

Schedule of Events

- **Registration & Refreshments**
(8:30 – 9:00)

- **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
(9:00 – 9:30)

- **Circle your selections for each session on the tear-off registration form to the right.**

- **Session I** (9:40 – 10:45)

A. Applying the Principles of Landscape Design – Susan Bell

What makes a garden beautiful? Design principles are the guidelines used to organize various landscape elements into functional and attractive spaces. An understanding of these principles – proportion, balance, repetition, contrast, and sequence – will help you blend your home and gardens artistically with their surroundings. Elements such as color, form, texture, and scale will be discussed.

B. Seed Saving for the Home Gardener – An Introduction – Janet Young, Karen Mills, and Cynthia Walczak

Seed saving is that important next step for passionate home gardeners. This presentation covers the basics of saving flower and vegetable seeds – the benefits of saving seeds, the types of seeds that will breed true, and how to harvest, clean, and store seeds – as well as providing additional resources.

C. The Good the Bad and the Ugly: Troubleshooting Landscape Problems – Marie Rojas

What's that white stuff on your Japanese maple? Who chewed the leaves of your cherry tree? Are those spots on your dogwood's leaves deadly? Come and learn about common problems that plague our landscapes and how to sustainably manage them. Insect, disease and cultural problems will be highlighted.

- **Session II** (10:55 – 12:00)

D. Sea Vegetables/Ocean Herbs: Nutrition for Ourselves and Our Gardens – Pat Kenny

The nutritional and economic aspects of marine plants have been appreciated for centuries. There will be a presentation, display of sea vegetables with samples of familiar products made with them, books to peruse and take-home samples from Maine-based harvesters with recipes.

E. Season Extension for Vegetable Gardeners – Terri Valenti

Ever wish you could squeeze a bit more time into the vegetable garden growing season? Wish it would start a little earlier? With season extension techniques for vegetable gardening, both can be possible. This talk will include what to grow, when to grow it, and how to protect it from the cold.

F. Vibrant Viburnums – Merikay Smith

Michael Dirr says a garden without viburnums is like a life without music or art. With their diverse leaves, flowers, fruit, and fall colors, viburnums are shrubs for every season. They're also easy to grow, have few pests, and many are even deer resistant. Using photos from her garden, as well as many public gardens, Merikay highlights choice viburnums to try in your garden.

- **Lunch** (12:00 – 1:15)

There will be informal lunchtime talks, open to anyone interested. (Topics may change if the conference is moved to the snow date.)

Garden Critters – Mary Hagedorn
Bug Bytes – Gary Cahn

- **Session III** (1:25 – 2:30)

G. Homegrown Fruit - Eric Wenger

Always wanted to try growing your own fruit, but didn't know where to start? Well, here's your chance – from the front yard to the back yard, Eric will talk about what to grow and where to grow it.

H. Natives: For Beauty, Habitat, and Environment – Paula Jean Hallberg

Learn how to triple your investment. Use native plants in the home landscape to augment the beauty of your garden, to provide a friendly habitat for fauna, to protect our streams and air, and to experience the serenity this combination can add to our lives.

I. Garden Structures – Joe Ginther
Discussion of a variety of simple garden structures, including cold frames, salad tables, and trellises for home gardens. Sketches, materials, tools, and basic building techniques will be illustrated. You will learn how to turn your garden-structure dreams into reality.

Wrap-up (2:40 – 3:00)

Open question-and-answer forum with presenters. Last of the fabulous door prizes will be awarded.

Registration Procedure

To register, please complete **both sides** of this page. Send this section with a check for \$50 payable to: M.C. EAC/MG**

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Registration includes:
Presentation and handouts
Door prizes throughout the day
Executive Lunch Bag and beverage
(Provided by Papa's Bistro Catering)

Circle Your Lunch Choice

Papa's Grilled Chicken Wrap

Fajita Beef Wrap

Grilled Portabella Wrap

A confirmation will be sent upon receipt of payment and a completed registration form.

Applications must be postmarked by
February 17, 2012
No refunds given after
February 21, 2012

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SPACE IS LIMITED.

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Master Gardeners Services Available:

Online

<http://mcmg.umd.edu>

Horticulture Hotline

Free gardening advice, call (301) 590-9650
or email mcmont@umd.edu

Plant Clinics

Many locations throughout the county. Please see our web site for specific locations.

Demonstration Gardens

At the Montgomery County Extension Office in Derwood and the Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg

Speaker's Bureau

Serving all of Montgomery County

Therapeutic Horticulture

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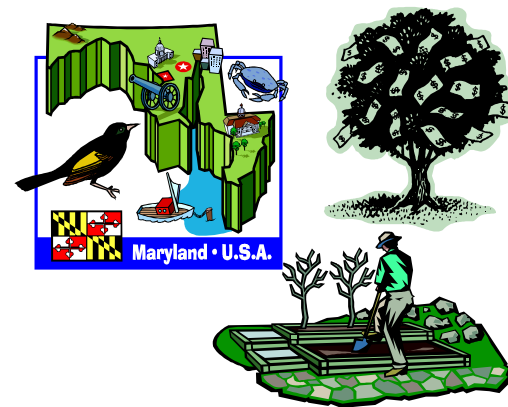
Landscape Design

Consultation and design assistance for government and non-profit organizations in Montgomery County



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Steve Dubik, Horticultural Consultant



**Gardening 2012:
The State We're In**

**Montgomery County
Master Gardeners**

invite you to our

Spring Mini-Conference

Saturday February 25, 2012
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Snow date: Saturday, March 3)
In case of inclement weather, we follow Montgomery County Public Schools Weekend Activity Policy.

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