

Coordinator's Corner

Maxine Yoon, Master Gardener Coordinator

Hello everyone,

The growing season is winding down and it's time to wrap up the production garden and the bee hives for now. Dave will be roto-tilling and seeding the rye cover crop, keeping the soil nice and covered until I'm back from my medical leave next year.

I can't believe I've been your coordinator for over a year now. It has been a blast so far and I just wanted to say thank you for making me feel welcome. I moved onto a sailboat, we started a market garden, we started two bee hives, I went to Santa Fe, and started many partnerships and collaborated with many non-profit organizations like Howard Ecoworks and the AAC Food Bank. It's truly been an adventure.



Keep up the great work everyone!

P.S. I will be out of office from October 11th to October 16th due to surgery and recovery.





October MG Monthly Meeting - A Four Season Garden: A Photographic Tour

Join Penn State Master Gardener Kevin Kelly for a virtual tour of his suburban garden through each of the seasons.

On **Tuesday, October 8th via (zoom)**, You will see how his passion for gardening and photography has resulted in a garden with year-round interest and excitement. He will share what he has learned along the way.



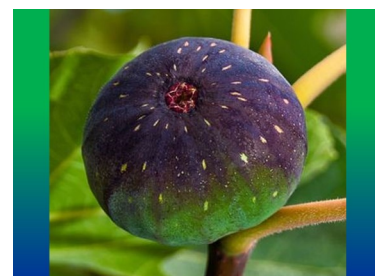
This is the front yard in fall at Kevin Kelly's award-winning garden in Lower Paxton Twp.

Fig Talk - October 5th @ 11am

I am very excited that our very own Jafar, the fig expert, will be hosting his Fig Talk for us at the extension office!

Do you love fig trees? The fig is a peculiar and underestimated fruit with a very rich history. For over a million years, over 750 species of fig trees shaped our world, influenced our evolution, and nourished our bodies and imagination. The fig is mentioned in every culture and religion!

Dr. Jafar Vossoughi, retired bioengineering professor and a Master Gardener, will present a comprehensive talk on the



small, unusual fruit, the fig. The presentation will cover history, botany, biology, and information specific to the cultivars suitable for our region. A short review of the medicinal, nutritional, and culinary aspects of this fruit will also be discussed.



Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A9AA2FA4FDCF8-51119535-figtalk>

Stay classy Anne Arundel,

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Tawes Garden

Tawes Garden has had a busy September. On September 14th, we staged our second annual Tawes Garden Native Plant Celebration. It was a beautiful day to spend outdoors in a tranquil setting. We had a decent turnout for the event, given the many competing fall activities going on in the Annapolis area that day. This year, the Celebration had about a dozen exhibitors, representing local organizations which promote the use of native plants to support



essential pollinators and wildlife. Some of those present were Project Butterfly and Bumblebee, Chesapeake Coastal Services, Watershed Stewards, Save Our Trees as well as Master Gardeners from the Native Pollinator and Composting groups. Visitors were able to talk with experts in the field of native plants, pollinator habitat, soil conservation, mature tree preservation and home composting. Many exhibitors had fun giveaways, in addition to informational brochures and landscaping suggestions. The undisputed stars of the Celebration were the almost 100 native plants which were generously provided by the Master Gardener Native Pollinator group. Everyone who attended that day went home with at least one native plant and several folks walked away with an entire tray. We've already started thinking about ways to improve outreach for next year's Native Plant Celebration.

October will be busy as well, with our Unity Gardens Planting Day scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th, starting at 8am. If any Master Gardeners are still in need of volunteer hours, we would welcome your help. This installation will be the fourth year of Unity Garden funding, in our ongoing effort to transition the Tawes Garden Plant Mural into a largely native plant demonstration garden. This year, we are targeting the entry area of the Plant Mural, replacing non-native grasses and invasives with native grasses and shrubs. We could use help on Wednesday, October 2nd as well, if any MG's are available. Hours are anytime between 8am and 12noon. Enter through the DNR building (photo ID required) and bring your own small tools. Parking is available directly in front of the building, located at 580 Taylor Avenue in Annapolis. Tawes volunteers will work through the end of October on the following days:

Tuesday, 10/15

Wednesday, 10/23

Thursday, 10/29

Even if you don't feel like gardening, consider stopping by the Tawes Garden (now designated an official Maryland State Park, open dawn to dusk), where the Plant Mural showcases many fall-blooming plants with beautiful foliage and seed heads. Thanks to Unity Gardens funding and to the many hours put in by Tawes volunteers this year, the garden is looking great!

Mark your calendars too for an upcoming bus trip to the amazing holiday light and plant displays at Longwood Gardens, scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th. The bus trip will be a fundraiser for the Friends of Tawes Garden, a non-profit group which supports the garden. More details will follow soon in the Friday Flash. Last year's trip was a sell-out and this year, Longwood will be showcasing a huge new conservatory so it should be a very fun day.

Co-chairs, Cindy Wells & Kathy Devine



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. At the close of September, the project officially ends for the season.

Educational Outreach Activities

- During September, meetings continued with the families to answer questions, and to work with them and offer advice regarding their summer crops. Some families wanted advice regarding planting fall crops.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Occasional work parties 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

About half of the Apprentice Garden spaces have been closed for the season. Crimson clover cover crop was planted in the cleared spaces, and has begun to germinate. A few families planted fall crops and continue to tend them. Herbs from the Mediterranean garden, including rosemary, sage, lavender, thyme and chives will continue to be available throughout the fall.

The perennial flower gardens planted by the Master Gardener volunteers fared well throughout



the hot summer, including the swamp milkweed, native hibiscus, and a variety of rudbeckia along the outside of the fence. A passion flower vine has produced fruit. Thank you's to Kristin Silva, Kathy Albers, Wendy Boardman, Kathy Enderle, Deb Fritz, Lourdes Hergenroeder, and Susan and Lajauna Smouse.. Thank you, especially, to all our weekend waterers - the lack of rain has been a challenge.

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

All is well in the Apprentice Garden.
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Re-Pollinate Anne Arundel

All, It's that fruitful time of year where the work of all the volunteers that supported the Beelab and RePollinate should be most proud of their efforts. Folks that transplanted more than one seedling into a pot can now witness why we say to only transplant one seedling of our little monsters..

The Watershed Steward Academy has updated the website here: <https://aawsa.org/repollinate>



You should be able to click on the “2024 RePollinate Distribution Information Button” and see the application form, as well as the inventory list. We are requesting a minimum \$25.00 donation to support 2025 operations. The beelab went thru 15 60cu.ft. totes of soil and RePollinate only purchased one. A QR code will be available at time of pickup but is also attached. Here is a photo of four watershed stewards both working and picking up the first load of the season.



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

Compost Demonstration Garden at Quiet Waters Park

September was a busy month at the Composting and Native Gardens project site. On Sept. 4th we welcomed three members of the county's Waste Management Recycling staff to our demonstration, along with other county residents. The employees of the Recycling program purchase and deliver compost bins for members of the compost project to give away at our demonstrations.



In addition to holding the demos, the compost team has been sprucing up the display area. Burlap and wood chips were added around some of the compost bins to hold down weeds and improve access. The fall flowers have benefitted from consistent watering and application of compost. At the next work session, we will be adding new natives obtained from Providence Center and Chesapeake Natives. You are welcome to join us for the remaining compost demonstrations at 10am on Wed. Oct. 2, Sat. Oct. 19 and Sat. Nov. 2. Concurrent MG/interns work sessions are from 9am-noon. Please let me know if you'd like more info or need directions.

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Composting and Native Gardens at QWP
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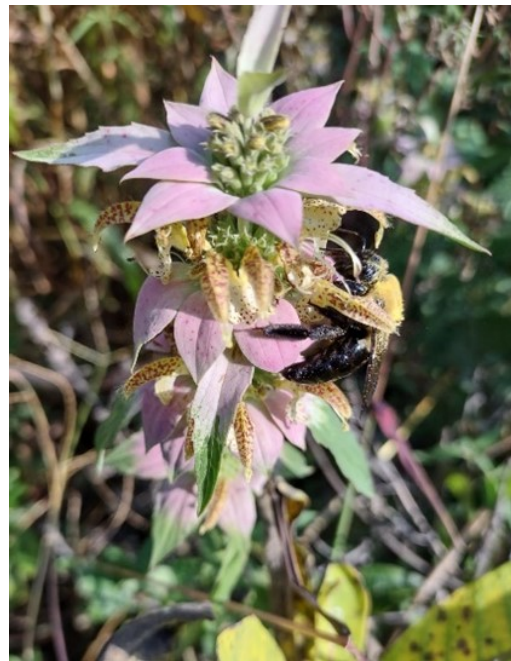
Hancock's Resolution

Educational Outreach Activities

- Public visitation Sundays on October 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 1:00-4:00. AAMG volunteers will provide garden tours, answer questions with a focus on native and deer resistant plants. Gardening tasks are performed (weeding and watering Location: 2795 Bayside Beach Road Pasadena
- On October 13 Friends of Hancock's Resolution will host a Harvest Festival and War of 1812 Remembrance (Reenactors) with extended hours from 11:00-4:00. AAMGs in two shifts 11:00-1:30 and 1:30-4:00 will help visitors make fall-themed door swags from broom corn harvested on site. Hands on activity for children-1) combing broom corn to plant for next year and demonstrating how brooms were made from plant material 2) harvesting Marigold seeds.
- Provide Spotted Lantern Fly education since they have been seen at the site and are in northern Anne Arundel County.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer workdays on Mondays, October 7 and 21 from 9:30-noon and public visitation Sundays October 6, 13, 20 and 27. Sign up using link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA5A828AAFE8-47950525-volunteer#/>
- Accomplishments and Challenges: Poor public visitation for much of 2024 attributable to excessive heat. Garden hard to maintain due to heat, drought, wildlife predation and lack of volunteer support.
- Late season natives have been providing sustenance for pollinators.



Ask-a-Master Gardener Plant Clinics

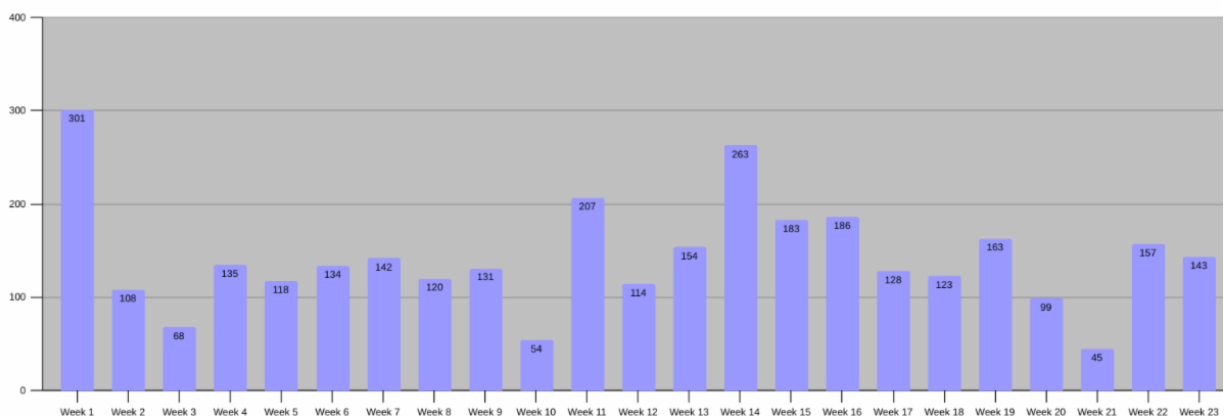
This is the count of contacts made thus far in 2024. The Farmer's Market clinics will continue until October 12th at Crofton and Annapolis and through October at Severna Park.

The Teaching/Conservation Garden at Severna Park is still in the planning stage. We have contacted MDOT regarding several dead and dying trees that need to be removed before the actual labor begins. Maxine took soil samples and submitted them for testing. The report indicated the soil ph is acceptable, but we will need to add lime. Additionally, we will spread compost to amend and enrich the soil as preparation for planting. Volunteers are welcome and hours will be awarded. This is not a separate project; it is part of the Ask-a-Master Gardener Plant Clinic for Severna Park. Each stage of the construction will be used to teach the public about gardening from the ground up!

Signs will be posted regarding the process and maintenance. Planting day will be announced in the spring.

2024 ASK A MG PLANT CLINICS

Total Count to date: 3276 contacts for all 3 clinics and all "one-off" clinics



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