

### DC BRANCH UPDATE – JULY 2015

The DC Branch has had a very active schedule in 2015. We awarded the Phil Lee Memorial Scholarship (\$500.00) to Meg Smolinsky at our May 7th meeting which was held at the Smithsonian green house facility. We also made two \$500.00 research grants, one to Professor Paula Shrewsbury (University of Maryland) and one to Professor Stanton Gill and the IPM Newsletter

On Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>, several members of the DC Branch had lunch with some of our most senior members, including Jack Monday, Ludwig Schneider, and Ralph D'Amato. This was a great opportunity to spend time with those from previous generations, ask questions, listen and learn.

The DC Branch is very proud of Michael Gildea, past DC Branch President and past Chairman of the Board, as he was awarded CGM status in April 2015!

April 2, 2015 – Tudor House, Washington DC; the DC Branch had a beautiful evening for a garden tour of the historic Tudor House gardens lead by Suzanne Bouchard.

May 7, 2015 – Smithsonian Greenhouse Facility in Suitland, MD; this was great meeting for a few reasons:

- 1) Awarding of Phil Lee Memorial Scholarship
- 2) Donation by Phil Lee's daughter (Cynthia Martin) for 2016 scholarship
- 3) Incredible tour of greenhouses filled with orchids, tropical plants, annuals and perennials

June 4, 2015 – Mt. Vernon Alexandria, VA; despite heavy rain, around 60 members and guests of the DC Branch went on a tour of George and Martha Washington's gardens led by Lead Gardener Joe Day.

Upcoming:

July 16, 2015 – The Green Industry Field Day and Tradeshow at American University, this is a joint venture put on by the DC Branch of PGMS and the Northern Virginia Landscape and Nursery Association (NVLNA). This event is open to all and is a great educational opportunity and is highly recommended for all PGMS members.

August 6, 2015 – Waverly Farms Tree Farm and Nursery, Adamstown, MD

September 10, 2015\* - Country Springs Nursery and Landscape Supplier, Woodbine, MD

October 1, 2015 – City of Gaithersburg, MD New and Sustainable Parks

November 5, 2015 – Virginia Theological Society Alexandria, VA Follow up visit from 2014 to see progress of Sustainable Sites Initiative