



August 2006
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September 2006
MONTHLY MEETING

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Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2006
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Garden Tour
 Home of Ralph and Nancy Beedle

Directions: <http://www.toad.net/--coa/coamap.html>

For More Information Call:
 Anne Arundel County Cooperative
 Extension Office at 410-222-6755

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I have made arrangements with St. Margaret's Church to use their Parish Hall for our monthly Master Gardener Meetings. As you will recall, this was the location of our Holiday Party in 2005. St. Margaret's is located in Annapolis at the intersection of St. Margaret's Road and Pleasant Plains Road. Since St. Margaret's is a County Polling Place and Tuesday, September 12, is the Primary Election day, we will not be able to meet there in September. Our first meeting at St. Margaret's will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 10.

We will still have a September meeting although it may turn out to be more of a 'social.' Nancy and Ralph Beedle will host the Master Gardeners at their home on Tuesday, September 12 starting at 5:30 pm. Use his street and city address from our directory to find directions on 'Google Map'. If that doesn't help, send Ralph an e-mail. If you can carpool please do so, as parking is limited and on-street parking is not permitted. Hope to see you on September 12th.

Mike

THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Mike Ensor, Coordinator

I hope that everyone has had a great summer and has been able to take some time off for vacation.

This has been a busy summer managing your gardens and putting in volunteer time that into the Master Gardener projects. Your support is vital to our Master Gardener program and I thank everyone for all of your contributions and dedication for making Anne Arundel County's program top notch.

Just a Few Reminders!

Intern Master Gardener Training begins September 19 and will continue through November 9 from 9 AM until Noon. The training will again take place at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center. Current Master Gardeners are invited to attend some of the classes, but I would like for you to let me know in advance since we do have a full class of interns this year. The agenda will be online and once it is finalized, you can view it by going to the county website extension.umd.edu/local/AnneArundel and then going to the Master Gardener page.

Also I want to thank all those who responded to helping at the Maryland State Fair this year and also those for helping out at the County Fair as well. I also want to thank those who have been helping me to finalize the Intern master Gardener class for fall of 2006.

Please also note in this newsletter the change of the meeting place for monthly meetings beginning in October. Also, note that there is no August meeting and that September's meeting will be at Ralph and Nancy Beedle's place, touring their gardens and hostas. This will be a social gathering as we begin the new year with upcoming monthly meetings.

NATIONAL GARDEN POLICY CONFERENCE

**Drake University
September 7 and 8, 2006**

The Agricultural Law Center at Drake University and the National Gardening Association have organized a two day

conference "Gardens for All: People, Plants and Policy" to be held in Des Moines on September 7th and 8th. This historic conference will take a comprehensive look at the role of federal, state and local policy in shaping gardening in the U.S. More than 25 speakers from across the nation will examine such topics as school gardens, community gardens, the role of gardening in health and wellness, and food security and gardening. For more information about the conference and how to register, please go to:

<http://nationalgardenmonth.org/files/DrakeConf-Registration.FINAL3.pdf> or visit <http://www.gardenpolicy.org>

FYI:

I just received this notice about a Garden Policy conference in Iowa. Looks very interesting. Very short notice. I will pay one \$150 registration fee if any UM faculty or MG volunteer is interested in attending and reporting back.

Jon H. Traunfeld [mailto:jont@umd.edu]

....AND ANNOUNCING ANOTHER STATE FAIR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

FOR AA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

JUDGES FOR HORTICULTURE
DEMONSTRATIONS FOR YOUTH EVENT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

12:00 until 4:00

Two judges are needed for the Horticulture Demonstrations for Youth event. Entrants will be High School age students and the over-all winner will represent Maryland at the National Horticulture Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. Master Gardener volunteers will be given free admission to the fair and provided with a parking pass.

To volunteer, *on a first come - first serve basis*, please contact Mike Ensor at the Extension Office: 410.222.6757 **as soon as possible**. Thank you!!

A COOL WEBSITE

FROM THE DURHAM MASTER GARDENER AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Nervous about your pronunciation of the Latin names of plants? Surf to the website of the University of Delaware Botanic Gardens:

http://ag.udel.edu/udbg/botanic_garden/Visit%20the%20garden.html

When you select an individual plant, you will see and, if your computer has the appropriate software, hear the pronunciation.

Thank you to Dottie Oliff forwarding me the Durham, North Carolina Master Gardener newsletter.

Submitted by Susan Smith, MG

WANT AN EASY WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR FELLOW MASTER GARDENERS?

If you would like an easy way to send a message out to the whole MG group or see messages sent by others, think about joining our Yahoo MG email group. This is a way for anyone to send or respond to messages or announcements (separate from the newsletter). All you need to do is let me (Robin Costas) know you want to be on the list. Send me an email at costasrt@comcast.net.

And, there is more...if you want to be able to access the Yahoo MG website...all you need is a Yahoo ID. (This is separate from the HGIC MG website.) There you will find a list of all our members and their email addresses, see all of our past correspondences and be able to access our past newsletters. If you are interested, I can send you more information or even help you get set up. Just let me know?

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

Joe Marsala, MG

The Farmers Market in Annapolis was a beehive of activity this month. Additionally, we held plant clinics at Crofton Library and the North County Library. Thanks to efforts of: Robin Costas, Maureen Donovan, Carol Dowling, Elaine Flanagan, Kay Ford, Judy Freeman, Lillie Harrison, Marilyn Kinkel, Pat Horm, Linda Kolosky, Linda Martinich, Dottie Oliff, Bonnie Pavlak, Marilyn Bandy, Janet Ross, Marietta Schreiber, Susan Knisely, Kathleen Cornell, Carol Segree, Lew Shell, Lori Theiler, Judy Wilson, Lisa Winters, and Helen Zinn we completed 544 client educational sessions. This brings our year-to-date total to 1,472!

We are receiving an average of 6 – 8 samples each week to diagnose. Our clients repeatedly voice their gratitude for the services we perform! As in 2005, our vendor hosts continue to demonstrate their appreciation for our presence. Our volunteers continue to demonstrate their excellence at what we do. I believe our plant clinics are one of the best if not the best in Maryland!

Please feel encouraged to visit one of our plant clinics. I think you will be very impressed with the abilities and attitudes of your colleagues. Beyond this you will see that we have a lot of fun doing what we do. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning!

VISIT TO SURREYBROOKE GARDENS

Margaret Karnes, MG

On July 23rd, members of the London Town Propagation Committee visited Surreybrooke Gardens, Middletown, Maryland. Surreybrooke is a family farm that specializes in growing a wide variety of plants, some of which are rare and unusual. Our tour was led by one of the owners of Surreybrooke, and we walked through and had a thorough description of plants and trees in the Entrance Garden, Berry Garden, Log Cabin Garden, Parterre Fleuriste (picking garden), Lotus Rill, Ellipse Garden, Pool Garden, Shrub Border, Cottage Garden, Children's Garden, Fragrant Garden, Long Border, Shade Garden, Woodland Walk, Stone Wall, and the Knot Garden. We also saw several historic outbuildings for which great care has been taken to preserve the historic significance of the farm. We

saw many rare and deciduous trees, flowering shrubs, roses of many kinds, unusual annuals and a variety of perennials and herbs. We also were shown their greenhouses. Unfortunately, they were not operational at this time of year, but we did get to walk through them on our own after lunch.

This was a wonderful experience to see such beautiful and well-planned gardens. We saw profusions of mixed plantings, shrubs and trees which are too numerous to mention. I'm sure everyone on this tour would agree that this is a must see and do.

NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TOUR

Thistle Cone, MG

Join Master Gardeners for a guided tour of the 18 native plant gardens at the Chesapeake Ecology Center, Saturday September 23rd, 9 to 10 AM. The Center will also be open that day for volunteers to help spruce up the gardens from 9 AM to noon. Lend a hand or come learn more about conservation landscaping and rain gardens! The CEC is in Annapolis, near the Navy Stadium, off Glenwood Road at the Adams Academy campus. See the website at www.ChesapeakeEcologyCenter.org for more information or directions. Snacks served.

APPRENTICE GARDENER PROGRAM

Bonnie Tauber, MG

The participants in the Apprentice Gardener Program have been very productive this season. Many improvements have been made to the site and the plants looks great. However, there are only four master gardeners on the committee this year which is not making it worthwhile to offer as a MG sponsored program. If you are interested in keeping Apprentice Gardeners as a master gardener project and would like to know how you can help, please contact Bonnie Tauber at (410)255-5966 or e-mail thetaubers@msn.com.

Many Master Gardeners use a SPAM/Junk Mail filter that screens email. One of the features of these systems is to send to the Junk Folder any mail from an addressee that is not in your address book. If that is the case, please add Rose Mary Swartwood at swartwrm@pgcc.edu and Ralph Beedle at rebeedle@comcast.net to your address book. Rose Mary sends the MG Newsletter and the MG newsflashes. Ralph will send email concerning MG volunteer hours

COMPOSTING/NATIVE PLANT GARDENS

Susie Blackwell, MG

We are at the halfway mark for our season's scheduled activities. We have accomplished so much and have SO MUCH more to do! We have enjoyed excellent attendance at our composting workshops, added many new plantings to our native plant gardens and attempted to keep ahead of the weeds.

We invite ALL interns and MGs to come over to Quiet Waters to see what we are doing and help out at one of our sessions. We always have more to do than people to do all the work. *You do not have to have signed up for this project in February to join us* – all are welcome! We'll be at Quiet Waters twice monthly (see the calendar for time and dates) through the first weekend in November. We really do have a great time and have a project worth visiting. Please tell your friends and neighbors about us and be sure to tell them they will receive a FREE compost bin and goody bag when they come to one of our demonstrations (so will MGs!). Contact Susie Blackwell at mrsbntx@aol.com or 410-757-7780 for more information or to be added on our email list.

GIBSON ISLAND COUNTRY SCHOOL SHORT TERM PROJECT

Bonnie Pavlak, MG

Purpose: To advise Courtney Leigh, Science Teacher and Environmental Studies Coordinator on the selection of plant material to restore a shoreline butterfly garden on school property. Nineteen kindergarteners and their parents planned to plant the garden on April 20, 2006. Each child would plant one plant. I was unable to attend the planting due to work commitments.

I put a packet together containing information about host plants and the butterflies they attract. Courtney and I met on March 30, 2006 to discuss the plant choices and view the garden plots. There are two plots: a proposed non-till plot measuring 19' X 13.5' and a proposed plot to be tilled by Courtney before planting measuring 21.5' X 20.5'.

I designed the 2 gardens choosing tall field plants for the smaller, natural untilled garden. These plants included thistle, milkweed, turtlehead, goldenrod, Queen Anne's lace, Joe Pye Weed, and Monkeyflower. Cattails are already in the garden. It was to be wild and unmanicured.

Courtney planned to rototill the larger garden and the kindergarteners would plant a more formal garden including Zinnia, Echinacea, Cosmos, Lavender, Sage, and Lantana. This garden would be drier and was to be weeded and mulched.

I stopped by Gary's Garden on Rt 2 in Severna Park and located and priced the plants available. Courtney purchased the plants and planted the garden with the kindergarteners and their parents on schedule.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Help us keep you informed. If you change your address, phone number and/or email address, or if you have just come on line, please notify Ralph Beedle at rebeedle@comcast.net

Anne Arundel County Master Gardener Newsletter and Calendar of Events are now online at <http://mastergardener.umd.edu> MG programs in Maryland

UPCOMING SPEAKERS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Lew Shell, MG

September 12:

Tour of Ralph Beedle's Hosta Garden

October 10:

Andrew Ristvey, WREC,

"The Latest in Plant Nutrition"

Entrance Exhibit: Daffodils, JoeAnn Kuhn

November 14:

Gene Sumi, Homestead Gardens,

"The Latest in Bio-Pesticides"

Entrance Exhibit: Native Grass,

Chesapeake Ecology Center Project

December 12:

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

January 9:

Lew Shell, MG

"Plant Diagnostics: It's All A Game."

Entrance Exhibit: TBD

February 13: ANNUAL MEETING

March 13:

Shelley McNeal, Beekeeper/HGIC Consultant,
Howard County.MG

"Our Disappearing Pollinators"

Entrance Exhibit: TBD

April 10:

Dr. Paula Shrewsbury, Entomologist, Asst.
Professor U of MD & Extension Specialist,
Ornamental & Turf IPM

"The Latest in Insect Pests of Ornamentals"

Entrance Exhibit: TBD

May 8:

Suzanne Klick and Shannon Wadkins
Landscape and Nursery IPM,
University of Maryland, CMREC

"The Scout Program and IPM"

Entrance Exhibit: TBD

June 12:

Outing. To Be Determined.

July 10:

Jean Austin. Extension agent, Kent County.

"Selecting Vegetables Based on Color"

Entrance Exhibit: TBD

August: NO MEETING

It is the policy of the University of Maryland and Maryland Cooperative Extension that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital or parental status, or disability. Equal opportunity employers and equal access programs.



University of Maryland Master Gardener Advanced Training Level II Landscaping with Native Plants Fall 2006

Announcing a new course for those with native plants experience:

Piedmont Section: Wednesdays 12:30-5:30; 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25;

Coastal Plain Section: Sundays 1-6:00; 9/10, 9/17, 10/22, 12-5:00 on 10/29 & 11/5

Instructor: Louisa Thompson, Ph.D

Registration Fee: \$60 (plus any required reference materials)

Registration Deadline: 9/5/06 (or when class is full)

We, hopefully, will receive funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust for this course.

Landscaping with native plants is fundamentally different from other kinds of landscaping because it is motivated by ecological purposes such as conservation, enjoyment of nature, or provision of ecosystem services. Design begins by specifying the desired functions and services to be provided by the landscape as well as analysis of the site's ability to meet plants' needs. As with all landscape plants, the landscape designer must know the ornamental characteristics and habitat/cultural needs of the plants under consideration. In addition, she or he needs to know which plants normally grow together (and why), which wildlife they attract, and which "engineering" services they can provide. This course teaches you how to design a landscape for these purposes. We hope for some lively discussions of the various esthetic perspectives on landscaping with native plants.

Plants are "native" to specific combinations of climate and soil conditions, which in turn derive from geologic formations. Maryland has a complex geological history, giving us an exceptionally large number of distinct native plant communities, some common, some very rare.

Classroom presentations will be enhanced and reinforced with hands-on exercises and by field trips on almost every meeting date.

This course is open to all MG's, but is based upon strong knowledge of the ecology of native plants. If you have previously taken a state sponsored MG course in native plants, you are covered. If not, but you feel like you have good base of knowledge in the relationships of plants to geology, soils, and wildlife, you'll probably be just fine- but please contact Robin at rmhessey@umd.edu.

Internet access and the ability to receive e-mail attachments are required for this course. If you do not have easy access to e-mail including attached documents, you will have to arrange with someone to download attachments and pass along messages to you.

Course set up: COASTAL PLAIN SECTION and PIEDMONT SECTION

This course is divided into two alternative sections, one for the COASTAL PLAIN and one for the outer PIEDMONT. Each section will have 5 classes plus a service requirement of at least 10 additional hours. We have planned one service project for each section and anticipate additional projects (you may propose one), so that you can work in small groups. The service projects will probably involve several planning meetings in late October or November, followed by planting in November or next spring.

Ideally, you should register for the section that corresponds to where you live or do most of your MG volunteer work, but we recognize that you may have to pick the schedule that works best for you.

To accommodate those with full-time day jobs, the COASTAL PLAIN section will meet on Sunday afternoons. Most Baltimore City MGs should register for this section even if they live in the Piedmont, because it will give greater emphasis to landscaping in urban conditions (vacant lots, fill dirt, soil contaminated with lead and other urban pollutants, effects of the urban heat island). This section will also cover landscaping to meet Chesapeake Bay Critical Area regulations. Plants covered will be selected from Coastal Plain plant communities.

The PIEDMONT section will meet on Wednesday afternoons and will give somewhat greater emphasis to suburban landscapes, e.g., larger lots, wildlife issues, more possibilities for stormwater management. Plants covered will be from Piedmont plant communities.

PIEDMONT SECTION: Wednesdays 12:30-5:30

9/20/06 Mt. Pleasant Gudelsky Environmental Education Center and grounds, 10520 Old Frederick Rd., Woodstock (Howard County).

9/27/06 Eldersburg Library, 6400 W. Hemlock Dr., Eldersburg. Field trip to residential garden in Finksburg (eastern Carroll County).

10/4/06 Mt. Pleasant manor house and grounds

10/11/06 & 10/25/06 Mt. Pleasant Gudelsky Environmental Education Center, & grounds

Recommended for MG's in central and south/east Montgomery County, eastern and central Howard County, eastern Carroll County, northern and western Baltimore County and City, and western Harford County (i.e., the outer Piedmont).

The service requirement for the Piedmont section may be met in one of the following ways:

- Mt. Pleasant (northern Howard County) – choice of rain garden, xeriscape garden, or (tentatively) meadow-edge; work on design, plant herbaceous perennials
- Schoolyard or other Demonstration Garden TBD.
- Other homeowner consultation project TBD – e.g., create PowerPoint presentation for homeowners (drawing from course PowerPoints) on rain gardens, xeriscapes, or wildlife habitat gardens.

COASTAL PLAIN SECTION: Sundays from 1:00 to 6:00. (12-5 on 10/29 and 11/5)

9/10/06 Annapolis Library -1410 West Street, Annapolis. Field trip to nearby Chesapeake Ecology Center

9/17/06 Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, 975 Indian Landing Rd., Millersville, 21108 (Anne Arundel County) & field trip on premises

10/22/06 Watkins Regional Park Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro 20773 (actually east of Largo, Anne Arundel County); field trip on premises and field trip to nearby community rain gardens in PG Co.

10/29/06 Annapolis Library -1410 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. Field trip to Chesapeake Ecology Center.

11/5/06 Bon Secours of Maryland Foundation, 26 N. Fulton Ave., Baltimore (City). Field trip to nearby vacant lot (site of service project).

Recommended for MG's in southern and eastern Harford County, southeastern Baltimore City and County, Anne Arundel County, Prince George's County, southeastern Montgomery County (i.e., the Fall Zone and inner Coastal Plain), southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore.

Possibilities for meeting the service requirement for the Coastal Plain section:

- Baltimore City – Working with Bon Secours of Maryland Foundation's Clean and Green Project, help design a demonstration garden for a vacant lot, work with community to maintain garden.
- Central PG County, near Mitchellville: Consult with Somerset subdivision homeowners re: maintenance of neglected rain gardens.
- Anne Arundel County Master Stewardship Program – help develop program.
- Schoolyard or other Demonstration Garden TBD.
- Other homeowner consultation project TBD – e.g., create a PowerPoint presentation for homeowners (drawing from course PowerPoints) on rain gardens, xeriscapes, shoreline restorations, or wildlife habitat gardens.

For more information on anything listed on this page, contact Robin Hessey 410-531-1754 or

rmhessey@umd.edu or go to the state MG website mastergardener.umd.edu

Home & Garden Information Center, 12005 Homewood Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Maryland Master Gardener Advanced Training Level II

Landscaping with Native Plants, Fall 2006

APPLICATION & ORDER FORM

Please fill in and return by **Tuesday, Sept. 5** to MG Native Plants, HGIC, 12005 Homewood Rd. Ellicott City, MD, 21042. Include a check made payable to the University of Maryland. Please include your tuition and payment for any of the course materials you'd like us to order. If you don't already have the books listed (or similar keys) you can purchase them anywhere, or for your convenience, we can order them for you. We will deliver them to you the first day of class.

Which section of the course would you like to take: Coastal Plain Piedmont

Date: _____ Are you an U. of MD Master Gardener? _____ MG County you work with _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Cost Check Box Amount

Tuition (includes handouts and 3 publications) \$60.00 \$60.00

Required Reference Materials (many of you will have these already).

Ecology of Native Plants (CD)

by Louisa Rogoff Thompson, Ph.D. \$35.00 _____

Fall Color and Woodland Harvests

by C. Ritchie Bell & Anne H. Lindsey \$15.00 _____

Ecoscaping Back to the Future: Restoring Chesapeake \$15.00 _____

Landscapes by Zora Lathan & Thistle Cone

Chesapeake Ecology Center

Total Enclosed: _____

If you'd prefer to pay by credit card rather than check, please fill in the following information and mail in or fax to: 410-531-5567 (HGIC) attn Robin.

Name of Credit Card: _____ Type of Credit card (M/C, Visa or Discover) _____

Number of Credit Card: _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature: _____

For more information on anything listed on this page, contact Robin Hessey 410-531-1754 or



**Maryland Master Gardener Advanced Training
Level II**

Master Composter Course

EVENINGS & WEEKEND CLASS!

Montgomery County Cooperative Extension

18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855

Tuesdays Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct 24; 6-9 pm; Saturday, Sept. 30, 10-1 field day

Registration Deadline: Sept. 5, 2006

Class presenters: Lew Shell, AA County MG; and a team of seasoned Master Gardeners

Learn all about composting from dedicated Master Gardener Master Composters. This advanced course, designed to teach the teacher, will not only enable you to improve your own composting techniques, it will empower you to share your knowledge with novices and experts alike. You will be given instruction in both the science and the art of creating compost and be given the opportunity to hone your own personal teaching skills. As a graduate “Master Composter”, you will be expected to seek out new and innovative ways to present ‘backyard composting’ to both MG interns and to the public at large.

Master Gardeners are among a very small number of spokespersons for Integrated Pest Management. Our mandate goes well beyond the sensible use of pesticides; we are also charged with educating homeowners in areas of Water Quality, Nutrient Management, Soil Conservation, and Recycling. Backyard Composting is an endemic part of each of these areas and thereby has a crucial role to play in all of our programs and projects.

Registration fee: \$55 (includes NRAES’44 page (\$10) booklet *Composting to Reduce the Waste Stream* as well has course handouts)

SUGGESTED SUPPLEMENTARY Texts:

The Rodale Guide to Composting by Jerry Minnich and Marjorie Hunt. \$13.00

Worms Eat My Garbage by Mary Appelhof \$12.00

Master Composter Registration Form

Date: _____ MG County: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

(street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

	Item	Item Cost	Totals
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Tuition, NRAES booklet and class materials	\$55.00	\$55.00	
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Optional Additional Texts:

The *Rodale Guide to Composting* by Jerry Minnich and Marjorie Hunt. \$13.00 _____

Worms Eat My Garbage by Mary Appelhof \$12.00 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please fill in and return your application to Plant ID, HGIC, 12005 Homewood Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042; Please include a check made **payable to the University of Maryland**. Please include your tuition and payment for the course books (if you'd like us to order any for you). We will deliver books to you the first day of class. For more information, contact Robin Hessey at 410-531-1754 or at rmhessey@umd.edu.