

Addressing a Problem

Without a doubt we are rapidly becoming a very large organization and managing the logistics of our membership is increasingly difficult. Currently we keep all membership information on the association's computer. This database generates all the mailing lists, billings and the membership directory.

A membership survey went to everyone with the 1991 dues statement. Many of you have returned these surveys and we have made the necessary corrections, but some of you have not. It is up to you to provide us with correct information so that you receive all mailings and are listed accurately in the 1991 directory.

If you are not sure whether the association has the proper information in your file, a hardcopy of the entire membership is available at all meetings for review. If our information is not current, or you have moved or changed jobs, please see me when paying for dinner to fill out an updated survey form.

We also need to review our Dinner/Meeting reservation policy. Remember, we are a large group and your dinner reservations are a *must* so that we can provide the proper headcount for our host superintendent far enough in advance for them to accommodate us.

Reservations must be made by calling the association's reservation telephone number at 301-381-0030 by 4:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting. If reservations are not made prior to the 4:00 p.m. cutoff time, you will receive a pink dinner ticket. Holders of pink tickets may or may not be served depending on the availability of dinners.

If you plan to attend every meeting this year, and want to avoid the hassle of making reservations every month, add your name to the **Permanent Reservation List**. Members on this list will automatically be added to the headcount for dinner for every meeting. Those on the Permanent Reservation List who cannot attend, must call the reservation number to *cancel* before 10:00 a.m. on Monday before the meeting, using the regular reservation number. First-time violators will be sent a letter. Second-time violators will be removed from the list.

Please remember that these policies are made to help us do a better job for the association. We are a large organization and we should be professional enough to show respect for our host's staff. If you have any questions, see me at the next meeting.

Rhys Arthur, Chairman
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Loves of the Gypsy Moth

Gypsy moth caterpillars have been reported to feed on over 300 species of trees and shrubs, but some species exist that caterpillars do not like.

As a rule, young caterpillars are more choosy about their food than are mature ones. Some tree and shrub species that are shunned by small caterpillars will be eagerly fed upon by mature ones, especially if they are surrounded by favored species.

It is very important to plant many different species of trees and shrubs. A single tree or shrub species should not make up over 10 percent of the total number of individual woody landscape plants on your property. This will help reduce the impact of injury from all types of pests, not just gypsy moth.

If you are considering planting new trees and shrubs, it is wise to avoid species in the high preference category.

High Preference--Favored by young and old: Apple, Oaks, Alder, Hawthorns, Grey & River Birch, Willows, Crabapples.

Medium preference--Defoliation can still be severe: Elms, Maples, Cherries, Larch, Chestnut, Witchhazel, Black Gum, Boxelder, Lindens, Hornbeam, Sweetgum, Hickories, Sassafras, Sumac, Cottonwood, Mountainash, Pines.

Low Preference--Young will avoid, mature will consume: Beech, Hemlock, Spruces, White Cedar.

Very Low Preference--Not fed on unless surrounded by preferred hosts: Ash, Honeylocust, Dogwoods, Sycamore, Persimmon, Black Walnut, Saucer Magnolia, Balsam Fir, Catalpa, Hollies, Tulip Poplar, Buckeye, Butternut, Junipers, Black Locust, Horsechestnut, Mulberry, Rhododendrons, Mountain Laurel.

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