

## Cylburn Arboretum Programs Spring 2010

### **Gardening Skills Workshops:**

**Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:** ***Weed identification and removal.*** Keeping weeds at bay results in a garden that looks well-kept. Moreover, allowing weeds to live in your garden robs your prized garden plants of water and nutrients! Effective removal of weeds actually reduces the amount of work involved in caring for your garden. This workshop will cover the different types of weeds (some grow only in winter, some only in summer), and the root structure of different weeds, and the way different weeds tend to spread. Armed with this knowledge, participants will learn effective removal techniques for the most common weeds found in our gardens. The attributes of different weeding tools will also be discussed. The workshop is free and will meet from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. In return, participants are asked to give 2 hours of their time to Cylburn helping with the gardens. If you are interested in signing up, please call the Cylburn office at 410-367-2217, or e-mail Nancy Hill at [nancy.hill@cylburnassociation.org](mailto:nancy.hill@cylburnassociation.org).

**June 19<sup>th</sup>:** ***Perennial care.*** Although many people use perennials to reduce garden maintenance (saving the trouble of replanting annual plants each year), perennials do require maintenance to look their best. Certain perennials can be 'pruned'—some before they bloom to make them stockier and increase the number of blooms, some after they bloom to renew their foliage. Other perennial benefit mightily from the removal of spent blooms (deadheading). Others benefit from supplemental nutrition (compost or fertilizer). Finally others require staking to ensure their blooms are held up in the air rather than trampled on the ground. Participants will learn the opportunities presented by different types of perennials, and the best tools and techniques for the job. The workshop is free and will meet from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. In return, participants are asked to give 2 hours of their time to Cylburn helping with the gardens. If you are interested in signing up, please call the Cylburn office at 410-367-2217, or e-mail Nancy Hill at [nancy.hill@cylburnassociation.org](mailto:nancy.hill@cylburnassociation.org).

### **Cylburn Nature Story Hour 2010**

We are happy to announce that Johns Hopkins University student Tonie McKenzie will be leading Nature Story Hour this spring. Tonie brings to Cylburn a passion for working with children, and a love of the environment. She has worked and volunteered with child development centers in the New York area for several years. Tonie has also volunteered in the gardens at Cylburn and sees the opportunity to lead Nature Story Hour as a perfect use of her interests and skills. We are very lucky to have Tonie join us at Cylburn Arboretum. She has selected special books to read, as well as activities and rhymes for the little ones. Now that the weather is warmer, an outdoor activity will be part of the hour.

The program is designed for preschool-age children and their parents and will be held on the following Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 12 noon in the Cylburn Mansion. For more information, contact Tonie at [storyhour@cylburnassociation.org](mailto:storyhour@cylburnassociation.org). Dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

### **Wednesday Weeding**

Join a group of dedicated and fun-loving volunteers to help weed and maintain the display gardens at Cylburn. Beginning on April 28<sup>th</sup>, Cylburn Head Gardener Jennifer Forrence will be working with

volunteers every Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. until dusk. Wednesday Weeding will run through September 15<sup>th</sup>. The many display gardens at Cylburn need tender-loving care and this effort provides just that! If you are interested, plan to meet in front of the mansion with gloves in hand. Participants will learn weeding techniques, as well as how to identify invasives. To sign up, contact Jennifer at [Jennifer.Forrence@cylburnassociation.org](mailto:Jennifer.Forrence@cylburnassociation.org).

### **Cylburn Spring Wildflower Walk**

April, 24 2010 – 10AM – Noon.

The nature trail at Cylburn Arboretum has been planted with both common and rare spring wildflowers. The group will look for False Rue Anemone, Twinleaf and Wood Poppy in bloom, as well as other flowers. Please plan to meet at the Cylburn Mansion, which is just past the parking lot. This walk is jointly sponsored by the Cylburn Arboretum Association and the Maryland Native Plant Society. Leader: Dwight Johnson, 410-366-7239 or [dwightmjohnson@comcast.net](mailto:dwightmjohnson@comcast.net).