President’s Message

I want to thank the membership for their support during the past year as I served as president of our association. Thanks also for the encouragement you’ve given me on the announcement of my nomination for national office. Serving my association has been enjoyable and rewarding to me. I appreciate the opportunity that you have given me.

My disappointment this year has been in attendance at the monthly meetings and other association functions. Your board has been doing a great job of scheduling and running an excellent program. As a member the very least you can do is support your board with your attendance and participation at these functions and activities. Let’s all make a resolution to do better next year.

Remember that our election meeting is on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th. Show your support by being there.

And The Winner Is . . .

In last March’s issue we issued you, the members, a challenge — could you contribute a Tip of the Month or an Article of the Year. To make the challenge interesting, we offered a prize. A $25 bond for the best tip published each month and a $100 bond for the best Article of the Year published in 1987. Judging from the lean number of entries, our contest certainly didn’t cut into the DC or Maryland Lottery business. Never the less, the winners are:

Article of the Year: We had five entries for this category and topics included selling, drains, perennials, equipment replacement and nematodes. They were all informative and best of all contributed by our members. A loud hurrah for Russell Bateman, Lester Tanner, Brian Finger, Steve Nash and Bill Neus. They took the time and effort to share with us and we are thankful. As to who wins the prize, it was a tough decision but it goes hands down to Bill Neus for “The Unseen Enemy” published in our September issue. I say hands down because of the amount of feedback it got from the members. Congratulations Bill!

Tip of the Month: This offering didn’t fare so well. Disallowing the initial tip contributed by your editor to get the ball rolling, we had only two entries. Steve Nash suggested a means of avoiding the confusion that results from using both diesel and gasoline engines and Nick Vance turned worn out bedknives into serviceable trash can holders. Both deserve recognition for their time and effort. As to who gets a $25 bond — they both do! It’s a bond for the best tip of the month — not tip of the year. In short, if you submit a tip and it gets published, you get a $25 bond.

While 5 entries for Article of the Year out of 10 issues is a respectable beginning, the fact that only two people could bother to share tips with us is rather pathetic. Come on people, this is your newsletter. We can’t afford a roving reporter and the Board is certainly not going to spring for a trip to Silver Spring let along Bermuda. Let’s get creative, stop holding back and get your tips in for next year! Go for the distinction and pride of seeing your ideas in print!