

# Point Farm Garden Restoration Project



Point Farm was given to the State of Maryland in 1983 by Mrs. Jefferson Patterson, and became Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM). The Point Farm home and garden were turned over to the state when she died in December 2002. The once immaculately-tended formal gardens had been slowly overtaken by invasive weeds. The untended plants and bushes had grown straggly and were firmly entwined with the weeds. In 2005 a group formed of JPPM staff members and interested gardeners met to discuss how to restore the gardens. Volunteers with a love of history and gardening have answered the call to rebuild the gardens designed by Rose Greely. Individual volunteers and many from groups like the Calvert County Master Gardeners, Friends of JPPM, are among those that have come to help uncover and restore the formal beauty of the gardens.

With the discovery of the original plans, much research has been done to identify which are original plants. In 2010 the volunteers were invited to form a garden club, with regular work days, lectures, projects, and field trips. The first group meeting was held February 18, 2010. This coming year, we will continue to maintain the beds, weeding and pruning as needed.



“...I fancied the rich and varied vegetation of the county where the trees and shrubs of North and South grow in harmony and beauty and where the growing season is so long that even the winter... seems only a restful interlude...,” Jefferson Patterson

## **Garden Restoration Project**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM (the second Saturday of every month)

Join the Garden Group as they work to maintain and restore the gardens designed by Rose Greely. Learn and share with the group while helping to keep the gardens beautiful. For more information and to get on the email list, contact Betty Seifert, Curator, 410-586-8578, [betty.seifert@maryland.gov](mailto:betty.seifert@maryland.gov) or our Volunteer Coordinator Rachele Green at 410-586-8502, [rachele.green@maryland.gov](mailto:rachele.green@maryland.gov).