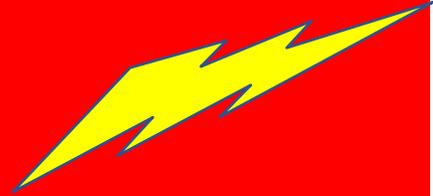




March 6, 2025

Friday Flash



February Meeting

Topic

Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes: The New Workhorses of the Garden

Host

Shannon Currey, Izel Native Plants Horticulturist

Date

Tuesday, March 11th

Time

7-9 PM

Location

ZOOM

Continuing Education

Shannon Currey is a horticultural educator with Izel Native Plants. Sh has worked in the nursery trade since 2006, and has established herself as an expert on graminoids (herbaceous plants with a grass-like morphology), including native grasses and sedges. She serves on the North Carolina Plant Conservation Program Scientific Committee and the board of the Perennial Plant Association. In 2022 she joined Izel Native Plants to expand our outreach efforts. Shannon lives in Durham, North Carolina and loves exploring the incredible plant diversity around her garden.



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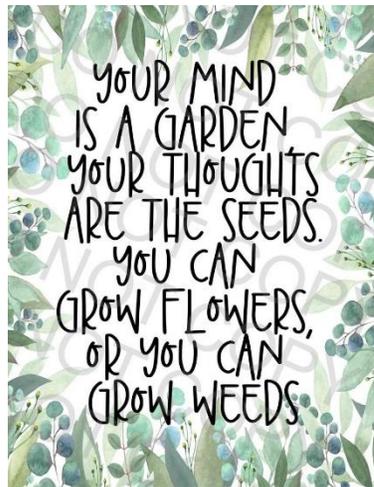
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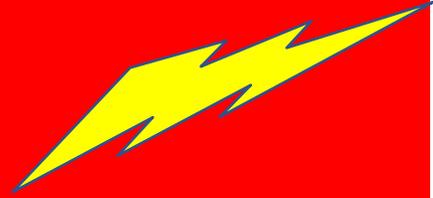
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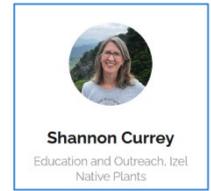
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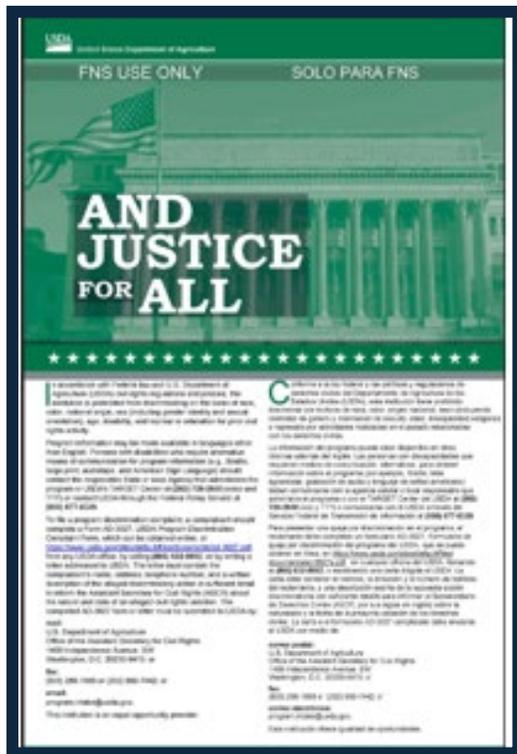
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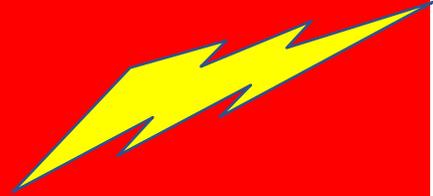
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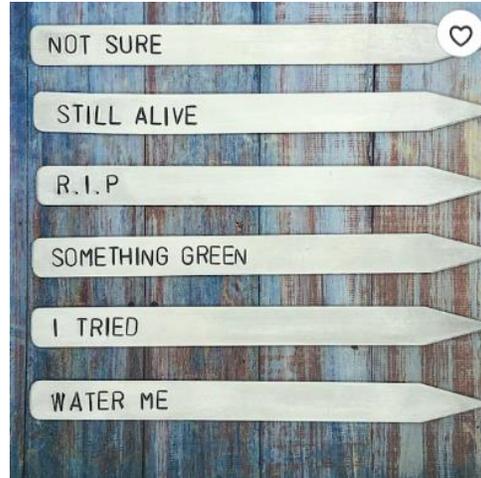
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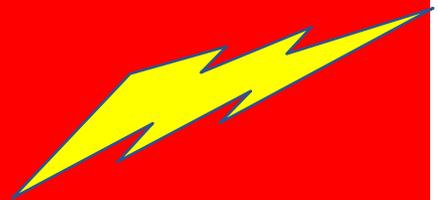
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March 28, 2025

Friday Flash



April Meeting

Topic

Weed Identification

Host

Mikaela Boley

Date

Tuesday, April 8th

Time

7-9 PM

Location

ZOOM

Continuing Education

Mikaela Boley works as Principal Agent Associate for University of Maryland Extension service in Talbot County for Home Horticulture and coordinates the county Master Gardener volunteer program since 2012. She holds a B.S in Environmental Horticulture and a Master's in Applied Entomology from UMD-College Park. You can also find Mikaela co-hosting the Garden Thyme Podcast with fellow Master Gardener Coordinators Rachel Rhodes and Emily Zobel.





HRT-357-201: Growing and Using Herbs

April 3, Thursday 6-8

April 5, Sat. 10-12

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Explore growing, pruning, drying, culinary and crafting of Herbs.

Look into what bees like about the properties of Herbs.

This 2-part class can be attended separately, and you will still benefit from the information on "Growing and Using Herbs."

Contact: Kim Forry

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

Backyard Gardening Zoom Sessions

TUESDAYS AT NOON - REGISTER NOW!
<https://go.umd.edu/BYG2025>

MARCH 4 - WAKING UP YOUR GARDEN
 MARCH 18 - GARDENING 101
 APRIL 1 - UNIQUE HERBS & HOW TO USE THEM
 APRIL 15 - COMPANION PLANTING
 APRIL 29 - FRUIT FOR THE MID-ATLANTIC
 MAY 13- CUCURBITS IN-DEPTH

Registration is required. You will receive a link via email. If you do not have internet access, or need any if you need reasonable accommodations contact Haley at (410) 749-6141 or hsater@umd.edu for call in options.

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For previous sessions, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/@universityofmdextension-lo432>



FREE EARTH DAY WEBINAR

BASIL CAMU

FROM WASTELAND TO WONDER

APRIL 17, 12:00 PM EDT

For more information, go to: [From Wasteland to Wonder- An Earth Day Event with Basil Camu by Homegrown National Park](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



Hello Linthicum Walks Project friends- Thanks to all who joined our first three workdays this month! We had fun chatting and cleaning up the garden beds, assessing the tools, and updating educational materials on the bulletin board. (See photos attached.) The next workday will be Saturday, March 29th: 10 AM-12 PM. Though an RSVP is not required, it would be appreciated. Contact [Ingrid Watson](#). Additional days will be

Join us in 2025!

Linthicum Walks Project
<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/linthicum-walks/>

2295 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD

Contact Co-Chairs:
 Ingrid Watson & Anne Muecke

announced soon. Please join us.

Nancy Allred has scheduled volunteer events through May at **Hancock's Resolution** and other dates will be added later. See Signup Genius link below. Note: April has two time slots to provide volunteer coverage for [Hancock Resolution's Spring Festival](#).



Sign up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA5A828AAFECE8-47950525-volunteer#/>



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.*
- *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: [GOOGLE FORM](#)*

ONLY ONE WEEK until the MG Only SEED SWAP!



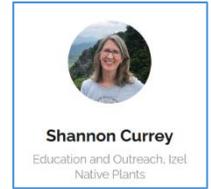
We are looking forward to seeing you a week from tomorrow: Saturday, April 5th, from 1-3 PM, at the Extension office. This event is only open to Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners. MG project chairs will be allowed to get seeds for their projects a half hour before we open to all AAMGs. Project chairs from 12:30 PM-1 PM

If you have seeds to bring, please make sure they are already in envelopes, clearly marked, and non- invasive. If you do not have seeds, come anyway! =]

Additionally, we will have a **GARDENING BOOK SWAP** at the Seed Swap! Bring your gently used gardening books and go home with ones from other MGs that are new to you! If you're unable to attend the Swap but have books you'd like to donate, please leave them at the Extension office and mark them Attention: Sophie Sterling.

For Your Information

In case you missed the **March monthly meeting** here is the link:
<https://umd.box.com/s/z1nmu1ybrffuggh4ul5n1xxymbhrbusk> When the link opens to "BOX" just 'x' out of it and the video will begin.





Severna Park Market Garden

The Market Gardeners would appreciate donations of CLEAN gallon jugs that will be used for drip irrigation. There is a compost bin at the garden to collect the jugs.



Friday Funshine



EVENTS

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Monthly Meeting- Mikaela Boley	Tuesday, April 8th 7-9 PM	ZOOM	Stephanie Pully pully@umd.edu Kaitlyn Baligush kbaligus@umd.edu
EAB	Wednesday, April 16 th 9-10:00 AM	Zoom Link	Catherine Salam
Dairy Farm Native Plants Gardens	Second Saturday/Fourth Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM	97 Dairy Lane Gambrills	Sandy Dale
Tawes Gardens 2025 work schedule	1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays monthly 8 AM-12 PM beginning Wednesday, April 2nd	580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis	Kathy Devine Cindy Wells
Growing and Using Herbs	April 3 rd , Thursday 6-8 April 5 th , Saturday 10-12	Anne Arundel Community College	Kim Forry
Seed Swap	April 5th Project Chairs Only: 12:30-1PM All MG 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
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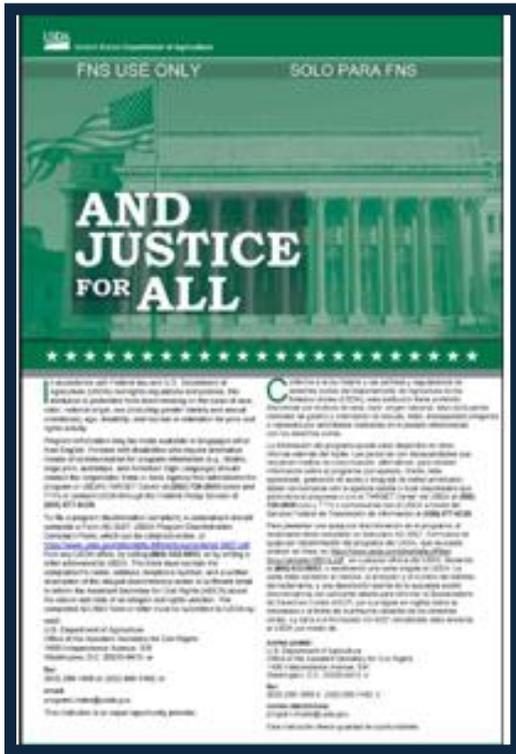
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