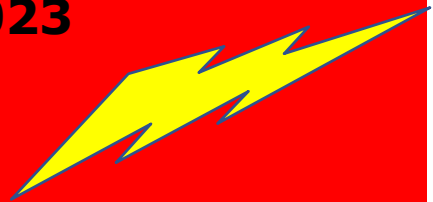




December 22, 2023

Friday Flash



Continuing Education

January Meeting Topic:

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

Speaker
Jamie Pullen

Date
Tuesday
January 16, 2024

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 diverse forests 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.

[BiodiversiTREE | Smithsonian Environmental Research Center](#)



For Your Information



These items were left at the Holiday Party. Please contact [Cindy Wells](#) to have them reunited with you!



Be Kind to Carole Fulager! Master Gardener hours must be in the VMs by December 31st. Please don't wait until the last minute to record your hours!

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



How do you know you are a Master Gardener?
 There is a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.
 You would rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothing store.
 You prefer gardening to watching television.
 You plan vacation trips to arboretums and public parks.
 Dirt under your fingernails and calloused palms are matters of pride.

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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