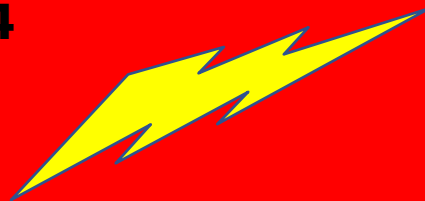




January 12,,2024

Friday Flash



Continuing Education

Projects on Parade at the 2024 Showcase!



February Meeting

Topic:

Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners Project Showcase

Speaker

Project Chairs

Date

Thursday,
February 15

Time

6:00-9:00

Location

Trinity Methodist Church
1300 West St.
Annapolis, 21401

- Anne Arundel County Fair Flower Show
- Apprentice Gardens at Kinder Farm Park
- Ask a Master Gardener
- Bates Middle School Gardens
- Bay Wise
- Beekeeping and Production Garden
- Chase House Gardens
- Composting and Native Gardens at Quiet Waters Park
- Dairy Farm Demonstration Gardens
- Dairy Farm Demonstration Vegetable Gardens
- Hancock's Resolution
- Linthicum Walks Native Gardens
- Native Pollinators Project
- Production Garden at the Dairy Farm
- Public Garden Project
- Re-Pollinate Anne Arundel Partnership Project
- Seed Swap
- Severn River Middle School Gardens
- South county Senior Center
- Tawes Demonstration Garden
- Woodland Gardens at Kinder Farm Park

Come chat with Project Leaders and learn about what each project has to offer. Doors will open at 6 PM providing time for meandering and chatting with Project Leads. This will be followed by the regular meeting time.

For Your Information



We will have another opportunity to meet with **Jamie Pullein** from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center's **BiodiversiTREE Project** on Tuesday, February 13th at 7 PM. This is also the week of our Master Gardener Projects Presentation at Trinity Church at 7 PM. Because the church could not accommodate us on Tues., it freed up our regular meeting night for us to reschedule with Jamie.



Happy New Year! As we settle into the rhythm of 2024, we're also taking a moment to look back at achievements large and small in invertebrate conservation. From celebrating 50 years of the Endangered Species Act, to haring your favorite stories of 2023, there's a lot to appreciate.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Restore Park Retreat Kicks off the New Year
Sunday, January 14
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

After taking a break over the holidays, Restore Park Retreat is back at work! Start the New Year by earning some hours and doing something good for the environment. There are several tasks to be done ---debris to be bagged, wood chips to be hauled and spread, and last but not least, ivy to be pulled. Volunteer hours are given for this project. (Please note that Fran Garcia approved this project when reporting your hours.)

103 Natalie Lane, Millersville, MD
Ample parking on street in front of house

Follow walking trail to the left of the house to the site (2-minute walk)

For more information, contact Andrea Weir
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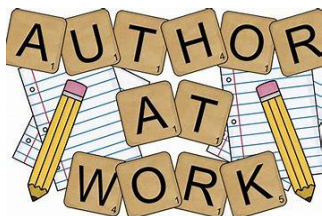


The Extension Advisory Board (EAB) will meet at 9 AM on Wednesday, January 17th. All are welcome to attend. Please follow the following link and passcode:

<https://umd.zoom.us/j/92126038203?pwd=S281NStXWDdDaU9wTTVMZmxBMGdLUT09>



Passcode: 516979



WSA Steward, Denise Alston has been authoring amazing articles for WSA in conjunction with extensive conservation planting with her community in Heritage Harbour. Denise is now looking to compose another article on necessary preparation for gardens and would like to work cooperatively with a Master Gardener from the Heritage Harbour community. Education hours for interested Master Gardeners are available. Please contact [Denise](#) by February 1st if you are interested!

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 \(visitannapolis.org\)](#)



2024 Seed Swap



We need your **seed catalogs** and gently- used **gardening books** to give out to the public. We also need **garden-related items** in very good condition to give out for door prizes. Please drop them off at the Extension office, marked "for Seed Swap." Remember to black out your name and address on your seed catalogues and magazines. Thanks in advance for your support! Reminder: the 2024 Seed Swap will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at the Annapolis Busch Library at 1410 West Street, Annapolis, 21401. Overflow parking at Trinity Methodist Church at 1300 West Street.



The Magic of Winter

Winter winds howl and rustle barren trees
As snowflakes coat like frosting and freeze
Dawn's early pink colors emerge in the sky
The sun starts to warmly brighten and dry
Tree tops shimmer under the golden sun
The winter magic show has now begun
A red cardinal's perched feasting on seed
His feathers glimmer as wet snowflakes bead
Snow sparkles like tiny diamond crystals
Blanketing the ground and nearby thistles
Squirrels scurry about chattering away
While busily stealing from feeders all day
Cedar waxwings feast on frozen berries
While their whistling chirping carries
Crows cackle and circle around Heed warnings as snow surrounds
Nature carries on despite the bitter cold and snow
As Winter's show magically glimmers and glows



Friday Funshine

What do you call a cocoa seed that is late for work?
Choco-late.



EVENTS

Project/Activity	Date/Time	Location	Contact Information
Winter Sowing/Seed Stratification Demo	Sat. 1-13, 2024 10 AM-2 PM	Bee Lab	Sam Droege Lauren Toomey
Monthly Meeting Project Showcase	7:00-9:00 Thursday, 2/15	Trinity Methodist Church 1300 West Street, Annapolis, 21401	Maxine Yoon or Betsy Beck
EAB	9:00 AM- 10:00 AM 3 rd Wednesday monthly	Zoom	Maxine Yoon
Seed Swap	Saturday, 2/3, 10 AM	Busch Annapolis Library 1410 West Street	Sophie Sterling

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