

Continuing Education

Project chairs:

Topic Project Showcase

February Meeting

Host Anne Arundel **County Master** Gardeners

Date Thursday February 20th

Time

6PM-8PM

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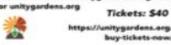
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Fig Fruit Cultivation and History Presented by Dr. Jafar Vossoughi on Sunday, February 9th, 2-4 PM. Hosted by the Sandy Spring Museum Garden Club. Light refreshments will be served. A plant sale will be held concurrently. Admission is free for members of the garden club; \$10 fee for nonmembers. Register at www.SandySpringMuseum.org or call 301-774-0022



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Ask-a-Master Gardener Plant Clinics



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The Home Owners Expo

For Your Information



We are in fantastic shape! Patchin cleaned, catalogued, and assigned priority to the vast amount of seed we collected. We also have close to 30 additional species of excess that we'll be able to share with other groups. Perhaps this year we may find greater success in harvesting a more cooperative and sharing environment with other community groups.

Come out on Saturday if you would like to learn how to clean seed and mix with sand in preparation for cold stratification in walk-in refrigerators. See you at the annex at 10:00 AM. Lauren Toomey



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EAB CANDIDATES



Trish Hennessy-Webb has a long career in the environmental field. She has been with the Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) for over 10 years, where she has taught courses, led restoration projects, managed finances, and helped the organization thrive and grow. She is a graduate of WSA class 2 and a Master Watershed Steward. During COVID, she completed the Master Gardeners course, and has volunteered for various projects including seed swap and Ask-a-MG Farmer's Market. Before joining WSA, she had nearly 20 years of

experience in environmental engineering, including designing Best Management Practices/ (BMPs), developing stormwater regulations for the EPA, and creating Watershed Management Plans for County Governments. She holds a BA in International Studies and a BS in Urban Systems Engineering



Diane Bragdon, Ed.D currently works with Maryland Department of Natural Resources in Annapolis. She is the Federal Grants Coordinator. She has a great resume. She took the MG class Spring 2024. Currently helping Maxine with grant writing.



Linda Elliot Regarding my time as a Master Gardener, I completed my training in both MG and Bay-Wise in 2022. In 2022, I interned/floated in various programs. Because I kept honeybees for over 12 years and served as an Anne Arundel Beekeeper Association mentor for new beekeepers, I worked with Pam on the Honeybee hives kept at Hancock Resolution. I shadowed on Bay-Wise yard visits, worked in the Tawes Garden, Native Plants, and Chase Lloyd House.

Since 2022, I have continued to volunteer with Bay-Wise as a consultant, Tawes Garden, and Native Plants at the Bee lab. I also volunteered with the Monarch program at the Patuxent Research Refuge but this is not a MG project. I have favored training that will enhance my knowledge on Bay-Wise site visits such as Pruning and Native Plant training.

I am currently on the board of directors for Peer Learning Partnership (PLP) which is part of the Lifelong Learning Division at the Anne Arundel Community College. I also serve as co-chair of the Educational Outreach Committee and am a member of the Membership Committee. In the past, I held board positions on Friends of the Annapolis Symphony (FASO) and Medical Society Alliance of Anne Arundel County and State level.

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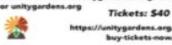
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79th Annual Flower Mart

Seed Swap

With your help we've cleaned a lot of MG seeds for the Seed Swap! Now we need to package the seeds, so we're going to have two packaging workshops. If you care to volunteer, please plan to attend one or both. Seed Packaging Workshops Thursday, March 20th and Thursday, March 27th ; 12:30 to 4 PM Main Extension Room



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Friday Funshine

I taste a liquor never brewed, From tankards scooped in pearl; Not all the vats upon the Rhine Yield such an alcohol!

Inebriate of air am I, And debauchee of dew, Reeling, through endless summer days, From inns of molten blue.

When landlords turn the drunken bee Out of the foxglove's door, When butterflies renounce their drams, I shall but drink the more!

Till seraphs swing their snowy hats, And saints to windows run, To see the little tippler Leaning against the sun! **Emily Dickinson**





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Mt. Cuba Trial Gardens Field Trip

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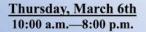
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Tawes Butterfly and Bumblebee Habitat Stewards Presents: "Maryland's Best – The New MD Native Plant Program: The Supply Side"

Presentation on new list/data of 590 species of MD native plants, uses, and laws. Guest Speaker: Paula Becker, Wildlife and Heritage March 25 from 10am-Noon Tawes Garden/ MD DNR HOs 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis MD 21401 RSVP: suzanne.weber@maryland.gov Parking at Navy Stadium lot Gate 6 for Master Gardeners. Please use gate intercom to announce you are a Master Gardener attending a DNR vent. Special parking accommodation in lower K lot is available upon request.







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Volunteer Opportunities



The Severn River Middle School Gardens Project (SRMS) is looking for a project chair or project co-chairs. Severn River Middle School Gardens engage students, teachers, parents, staff, and Master Gardeners in expanding and maintaining beautiful four-season gardens, including an aromatherapy garden, meditation garden, and an outdoor classroom garden. Master Gardeners and volunteers help teach this community about the importance of conservation landscaping, pollinators, and native gardens, while also teaching about mindfulness and stress management through nature.

 SRMS would also appreciate a Master Gardener (or two) at their Earth Day activity which will focus on maintenance of the gardens. A MG would supervise students and other volunteers with pruning and other cleanup duties. Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22nd.



The school is planning a Career Day on May 29, from 9:15-11:15 AM. Master Gardeners who
may be interested in presenting to students should complete and submit this form: <u>GOOGLE FORM</u>



Hancock's Resolution is seeking volunteers for programming to be held in the barn at Hancock's Resolution on <u>occasional</u> Sunday afternoons when Hancock's Resolution is open to the public. Signup Genius pending.

Four Rivers is gearing up for their **80th Annual Flower Mart**! It will be held at Maryland Hall again this year. Date: April 27 Time: 10:00-1:30 (Set up 9:30) They are requesting one or more Master Gardeners join them again this year. If interested, contact <u>April Duncan</u>



79th Annual Flower Mart



Tawes Garden Planning Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 1:00pm, DNR building cafeteria. The Tawes Garden team will meet to review existing projects and to discuss projects and activities for the 2025 season. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will decide this year's workday schedule, discuss Unity Garden projects, our third annual Native Plant Festival and tour the garden. All opinions and ideas are welcome!

For more info, contact Cindy Wells or call 410-703-5953

Bodkin Elementary's 16th Annual Environmental & Local Culture Fair



Saturday May 3rd, 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Bodkin Elementary 8320 Ventnor Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122

Providing the community with an event filled with environmental stewardship information, local environmental and cultural organizations and businesses, we will also feature unique artisans and vendors who feature upcycled or natural items. Please reach out with any questions to: <u>MeganWalker</u> To register go to: <u>google form</u>

Seed Swap

With your help we've cleaned a lot of MG seeds for the Seed Swap! Now we need to package the seeds, so we're going to have two packaging workshops. If you care to volunteer, please plan to attend one or both. Seed Packaging Workshops

Thursday, March 20th and Thursday, March 27th; 12:30 to 4 PM Main Extension Room

Linthicum Walks Project: First Workdays



Time to start spring cleanup! Join us Tuesday March 11th (10:30 AM-12:30PM) and/or Saturday March 15th (9 – 11AM) at

Historic Linthicum Walks (2295 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills) for our first spring workdays. Learn about 2025 goals in our new promotional video: https://youtu.be/B8ZGq293JDw.



Thanks to all who signed up at our Project Showcase table. We'll send our first email soon with more details about workday times and plans. Contact Ingridwatson@outlook.com to join the email list or just

will be scheduled soon.

For Your Information

Please note:

University of MD Extension Master Gardener Interns, during their initial internship year, should not report continuing education hours in lieu of fulfilling the required forty volunteer service hours at an approved UME Master Gardener activity. For further information, go to: <u>Volunteer of the Season - Basic</u> <u>Training</u> and/or <u>2019 Recording Data for the VMS Definitions.pdf</u>

Congratulations to **Trish Hennessy-Webb** who has been elected to the **Executive Advisory Board (EAB)**. We would like to express our appreciation for Linda Elliot and Diane Bragdon for their offer of service.

Did you know? You can find **contact information** for all **Master Gardeners and Interns on VMS**. Just above where you enter your hours is a black band. A green icon indicates the Directory. Once you click on that icon, you will be able to access phone numbers, addresses, and emails.

Friday Funshine



EVENTS

Торіс	Date/Time	Location	Contact Information
Monthly Meeting- Shannon Currey, Izel Native Plants	Tuesday, March 11 th 7-9 PM PM	ZOOM	Stephanie Pully pully@umd.edu Kaitlyn Baligush kbaligus@umd.edu
EAB	Wednesday, March 19 th 9-10:00 AM	Zoom Link	Catherine Salam
WSA Annual Conference	Saturday, March 1 st 9 AM-4:30 PM	Maritime Conference Center 692 Maritime Blvd. Linthicum Heights 21090	Register Now
Philadelphia Flower Show (Sponsored by Tawes Garden)	Thursday, March 6 th , 10:00 AM-8:00 PM		<mark>410-570-4465</mark>
Tawes Garden Planning Meeting	Wednesday, March 10, 1:00pm	DNR building cafeteria	Cindy Wells
Historic Linthicum Walks	Tuesday March 11th (10:30 AM- 12:30PM) and/or Saturday March 15th (9 – 11AM)	2295 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills	Ingrid Watson
Seed Packaging Workshops	Thursday, March 20 th and Thursday, March 27 th 12:30-4:00 PM	Main Extension Room 97 Dairy Farm Lane Gambrills	<u>Sophie Sterling</u>

Tawes Butterfly and Bumblebee Habitat Stewards Presents: "Maryland's Best"	March 25 th , 10AM-Noon	580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis 21401	suzanne.weber@maryland.gov
Growing and Using Herbs	April 3 rd , Thursday 6-8 April 5 th , Saturday 10-12	Anne Arundel Community College	<u>Kim Forry</u>
Seed Swap	Saturday, April 5 th 1-3:00 PM	Extension office 97 Dairy Lane, Gambrills	Sophie Sterling
Severna Park Farmer's Market opens	Saturday, April 19 th 8 AM-12 PM	Jones Station Rd. and Ritchie Hwy. Park and Ride	(20) Facebook
Four Rivers Annual Flower Show	April 27 th 9:30-1:30	Maryland Hall	April Duncan
Mt. Cuba Trial Gardens Field Trip	Thursday, May 1 st from 9:15 AM- 4:30 PM	Anne Arundel Community College	<u>Kim Forry</u>

While Maxine is on medical leave until March/April, questions may be directed to the following:

Home Gardening/Horticulture related inquiries:

Ask Extension: https://go.umd.edu/askextensionenr

Master Gardener Program related inquiries:

Stephanie Pully - pully@umd.edu

Kaitlyn Baligush - kbaligus@umd.edu

Extension office related inquiries:

Christie Germuth - ckneipp@umd.edu

Samantha Miller - s4miller@umd.edu

Bay Wise related inquiries: getbaywise2012@yahoo.com

VMS related inquiries: Carole Fullagar - cjfullagar@yahoo.com

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