

GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM: “GOAT NOAT” FOR OCTOBER 2021

The GOAT is reinstating our electronics recycling and collection box in the front foyer (closest to Charles Street). Any type of small electronics - cables, CDs, cell phone, etc. - are suitable. The recycler that we use is GreenDisk. We purchase a box with shipping paid upfront. For further information, please see <https://www.greendisk.com/gdsite/default.aspx>

En-ROADS: Software Program to Examine Global Warming and What We Can Do About It

The BYM Unity with Nature committee sponsored a thought-provoking climate change presentation on September 29th by Dr. Sara Via, University of Maryland Extension Service educator.

Dr. Via demonstrated the En-ROADS climate impact calculator, a rigorously designed online tool with public access that has been developed by MIT Sloan and Ventana Systems. This tool allows users to hone in on and compare specific strategies for reducing the rate of climate change and the overall gain or reduction in global temperatures. The program is organized into areas of activity:

- Energy supply
- Transport
- Buildings
- Growth
- Land and industry emissions
- Carbon removal

Users can test the impact of strategies such as the electrification of public transportation or afforestation (tree planting) over different time frames and with a variety of levels of public commitment. EN-ROADS also shows where we stand now with destructive practices, e.g., deforestation or fossil fuel cars, and see the impact on global temperatures of remaining at the status quo or lagging in efforts to reduce greenhouse gases.

While En-ROADS tests different propositions on a large global scale, it is clear that our individual, community, and regional choices and actions have great impact collectively. And using this software brings home in concrete terms the absolute necessity and urgency of continuing to work for a greener world. Gary Gillespie and John McKusick, members of Homewood Friends Meeting's Green Action Team (GOAT), attended the presentation. If you are interested in learning more about En-ROADS, please contact John or Gary or check out the tool online at <https://www.climateinteractive.org/tools/en-roads/>

News from the Garden: The Garden Club - open to anyone who likes getting their hands dirty - will meet on **Saturday, October 9th at 10:00 AM** in the native plants/pollinator garden for about an hour. We will work on tasks for autumn as the garden transitions. Feel free to bring your own tools if you wish, but the Meeting has plenty, too. If you can attend, a tasty homegrown fig may be your reward. Attendees should park outside the Baltimore Half Marathon

A lovely bench for contemplation or just give your weary self a rest will be installed in the garden later this month. Look for this welcome addition.

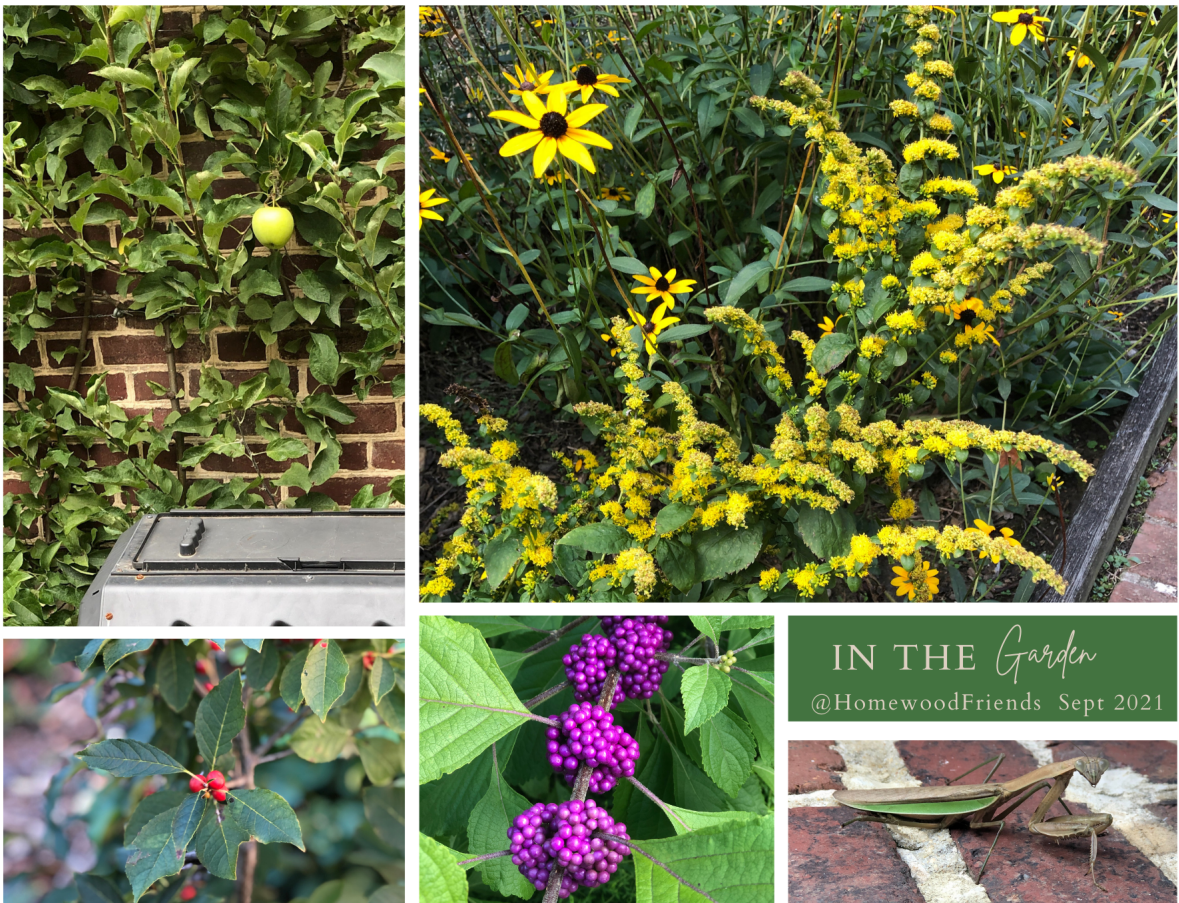


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