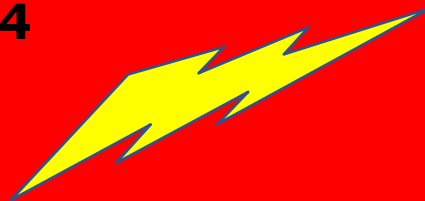




February 2, 2024

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

6:00-8:00

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
- 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

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 Chairs. This will be followed by the regular meeting.



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 Showcase at Trinity Church at 6 PM. Because the church could not accommodate us on Tues., it freed up our regular meeting night for us to reschedule with Jamie. This meeting

will count as one hour Advanced Training.

Mt. Cuba

I am very excited to be able to take many of you to my first educational field trip that the EAB and I have organized! Please join us for an exciting in-person event at Mt. Cuba Center (<https://mtcubacenter.org>) in Hockessin, DE. The Mt. Cuba Center is a botanic garden that highlights the beauty and value of native plants to inspire conservation. It features captivating blooms along garden pathways in formal and woodland settings, picturesque meadows and ponds with stunning vistas, and three miles of scenic trails. We will be meeting at the AAC Extension Office on Thursday, April 11th at 8:30 AM and taking a UMD coach bus to Mt. Cuba! There we will take a garden enthusiast tour, have lunch together, and have some extra time to explore Mt. Cuba. More information and registration can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/803118136967?aff=oddtcreator>. Act fast before they sell out! Tickets are \$60 before Eventbrite fees.



Pruning with Kim Forry (in-person)

Kim Forry and I will be hosting a pruning workshop on Thursday, February 8th at 1pm. At the Chase Lloyd House, we will demonstrate proper pruning practices and techniques on boxwoods, yews, roses, and aucubas. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please sign up [here](#)!

Diagnosing Plant Problems – Watch Party (in-person)

The Ask a MG Plant Clinic project and I will be hosting a watch party on Saturday, February 24th at 1pm – 4pm. We will be watching the Ask A MG Plant Clinic Fall Training recording at the AAC Extension Office. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Ask A MG Plant Clinic team and/or would like a refresher on plant diagnostics, please sign up [here](#)! There will be snacks and beverages for us to enjoy.

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Update (virtual)

I have created a Spotted Lanternfly presentation that overviews the past, present, and potential future of this pest. Presentation will include insider insights from recent research into managing the SLF and future potential of SLF's expansion. It will take place virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, February 20th from 7-8PM. If you are interested, please sign up [here](#)!

MG Spring Training: 2/7 – 5/8 (hybrid)

I am very excited to host and help organize my very first Master Gardener training! The statewide Master Gardener Spring Training will take place from February 7th until May 8th, every Wednesday night. It will be hybrid in-person and virtual, depending on the trainee's preferences. We have about 30 new trainees that are very motivated and excited to be a part of our wonderful program. Let's do our best to make them feel welcome. ^^

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For Your Information



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- School & Scout Groups
- Public Parks & Properties
- Garden Clubs

Other Qualified Nonprofits located in Anne Arundel County

This Spring, Unity Gardens will fund grants up to \$1000 for native perennials and up to \$3000 for native trees and shrubs!

APPLICATION WINDOW: January 15 - March 1



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APPLY NOW!**

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unitygardensaa@gmail.com
for more information

Volunteer Opportunities

Coming Soon!

2024 Seed Swap

Saturday, February 3rd, at 10 AM

At Annapolis Busch Library- 1410 West Street., Annapolis, 21401

Overflow parking at Trinity Methodist Church-1300 West Street



If you would like to volunteer to work at the Seed Swap, please contact [Sophie Sterling](#) and print Seed Swap on the Subject line. **Please note:** if you want to work at the Swap, you must also work at the setup the day before-**Friday, Feb. 2nd, 10 AM-3 PM.** The Seed Swap concludes at 12:30 and Master Gardeners will be needed for cleanup and breakdown as well.



Welcome to 2024 and a New Year for the **Dairy Farm Project!** We have great plans to REORGANIZE, **RENEW, REPLANT** and **REFRESH** our gardens. We are seeking any Master Gardeners who would be interested in designing and implementing some changes so our gardens can continue to be the best they can be.

Keep watching your newsletters and Friday Flashes for updated information. And be sure to visit us and our sister project, Vegetable Gardening at the Dairy Farm at the **Project Showcase Meeting** on February 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact [Malcom Doying](#) or 410-721-7610



Restore Park Retreat

Work continues in the forest conservation area in the Park Retreat Community in Millersville (volunteer hours are given for this project). Winter weather is not conducive to scheduling in advance, which makes getting announcements in the Friday Flash difficult. Please contact [Andrea Weir](#) if you want to be on a group e-mail for events. Right now, the main projects are bagging debris, spreading wood chips and, of course, pulling English Ivy; I promise it is not as bad as it sounds --no worse than cleaning house!

Friday Funshine

How do trees get online?

They just log in.



EVENTS

Project/Activity	Date/Time	Location	Contact Information
Seed Swap Setup	Friday, Feb. 2 nd 10AM -3PM	Annapolis Busch Library 1410 West Street, 21401	Sophie Sterling
Seed Swap	Saturday, Feb. 3 rd 10 AM-12:30 PM	Annapolis Busch Library 1410 West Street, 21401	Sophie Sterling
Pruning Workshop	Thursday, Feb. 8 th , 1 PM	Chase Garden 22 Maryland Ave. Annapolis	Maxine Yoon sign up here
Project Chairs Meeting	Saturday, Feb. 10 th 10 AM-12 PM	Extension Office 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	Maxine Yoon
Jamie Pullien BiodiversiTree Project	Tuesday, February 13 th , 7:00- 8 PM	Zoom Link Meeting ID: 994 3990 0369 --- NO PASS CODE; Waiting Room for admission to meeting	Maxine Yoon
Monthly Meeting Project Showcase	6-8:00 PM Thursday, February 15 th	Trinity Methodist Church 1300 West St., Annapolis 21401	Maxine Yoon
Diagnosing Plant Problems Watch Party	Saturday, Feb. 24 th , 1-4 PM	Extension Office 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	Maxine Yoon sign up here
Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Update (virtual)	Tuesday, Feb. 20 th , 7-8 PM	Virtual	sign up here
EAB	9-10:00 AM 3 rd Wednesday monthly	Zoom Link	Maxine Yoon
Philadelphia Flower Show	Wednesday, March 6 th 10 AM-8 PM	Meet the bus at the Naval Academy Stadium Parking Lot, Gate #6	410-570-4465
Mt. Cuba Trip	Thursday, April 11 th , 8:30 AM	Meet the bus at the Extension Office 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	Maxine Yoon https://www.eventbrite.com/e/803118

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