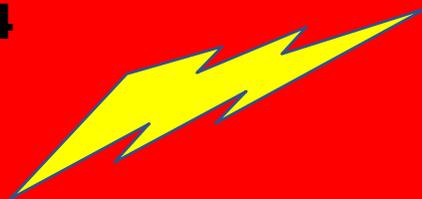




January 12,,2024

Friday Flash



### Continuing Education

#### Projects on Parade at the 2024 Showcase!



#### **February Meeting**

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Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners Project Showcase

##### **Speaker**

Project Chairs

##### **Date**

Thursday,  
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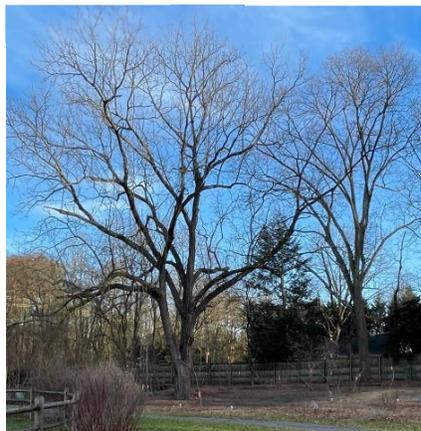
Restore Park Retreat Kicks off the New Year  
Sunday, January 14  
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

After taking a break over the holidays, Restore Park Retreat is back at work! Start the New Year by earning some hours and doing something good for the environment. There are several tasks to be done ---debris to be bagged, wood chips to be hauled and spread, and last but not least, ivy to be pulled. Volunteer hours are given for this project. (Please note that Fran Garcia approved this project when reporting your hours.)

103 Natalie Lane, Millersville, MD  
Ample parking on street in front of house

Follow walking trail to the left of the house to the site (2-minute walk)

For more information, contact Andrea Weir  
andreawei@msn.com  
443-679-6627



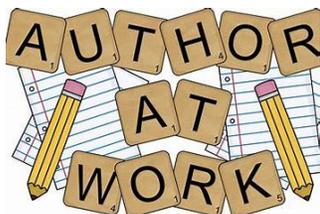
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<https://umd.zoom.us/j/92126038203?pwd=S281NStXWDdDaU9wTTVMZmxBMGdLUT09>



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### The Magic of Winter

Winter winds howl and rustle barren trees  
As snowflakes coat like frosting and freeze  
Dawn's early pink colors emerge in the sky  
The sun starts to warmly brighten and dry  
Tree tops shimmer under the golden sun  
The winter magic show has now begun  
A red cardinal's perched feasting on seed  
His feathers glimmer as wet snowflakes bead  
Snow sparkles like tiny diamond crystals  
Blanketing the ground and nearby thistles  
Squirrels scurry about chattering away  
While busily stealing from feeders all day  
Cedar waxwings feast on frozen berries  
While their whistling chirping carries  
Crows cackle and circle around Heed warnings as snow surrounds  
Nature carries on despite the bitter cold and snow  
As Winter's show magically glimmers and glows



# Friday Funshine

What do you call a cocoa seed that is late for work?  
Choco-late.



## EVENTS

Project/Activity	Date/Time	Location	Contact Information
<b>Winter Sowing/Seed Stratification Demo</b>	Sat. 1-13, 2024 10 AM-2 PM	Bee Lab	Sam Droege Lauren Toomey
<b>Monthly Meeting Project Showcase</b>	7:00-9:00 Thursday, 2/15	Trinity Methodist Church 1300 West Street, Annapolis, 21401	Maxine Yoon or Betsy Beck
<b>EAB</b>	9:00 AM- 10:00 AM 3rd Wednesday monthly	Zoom	Maxine Yoon
<b>Seed Swap</b>	Saturday, 2/3, 10 AM	Busch Annapolis Library 1410 West Street	Sophie Sterling

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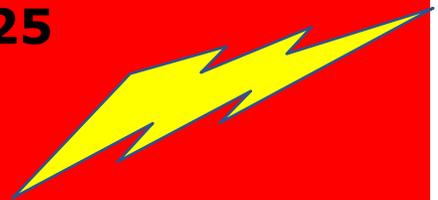
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January 17, 2025

Friday Flash



February Meeting

Topic

Project Showcase

Host

Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners

Date

Thursday February 20th

Time

6PM-8PM

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Continuing Education

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Need Education Hours? Go to Educational Webinars from UMDExtension

Some of the available webinars are:

- Plant Diagnostics Training Series 2024: Diagnosing Plant Problems | Insect Identification | IPM & Working with the Public
Year of Heirloom Tomatoes Train-the-Trainer
Biodiversity and Diversity in Bio: What's the Point?
The Role of Therapeutic Horticulture in Wellness and Recovery
Winter Tree ID | Chat & Resources
Ask a MG Plant Clinic Statewide Meeting | Slides & Resources
Seed Saving 101: Veggie Seed Saving | Slides & Resources
Seed Saving 101: Native Plant Seed Saving | Slides & Resources
Climate & Sustainability Webinars



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To receive the weekly IPM report from the University of MD, contact Suzanne Klick . For the most recent edition, go to TPM/IPM

If January could, he would be a summer month...Greek Proverb



**Annual Spring Lecture**



**MODERA WEALTH** presents  
**Nature's Blueprint:**  
Designing for Resiliency  
with Native Plants  
featuring **Ryan Drake**

**St. Philips Episcopal Church**  
730 Bestgate Road  
Annapolis, Md 21401

**February 22 2025**  
doors open 9:30  
presentation begins 10 a.m.

Ryan Drake is McCausland Natural Areas Manager of Morris Arboretum & Gardens, University of Pennsylvania.

- Rainscaping & Stormwater Management
- Green infrastructure
- Drought Tolerant Planting
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- Designing gardens for form and function
- Practical approaches for home & institutional gardeners

More information: [unitygardensaa@gmail.com](mailto:unitygardensaa@gmail.com)  
or [unitygardens.org](http://unitygardens.org)

Tickets: **\$40**  
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[Get your lecture tickets here!](#)




**U.S.G.S. BEE LAB  
MD MASTER GARDENERS,  
& BLOOM WILD**  
present

**WINTER SOWING WORKSHOP**

Learn a simple way to grow Maryland native plants from seed!

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18, 2025  
10AM-2PM  
@ THE BEE LAB ANNEX  
FREE, HANDS-ON CLASS**

**WHAT TO BRING**  
Water/snacks/lunch  
Scissors  
Clear/translucent plastic gallon jug(s)\*  
Native plant seeds\*

\*If you have extra, bring to share. If you don't have any, come anyway!






**WHAT YOU WILL DO**  
plant at least one kind of native plant seed in a gallon jug to take home for winter sowing.

**WHAT YOU WILL LEARN**  
how to make a mini-greenhouse out of a plastic gallon jug to mimic nature's process of breaking seed dormancy.

**GET READY FOR SPRING: PLANT SEEDS NOW!**

**HOW TO GET TO THE BEE LAB:**

1. Use latitude/longitude: 39.034979° -76.790578°
2. Search for "USGS Native Bee Inventory & Monitoring Lab" on **google maps**. The correct Lab address is **not** yet on other map programs. For other apps, use above coordinates
3. PLEASE do **NOT** go to Patuxent's visitor center or use the Bee Lab's mailing address or any other Patuxent entrance.

The entrance to the Bee Lab is on 197 (Laurel-Bowie Rd) about 2 miles southeast of Powder Mill Drive and about 2 miles northwest of Bowie State University. The road is fast and the entrance is hidden. Turn immediately after the red telephone poles (but don't be afraid to turn around and come back if you miss it).

**QUESTIONS?  
JANET@BLOOM-WILD.COM**





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**Volunteer Opportunities**

**EAB** **ATTENTION INTERNS!** The Executive Advisory Board (EAB) is in search of an energetic, reliable, problem-solving new member to serve our Anne Arundel County Master Gardener Program. This is an opportunity to be involved in the workings of the MG program. As liaisons to projects, we can support projects chairs by bringing their needs and concerns to the Board and helping to solve challenges. We search for speakers for meetings and look for educational opportunities such as field trips, workshops, and webinars. Members of the EAB ensure that our work adheres to the Mission Statement of the University of MD Extension. Remember- anyone is welcome to sit in our meetings! For more information regarding this position, contact [Neva Leigh](#) or [Ann Sawyer](#).

**For Your Information**



From our fearless leader, **Maxine Da-Som Yoon**:

I am taking medical leave from January 9th and will be recovering from surgery until March/April. I may be able to work from home in March, but that depends on how recovery goes. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate person below.

**Home Gardening/Horticulture related inquiries:**

**Ask Extension:** <https://go.umd.edu/askextensioner>

**Master Gardener Program related inquiries:**

**Stephanie Pully** - [pully@umd.edu](mailto:pully@umd.edu)

**Kaitlyn Baligush** - [kbaligus@umd.edu](mailto:kbaligus@umd.edu)

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**Samantha Miller** - [s4miller@umd.edu](mailto:s4miller@umd.edu)

**Bay Wise related inquiries:** [getbaywise2012@yahoo.com](mailto:getbaywise2012@yahoo.com)

**VMS related inquiries:** **Carole Fullagar** - [cjfullagar@yahoo.com](mailto:cjfullagar@yahoo.com)

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WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER



**Pollinator Pathway**  
**THE BUZZ**

Read [The Buzz](#),. The winter newsletter features a picture and article about the Crofton Library pollinator garden, a hugelkultur sustainable garden and provides information about a webinar to be presented by Sam Droege.

## The nature of the Seed Swap is changing!

While the public Seed Swaps were wonderful, they'd become harder and harder to host due to the significant decrease in donated commercial seeds (an 80% decrease over the past 6 years). We'd been countering the decrease with ever larger amounts of purchased bulk seed, but that wasn't a sustainable solution.



So we're pivoting! Starting this year, our Seed Swap is going to be a Master Gardener only swap. The first half hour will be open to all chairpersons of AA County Master Gardener projects, so that they can obtain seeds to use for their projects with the public. Starting at the second half hour, the Swap will be open to all AA County MGs.

We had 3 Seed Cleaning workshops this fall— many thanks to the excellent work of MG

Elle McGee! And we'll have a Seed packaging workshop in March (stay tuned for the date). The Swap itself will be on Saturday, April 5th from 1pm to 3pm at the Extension office. If you have seeds to share, please bring them. If you don't have seeds, that's okay too— just come join us!

We'll need a few folks to help with setup, running, and clean up on April 5th. If you're interested in volunteering, please email me ([sophiesterling1@gmail.com](mailto:sophiesterling1@gmail.com))

Sophie Sterling

Seed Swap Chairperson

## Friday Funshine



*"Boy, they really let their yard go."*

## Events

Topic	Date/Time	Location	Contact Information
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<b>EAB</b>	9:00-10:00 AM Wednesday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Zoom Link</a>	<a href="#">Catherine Salam</a>
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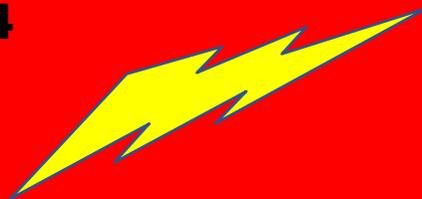
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January 19, 2024

Friday Flash



**Continuing Education**

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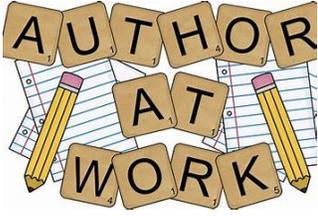
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## **Friday Funshine**



# EVENTS

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<b>Seed Swap Setup</b>	Friday, Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10AM -3PM	<b>Annapolis Busch Library</b> 1410 West Street, 21401	<a href="#">Sophie Sterling</a>
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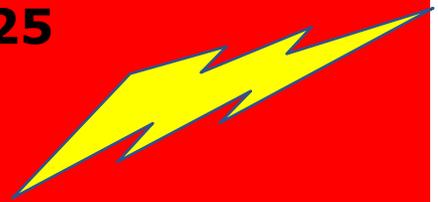
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January 24, 2025

Friday Flash



**February Meeting**

**Topic**

Project Showcase

**Host**

Anne Arundel  
County Master  
Gardeners

**Date**

Thursday  
February 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time**

6PM-8PM

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Annual Spring  
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St. Philips  
Episcopal Church  
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February 22  
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[Get your lecture tickets here!](#)



WSA's 14TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
**SPRING INTO ACTION!**

## Conference Agenda

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**MARITIME CONFERENCE CENTER  
692 MARITIME BOULEVARD  
LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090**

We have a truly exciting conference planned for you this year! This year's event is designed to explore topics most relevant to restoring communities and improving local waterways.

**Register Now**

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WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER



**Pollinator Pathway**  
**THE BUZZ**

Read [The Buzz](#). The winter newsletter features a picture and article about the Crofton Library pollinator garden, a hugelkultur sustainable garden and provides information about a webinar to be presented by Sam Droege.



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We had 3 Seed Cleaning workshops this fall– many thanks to the excellent work of MG Elle McGee! And we will have a Seed packaging workshop in March (stay tuned for the date). The Swap itself will be on Saturday, April 5th from 1pm to 3pm at the Extension office. If you have seeds to share, please bring them. If you do not have seeds, that is okay too– just come join us! We will need a few folks to help with setup, running, and cleaning up on April 5th. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [Sophie Sterling](#), Seed Swap Chairperson.



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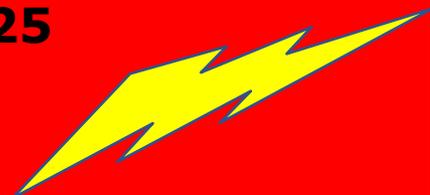
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**January 31, 2025**  
**Friday Flash**



**February Meeting**

**Topic**

Project Showcase

**Host**

Anne Arundel  
County Master  
Gardeners

**Date**

Thursday  
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6PM-8PM

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Trinity Methodist  
Church  
1300 West Street  
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21401

**Continuing Education**

**Project chairs:**

The Project Showcase will be at Trinity Methodist Church, 1300 West St., Annapolis on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:00 PM. This is a change of date accommodating the church's calendar. We will be able to set up tables beginning at 5:30. Tables will need to be moved from room 209 to the Fellowship Hall and back to 209 at the conclusion of the meeting. Volunteers needed to move tables and chairs! Please contact [Pam Hanna](#) with any questions.



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**Save the Date for our Annual  
Spring Lecture!**

Native plant enthusiasts- mark your calendars! We have another great presenter lined for our 2025 event!



Unity Gardens  
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**St. Philips Episcopal Church**  
730 Bestgate Road  
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doors open 9:30  
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**Tickets: \$40**  
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**[Get your lecture tickets here!](#)**



**Fig Fruit Cultivation and History** Presented by Dr. Jafar Vossoughi on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 PM. Hosted by the Sandy Spring Museum Garden Club. Light refreshments will be served. Plant sale held concurrently. Admission free for members of the garden club; \$10 fee for nonmembers. Register at [www.SandySpringMuseum.org](http://www.SandySpringMuseum.org) or call 301-774-0022



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Watershed Stewards serve Anne Arundel County communities by **installing landscape projects that reduce pollution and creating fun programs** to inspire the next generation of environmental leaders. Collectively, these community-based actions reduce pollution at its source and improve the health of the entire Chesapeake Bay.

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**[Annapolis Home Expo - The Home Owners Expo](#)**



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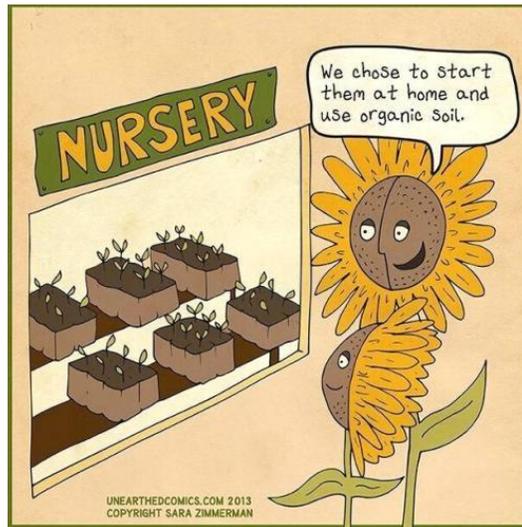
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