

## AAMG November 2023 Newsletter

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Hi Maxine. This is a test copy of the final newsletter. Please let me know if we are good to go.

# *Anne Arundel County Master Gardener News*



### Coordinator's Corner

Maxine Yoon, Master Gardener Coordinator

Hello everyone!

Fall has arrived and it is as beautiful as ever out there. As things wind down from the summer heat, now is the time to prepare for the next growing season! I will be starting a new master gardener project, a production garden, in collaboration with Dave Myers' Urban Farm and LaTasha Coleman with SNAP Education and I need your help! The production garden will have:



- An array of vegetables
- Indoor and/or outdoor mushroom production
- Composting
- A lab building for value added processing
- Honey bees
- Container gardening

We will be having our first work day on November 9th! Please let me know ([maxyoon@umd.edu](mailto:maxyoon@umd.edu)) if you would like to come by to help out and/or if you'd like to be a part of this project from the beginning! Your help will be greatly appreciated.

I've noticed when meeting and getting to know many of you that the Master Gardener Program has been primarily virtual due to COVID-19 and its effects. Attending virtual meetings and events can be very convenient, however I do believe that this hinders our ability to build a community and an environment where we learn from and talk to each other. Taking virtual classes at College Park during the height of the pandemic was incredibly stale. Please rest assured, the EAB and I will be adapting our current schedule to incorporate a balance of in-person and virtual events. All major events like the



February Project Showcase and Holiday Party will be held in person, and I am hoping to add more social events in the Spring and Summer for us to enjoy. The Spring Training will be held virtually since it is a state wide training session, but with a hybrid local schedule (dates to be determined). In the Fall when I develop my own curriculum, the MG training will all be held in person. Throughout the year, I hope to teach more advanced courses in-person to enhance your knowledge as master gardeners (please fill out this interest **form**). I assure you as we move forward and as we thaw

from the rigidity of COVID-19 restrictions on our social lives, we will rebuild our network and our community.

Stay classy Anne Arundel,

Maxine Yoon

## MASTER GARDENER HOLIDAY PARTY

FINALLY!!! It's time again for the MASTER GARDENER HOLIDAY PARTY

Cindy Wells and Janet Clauson will once again be co-chairing the Holiday Party this year and we can't wait to see everyone in person. Save the date: Tuesday, December 12th from 7-9pm. This year, we will be back at the Harundale Presbyterian Church, located at 1020 Eastway, Glen Burnie. Easy to find and lots of parking.



**FOOD!** -- As in the past, attendees may bring one adult guest to the party. It is a potluck dinner meeting so we ask everyone to bring something delicious. You will be asked to bring a specific type of dish, based on the first letter of your last name. Your dish doesn't need to serve an army – we suggest about 5-6 people. The categories of dishes are Appetizers, Salad/Vegetables, Main, and Dessert and we rotate assignments each year. Don't forget to bring serving utensils and to take your dish and utensils home at the end of the evening. We will issue food assignments in an upcoming Friday Flash.

**RAFFLE!!** – This party is all about the Holiday Raffle which is what makes the evening so fun and special. Each year, we raffle off about 30-45 raffle baskets, boxes, and gift assortments that have been generously assembled and donated by Master Gardeners. It is amazing what your fellow gardeners create and offer up to lucky winners. This holiday season, please consider donating something to our Holiday Raffle. Raffle items can be baskets of themed goodies (such as coffee/tea, birds, pets, books, gardening accessories) or items such as artwork, pottery, handiwork, plants, quilting, photography. The only limit is the imagination of the donor and we have seen some quite astonishing contributions over the years. The talent and creativity of your fellow gardeners is wonderful to behold. We encourage everyone to start thinking about what they might contribute to the Holiday Party Raffle. Think about what YOU might enjoy receiving and what would give joy to a fellow MG. Winning something in the raffle is easy. At the party, you can purchase raffle tickets from our roving volunteer ticket sellers for a very small price -- 6 tickets for \$5 (CASH only please) -- a bargain! You can buy as many tickets as you wish. So

remember to bring cash with you that evening. We start the party at 7pm, usually start eating at about 7:15, start the raffle at 8 and are usually done by 9pm.

HURRAY!!! BOTTLES and BONBONS are back! – Once again, we invite attendees to bring a bottle of wine (white, red, sparkling, in the \$15 range), preferably hidden in a gift bag, to be raffled off in-between our main raffle items. Wines will be hidden from view but the bags will be identified with different colored ribbons so winners choose the ribbon of their preferred wine type. Or, if wine isn't your thing, perhaps bring a BonBon. BonBons may be any type of candy or sweet. Bottles and BonBons will be grouped around ONE raffle can on a separate table. (Note: You can win BOTH one Raffle item AND one Bottle or BonBon – we want everyone to win something). No wine can be consumed on church property but feel free to binge on chocolate.

In addition to thinking about what you could bring to the party as a Raffle item or BBB (and donating something is not required!), please consider volunteering to work the party. We generally need about 7-9 volunteers and we ask all Master Gardeners to consider volunteering to help us with set-up, managing the buffet, ticket-selling, and/or helping with the raffle. Trust me, it is FUN! If you are a veteran party helper, you would be especially welcome as you already know the ropes. And attention all interns! You do not want to miss this party and working it does not in any way prevent you from winning raffle items or enjoying the buffet. In fact, it is a great way to get to know your fellow MG's plus your time counts as volunteer hours. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cindy or Janet. We would be very grateful for your help.

So mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 12th, 7-9pm. And start thinking about fantastic Raffle items or Bottles and BonBons to help make the party a success. Thank you and stay tuned for more details on food assignments and how the raffle works.

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## UME Master Gardener Pop-Up Shop

The Master Gardener online clothing store will be **open now through November 19th** for orders to arrive before the holidays. Shop all of your favorites including pullovers, polos, hats, & more!



Orders will be shipped the week of December 18.

For questions, contact Ed Roberts at [ed.roberts@markedpromo.com](mailto:ed.roberts@markedpromo.com).

Visit the Shop!

## Anne Arundel County Fair

Greetings all MG's,

We had a great year at the County Fair. Our Flower Department was full of beautiful exhibits and our 20 or so volunteers made this happen. Many thanks to our chairs, Claudia Ploor and Trish Lilek for all they do.



We began with our annual training class about two weeks prior which was well attended.

We cleaned and prepped our booth, took in entries, assisted the judge, held a children's project, tended to our booth and met with the public during open hours and then assisted in the release of exhibits.

We had 378 exhibits brought in by 98 different exhibitors. This is an increase over last year. We had 145 children participate in the make-it-take project. Many thanks to Ellen LaMere and Trish Lilek for all their efforts to organize and supply the materials.

Also, many thanks to those who tended to the exhibit by watering the plants, cleaning up debris and talking to the fairgoers. We had a total of 462 contacts not counting the exhibitors.

This is a short project in September, so if you would like to join us next year, please read your newsletters and Friday Flashes and we will be happy to have you.

See you all next year, Pat Shema



## 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 was assigned an 8' by 42" plot in which they could grow vegetable seeds and sets selected by their family. In addition, they shared in the care and harvest of common areas planted and maintained by the Master Gardeners.



The 2023 Apprentice Garden weekly meetings ended at the end of September, but the gardens remained open for the family gardeners whose summer crops continued to produce and for those who planted fall crops. In the common spaces, crops that had finished producing were pulled and composted in the Kinder Farm large composting area. Those open areas were planted with crimson clover cover crop. Seedlings appeared in just a few days. However, some tomato and pepper plants, tomatillos, okra, basil and perennial herbs (sage, rosemary, lavender, oregano, thyme and chives) were left for a few more weeks of harvesting.

On October 25th, the final work party was organized by Co-chair Kristin Silva. She provided a delicious picnic lunch, followed by gardening work! The Master Gardeners finished clearing and composting all vegetable debris from the common spaces as well as any plants left in the family plots. The sunflower heads were cut and left attached to the fence so birds can finish eating the seeds. The zinnias were also left so the blossoms can feed the late-season pollinators and the seedheads can provide food for the birds in winter. The pathways were weeded, and newspaper and fresh straw were laid to prevent weed growth until we open the gardens in the spring. Thank you! to Kathy Albers, Wendy Boardman, and Kathy Enderle.



One additional accomplishment for the Apprentice Garden this year was BayWise award. We are delighted to highlight our commitment to good gardening practices at Kinder Farm Park.

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

arden checks will continue throughout the fall and winter seasons. In January, we will begin to prepare for the 2024 season, recruiting families to participate in the Apprentice Garden program. We are looking forward to 2024, and we hope you join us any Wednesday at 6:30pm at the community gardens at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville, April through September.

Co-chaired by Janet Clauson and Kristin Silva  
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## The Dairy Farm Demonstration Project

Greetings from the Dairy Farm Project.

We Have completed our 2023 year at the Dairy Farm. This is the last newsletter for the year.

We expect to begin pruning and clean-up, sometime late February or early March depending on the weather.

One of our MG's has presented a plan to improve the gardens at the pavilion. We will most likely begin with pruning in that area in late winter and then add some native plants. Thank you, Stephanie, for your great efforts.

We are planning to have an in-person meeting with all of the Areas of Interest MG's and any other interested folks. Time, place and date to be announced but most likely late January or early February. We have not had an in-person meeting for two years and there are a lot of issues to be discussed.

Malcolm is not able to carry on to the extent he has for the last 15 years. Anyone who could take over, or assume some responsibilities, we would be grateful.

If you are interested in the Dairy Farm Project, please feel welcome.

We will present our project at the annual project meeting.

We have tools, but please bring your own as well as gloves, water, etc. Pruning shears and loppers will be helpful at this first meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Malcolm Doying at [oldcelt100@aol.com](mailto:oldcelt100@aol.com) or 410-721-7610



## Dairy Farm Vegetable Gardening 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.

This will be the last newsletter for this season.

To summarize, we had excellent yields on many crops. To name a few, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, spinach, lettuce, kohlrabi, peas, corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, green bean, garlic, eggplant, basil.

We finished digging the sweet potatoes with a great yield. Pat brought sweet potato slips to the plant swap and would like to know how your harvest was. I will bring more next year.

We removed all the dead plants and debris and put down a fresh layer of compost. We planted garlic and spinach for next year's harvest.



Pat brought the corn home and ground it into corn meal which we shared with anyone who wanted it. There is a lot left if anyone wants any. We won first place at County Fair for our corn, potatoes and peppers. Also some of our flowers.

Two of the beds are in need of repair so we will get the materials and do that sometime this winter before next planting season.

We will not meet again until possibly April depending on the weather.

If you wish to join our great group and are not on my list, please email me for next year.

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

Looking forward to another great year,

**Pat Shema, Chair** [pshema@aol.com](mailto:pshema@aol.com) 410-721-7610

## RePollinate AACO 2023 Recap

RePollinate AACO began with the support of volunteers beginning the first week of March 2023. Seed had been collected, cleaned and cold-stratified in the fall/winter. Volunteers gathered in the hoophouse that shielded us from inclement weather and sowed the seed into seedling flats. The flats were allowed to germinate until the end of April, and then the transplant-o-rama began.

Transplant days at the beelab were conducted on Thursday afternoons and episodic Saturday's. We also held six sessions at the UME Dairy Farm Pavilion. This satellite planting site in such an ideal location and the facilities provided proved to be quite fruitful in increasing our inventory substantially.

Distribution of plants this fall targeted AACO parks (KFP, Mayo Beach), schools (Crofton, Waugh Chapel), libraries, and communities such as Cape St. Claire that has a successful Weed Warrior initiative and community support.

The 2024 season will require the emergence of new leaders to support operations at the Beelab. Thursday and episodic Saturday support will be required. Leaders will be responsible for having familiarity with the inventory and identifying flats of seedlings ready for transplant. A cadre of volunteers will assist.

To support and sustain operations, we are kindly asking for donations that can be made through the Watershed Stewards Academy: <https://aawsa.org/repollinate>





The photos display the efforts of the Mayo Beach Park Rangers and volunteers. Three fields were disced and Teff a cover crop was sown. Ernst Showy Wildflower Mix will be sown in winter. Each pollinator field was bordered by a two-foot perimeter of woodchips. The RePollinate perennials were planted into augered holes one foot on center. I encourage all to begin thinking about the AACO open spaces that will be “bed-ready” for the fall of 2024.

Thank you for what you do. Lauren

### **Longwood Gardens Bus Trip**

LONGWOOD HOLIDAY BUS TOUR: Added bonus!! This trip is, per Maxine, eligible for 10 hours of Education.



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to view its outstanding holiday displays



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**10:00 a.m. –8:30 p.m.**

Cost of \$120/person includes  
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admission to the gardens, snacks, beverages and gratuity

Meet at Naval Academy Stadium parking lot,  
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please call 410-570-4465***

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### **Attention Master Gardeners!**

Looking for volunteers to help plant 40 shrubs and trees on a community waterfront property in Carrollton Manor. A landscaper will provide an auger to drill the holes ahead of the planting so no digging required. All trees and shrubs are 5 ft. tall or less.

The date: Saturday, Nov. 4th from 10-1 (rain date Nov. 5th). Refreshments will be provided. The location is [731 Shore Rd.](#) in Severna Park.

This project has been approved for MG credit hours!

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Monthly AAMG Meeting**

November 14, 2023

7:00 PM

Zoom

Speaker: Clare Walker, Irvine Nature Center

**Winter Wonders Wreath Workshop**

November 8, 2023

12:00 - 2:00 PM

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Looks ready to go.

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Thank you!

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