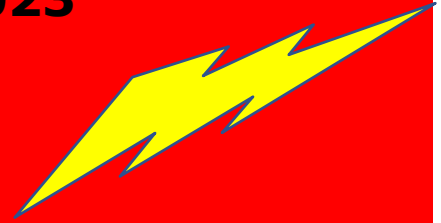


December 15, 2023

Friday Flash



Continuing Education

January Meeting

Topic:

*Beyond Planting
Trees:
BiodiversiTREE's Guide
to Building Resilient
Forests*

Speaker

Jamie Pullen

Date

Tuesday
January 16, 2023

Time

7:00-9:00

Location

Zoom

Jamie Pullen earned her Master's degree in 2014 from James Madison University, focusing on understory dynamics and invasive species. Since 2015, she has served as the head biological science technician for BiodiversiTREE at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, overseeing the daily operations of this large-scale restoration experiment. She is passionate about understanding how biodiversity influences forest health and resilience to environmental challenges. She is excited to share BiodiversiTREE's insights and explore with the AA Master Gardeners the power of biodiversity in shaping resilient forests.



Abandoned farm fields are being reborn as a diverse forest in a transformative experiment called BiodiversiTREE. In 2013 researchers planted 20,000 trees, making it the largest study of tree diversity and its impact on the ecosystem in North America. Now 10 years into this centuries-long project, we will explore how diversity shapes the forest from soil to canopy, its resilience against threats like climate change, and its vital role for hidden ecosystems.

Making Plans for Spring Seed Starting

Do you want to learn how to start your own seeds for garden transplants? Did you just look at the title of this post and say, wait, it's December, why would I be thinking about this now? If your answers are 'yes,' then click on the link above to get started. It includes information about lights, timers, and even a podcast.



December Tips & Tasks

Evergreens like holly and boxwood can be moderately pruned now; the trimmings can be used for holiday decorating. Monitor indoor citrus plants for scale pests. Keep poinsettias away from drafty locations. Plan next year's garden and place seed orders.

For Your Information



Master Gardener hours must be in the VMs by December 31st. This is also "BE KIND to CAROLE FULLAGER MONTH! Please don't wait until the last minute to record your hours!

December 31st

Unity Gardens is seeking interested and energetic new Board of Directors members. If you are interested, contact [Pat Mitchell](#)





The **Linthicum Walks** project is searching for a new chair. Cynthia Vaughn has diligently worked this project to its current lovely state but has decided to step down as chairperson. She is willing to help a new volunteer(s) to get started. Please contact [Cynthia Vaughn](#) For more information about this historic homestead, go to: [Historic Linthicum Walks | Gambrills, MD \(visitannapolis.org\)](#)

Friday Funshine



EVENTS

Project/Activity	Date/Time	Location	Contact Information
Monthly Meeting <i>Beyond Planting Trees...</i>	7:00-9:00	Zoom	Maxine Yoon or Betsy Beck
EAB	9:00 AM- 10:00 AM 3 rd Wednesday monthly	Zoom	Maxine Yoon
VMS hours due	Sunday, 12/31	Volunteer Management System	Carole Fulager

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