

Looking Back at 2011 and Forward to 2012

Approaching the close of 2011, Sugarloaf Citizens' Association invites you to mark your calendars for the second annual **Midwinter Garden Dreams**, on a Sunday in January 2012 at Linden Farm. Also, check our website for info on the **fourth annual Plant Swap** and our **Annual Membership Meeting**, both coming this spring.

During 2011, Sugarloaf

- continued to advocate for a plan to improve the **Special Benefits Permit** process in MC.
- successfully opposed special exception requests for **private airstrips** in the Ag Reserve and supported a Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) clarifying airstrips associated with farm work.
- hosted MC Planning Board Chair **Francoise Carrier** at the SCA Annual Meeting.
- began tracking the **Horticultural ZTA** being developed by the MC Department of Economic Development.
- continued opposing the proposed **mega church** which straddles the Frederick County/Montgomery County line.
- continued monitoring proposed locations of new **cell towers**.
- continued to track the **PATH** transmission lines.
- monitored construction activities at the **GenOn power plant** and production activities at the **Dickerson Composting Facility**.
- met with MC Department of Environmental Protection to discuss the County's request to expand the **Dickerson Composting Facility**.
- supported the Poolesville High School **Global Ecology Magnet Program** and welcomed a Global student intern to our Board.
- managed activities at our **Linden Farm headquarters**, including our third annual Plant Swap, the first Midwinter Garden Dreams, our annual fall community pot-luck, and our bluebird trail and butterfly garden.
- maintained this monthly **Newsletter** in *The Monocacy Monocle*.

Whew! We've worked hard this year, and accomplished much! For annual dues of just \$15 per person, we hope **YOU** will join us to help support the policies and advocacy actions that protect our rural legacy.

Most of Sugarloaf's work is accomplished by our volunteer members; but sometimes we need professional services (mainly legal). Along with your \$15 membership fee, please consider making an additional tax-deductible contribution to help support these occasional needs. **Please send your membership dues and any additional donation directly to SCA at Linden Farm, 20900 Martinsburg Road, P.O. Box 218, Dickerson, MD 20842.**

Best wishes for the holiday season and for 2012. Thank you for your support!