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August 2010 Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Place: St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Parish
1601 Pleasant Plains Road
Annapolis, MD 21409-5928

Time: 7 p.m.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND PLANT EXCHANGE

Joe Marsala, MG

Remember that in August we will have an ice cream social and plant exchange! This will happen at our regular time and meeting place. We still need some volunteers to setup; receive the plants; serve the ice cream; manage the plant exchange; and clean up at the end.

You should start soon to pot up the plants you plan to exchange. In order to keep the number of plants to a manageable number, please limit the plants you plan to exchange to five. Also remember that we will have the social/exchange at our regular time and place.

Just e-mail me to volunteer (joe-marsala@comcast.net)

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THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Mike Ensor, Coordinator

I hope that everyone has had a great summer and has found time to relax as well. This has been a busy summer for many managing your gardens and still finding volunteer time for 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's program "top notch".

Intern Master Gardener classes begin September 16 and continue until November 4, 2010. This year's class will be an evening class meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. We are still working on holding the classes at the Anne Arundel Community College. We are anticipating 25 new interns, so please join me in giving them a warm welcome when you meet them.

If any current Master Gardener would like to attend any of the classes, then please let me know in advance. The syllabus will be posted as a newsflash in the near future.

It's that time again, organizing the Master Gardener Booth at the Maryland State Fair. Anne Arundel Master Gardeners will be in the Farm & Garden Building at Timonium on Saturday, August 28, 2010, from 11 am to 8 pm. There will be 3 hour shifts (11-2, 2-5, and 5-8). All volunteers must provide their names to Joe Ann Kuhn or Lisa Winters as soon as possible, so that we can mail maps, parking passes and free admission to the fair.

Also, on September 2, 2010, a series of 15–30 minute talks will be scheduled throughout the day. Feel free to volunteer to give a talk on your favorite gardening topic. Please let Joe Ann or Lisa know as soon as possible. You will receive volunteer hours for these events--again, many thanks to all of our Master Gardeners for a "job well done".

Executive Advisory Board for 2010

Susan Knisely	Chairperson
Lisa Winters	Vice Chairperson
Elizabeth Matarese	Fiscal Advisor
Deb Stevens	Recording Sec.
Joe Marsala	Member Support
Barbara MacNemar	Member

SHOW ME THE MONEY! UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD

Susan Knisely, Chairperson

Would you have guessed that we started this year with \$10,333 in our “bank account?” With income from grants, fundraising, and fees for training, we expect to end this year with close to the same balance. This year the Executive

Advisory Board (EAB) promised to get a handle on our finances so we can better plan for and support our committees and activities and look to the future. Our “bank account” is in the University of Maryland’s account system, so we need to work within their system. Since we function under the auspices of the University and are part of a nationwide Master Gardener Program, we must follow their accounting rules and procedures. This makes sense, since we manage thousands of dollars in grants and donations that must be accurately accounted for and fully auditable.

First, a little background: The University of Maryland/County Extension Office provides us with our County Coordinator and administrative support such as accounting, meeting space, website maintenance, and copying. Our Anne Arundel County Master Gardener (AACMG) program activities are basically self-supporting. We support our committee and EAB activities through grants, fundraising, donations, and training fees. So the \$10,333 in our account at the University is funds that we have raised and that we control through the EAB.

Guiding principles: At the June EAB meeting, we discussed principals to guide the EAB’s development and management of our budget.

1. We need to carefully plan and use our financial resources to meet the mission of the Master Gardeners Program.
2. Grants for specific committee projects with high costs for materials are very important. Annual project proposals that are submitted by the committee chairman to the EAB in November include funding needs and the sources so the EAB can make budget plans for the coming year.
3. In general, we try to have activities such as advanced training and volunteer recognition events just cover their costs. We understand that planning an event cannot be exact, but we try to err on the side of collecting a bit more so we’re not in the “red.”
4. We maintain a balance in our account (a reserve fund) to pursue new opportunities and cover unexpected expenses.
5. We’ll keep the Master Gardeners updated on the budget throughout the year and will get their views on the annual budget plan.

Reporting: Since the County Extension Office maintains our account with the University, Mike Ensor is our treasurer. We’re working with him to finalize a quarterly report on our account, a monthly report to the EAB on income and expenses from our account, and an end-of-year report delivered in January. We’ve also asked Mike to develop a chart to track and report grant expenditures accurately and to figure out how to get MGs reimbursed for approved expenses more quickly by the University. With these new reporting procedures, we will ask each committee chair to review and verify Mike’s records for your committee and grants to make sure it is consistent with your records and end-of-year report. This will replace the requirement for periodic financial reporting by the committees.

The EAB will develop a budget proposal for next year and seek input from the members at the annual meeting in February. The annual budget will be finalized at the March EAB meeting when the new EAB term begins. We'll also post the quarterly and budget reports and other financial information on our internal website.

Next steps: So we're making progress. We have principles to guide our budgeting decisions. We know how much we have and what we spend it on. Mike Ensor is developing regular budget reports and reporting processes. This article is an excerpt from a longer article with more information on our grants, fundraising, and training. That more detailed information will go out to our members as a Newsflash. Keep an eye out for it and let us know what you think. We'll need your feedback and ideas.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS PROVIDE SOURCE OF MG INFORMATION

Susan Guyaux, MG

Many of us living in Anne Arundel County live in communities that have quarterly or annual newsletters. Under the auspices of the Community Outreach Project, it is possible to have your community newsletter editor receive short topics related to mulching, mowing, fertilizing, composting, encouraging bees and other gardening issues confronting homeowners in Anne Arundel County.

People want to do the best thing for the environment but frequently don't know how to accomplish this. By using community newsletters we have another way of spreading our message. We can make a difference and can create a better place to live and to make Anne Arundel County a leader in using the best practices available for our gardens and yards.

Send community newsletter editor contact information such as a phone number and name or email address to Susan Guyaux at 410-923-0874 or beebabe@comcast.net and we will make sure that they are contacted to see if they would like to include these short, educational articles in their publications.

ANNE ARUNDEL MASTER GARDENER PROJECT REPORTS

Apprentice Gardens

Anne Nourse, Chair & Rosie Tucker, Co-Chair

Luckily the weather was bearable the last week of June and we were able to hold an Apprentice Garden meeting in the garden after 3 weeks of meeting indoors. As we walked around each plot we noted the growth of the veggies and if any needed to be staked (tomatoes). Insects were discovered on some plants and identified by Master Gardeners Kathy Enderle and George Lambert. These non-beneficials were picked off the plants and properly disposed of. One of the zucchini plants appeared to have been attacked by a virus or fungus and was destroyed. Fairytale eggplants were starting to appear and the group was able to harvest some zucchini, lots of cucumbers and peppers. The pumpkin patch is expanding and small Jack Littles and New

England pie pumpkins were starting to peek out from the leaves. One of the latter kinds was hung in a stocking to prevent it from pulling the vine down from the fence it is growing on. In addition, MG Project Leader Anne Nourse told some folklore tales about the herbs that are growing abundantly in a community area and shared some copies of recipes using mint with vegetables. Samples of each herb were passed around and the Apprentice Gardeners had a chance to touch, taste and smell each one. In addition, the group thoroughly enjoyed a refreshing drink she made from the mint.

Due to the immense heat, humidity and poor air quality of July, the Apprentice Gardeners spent

two of the three Wednesdays away from the garden. During the first week of July pickle-making was our activity. Using cucumbers from our garden and supplementing them with locally grown ones, the group made two different non-cooking kinds. One recipe was from the latest *Organic Gardening* magazine and one was provided by MG Carole Fullagar. Both were delicious!!! A grandmother in our group cut up various sizes of our garden zucchini for the children to taste. She explained how the larger ones are not as tender as the smaller ones and have many more seeds. It was a fun experience for all!

The third Wednesday of July the group was treated to a native plant presentation by MG Dena Cameron discussing the natives she and MG Elizabeth Matarese added to the floral garden they designed last year in front of our plot. After explaining the importance of growing natives and what invasives are, Dena showed cuttings from our garden and spoke on the origins of each plant as well as its uses and growing conditions. MG

Anne Nourse added to the listing by mentioning other common natives and their characteristics before a Native Plants Bingo game was played. Cards were made by the Apprentice Gardeners by pasting pictures of the natives discussed. Dena began the game by drawing calling cards and announcing them as families placed flower-shaped markers on their card. Several games were played after winners of each game selected a prize and became the next caller. Refreshments for the event were two beverages; one made from lemon balm leaves and the other used a tea from rose-scented geranium leaves to dilute a fruit drink. We thank MG Interns Michele Brown and Joyce Dali for visiting and participating in our program for that Wednesday.

We're not sure what the weather will be like the last Wednesday in July or beginning of August and if we will be indoors or out so please check with Anne Nourse (anonourse@verizon.net) or Kathy Enderle (kenderle_phx@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us beginning at 6:30pm at Kinder Farm Park.

B & A Trail Bay-Wise Demonstration Gardens

Polly Katauskas, Chair & Mary Ellen Keck, Co-Chair

The B & A Trail Project is going strong! Members have been maintaining the gardens throughout the drought period, with much success, even though it means transporting water in containers. Recent rains made the job easier, so everyone is happy not to have to go out in this searing heat!

Many passersby have commented on the gardens and complimented the Master Gardeners' efforts to beautify the surroundings. The trail is popular with walkers, bike riders, rollerbladers, and young folks with little tots who love the flowers.

One of the best features, aside from the native plants that have bloomed continuously this year and filled the gardens to the limits, is the ice cone or two, because the ice cream is that good!



Kim Briggs, Noreen Krispin, Lisa Schick, John Conners, Sandy Patterson, Co-Chairs Mary Ellen Keck and Polly Katauskas, comprise the water brigade; Mary Beam and Elizabeth Matarese

head up the edging maintenance team. Everyone had quite a time weeding and preparing the gardens this past spring, but the effort paid off. The B & A Trail is now a must-see place! And not just for the ice cream.



The Colonial Garden at St. Margaret's Church

Ginny Klocko, Chair

Our planned July event was to have a table and guides at the garden for the church joust on July 10. Mother Nature had other plans, and a welcomed all day rain caused the cancellation of the joust for the day. It has been rescheduled for Sat. Aug. 7. Catherine Waterman has agreed to take charge of the event since Ginny Klocko is unavailable. Hopefully, if folks are looking for an

activity for the day, they will come out to see Catherine and company. The garden is looking quite lush with the much needed rain and the careful twice daily watering by Susan Barbi. Many thanks to others who have been scheduled to water – Kim Morrow and Diane Geslois. Again, many thanks to Catherine for heading up the joust event.

London Town Propagation

Margaret Karnes, Chair

During this heat wave, our group has met on two Fridays. One Friday we went out into the Woodland Garden and took semi-hardwood cuttings from the Camellias. Some of these would later be sent to a nursery in North Carolina for them to pot and nurture into beautiful shrubs. The remainder were potted up by our group and we will take care of them until they are ready for sale sometime in the future. Another Friday, we

sowed seeds for Kale (Redbor, Winterbor, and Nero Di Toscano), Lettuce (Winter Marvel, Winter Density, Arctic Tundra Blend and Continuity), Pak Choi (Joy Choi), Swiss Chard (Orange Fantasia), Mustard (New Star), Beet (Flat of Egypt), Foxgloves (Alba, Sutton's Apricot, Alba x Purpurea) and Hollyhocks (Pastorale and Nigra). These will be for sale at the Fall Plant Sale on September 11.

Monastery Gardens

Dottie Oliff, Chair



What a wonderful time was had in the beautiful Monastery garden in July.

A donut Social was held with lots of people attending. What a setting for a social. People were so happy to be outside in this garden. There were lots of children and the weather was beautiful. Donuts, coffee and juice were served.



Betty Bryant and Sue Owens

We have been busy weeding even though the weather was very hot. Lots of interns have been showing up. Everyone has been so helpful. Thanks to all who make this garden what it is.



Rainscaping Campaign at Chesapeake Ecology Center

Joyce Donlon, Chair; Susan Steele Co-Chair

The past few weeks have been a good test of how the rain gardens have survived heat and drought! We have conducted tours one weekend a month during the summer and have had a good intern attendance. The next focus for the Rainscaping Campaign to prepare for the Open House and

Plant Sale September 18 at CEC. There will be tours of the rain gardens and a plant sale featuring plants from the CEC gardens. Please see the attached flyer for information.

Woodland Garden

Bonnie Pavlak, Chair & Candice' Rockwood, Co-Chair

In June we were able to plant a bald cypress, 3 elderberries, a persimmon and some day lilies (donated by a passer by) in the Woodland Garden. Weeding keeps us busy in our race against mile-a-minute, Japanese stilt grass, and

ground ivy. In the heat of the season, all we are doing is watering and mulching with aged wood chips



Diane Geslois watering



Tara Fontz and Denise Hagerman



Laura Pecoraro planting day lilies



Tara Fontz weeding

A list of 2010 Projects with descriptions can be found on the web ([click here](#))

**Has your contact information recently changed? Update your info today!
All it takes is an email to rebeedle@verizon.net**

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 to let Robin Costas know you want to be on the list by sending her an email at costasrt@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE STATE MG OFFICE

ADVANCED TRAINING NEWS FROM THE STATE MG OFFICE

MG Advanced Training Pollinators

Locations: July 19 - Baltimore County (Oregon Ridge Nature Center) Cockeysville
July 20 - Queen Anne's Co (4H Park), Centreville
August 23 - Washington Co. (Western Maryland Research and Education Ctr.)
Keedysville

Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Instructors: Connie Schmotzer, Penn State
State CE;

Kim Carlen, Penn. Dept of Agriculture;

Registration Fee: \$10; Registration Deadline is one

Cooperative Ext.; Alex Surcica, Penn

Maryann Frazier, Penn State CE

week before the start of each class.

Intensive, full-day workshop covering pollinator biology, ecology, taxonomy, habitat requirements, and how to minimize the impact of pesticide applications on pollinators. Improve your knowledge on pollinator species and importance, and how to better manage pollinators and their vital environmental services. Learn the most up-to-date pollinator-friendly IPM practices. This workshop will have 4 parts plus a Q&A at the end:

- 1) Gardening for Pollinators: How to Landscape to Protect Pollinators, Connie Schmotzer. The main threats pollinators face today are habitat loss and degradation and fragmentation of the landscape. Learn how to bring pollinators back into the landscape by choosing pollinator friendly plants and landscaping techniques that will provide the food and shelter they need.**
- 2) Developing Pollinator-nesting Habitats, Alex Surcică. Ecology and the nesting requirements for various native bee species present in the Northeast region and workshop on how to build manmade nesting habitats for cavity- and wood-nesting bees.**
- 3) Identifying Native Pollinators for a Proper IPM, Kim Carlen. Pollinators play a vital role in the production of many of our fruits and vegetables and in maintaining healthy and**

diverse ecosystems. Attendees will learn to recognize the native pollinators in their area, with an emphasis on native bee populations. Hands on training in identification, monitoring and sampling techniques will be provided.

- 4) **Understanding Pesticide Impacts on Pollinators**, Maryann Frazier. Research-based information regarding the lethal and sub-lethal synergistic effects of pesticides on pollinators under both acute and chronic exposure. Also learn softer alternatives.

This program is brought to us by the Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Northeast IPM Center.

For full program description and speaker bios go to:

<http://mastergardener.umd.edu/AdvancedTraining/Pollin2010.cfm>

MG Advanced Training Vegetable Demos and Diagnostics

Instructor: Jon Traunfeld, State MG Coordinator; Extension Specialist, Fruits and Vegetables

Let's go see what's happening in the vegetable garden and hone our skills. We'll be looking for and identifying summer pests, diseases and abiotic problems, then proceed to a discussion of prevention, deterrence and cures. We'll also be demonstrating some techniques that will allow you to extend your gardening season and to irrigate your plants more efficiently. See some great gardens too! Registration Fee: \$15

Chesapeake Ranch Estates (Lusby - Calvert Co.)	Wed. 7/14	6pm - 8:30pm	Reg. Deadline: 7/7
Cromwell Valley Park (Parkville - Baltimore Co.)	Wed. 7/21	6pm - 8:30pm	Reg. Deadline 7/13
Lambert Home (Middleton - Fred. Co.)	Wed. 7/21	8:30am - 11am	Reg. Deadline 7/13
Master Peace Garden (Riverdale - P.G. Co.)	Thurs. 7/22	6pm - 8:30pm	Reg. Deadline 7/15
Lake Elkhorn Gardens (Columbia - Howard Co)	Thurs. 7/22	8:30am - 11am	Reg. Deadline 7/15
Pot Pie Garden (Wittman - Talbot Co.)	Mon. 7/26 (new date)	8:30am - 11am	Reg. Deadline 7/19
Great Kids Farm (Catonsville - Baltimore Co)	Tues. 8/17	8:30am - 11am	Reg. Deadline 8/10

MG Advanced Training Plant Diseases

Location: Charlotte Hall Library- St. Mary's Co.

Date: **Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010; 9:30am-3:30pm**

Instructor: David Clement, Ph.D., UME Specialist in Plant Pathology, Home and Garden Info. Center,

Registration Fee: \$30 Registration Deadline: Tues. Sept. 9 Class limit: 25

Course Description: Plant diseases often seem like exotic mysteries left up to the experts to solve. Well, guess what- we MG's can now begin to unravel some of these mysteries ourselves. In this course you'll learn all about the bacteria, fungi and viruses that cause plant problems. You'll also learn about their symptoms, cycles and controls. In addition to the lecture and handouts you will get hands-on training using both samples and fieldwalk. We hope that you'll feel comfortable enough with the basics of plant diseases to be able and to recognize problems in your own gardens and to use the information competently to help clients at plant clinics.

MG Advanced Training Shade Trees

Locations & Dates: Frederick Co. Extension Tuesdays 9/28, 10/12, 10/19

Howard Co. Extension Thursdays 9/30, 10/7, 10/14

Times: 9:30am-12:30pm

Instructor: Wanda MacLachlan, Area Environmental Educator, UME

Registration Fees: \$45 Registration Deadline: Sept. 21, 2010

Course Description: Fall is a beautiful time to study Shade Trees! Join us as we learn ID and cultural information for about 40 of our most common shade trees. You'll learn how to tell the difference between one maple or oak and another, which shade trees last the longest, grow the fastest, are the most pest resistant.

The State MG Advanced Training information and registration forms can be found at:
<http://mastergardener.umd.edu/AdvancedTraining/index.cfm>

STATE MG ADVANCED TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

Date: _____ MG County: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Please mail in your completed form with check made payable to the University of Maryland. Return form to: MG Classes, HGIC, 12005 Homewood Rd. Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Course	Description	tuition	check box	total owed
Pollinators	Tuition. Indicate location: <input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Co. 7/19 <input type="checkbox"/> Queen Anne's Co. 7/20; <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Co. 8/23	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Vegetables (GIEI) - Diagnostics and Demos	Tuition. Indicate location: <input type="checkbox"/> Calvert (7/14) <input type="checkbox"/> Fred. (7/21). <input type="checkbox"/> Prince George's (7/22) <input type="checkbox"/> Howard (7/22) <input type="checkbox"/> Talbot (7/26) <input type="checkbox"/> Balto.Co. (Cromwell) (7/21) <input type="checkbox"/> Balto.Co. (Great Kids) (8/17)	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Plant ID/Taxonomy	Tuition. Indicate location: <input type="checkbox"/> Anne Arundel 7/12, 19, 26 Required Test: <i>A Field Guide to Trees & Shrubs</i> (Peterson Field Guide) by George A. Petrides	\$35 \$16	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ _____
Plant Diseases	Tuition Charlotte Hall Library (St. Mary's Co.) 9/16	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Landscape Horticulture: SHADE TREES	Tuition. Indicate Location: <input type="checkbox"/> Fred. Co. 9/28; 10/12&19 <input type="checkbox"/> How. Co. 9/30; 10/7&/14	\$45	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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