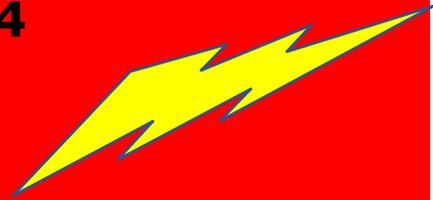




March 15, 2024 Friday Flash



March Meeting

Topic

Raised Planter Beds for Vegetable Gardening

Speaker

Lori Miller

Date

April 9th

Time

7:00

Location

Zoom

Continuing Education

Easier on the Knees: Raised Planter Beds for Vegetable Gardening

Lori Miller is a University of Maryland Alum with a degree in Civil Engineering. For twenty-two years, she implemented those skills as an environmental engineer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As part of the Annapolis community, Lori has served as the project manager for the Yard to Table Project, an initiative launched to address food insecurity in low-income neighborhoods. Through coordination with community members and city officials as well grant applications, Lori has designed and built twenty-one raised tables for the Clay Street Community of Annapolis with nine more to be built and delivered. Gardeners have successfully planted seeds, cared for and harvested fresh produce for themselves. Her table design, with input from community members, has provided a safe and comfortable way for gardeners to work in limited space. The work has been hard, but the smiles are worthwhile.



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Mt. Cuba Field Trip

We will be meeting at the AAC Extension Office on Thursday, April 11th at 8:30 AM and taking a UMD coach bus to Mt. Cuba. There we will take a Garden Enthusiast tour, have lunch together, and have some extra time to explore Mt. Cuba. More information and registration can be found here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mount-cuba-center-garden-enthusiast-tour-tickets-803118136967?aff=oddtcreator Act fast before they sell out! Tickets are \$60 before Eventbrite fees.



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Four Rivers Garden Club will be hosting our 79th Annual Flower Mart on Sunday, April 28th from 10 AM- 1:30 p.m. at Maryland Hall. This event is held in conjunction with the Annapolis May Day wreath celebration and is very well attended. Below is the link to our FRGC Facebook page. Please message us if you have any questions or need more information about this request. Four Rivers Garden Club Facebook

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**Last Day for tickets!**

**Volunteer Opportunities**



**Garden Start-up** Tawes Garden is starting to come back to life, so we are thinking ahead to the 2024 season. Thank you to all who stopped by our display at the last MG meeting! We will have our first workday on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Available work hours are from 8am-12noon, every Wednesday thereafter. Volunteers are free to join us for as much or as little of that time slot as they wish. Tawes Garden is located via the Department of Natural Resources at 580 Taylor Ave. Because DNR is a state building, you need a photo ID to enter. Then just pass through the lobby and enter the garden. Free parking is available either directly in front of the DNR building or through Gate 6 of the Naval Stadium. Bring small tools, water, and gloves. Large tools such as shovels and rakes are provided by Suzanne Weber, the Tawes Horticulturist who helps direct our efforts in the garden. Likely the first tasks will be garden clean-up and weeding. It will be exciting to see what new growth is coming up from all our recent Unity Garden-funded planting projects!

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Welcome to 2024 and a New Year for the **Dairy Farm Project!** We have scheduled our first meeting/work party of the year for **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 AM. This is an important work session as we need to prune and clean up all winter debris. We will also try to visualize the needed refurbishing. We have great plans to REORGANIZE, RENEW, REPLANT AND REFRESH our gardens. We are seeking any Master Gardener who would be interested in designing and implementing some changes so our gardens can continue to be the best they can be. So, ALL HANDS-ON DECK, regulars, and new folks too.

All are welcome. Keep watching your newsletters and Friday Flashes for updated information. Our regular work parties are the second Saturday and Fourth Thursday of each month. We have tools, but please bring your own favorites, gloves, water, etc. you have any questions, please contact [Malcom Doying](#) or call 410-721-7610.

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On Saturday, March 23rd, Homestead Gardens is hosting a Green Expo at their Davidsonville location. They would love to have an **Ask-a-Master Gardener Plant Clinic**. Volunteers will be able to capitalize on the crowds that will be there to share about all things environmentally focused in our community. The Green Expo will be held from 10:30 AM- 2:00 PM. For more information or to volunteer, contact [Robin Costas](#)



**South County Senior Center** workday Friday, March 15th at 4 PM, weather-permitting. The county came and weed-whacked recently so this will be a laid-back time to ease into the season with some light cleaning and weeding. Contact [Elena Corbet](#) with questions.

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**Planting Event**  
**Forest Restoration Project**  
**Park Retreat Subdivision, Millersville**  
**Sunday, April 7 1:30 - 4:00**

The NATIVES are coming!!! After one year of pulling, cutting, or otherwise removing invasives, a large portion of Forest Conservation Area #9 is ready for planting. There are approximately 160 native species that need to be planted. Bring your favorite planting tools and, if available, two buckets (one for Leaf Gro and one for wood chips). All plants are fairly small, so no heavy-duty tools are needed. The soil is a sandy loam, which makes digging in it easy. Enter 103 Natalie Lane, Millersville into your GPS. Follow the walking trail to the left of the house until you find people and plants. Volunteer hours are given for this project (say that Fran Garcia approved this project). Contact Andrea Weir for more information ([andreawei@msn.com](mailto:andreawei@msn.com) or 443-679-6627).

**For Your Information**

From our new EAB chairperson, Catherine Salam:  
If you missed the Project Showcase in February, please get in touch with the project chair for the project(s) you want to join for the 2024 season at this link: [2024 - Project Chairs and EAB liaisons.pdf](#). As a gentle reminder, you must contribute twenty volunteer hours to remain in good standing as a Master Gardener. Thanks for all that you do!

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**From RePollinate Anne Arundel**



Excited to be writing and letting you know I will be reserving two tables in the hoophouse for AACO today. Folks that have a keen interest in growing out plants for a specific community project within AACO and would like to fall under the RePollinate AACO umbrella, this is a good time to get involved. If you would like full grown straight species native herbaceous perennials to support your projects this fall, I recommend having a cadre of folks within your community participate in the transplant process at the beelab. Groups that participate by transplanting seedlings to support their inventory will be guaranteed plants this fall. Stop by the beelab and we can chat. Contact Lauren at [Lauren Toomey](#)

From Sam Droege: Next Thursday (3/21) more prep at the BeeLab and the following Saturday is the BIG planting day (March 23) where everything goes in the ground.

**Friday Funshine**

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”



Margaret Mead

## EVENTS

<b>Project/Activity</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>Monthly Meeting Lori Miller Clay Street Table Gardening</b>	7-9:00 PM Tuesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Zoom</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Maxine Yoon</u></a>
<b>EAB</b>	9-10:00 AM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly	<a href="#"><u>Zoom Link</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Maxine Yoon</u></a>
<b>Dairy Farm Meeting/Workday</b>	Saturday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> ; 9:00 AM	Dairy Farm Lane Gambrills	<a href="#"><u>Malcom Doying</u></a>
<b>South County Senior Center</b>	Friday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> 4:00	27 Stepney Lane Edgewater	<a href="#"><u>Elena Corbet</u></a>
<b>Tawes Garden workdays</b>	Wednesdays, beginning March 20 <sup>th</sup> 8 AM-12 PM	580 Taylor Ave. Annapolis, 21401	<a href="#"><u>Cindy Wells</u></a>
<b>Hancock's Resolution</b>	1st and 3rd Mondays from 9:30- 12:30	Hancock's Resolution 2795 Bayside Beach Rd. Pasadena, 21122	<a href="#"><u>Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners: Vol (signupgenius.com)</u></a>
<b>Homestead Gardens Green Expo</b>	Saturday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM	743 West Central Ave., Davidsonville 21035	<a href="#"><u>Maxine Yoon</u></a>
<b>First day of Spring!</b>	March 19 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Park Retreat Planting Event</b>	Sunday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:00	103 Natalie Lane Millersville	<a href="#"><u>Andrea Weir</u></a> or 443-679-6627
<b>Mt. Cuba Trip</b>	Thursday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30 AM	Meet the bus at the <b>Extension Office</b> 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	<a href="#"><u>Maxine Yoon</u></a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8031181369">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8031181369</a>
<b>Four Rivers Flower Mart</b>	Sunday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> 10 AM-1:30 PM	Maryland Hall 801 Chase St. Annapolis, 21401	<a href="#"><u>Four Rivers Garden Club Facebook</u></a>
<b>Cape St. Claire Plant Sale</b>	Saturday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> 8 AM-2 PM	1223 River Bay Rd. Annapolis, 21401	<a href="#"><u>(20+) Annual Plant Sale   Facebook</u></a>

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