complete Lawn Care and Complete Plant Healthcare

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Michael Gildea at mikeg@chevychaseclub.org or 240-395-2101

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We are well into Spring in the DC area. Bulbs are blooming and the Cherries and Magnolias are having one of the best years ever. Everywhere I look folks have their cameras out and they are taking photos to capture the moment. There is a buzz of excitement.

In April we met at Tudor Place for a fantastic meeting. Kip prepared another feast for us and Mark Oxley (Outdoor Illumination) and Grove and Judy Teates (Alpine Services) sponsored the meeting. We had a 50/50 raffle, Stephanie Destefano won and generously donated the entire amount back to the scholarship fund!!! Thank you Stephanie!

On the topic of scholarships, Marie Rojas will be presenting this year's awards to students at the May 2nd



## A Message From **The President**

meeting at Brookside Gardens. I am looking forward to seeing the joy on the students' faces.

The Brookside meeting will be sponsored by Eric Wenger (Complete Lawn Care and Complete Plant Health Care). We will have special items to raffle off so bring some cash to have a chance to win. Thank you everyone for all that you do to make this the best branch in the entire PGMS organization.

-Josh Nadler



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### **PGMS DC Branch Meetings 2019**

#### May 2, 2019

Brookside Gardens 1800 Glenallan Avenue Wheaton, MD 20902 Sponsor: Complete Lawn Care and Complete Plant Care

#### June 6, 2019

Olney Gardens 219 Ednor Rd Silver Spring, MD 20905 Sponsor: Olney Gardens

#### August 1, 2019

Lilypons Water Gardens 6800 Lily Pons Road Adamstown, Maryland 21710 Sponsor: TBD

#### September 5, 2019

Merrifield Garden Center 8132 Lee Hwy Falls Church, VA 22042 Sponsor: TBD

#### **October 3, 2019**

Key School 534 Hillsmere Dr. Annapolis, MD Sponsor: TBD

#### November 7, 2019

Country Casual Teak 7601 Rickenbacker Drive Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879 Sponsor: Country Casual Teak

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#### **Exciting News!**

#### The PGMS DC Branch was selected to host the PGMS School of Grounds Management Summer Conference in 2020!

This is a great opportunity for the Branch to showcase some of our innovative gardens, people and ideas.

Please talk to a member of the Board about how you can help!

PGMS School of Grounds Management Summer Conference

July 22 – 23, 2019 Tacoma, WA <u>www.pgms.org</u>

**MAC-ISA Annual Meeting** 

October 6, 2019 Blacksburg, VA www.mac-isa.org

#### PGMS School of Grounds Management Annual Conference

October 15 – 18, 2019 Louisville, KY www.pgms.org



Know of some great students interested in Horticulture? The International Plant Propagator's Society Eastern Region has created a new scholarship for TWO college students interested in horticulture called their Foundation Academic Scholarship!

Available to students who are working towards a two-year, four-year, or graduate level degree in Horticulture or a related field. Must have completed two semesters by the end of Spring 2019. Deadline is coming soon: **June 1, 2019.** 

## Remember, this can be for some of your assistants or colleagues who may be working towards a degree!

#### **First Foundation Scholarships**

The Scholarship Committee is announcing two \$2,000 Scholarships for 2019. Once applications have been received, the monies will be awarded this fall. We hope to have the recipients attend the fall conference in Madison. If you know an interested student, please share this link to the application form: https://fs16.formsite.com/IPPSER/mcfkddj5h8/index.html

In addition to the online form, the following is required:

- 1. Statement answering the following questions in 500-1000 words:
  - A. What inspired you to major in horticulture or a related field?
  - B. Describe a project or study you conducted with or about plants.
  - C. What are some of your horticultural skills and what are those you would like to learn or develop?
- 2. A current resume.
- 3. Transcripts from each school attended after high school (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).

For questions, contact Dr. David Sanford, IPPS-ER Foundation Academic Scholarship Coordinator at <u>IPPSERacademic@gmail.com</u> or 610-396-6161.



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If any of these "want to's" is on your list for 2015, the Montgomery College Landscape Technology program is offering great classes to help you meet your goals—and 3 class locations to make learning more convenient!

Classes are offered at the Germantown & Takoma Park Campuses and at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood.

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For the technician we are looking for those with at least 2 years working experience and a working knowledge of all phases of sprinkler systems and must be accomplished in trouble shooting techniques and repairs to the hydraulics and the low voltage aspects of these systems. Should have knowledge of various plant materials and their watering requirements. For the helpers, we are looking for people who are willing to learn. Must have ability to work alone and/or in team setting. Valid driver's license required. References requested.

> Please email your resume to Info@OutdoorIllumination.com or mail to 4337 Montgomery Avenue Bethesda, MD 20814.

## Tudor Place Meeting Photos









## **Branch Scholarship Raffle Donations and Meeting Sponsorships**

# The PGMS DC Branch needs your donations for the monthly raffle!

100% of the proceeds from the raffle go to support the Branch Scholarship and Research Fund. We depend on your donations to continue this long tradition.

## We also depend on your help in planning our meetings for 2020. Please consider hosting or sponsoring a meeting!

Please contact any of the board members to donate, host, sponsor, or for more information!



## **Directions to the next PGMS-DC Branch Meeting**

#### LOCATION: Brookside Gardens 1800 Glenallan Ave. Wheaton, MD 20902

Important Information - Meet in the parking lot of the greenhouse for tours beginning around 6:30pm, and then after tour, drive over to the conference room parking area where the meeting and dinner will take place.

DATE:	Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM
HOST:	Brookside Staff
<b>SPONSORS:</b>	Complete Lawn Care and Complete Plant Health Care
PROGRAM:	Tour of the new greenhouses and scholarship presentation
<b>RSVP:</b>	to Michael Gildea at <u>mikeg@chevychaseclub.org</u> or 240-395-2101





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