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Frederick County

Frederick County GARDEN SMART

Our mission is to educate Maryland residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. Most of our services are FREE.



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2025 MG PLANT SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 26

8:30 am-1 pm (or until sold out)

Frederick Fairgrounds, Bldg 12, Enter Gate 3 off Monroe Ave
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

Find thousands of locally grown, top-quality plants at great prices! Shop for hard-to-find native perennials, heirloom and hybrid vegetables, herbs, annuals, and hanging baskets. Get advice and tips from Master Gardeners. Look for bargains at our eclectic garden-themed Flea Market. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Our check-out process is streamlined for 2025. Please bring your own cart or wagon to carry your beautiful plant purchases.

FiberFest also will be at the Fairgrounds, 9 am to 4 pm



STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN

Wednesdays, 10am-noon

May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1
330 Montevue Lane, Frederick 21702

Master Gardeners will read a short story and offer activities appropriate for young children. Join us in the Children's Garden at the far end of our Demonstration Garden, which is located behind the Extension building. Pack a snack and enjoy some time in nature. It's FREE and no reservations are required.

(Rain dates 1-week later)



EARTHFEST! SATURDAY, MAY 31

9:30 am-1:30 pm, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick

This free, family-friendly event features a wealth of information about how you can support pollinators and protect the environment. There will be activities for children, information on gardening topics for adults and tours of our Demonstration Gardens—which showcase proven home-gardening practices and include a native plant hedgerow and a charming Children's Garden.

Some of the organizations joining the Master Gardeners include the Frederick Co. Beekeepers, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, Frederick Bird Club, 4-H, Frederick Co. Public Libraries, Habitat Advisors, and Wild Ones.

All About Food Gardening, Landscapes & More!

Find extensive info about food gardening (including a vegetable planting calendar), yards and landscapes, insects, and climate-resilience at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/home-and-garden-information-center/gardening-resources/>.

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Visit us at

bit.ly/FCMG-Home-Gardening

bit.ly/FCMGFacebook

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PLAN TO ATTEND UPCOMING FREE SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Join us for FREE seminars, suitable for both beginning and advanced gardeners, at the University of Maryland Extension office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Registration opens 3 weeks before each seminar. Use the links below or call 301-600-1595. Seminars focused on growing vegetables and other edibles are marked GIEI (Grow It, Eat It).

APRIL

Saturday, April 12, 10 am – noon

BACK TO OUR ROOTS: HUMANS & GARDENING THROUGHOUT HISTORY

Learn about our historical experiences with cultivation, nature, and public and private lands—from imperial gardens to personal plots and windowsill planters. Discover how we can reignite our passion and find peace in cultivating the land mindfully and resourcefully, while encouraging others to do the same.

► bit.ly/FCMG25-BackToOurRoots

Saturday, April 12, 1-3 pm

BAY-WISE PRINCIPLES

Encourage wildlife; control storm water runoff; mow and water efficiently; mulch appropriately and recycle yard waste; fertilize, plant and manage yard pests wisely; and protect the waterfront. These 'best practices' can earn you Bay-Wise certification—and a distinctive yard sign. ► bit.ly/FCMG25-Bay-WisePrinciples

Saturday, April 12, 10 am – 2 pm

THURMONT GREENFEST

Master Gardeners at Thurmont Library

Saturday, April 26, 8:30 am–1 pm (or until sold out)

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Thousands of plants at the Frederick Fairgrounds

For updates on all of our events, see future issues of this publication and FCMG social media. bit.ly/FCMGFacebook



MAY

Saturday, May 3, 10 am – noon

POLLINATORS LOVE HERBS

Find out how herbs support our endangered pollinators, whether by hosting the caterpillar stage of butterflies or supplying pollen and nectar. Think parsley, dill and butterflies! Plant and decorate your own mini-garden. Materials are provided but bring your gardening gloves. Pre-registration is required: limited to 24 adults.

► bit.ly/FCMG25-PollinatorsLoveHerbs

Wednesday, May 7, 10-11 am

STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN

For young children accompanied by an adult

Saturday, May 17, 10 am – noon

(GIEI)

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

Manage pests with ecosystem-based methods to minimize the use of pesticides. Learn how to identify, prevent and manage plant problems using biological control, habitat changes and cultural habits. ► bit.ly/FCMG25-IPM

Saturday, May 31, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

ANNUAL EARTHFEST

Family friendly activities & displays

JUNE-DECEMBER SEMINARS

See future issues of this publication & FCMG social media.

IS YOUR LANDSCAPE POLLINATOR FRIENDLY? WATER WISE?

Apply for Certification & Help Educate Your Neighbors!



You may qualify for Pollinator Friendly landscape certification if your yard provides food, water and shelter for bees, butterflies and other pollinators. If you have created a sustainable landscape that protects local waterways from pollutants and provides a safe habitat for local wildlife, you can earn Bay-Wise certification.



Frederick County Master Gardeners welcome your application for one or both of these certifications. All you need to do is complete the necessary forms and we will arrange a visit to your property to discuss your use of best gardening practices and answer any questions you may have. The process is relaxed, fun and free (although there is a charge if you would like a Pollinator Friendly sign).

For details and a link to the application go to <http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening>, look for Programs and click on Be Bay-Wise and/or Create a Pollinator-Friendly Garden. If you are interested in dual certification, please include a note along with your completed forms.



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Accommodations: If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact Kim Krasauskis, Admin. Assist., at 301-600-1595 on or before 2 weeks prior this event.

GET ANSWERS
to Gardening Questions at
[https://extension.umd.edu/
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