



# *Anne Arundel County Master Gardener News*

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## **ANNOUNCING THE 2024 MG HOLIDAY PARTY!**

**Tuesday, December 10th**

**New time!!! 6:30-8:30pm**

Harundale Presbyterian Church, 1020 Eastway, Glen Burnie

All Master Gardeners welcome, with one guest

### **GET READY TO RAFFLE!!**

Go wild! Create a Basket to Die for! (or at least for someone to treasure)

***Some ideas: Food, Chocolate, Tools, Books, Birds, Pets, Art, Handmade Treasures, Coffee or Tea, Yard Art, All Things Gardening, or Something Completely Different\*\****

(\*\*As in the past, winners can only win one basket. If you win again, you may choose the second basket and we will redraw for the first basket.)

### **AND DON'T FORGET MYSTERY BOTTLES AND BONBONS!!**

**(Wine = Fruit and we all know Chocolate is just naturally good)**

Donate a **BOTTLE** of wine (red, white, sparkling or dessert – we suggest in the \$15 range), preferably in a gift bag, OR some delicious **BONBONS** (any candy is fine), preferably in a gift box or bag. The **Bottles and BonBons** will be hidden and only identified by different colored ribbons. You choose the ribbon of the wine type you prefer or go for a BonBon. **NO PEEKING** allowed!

Bottles and BonBons will be grouped around ONE raffle can and will be raffled off in between our other major raffle items. One B&BB per person and no exchanges.

**(Note: You can win BOTH one Raffle Item AND one Bottle or BonBon)**

### **LET'S NOT FORGET DINNER!**

Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name. (Remember: no electrical outlets available but Sternos are OK.)

**A-L Main Course**

**M-O Dessert or Fruit**

**P-S Salad or Vegetable**

**T-Z Appetizer**

**AND!!! If you want to volunteer to work the party, please contact Cindy or Janet.**

**Please RSVP (attendance AND raffle items) by Friday, December 6th**

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## **Tawes Garden**

*Cindy Wells & Kathy Devine, co-chairs*

Autumn has come to Tawes Garden and our team had its final scheduled workday the last week of October. For the next few months, MG's are still welcome to work in the garden but would need to coordinate their schedule with Suzanne Weber, Tawes Horticulturist. She would be happy to have help anytime.

We've had a great season, have gotten a great deal accomplished in the garden and have continued our mission to promote native plants and pollinator-friendly habitats. Our major accomplishment in October was the completion of Phase IV of our Unity Gardens-funded project to transition the Plant Mural to native plants. This year, we focused on removing a large swath of invasive plants and non-native grasses, replacing them with native switchgrass, bunny blue carex and Joe Pye weed. Once the switchgrass fills in, this year's efforts will provide a striking first impression to anyone visiting the Plant Mural. It already looks pretty good! Thank you to all those who helped move this effort along – it wouldn't have happened without the ideas, time and muscle of many MG's.



Our biggest challenge this fall has been that shared by everyone – the drought. We've had to devote more time than usual to watering – even native plants cannot survive without some help. Having said that, the choice of natives has enabled the garden to continue to look pretty good, with a variety of colors, textures and fall blooms which contribute to a very interesting plant "mural". Tawes Garden does have its share of deer and they have munched a number of new and old perennials but haven't decimated the garden.

Because Tawes Garden is also an official Maryland State Park and Arboretum, fall is a particularly beautiful time of year with many mature trees in shades of gold, red and orange. If anyone is in the Annapolis area, there is free parking in front of the DNR building and the garden is open to the public. It is definitely worth a visit.

Thank you again to all the Tawes volunteers who showed up this year. We are very grateful to all of you and hope to see you in the spring.



## Apprentice Gardens - Kinder Farm Park

Apprentice Garden meets at the Kinder Farm Park community

garden #105 in Millersville, every Wednesday at 6:30PM, from April through September. The project is now closed for the season.

### **Educational Outreach Activities (upcoming, monthly)**

· During October, a few of the Apprentice Garden families tended their summer crops that continued to produce and their fall crops.



### **Volunteer Opportunities (upcoming, monthly)**

· Occasional work parties were scheduled to complete the closing of the garden, including clearing debris, planting cover crop, cleaning and storing tools, and refreshing straw on the pathways.

### **Accomplishments and Challenges**

By the end of October all the Apprentice Garden family spaces were cleared of debris, and crimson clover cover crop has been planted in those spaces, and the common areas. Perennial herbs from the Mediterranean garden, including rosemary, sage, lavender, thyme and chives continue to grow well and will overwinter in place.

The strawberry patch (and black-eyed Susan border) and the perennial flower gardens both inside and outside along the fence have been weeded and cleared of most of the debris. Some seed heads will be left for the birds during the fall and winter. The fruit on the passion flower vine has continued to ripen. Thank you's to Kristin Silva, Kathy Albers, Wendy Boardman, Kathy Enderle, Deb Fritz, and Lourdes Hergenroeder for their participation in the October work parties. The gardens look wonderful!

All of the families who are eligible to join the Apprentice Garden for a second year, are interested in joining us next season.

All is well in the Apprentice Garden.





## Re-Pollinate Anne Arundel

On Halloween, RePollinate had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Small-Lorenz and Maxine Yoon. From our discussions it sounds like RePollinate is only going to get better.

Wild Ones Chesapeake Bay participated in native plant propagation at the USGS Bee Lab this year, growing over 2000 native



plants. We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with RePollinate Anne Arundel 2024 to distribute native plants to residents in our region. (Residence in Anne Arundel Count is not required.)

RePollinate AACO offers native plants to support native habitat and restoration projects. A modest donation to support future plant propagation at the Bee Lab is suggested. Pickup is at the USGS Patuxent Research Center Wild Bee Lab on Thursdays from 3-4 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM-1:30PM.

Please email Lauren Toomey at [lauren\\_toomey@hotmail.com](mailto:lauren_toomey@hotmail.com) to coordinate a pickup day and time and to receive driving directions to the Bee Lab in Laurel, MD. To request plants, please complete a request form that can be accessed at <https://aawsa.org/repollinatenaiveplantdistribution>. Additionally, this link provides

you with access to an inventory list. NOTE: In addition to the plants offered on the RePollinate 2024 Native Plant Inventory list, many other species are now available courtesy of Wild Ones Chesapeake Bay.

To read more about the USGS Bee Lab, check out this recent article:

[https://www.audubon.org/magazine/behind-scenes-federal-bee-lab-powered-native-plants?ms=digital-eng-social-facebook-x-20241000-nas\\_eng&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=20241000\\_nas\\_eng&fbclid=IwY2xjawGMrlZleHRuA2F1bQlXMQABHbOLppySTK1lonsO8PZ8t3z9hFTKuo6DCZ4iQUAIDUwjdoXVoNo7YV343A\\_aem\\_bQmnbpQz7ePm6IW7qjKZeg](https://www.audubon.org/magazine/behind-scenes-federal-bee-lab-powered-native-plants?ms=digital-eng-social-facebook-x-20241000-nas_eng&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=20241000_nas_eng&fbclid=IwY2xjawGMrlZleHRuA2F1bQlXMQABHbOLppySTK1lonsO8PZ8t3z9hFTKuo6DCZ4iQUAIDUwjdoXVoNo7YV343A_aem_bQmnbpQz7ePm6IW7qjKZeg)

“Supporting native plants will lift all boats.” ~ Sam Droege



**Thank you for helping to RePollinate Anne Arundel County!**

Scan the code below to help support this effort.



**1-100 plants= \$25**

**101-200 plants= \$50**

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