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Our mission is to educate Maryland residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. Most of our services are FREE.



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SUMMER 2024

Earth FEST

Have fun learning about pollinators
and protecting the environment
at this free, family-friendly event!

June 22, 2024 9:30am-1:30pm
University of Maryland Extension Service
330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- 9:30am-1pm Finger puppet crafts
- 10-11am StoryTime for young children
- 10am-1:15pm Rock painting
- ALL DAY Buzzing through the Garden, Creek Critters, Exploring the Children's Garden

GARDENING TOPICS & ADVICE—OFFERED ALL DAY

- Designing a successful pollinator garden
- Creating & maintaining a landscape that protects local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay
- Examples of innovative gardening practices & unusual crops in the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden
- Flower and vegetable gardening advice from Master Gardeners

Exhibits by Participating Organizations

UMD Master Gardeners, Frederick County Beekeepers Association, Sierra Club Catocin Group, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, Audubon Habitat Advisors, Master Naturalists, Frederick Bird Club, 4H, Frederick County Public Libraries, Mobilize Frederick, Frederick County Division of Energy & Environment

Check bit.ly/FCMGFacebook for details and updates prior to this event.

Get Answers to Your Gardening Questions at

www.extension.umd.edu/ask-extension

The University of Maryland Extension's team of Certified Professional Horticulturists, Extension faculty, and Master Gardeners answer yard and garden questions from **Maryland** and **Washington, DC**, residents. They strive to answer questions within 48 hours, Monday-Friday, and offer this advice to users:

For the fastest answers,
[search our website](#) first.

Master Gardeners at the Great Frederick Fair

September 13-September 21

Building 44 -City Streets/Country Roads

Talk with Master Gardeners and learn more about:

- Importance of native plants
- Growing herbs, flowers, small fruits & more in containers on display
- Bay-Wise landscaping for healthy waterways and communities
- Attracting, sustaining, and protecting pollinators

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for more details and updates.

STORY TIME in the Garden 2024

Bring the Youngsters!

Wednesdays, 10-11 am

July 3, Aug 7, Sept 4, Oct 2

(Rain dates one week later)

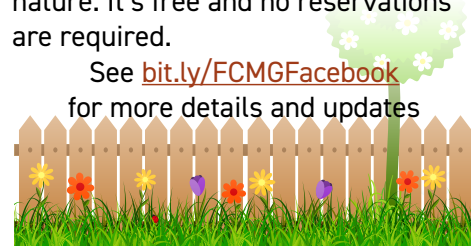
Join us in our Children's Garden, at the far end of the Demo Garden behind the Extension Building. A Master Gardener will read a short story and offer activities appropriate for young children. Pack a snack and enjoy some time in nature. It's free and no reservations are required.

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REGISTER TO ATTEND SUMMER & FALL MASTER GARDENER SEMINARS

Join us for FREE seminars, suitable for both beginning and advanced gardeners, at the University of Maryland Extension office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Registration opens 3 weeks before each seminar. Use the links below or call 301-600-1595. Seminars focused on growing vegetables and other edibles are marked GIEI (Grow It, Eat It).

JUNE

Saturday, June 15, 10 am - noon

POLLINATORS LOVE HERBS

Pre-registration required; limited to 24 adults. Find out how herbs support endangered pollinators. Think parsley, dill and butterflies. Some herbs host the caterpillar stage of certain butterflies. Flowers of some herbs supply pollen and nectar to bees, butterflies and other pollinators. We will guide you in planting and decorating your own mini-garden. Materials will be provided but bring gardening gloves.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024PollinatorHerbs

JULY

Saturday, July 13, 10 am - noon

A WALK IN THE GARDEN: POLLINATOR GARDENING BASICS

Learn the 4 elements essential to creating a garden that attracts and sustains pollinators year-round. We will offer advice on building your own pollinator-friendly habitat, including plant lists.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024PollinatorGarden

Saturday, July 20, 10 am - noon (GIEI)

CONTAINER GARDENING

Even in the limited space of a deck, porch, patio, or balcony, you can create your own garden oasis! See how to select and grow vegetables, herbs, small fruits, and decorative plants in a variety of containers; to group plants by their needs; and to elevate containers to provide easy access without stooping and bending.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024ContainerGardens

AUGUST

Saturday, August 3, 9 am - noon

GROWING UP WILD

Pre-registration required; adults only. For educators who work with children 3 to 7 years old. Growing Up Wild prepares educators to teach children by building on their sense of wonder about nature through a range of activities and experiences. See <https://bit.ly/FishWildlifeGrowingWild> for details. Participants will receive a certificate, a guide, and (if needed) approved credits.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024GrowingUpWild

Saturday, August 10, 10 am - noon

MAKE & TAKE MINI-GARDEN

For 1st-12th graders. Pre-registration required. Limited to 15 children. Design and plant a decorated miniature garden to take home! Plants and decorations will be provided but bring gardening gloves. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free for children. Adults may plant their own minigarden for \$5; note it on the registration and pay (cash or check) at class.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024MiniGarden1-12Grade

Saturday, August 10, 1 pm - 3 pm (GIEI)

FALL SEASON VEGETABLE GARDENING

Begin to plant now for a harvest in the fall. Learn what to plant and when to plant it. Discover the benefits of making and using row covers.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024FallVegGarden

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 7, 10 am - noon (GIEI)

SEED SAVING FOR A SUSTAINABLE KITCHEN GARDEN

Pre-registration required. Learn seed-saving basics to ensure you always have a supply of your kitchen-garden favorites. An overview of plant reproduction will be followed by a hands-on demonstration and seeds to take home for next season. ► bit.ly/FCMG2024SeedSaving

Saturday, September 28, 10 am - noon

PAWPAWS, A LITTLE KNOWN TREASURE

Discover a native gem you can grow right in your own backyard! Find out how and why to grow this large, tasty fruit—and how native plants can help your entire garden thrive. Tour our pawpaw patch.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024Pawpaws

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 5, 10 am - noon

MINDFULNESS IN THE GARDEN

Experience the healing power of the garden and plants. We will start with a discussion of the benefits of plants to your wellbeing and then take a walk in the demonstration garden for mindfulness activities.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024MindfulnessGarden

Saturday, October 12, 10 am - noon

PROPAGATING NATIVE PLANTS

Limited to 15 participants. Native perennials are a wonderful addition to any landscape! Find out about the benefits of native perennials and why they're essential for pollinators and wildlife. Learn how to propagate various natives and expand your garden, then take a few plants home. ► bit.ly/FCMG2024PropNativePlants

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 2, 10 am - noon

RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE: DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS

Use basic design principles in your flower gardening to add interest and increase impact! Learn about basic landscape design concepts that can be easily applied to any garden—including shape, color, texture, framing, rhythm, focal points, and other considerations.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024DesignFundamentals

Saturday, November 9, 10 am - noon

HONEY, I SHRUNK THE LAWN

Small changes to our yards can have a big impact on our environment. Join the grassroots movement to restore biodiversity by turning turf into native plantings, and become a part of the Homegrown National Park! Learn more at www.homegrownnationalpark.org.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024ShrinkLawn



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