

**AAMG December 2023 Newsletter**

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## *Anne Arundel County Master Gardener News*

### Coordinator's Corner

Maxine Yoon, Master Gardener Coordinator

Happy Holidays everyone!

Thank you so much for responding to the Master Gardener Interest Survey I shared with all of you. As a result of your responses, I will focus on curating workshops and lessons on Plant Taxonomy and Identification (using Native Plants as examples and Identifying trees from twigs and bark), Managing Invasive Weeds, Nutrient Management in the home garden (will include cover crops), Native Plants Container Garden, Invasive Insects, and Native Pollinators/Beneficial Insects. I will also be starting a honey bee hive at the Dairy Farm next year and anyone interested is welcome to learn with me.



I spoke with Kim at the Chase Lloyd House Garden about potentially having an in-person hands on pruning lesson next year when appropriate. If not this way, then in some other capacity.

Diagnosing Plant Problems was a very popular choice as well. We will be having a watch party sometime in February/March 2024 where we will watch the Ask-A-MG Plant Clinic Training recording from the previous year. This would also help any volunteers interested in joining the Ask-A-MG plant clinics.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Stay safe and stay warm out there!

See you at the holiday party,

Maxine Yoon

P.S. Please RSVP for the Holiday Party when you get the chance!

### **DON'T MISS THE HOLIDAY PARTY!!**

Less than 2 weeks to go before this year's Master Gardener Holiday Party and you do not want to miss it. It is by far the absolutely best monthly meeting of the year, with.....

*Food!*

*Entertainment!*

*Raffle winnings!*

*Bottles and Bonbons!*



This year we will be back at Harundale Presbyterian Church at [1020 Eastway](#) in Glen Burnie. The party kicks off at 7pm, the raffle begins at 8'ish and we usually wind up about 9pm. Each attendee receives 2 Education Hours for attending the

monthly meeting and volunteer who help us manage the party receive a combination of education and/or volunteer hours. MG's can bring one adult guest.

You can make the party even more exciting by donating a Raffle item or a Bottle or Bonbon. OR, if you are feeling energetic or need some more hours, volunteer to help with set-up, managing the buffet, selling tickets or helping Janet and Cindy make the raffle run like a dream. And remember, YOU help to cater the evening with a potluck contribution. Food assignments are as follow, based on the first letter of your last name:

A-C -- Dessert

D-F -- Appetizer

G-L -- Salad or Vegetable dish

M-Z -- Main dish

Remember: there are no electrical outlets available but Sternos are OK.

*Keep a lookout for the weekly Friday Flashes with more information about the party.*

**PLEASE RSVP** your plan to attend and/or contribute a Raffle item. It helps us manage the set up of the dining and raffle tables. You can RSVP anytime to:

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**Janet Clauson** -- [janetclauson301@gmail.com](mailto:janetclauson301@gmail.com)

See you there!

## Apprentice Gardens

The Apprentice Garden is a hands-on, organic teaching garden hosted at the community gardens at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville. Eight families with children joined our season-long program, from the first of April through September. Each family is assigned an 8' by 42" plot in which they can grow vegetable seeds and sets selected by their family. In addition, they share in the care and harvest of common areas planted and maintained by the Master Gardeners.

Kinder Farm Park has turned off the water, and officially closed the community gardens for the season. The closing of the Apprentice Garden was completed during the October 25 th work party: clearing the last of the vegetable debris, planting the crimson clover cover crop and covering the pathways with straw over newspaper.

Garden checks will continue throughout the fall and winter seasons. In January, we will begin planning for the 2024 season. We expect that ~half of the families will return for a second year, and we hope to include a number of families from our waitlist. In 2024, we will continue to emphasize to the participants that Apprentice Garden is for families and children, and that the children should attend with their parents. There is a strong interest among adults to participate in a program such as Apprentice Garden. Some come with vegetable gardening experience, and many helped in their parents' gardens and want to reengage in gardening and share the experience with their children.

We will continue planning the season in February and open the garden in mid-March - preparing the planting areas, planting early crops and potatoes, and direct-sowing spring crops.

You are most welcome to join us next year. Master Gardener volunteers, you are welcome to bring your children and grandchildren.

Sincere thank-you's to Co-chair Kristin Silva, Kathy Albers, Wendy Boardman, Kathy Enderle, Deb Fritz, and Lourdes Hergenroeder for their dedicated participation throughout the season.

Co-chaired by Janet Clauson and Kristin Silva

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## South County Senior Center - Converting More Area to Natives

### South County Senior Center Gardens - Converting More Area to Natives

New in 2023, we had monthly tabling events combined with workdays. We set up a table with reference materials and answered library patron questions (very similar to the Plant Clinics!). Other activities this

year included planting donated native plants in areas that are part-shade, presenting to the seniors at the Senior Center, and regular weeding and watering. We now have several regular volunteers that come every workday - we thank them so much for all their hard work! In the fall, we decided to take out a large swath of daylilies (non-native, clump forming) between the walkway and the holly trees. We then covered the area with wood chips and will plant native plants in spring 2024. We continue to update our [website](#) with new native plant information and replace the QR codes on the signs periodically. Come check out the gardens and scan the QR codes to learn more about our garden!



### Mark Your Calendar!

**Monthly AAMG Meeting**

December 12, 2023  
7:00 PM  
Harundale Presbyterian Church

**Winter Wonders Wreath Workshop**

December 8, 2023  
12:00 - 2:00 PM  
Washington County UME  
[7303 Sharpsburg Pike](#)  
[Boonsboro, MD 21713](#)

**GreenScapes Symposium**

February 16, 2024  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Zoom  
[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

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