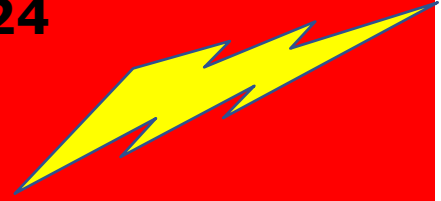




February 16, 2024

Friday Flash



**March Meeting**

**Topic**  
TBA

**Speaker**  
Mike Mastrotta

**Date**  
March 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time**  
7:00

**Location**  
Zoom

**Continuing Education**

The March Meeting topic will be presented by Mike Mastrotta, Landscape Designer from American University. For more information about the property of AU, go to <https://www.american.edu/finance/facilities/arboretum-and-gardens.cfm>

More information to come.



**ATTENTION ALL MASTER GARDENERS**

If you are interested in an in-depth class on vegetable gardening, please sign up with Pat Shema ASAP as there is limited seating. This class will be held on **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9-12**, at the Dairy Farm extension office. Contact [Pat Shema](#) or call 410-721-7610

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BUS TRIP  
**PHILADELPHIA FLOWER  
SHOW**

The largest horticultural extravaganza in the United States  
*Sponsored by Friends of Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden, Inc.*



**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 a.m. –8:00 p.m.**

Cost of \$120/person includes luxury motor coach transportation, admission to the show, snacks, beverages and gratuity

Meet at Naval Academy Stadium parking lot, Gate #6 (Taylor Avenue), Annapolis

***To register and for more information, please call 410-570-4465***

*All proceeds benefit the Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden Annapolis' only free public garden*

**Mt. Cuba Field Trip**

We will be meeting at the AAC Extension Office on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and taking a UMD coach bus to Mt. Cuba. There we will take a Garden Enthusiast tour, have lunch together, and have some extra time to explore Mt. Cuba. More information and registration can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mount-cuba-center-garden-enthusiast-tour-tickets-803118136967?aff=oddtcreator> Act fast before they sell out! Tickets are \$60 before Eventbrite fees.



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Interested in joining the **Ask-a-Master Gardener Plant Clinic** Team? Need a refresher on plant diagnostics? Join us for a "Watch Party" of the recording of the HGIC Fall Plant Clinic Training: Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1PM-4PM Snacks and beverages provided. [Sign up here](#)

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Learn about the past, present, and potential future of the **Spotted Lanternfly**. The presentation will include insider insights of recent research to managing the potential expansion of the Spotted Lanternfly. This virtual presentation, created by our own Maxine, will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Sign up [here](#).



**For Your Information**

**ANNUAL SPRING LECTURE**  
*Presented By*

MARCH  
16  
2024

Historic London Town and Gardens  
839 Londontown Rd.  
Edgewater, MD 21037

For more information email [unitygardensaa@gmail.com](mailto:unitygardensaa@gmail.com) or visit [www.unitygardens.org](http://www.unitygardens.org)

NATIVE TREES & SHRUBS-WORKHORSES FOR OUR ECOSYSTEM

Join us to learn about how native plants support our environment and the challenges faced by our natives.

Doors Open 9:30 am  
Coffee & Refreshments!  
Raffle & Door Prizes!

FREE TOUR of London Town Gardens!

Program starts 10 am

Tickets: \$35

<https://unitygardens.org/buy-tickets-now/>

Featuring **Ginger Woolridge**- Acclaimed author of "Essential Native Trees and Shrubs. The Guide to Creating a Sustainable Landscape."

Unity Gardens

Could your community use a grant for native plants?

Unity Gardens can help.

We fund:  
Homeowners Associations  
Faith-based Organizations  
School & Scout Groups  
Public Parks & Properties  
Garden Clubs  
Other Qualified Nonprofits located in Anne Arundel County

APPLICATION WINDOW: January 15 - March 1

SCAN HERE TO APPLY NOW!

Visit [www.unitygardens.org](http://www.unitygardens.org) or email [unitygardensaa@gmail.com](mailto:unitygardensaa@gmail.com) for more information

This Spring, Unity Gardens will fund grants up to \$1000 for native perennials and up to \$3000 for native trees and shrubs!

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Regular volunteer work events for **Hancock's Resolution** will be held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 9:30-12:30 (September dates - 2nd & 4th Mondays due to the Labor Day holiday.) Volunteers are also needed from 1:00-4:00 on Sundays. A few Sunday events will have extended hours. Volunteers are asked to register using [Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners: Volunteer Sign Up Hancock's Resolution](http://AnneArundelCountyMasterGardeners.org) ([signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com))



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There will be a workday at **Bates Gardens** on the 24th of February, 10 AM – 2 PM. Please bring hand tools and shovels. Interns are welcome. Service hours will be offered to schools' student gardeners.

Join the 2024 season of the award-winning  
**BAY INVADERS**  
 An invasive species removal project in Anne Arundel County



**Bay Invaders** is an innovative county partnership that supports 9th grade students in learning about and actively removing invasive plant species from county community and regional parks.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers commit to providing 15 hours to the project between the months of February and April and must attend an in-person training on Feb 20. from 4:30pm - 7:30 pm at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, refreshments provided!

**INTERESTED?** Scan this QR code or visit [www.tinyurl.com/BayInvaders2024](http://www.tinyurl.com/BayInvaders2024)



Feb. 24-25, 2024  
 Byzantium Event Center, Annapolis MD  
 2747 Riva Road, Annapolis

Annapolis Homeowners Expo  
**Ask-a-Master Gardener Pop-Up  
 Plant Clinic**

**Saturday, Feb 24**

**Time Slots:** 10:00 AM-2:00 PM *We can close our booth down for Hilton's Presentation.*

2:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, Feb 25**

**Time Slots:** 12:00-2:30 PM

2:30-5:00 PM

**Hilton Carter** will speak at noon on Saturday. You can buy one of his books (or like me bring your book collection in to get signed). You will enjoy his work as much as I do! For more information, contact [Sharon V. Smith](#)



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**Friday Funshine**

In today's news...Nemo dumped at least 2 feet of snow in some areas!



RMK Humor

# EVENTS

Project/Activity	Date/Time	Location	Contact Information
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	7-9:00 PM Tuesday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Zoom</b>	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a>
<b>Pop-Up Ask a Master Gardener Clinic</b>	<b>Saturday, 2/24</b> 10AM-6PM <b>Sunday, 2/25</b> 12 PM-5 PM	<b>Byzantium Event Center</b> 2747 Riva Rd. Annapolis, 21401	<a href="#">Sharon V. Smith</a>
<b>In Depth Vegetable Gardening</b>	<b>Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9 AM-12 PM	<b>Extension Office</b> 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	<a href="#">Pat Shema</a>
<b>Diagnosing Plant Problems Watch Party</b>	<b>Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 PM</b>	<b>Extension Office</b> 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a> sign up <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Update (virtual)</b>	<b>Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Virtual</b>	sign up <a href="#">here</a>
<b>EAB</b>	<b>9-10:00 AM</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>monthly</b>	<a href="#">Zoom Link</a>	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a>
<b>Hancock's Resolution</b>	1st and 3rd Mondays from 9:30-12:30	Hancock's Resolution 2795 Bayside Beach Rd. Pasadena, 21122	<a href="#">Anne Arundel County Master Gardener (signupgenius.com)</a>
<b>Philadelphia Flower Show</b>	Wednesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> 10 AM-8 PM	Meet the bus at the Naval Academy Stadium Parking Lot, Gate #6	<b>410-570-4465 for reservations</b>
<b>First day of Spring!</b>	March 19th		
<b>Mt. Cuba Trip</b>	Thursday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30 AM	Meet the bus at the <b>Extension Office</b> 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/803118">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/803118</a>

**\*Events upcoming this week**

For a readable copy, go to [And Justice for All](#)



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