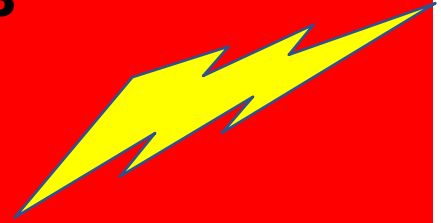


**October 13, 2023**

**Friday Flash**



**November Meeting**

**Topic:**

Nocturnal Nature

**Speaker**

Clare Walker, MG & MN Staff - Irvine Nature Center

**Date**

Tuesday  
November 14<sup>th</sup>

**Time**

7:00

**Location**

Zoom

<https://umd.zoom.us/j/99439900369>



**Continuing Education**

Dr. Clare Walker is a Maryland Master Gardener and Instructor for the Master Naturalist Program. As Program Manager at [Irvine Nature Center](#), Clare leads programs on plants and insects, particularly native bees. She manages the woodland gardens, including monitoring the plants changing phenology. Previous work has included being a naturalist for Maryland State Parks and an environmental educator at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. She is passionate about sharing with all audiences the connections between plants, animals and people.



Dr. Walker has studied the impacts of mechanized peat extraction on an upland peat bog (on the border of Northern and Southern Ireland during the troubles – one of her rain gauges was blown up) and received her Ph.D. from Huddersfield University, England.

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Find recordings of previous meetings at [Just for Master Gardeners | University of Maryland Extension \(umd.edu\)](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page.

**Volunteer Opportunities**



**Interagency Bee Lab (Sam Droege)** How many mountain mint species have you seen? We planted 15 species today (see attached photo). How many ironweed species have you seen? We will be planting 31 species. Come and join us planting and you will get some free plants. We

have about 500 plants in pots. Later in the year, we will give them all away, even if you didn't help out at all. For now, you must help us plant plants in the ground for your free plant gifts.

**Saturday: 10-2 p.**



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**Due to the prediction of inclement weather, note change of time and date:**

The tabling event at the [South County Senior Center](#) scheduled for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> has been postponed to a date not yet determined. The workday scheduled for the same date is now rescheduled for Monday, October 16th from 4-6 PM.

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**Native Plants are Here –  
The English Ivy Must Go!  
Planting and English Ivy Removal Event  
Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
1 PM – 4 PM**

English Ivy pushes out and excludes almost all other vegetation! It has overrun Forest Conservation Area #9 in Park Retreat subdivision for too long and is on its way out! Volunteers are needed to help remove the ivy and plant natives in its place (in the interest of full disclosure, there might be more pulling than planting). If you are thinning out shade-loving natives, feel free to bring your extras! Feel free to come late and/or leave early. Refreshments provided! MG Volunteer hours given for this project (when submitting hours, state that Fran Garcia approved this project).



103 Natalie Lane,  
Millersville, MD  
  
Ample parking.  
  
Follows signs to site  
(2 -minute walk).  
  
For more information,  
contact Andrea Weir  
(andreawei@msn.com)

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**In search** of a Master Gardener to speak about container gardening using native plants at the South County Senior Center. We want to have a make and take workshop where participants leave with a container garden. The seniors may be asked to pay a materials fee. Because the center is closed on weekends, the event must be on a weekday. Please contact [Ann Sawyer](#).

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We have an opportunity to have an **Ask A MG table** at the Gambrills Mid Atlantic Community Church Eco Fair on Saturday, November 4th from 10:30 AM-1:30 PM. For more information, contact [Robin Costa](#)



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**It's Seed Swap Time!**

**2023 BY THE NUMBERS:**

- 175 Attendees
  - 6,500 packets of free seeds
  - 200 free books
  - 12 Door Prizes
- And we expect this year to be even better! Want to get involved?

**DONATE SEEDS:** Bring your saved, unused seeds to the Extension Office or one of our seed cleaning and packaging workshops (details below). Please remember to put the **seed name, year it was harvested, and name, and contact number/information** on your packets. **No invasives will be accepted.** You do not need to participate in a workshop just to drop off seeds.

**See workshop dates/info in Events Grid below.**

**For further information: [Sophie Sterling](#)**



**Doors open at 10 AM**

The **EAB**, **E**xtension **A**dvisory **B**oard, invites you to visit the next meeting on [Zoom](#), October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 AM.  
Be in the know and hang out with the team!



## **For Your Information**



**Attention Master Gardeners-** looking for volunteers to help plant 40 shrubs and trees on a community waterfront property in Carrollton Manor. A landscaper will provide an auger to drill the holes ahead of the planting so no digging will be required. All trees and shrubs are 5 ft. tall or less.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 4th from 10-1 (rain date Nov. 5th). Refreshments will be provided. The location is at Hillbottom Beach, 731 Shore Rd. in Severna Park. Questions? Contact [Kristin Silva](#), Watershed Steward, Master Gardener, phone: 443-254-3133.

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## **Attention Project Chairs!**

Please submit your 2023 yearly project reports to [Maxine](#) by Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.



## **Friday Funshine**

"The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig."

- Texas Bix Bender, *Don't Throw in the Trowel*



## EVENTS

<b>Project/Activity</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>Dairy Farm Veggie Garden</b>	Second Saturday & fourth Thursday (beginning 3/11)	AAMG Extension Office	<a href="#">Malcom Doying</a> <a href="#">Pat Shema</a>
<b>Hancock's Resolution</b>	9:30-12:30 first and third Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 Sundays through October.	2795 Bay Beach Rd. Pasadena 21122	<a href="#">Sign-Up Genius</a> <a href="#">Loretta Gerbrick</a> <a href="#">Betsy Beck</a> <a href="#">Nancy Allred</a>
<b>Tawes Garden Sculpture Debut</b>	Tuesday morning, 8am-12noon Wednesday, 10/11 ; 2-4	Tawes Garden 580 Taylor Ave. Annapolis, 21401	<a href="#">Cindy Wells</a> <a href="#">Kathy Devine</a>
<b>South County Senior Center Educational Workday</b>	<b>10/16, 4 PM – 6 PM (workday)</b>	<b>27 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater, 21037</b>	<a href="#">Elena Corbett</a> and <a href="#">Caroline Donovan</a>
<b>English Ivy Removal</b>	<b>10/15; 1 PM – 4 PM</b>	<b>103 Natalie Lane Millersville</b>	<a href="#">Andrea Weir</a>
<b>Carrollton Manor Tree Planting</b>	11/4 10 AM -1 PM	Hillbottom Beach, 725 Shore Rd. in Severna Park	<a href="#">Kristin Silva</a>
<b>2023 Seed Swap workshops</b>	Mondays: 11/6; 11/13; 12/4; 12/11 10 /AM – 2 PM	Extension Office 100 Dairy Farm Rd., Gambrills	<a href="#">Sophie Sterling</a>

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