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Anne Arundel County Master Gardener News

Coordinator's Corner

Maxine Yoon, Master Gardener Coordinator

Hello Master Gardeners,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far!

I'm Maxine, and I will be the Master Gardener Coordinator here in UME Anne Arundel County. I know we will be working closely together on many projects, so I wanted to reach out and introduce myself.

I graduated from the University of Maryland College Park and majored in Environmental Horticulture. While attending, I was the cultivation manager at Freestone Farms where I grew 8 acres of hemp (grown for artisanal CBD), an intern for the UMD Arboretum & Botanical Garden, and a farmhand for Deep Root Farms. After graduating, I've worked as a head gardener and horticulturalist for Professional Gardeners and the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. However, it was always a career goal of mine to work for the University of Maryland Extension; I am very grateful for the opportunity to lead the Master Gardener Program in Anne Arundel County!

Some personal hobbies and interests of mine are art history, film, swimming, creating collages, playing video games, and spending time with my partner and our children.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at maxyoon@umd.edu. I look forward to working with all of you starting Monday, August 28, 2023.

Stay classy Anne Arundel,

Maxine Yoon



Master Gardener Project Reports

Anne Arundel County Fair Flower Show

Greetings all MG's.

Apprentice Gardens

All is well in the Apprentice Garden this season. The summer has continued to be pleasant, with a few hot weeks in late-July and early-August, and the summer crops are producing well.

Tomatoes, a variety of peppers, basil, beans, small gherkins, cucumbers and okra from the common spaces were shared among the families. Okra was the intriguing vegetable last year, so we added it to the common garden. It has been a very popular addition. Plus, the herbs from the Mediterranean garden, including sage, rosemary, lavender and chives were favorite "picks" for family cooking.



Families planted all varieties of greens, radishes, beets and carrots, string beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, tomatillos, okra, basil, cucumber and squash.

Milkweed and black-eyed Susans along the outside of the fence, are thriving (thank you Kathy Enderle, and sunflowers, yarrow, and spectacular zinnias are growing in the back corner of the garden (thank you Kathy Albers and Wendy Boardman)!

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Chase Home Garden

August in Maryland is the height of heat and humidity, with either drought or thunderstorms. The air is full of the buzzing of mosquitoes and the high-pitched song of cicadas. Some gardeners struggle to keep up with the bounty of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and summer squash. And weeds... Otherwise, there's not much else to do in the garden except to watch the butterflies, bees, and birds as they enjoy the bright blooms that are the fruit of our labors.

In the Chase Home Garden, harvest means purple cabbage and tomatoes; cabbage worms devoured the kale. The border of *Eragrostis spectabilis* (Purple Love Grass) planted by the Happy Horts in the Spring along the inner border of the lawn has matured. It adds a note of contrast to the smooth green of the turf.

Our Lunch and Learn series continues on the 4th Thursday of the month through September. In July, we presented Watering Practices: A Bay-Wise Approach, with the collaboration of the Bay-Wise Project. We talked about how homeowners can mitigate the impact of climate change, habitat destruction and other challenges to the health of the Chesapeake Bay through their actions in their own yards. These actions are based on the principle of: “Slow it down; Spread it out; Sink it in”.

In August, Jan Scopel, the Chase Home Facilities Manager, presented an enlightening talk on Archeology in the Garden. This garden isn't a replication of one that would have been designed and maintained during Colonial times, as is the William Paca House Garden. Instead, it is an ecologically appropriate garden in an historic setting. However, learning more about the history of the site through the artifacts that have been uncovered there adds to our ability to educate the public during our guided garden tours.

To learn more or to earn volunteer hours with this project, contact Carla Haim wonderwips@msn.com Cell 973-723-0302 or Catherine Salam Sage_femme21@yahoo.com or 410-212-1944

The Dairy Farm Demonstration Garden Project

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Dairy Farm Vegetable Garden Demonstration

Greetings all Mg's.

First, many thanks to all those MG's who have been helping keep our gardens productive and healthy. Watering, weeding, planting, feeding and harvesting.

We have harvested so much this year. We began digging potatoes and they are doing very well. Sweet potatoes need some more time. We are still getting tomatoes, green beans and asparagus beans. We have some young eggplant now. Squash is finished. The corn will need another month before it can be harvested and ground into corn meal. We will be planting garlic this month.

NOTE: WE ARE SWITCHING TO SUMMER HOURS 8:00 TO 11:00

We meet the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of each month.

If you would like to added to my mailing list, please let me know.

For continuing information, please read your newsletters and Friday Flashes.

Looking forward to another great year,

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To sign up, contact Claudia Ploor at cploor@aol.com.

Hancock's Resolution

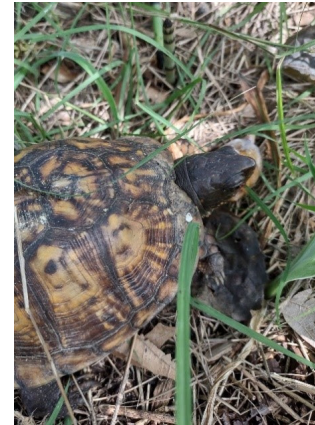
Lots of pollinator activity in the gardens this month. Master gardeners were happy to see numerous caterpillars perched on fennel and milkweed plants. A yellow garden spider (a.k.a. zipper spider) designed a web amongst the fernleaf tansy. A large box turtle came to gorge on fallen fig fruit. A huge thank you to the volunteers who came out this month to water, weed and prune despite the heat.



Friends of Hancock's Resolution will host a *Friends and Family Picnic Day* on Sunday, September 17 and on Sunday, September 24, park docent Lisa Geyer, will offer free spinning instruction. I am looking for additional help to man our Fall Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 8. We will have extended hours (10:00-4:00) with crafters and War of 1812 reenactors on site and scout groups to help visitors with parking, scarecrow construction and other activities. I am looking for garden-related fall kids craft projects and volunteers to lead activities. Let me know if you have ideas and can help.

The link to register to volunteer is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba5a828aafecf8-aamg#/>

The Native Plant Propagation Project has expressed a desire to share native plants with Hancock's Resolution Historic Farm Park. Our existing native plants beds need cleaning out and plants identified. If anyone is interested, contact Lauren Toomey lauren_toomey@hotmail.com 703-328-7639.



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RePollinate

Lauren To

Tawes Garden

Tawes Garden Unity Gardens and Native Plant Festival

The summer may be winding down but the fall looks very busy for the Tawes Garden team. Tawes has been lucky enough to receive their third Unity Gardens grant for Fall 2023. With this grant, we will continue our transformation of the Plant Mural to a more native plant-based demonstration garden. This year's project involves the removal of nandinas, non-native fountain grasses and invasive vinca and ivy. In their place, we will plant *Hamamelis virginiana*, *Ilex verticillata*, *itea virginica*, *fothergilla*, *echinacea*, *rudbeckia*, *mistflower*, *salvia lyrata*, *mountain mint*, *goldenrod* and *little bluestem grass*. This section of the Plant Mural will complement the plantings from the past two years which have bloomed beautifully all summer with little to no watering. Thank you to



Unity Gardens and to all the volunteers who have worked hard over the years to transform the Plant Mural.

The second big event of Fall 2023 will be Tawes Garden's first Native Plant Festival. The festival will take place on Saturday, September 16th, from 10am to 2pm. The festival is free, open to all MG's and their families and most definitely to the public, who we hope to introduce to a gem of an under-appreciated urban garden. As a reminder, Tawes Garden is located adjacent to the DNR building at 580 Taylor Ave. in Annapolis, right next to the Naval Academy Stadium. It is a 5-acre mix of forest, streams, a



pond and cultivated gardens. Although Tawes Garden is a stone's throw from the Capitol, many locals have never visited. There is free parking along the street fronting the DNR building, Herbert M. Sachs Dr., off Taylor Avenue. At the Festival, we will have representatives and booths from several local groups supporting native plants and sustainable gardening, including Bay Wise, Project Butterfly and Bumblebee, Chesapeake Coastal Services, MG Native Pollinators Group and Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council. We will of course also have members of the Tawes team available to help answer gardening questions and to help attendees learn about the many native plants that are in the Plant Mural demonstration garden. We hope that our success at Tawes will encourage others to forego non-native plants and opt instead for beautiful native alternatives that will not only be easier to maintain but will provide year-round food and habitat for a host of native pollinators. Native plants are the best option for private as well as community gardens. In fact, the state of Maryland has recently adopted policies that require more widespread usage of native plantings in government landscaping. Visitors to Tawes can also take advantage of a short self-guided QR-based tour which describes the different geographic areas represented within the garden. And if QR codes are still a mystery, we will help people navigate them!

So please pass on the word to neighborhood groups, friends and family members to come join us on Saturday, Sept. 16th and check out Tawes Garden. We would love to show off this hidden Annapolis beauty.

Cindy Wells & Kathy Devine, co-chairs



Mark Your Calendar!

Monthly AAMG Meeting

September 12, 2023

7:00 PM

Zoom

Speaker: Peggy Cornett

UME MG Seed Saving Workshop

September 27, 2023

9:00 - 12:00 PM

The Learning Garden
[2200 York Road, Timonium, MD](#)

Join University of Maryland Extension Food Gardening Specialist Jon Traunfeld for a seed-saving workshop in the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardener Learning Garden at the State Fairgrounds! There will be flowers and veggies available in the garden to practice what you learn. All materials will be provided. Please bring a water bottle and lunch for yourself. We will be spending some extra time after the training to harvest and save seeds from the garden to hand out at next year's State Fair!

Click [here](#) for more information.

UME Master Gardener Kokedama Workshop

October 13, 2023

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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