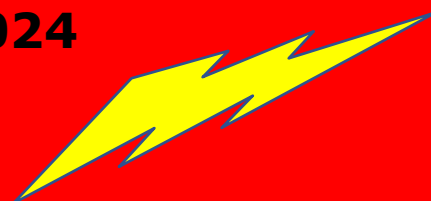


December 6, 2024
Friday Flash



November Meeting

Topic

AAMG Annual
Holiday Party

MUST RSVP!

Hosts

Cindy Wells
Janet Clauson

Date

Tuesday,
December 10th

Time

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Location

Harundale
Presbyterian Church,
1020 Eastway,
Glen Burnie

Continuing Education

MG Holiday Party in 4 days!!



December Monthly Meeting = PARTY!

December's Holiday Party is the easiest 2 Education hours you'll have had all year so don't miss it! Just show up at 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 10th, buy a few raffle tickets, win some raffle prizes or some Bottles or Bonbons, eat a yummy meal provided by you and your fellow MG's and go home happy! What's not to love?

Please consider donating a raffle item or a Bottle or Bonbon to add to the evening's bounty. We thank you and look forward to the festivities! Hope to see you all there!

To help Janet and Cindy, please RSVP if you plan to attend or if you plan to bring a raffle item. And remember that this is a Holiday Potluck so bring a dish (to serve 5-6 people) according to the first letter of your last name. And don't forget serving utensils.



A-L - Main dish

P-S - Salad/Vegetable/Fruit

M-O - Dessert

T-Z - Appetizer

RSVP please: Cindy Wells, cwells5953@cs.com

Janet Clauson, janetclauson301@gmail.com



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Did you miss a meeting? Would you like to review a meeting? Go to: [AAMG and EAB Monthly Meetings | University of Maryland Extension](#) or to this link directly: [You Tube Monthly Meetings](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



Welcome to winter.

Plant groups will continue their work and at the bee lab we will, on Thursday, be laying out plots for planting experiments between the shrubs and trees we have planted in the new field (free winter cress to take home and eat which is growing in abundance).

If there is a miracle of thaw we will plant some things too!

Saturday will be open for plant groups (Sydney will be in the lab/annex instead of myself to answer any questions) but I will not be there to guide any additional work at the bee lab.

Thanks,

Sam Droege, Bee Lab

The **Cape St. Clair Garden Club** invites you to join us on a bus trip to **Longwood Gardens for Christmas** - visit the new conservatory and see spectacular light displays! **Longwood** Reimagined: A **New Garden** Experience: Stunning new buildings, wondrous new indoor and outdoor gardens, surprising new guest experiences, and much more await. We're expanding our grounds, connecting them from east to west in a beautiful, unified journey of lush, formal gardens to open meadows to winding paths to breathtaking Brandywine Valley vistas.

Saturday Dec. 14, 2024

- 11am departure from Broadneck High School in Cape St. Claire 21409 (parking available)
- 1pm arrival
- 4pm lights on
- 6pm departure
- 8pm arrival back in Cape St. Claire 21409

Cost \$95.00 includes admission, bus transportation, large sandwich for lunch/dinner on the bus, and tip for the driver. Pay using Zelle, Venmo, PayPal, or mailing a check. Hold your spot, ask questions, and get payment details by contacting capegardenclub@gmail.com We hope you'll join us for this fun and festive trip!



Friday Funshine

You Know you're A Master Gardener When:

10. You rejoice in rain...even after 10 straight days of it.
 9. You have pride in how bad your hands look.
 8. You have a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.
 7. You can give away plants easily, but compost is another thing.
 6. Soil test results mean something.
 5. IPM rules!
 4. You'd rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothes store.
 3. You look for gardens open to the public whenever you go on vacation.
 2. Your non-gardening spouse is getting involved with your garden endeavors...digging ponds, building bird houses, watering, pruning, turning compost piles, planting...
- And you definitely know you're a Master Gardener when...you are surrounded by terrific people who share your passion!



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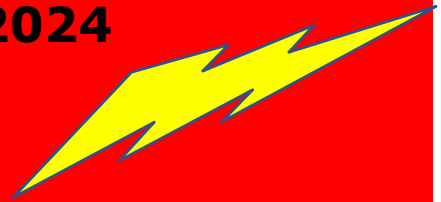
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December 13, 2024

Friday Flash



November Meeting

Topic

Living on the Edge

Host

Paula Becker, DNR

Date

Tuesday,
January 14th

Time

7 PM-9 PM

Location

TBA

Continuing Education



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Bee Lab We are moving into winter-mode now so there will be no more open events for the moment at the bee lab on Thursdays and Saturdays. That said, if you have plants here, just make arrangements directly with Sydney and me and that will be fine. *Sam Droege*





2024 Holiday Party was a Success!

Thank you to all MG's who attended, contributed to, volunteered for and cooked for the Holiday Party which was held on Tuesday. We had a great turnout, despite rainy weather. Once again, the Holiday Raffle was the high point, with over 40 amazing raffle items and almost 30 Bottles or BonBons available to lucky ticket holders. This has to be one of the very best holiday raffle opportunities in the county. Creative juices must have been flowing because there were some fabulous baskets of gardening items, books, pet supplies and treats, chocolates, coffees and teas, plus artwork, holiday centerpieces and wreaths. And Wine! Champagne! Sweets! All donated by generous fellow Master Gardeners.

We thank you all so much for making this annual event such a success. It succeeds because so many people contribute their time, energy and imagination to make it work. And as a result of all those collective efforts, we raised \$732! It's never too early to start thinking of the December 2025 party -- we've already had one person sign up to help out next year! We hope to see all of you there.

Cindy Wells and Janet Clauson

And we thank you, Cindy and Janet, for another job well-done! We appreciate the effort you put into this for all of us!

The **Severna Park Christmas Farmer's Market** will be held Saturday, December 14th from 8 AM-12 PM. Come shop and visit our future teaching garden site!

Friday Funshine

What cover crop does Santa use at the North Pole?

Elf-alfa!



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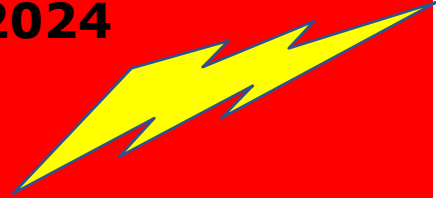
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Host

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Date

Tuesday,
January 14th

Time

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Location

TBA

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Friday Funshine

Winter Solstice December 21, 2024

The tradition of decorating with evergreen boughs during the winter solstice predates Christmas tree customs. Ancient cultures believed that evergreens represented the eternal cycle of life and provided a connection to nature during the cold winter months.




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The winter solstice is not only celebrated on Earth; it also holds significance in space exploration. NASA's Mars rovers, for example, are programmed to go into a "solar conjunction" mode during the few weeks around the winter solstice on Mars, as the sun's position can interfere with the communication between Earth and the rovers.



In certain Native American cultures, the winter solstice is seen as a time of reflection and purification. It is believed that by letting go of negative emotions and experiences, one can embrace new beginnings with the return of the sun.



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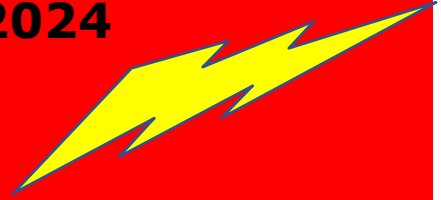
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Time

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Location

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Need Education Hours? Go to Educational Webinars from UMDExtension

Some of the available webinars are:

- Plant Diagnostics Training Series 2024: Diagnosing Plant Problems | Insect Identification | IPM & Working with the Public
Year of Heirloom Tomatoes Train-the-Trainer
Biodiversity and Diversity in Bio: What's the Point?
The Role of Therapeutic Horticulture in Wellness and Recovery
Winter Tree ID | Chat & Resources
Ask a MG Plant Clinic Statewide Meeting | Slides & Resources
Seed Saving 101: Veggie Seed Saving | Slides & Resources
Seed Saving 101: Native Plant Seed Saving | Slides & Resources
Climate & Sustainability Webinars

On Saturday, January 4th, Look north in the predawn sky for the Quadrantid meteor shower. For AK



U.S.G.S. BEE LAB
MD MASTER GARDENERS,
& BLOOM WILD
present

WINTER SOWING WORKSHOP

Learn a simple way to grow Maryland native plants from seed!

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18, 2025
10AM-2PM
@ THE BEE LAB ANNEX
FREE, HANDS-ON CLASS**

WHAT TO BRING
Water/snacks/lunch
Scissors
Clear/translucent plastic gallon jug(s)*
Native plant seeds*

*If you have extra, bring to share. If you don't have any, come anyway!



WHAT YOU WILL DO
plant at least one kind of native plant seed in a gallon jug to take home for winter sowing.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN
how to make a mini-greenhouse out of a plastic gallon jug to mimic nature's process of breaking seed dormancy.


GET READY FOR SPRING: PLANT SEEDS NOW!

HOW TO GET TO THE BEE LAB:

1. Use latitude/longitude: 39.034979° -76.790578°
2. Search for "USGS Native Bee Inventory & Monitoring Lab" on google maps. The correct Lab address is **not** yet on other map programs. For other apps, use above coordinates
3. PLEASE do **NOT** go to Patuxent's visitor center or use the Bee Lab's mailing address or any other Patuxent entrance.

The entrance to the Bee Lab is on 197 (Laurel-Bowie Rd) about 2 miles southeast of Powder Mill Drive and about 2 miles northwest of Bowie State University. The road is fast and the entrance is hidden. Turn immediately after the red telephone poles (but don't be afraid to turn around and come back if you miss it).

**QUESTIONS?
JANET@BLOOM-WILD.COM**



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION for Arborists, Landscape Managers & Nursery Managers
TPM/IPM Weekly Report

UMD Plant Diagnostic Lab Reopens on January 2nd!

To receive the weekly IPM report from the University of MD, contact [Suzanne Klick](#) . For the most recent edition, go to [TPM/IPM](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Join us at the Severna Park Park and Ride to begin creating the new Conservation/Teaching Garden for the Farmer's Market Ask-a-Master Gardener Plant Clinics. Workdays will be Mondays, January 6th and 13th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Workers will be:

- Raking old mulch back from tree root flairs
- Spreading Leafpro
- Spreading soil
- Covering with wood chips

Begin your new year with a productive workout that will create a teaching environment for educating the community how to build a sustainable native garden. Bring your rakes, pitchforks, gloves, water bottles and wheelbarrows and we'll all dig in and earn volunteer hours together! Coffee will be provided. Go to [SignupGenius](#) to join us.



Friday Funshine

What do you call a country where they only drive pink cars?

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Events

Topic	Date/Time	Location	Contact Information
Severna Park Conservation Garden Preparation	Mondays, 1/6 and 1/13; 1:00-4:00 PM	Park and Ride Intersection Jones Station Rd. and Ritchie Highway	Kim Forry or Pam Hanna
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Winter Seed Sowing Workshop	10 AM- 2:00 PM Saturday, Jan. 18 th	USGS Bee Lab (see above for directions)	Janet@Bloom-Wild.com

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