



**December 2008**

**Holiday Party**

**Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2008**

**Time: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

**Place: Village Commons Community Center  
1326 Main Chapel Way  
Gambrills, MD 21054**

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**For More Information Call:**

Anne Arundel County Cooperative  
Extension Office at 410-222-6757

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**The Anne Arundel County  
Master Gardener Holiday  
Party**

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Community Center  
1326 Main Chapel Way  
Gambrills, MD 21054**

**6:30 until 9:30 p.m.**

**RSVP with the name of your guest  
by November 28, 2008**

**to**

**Lisa Winters**

**[Law864@ccconline.net](mailto:Law864@ccconline.net)**

## THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

**Mike Ensor, Coordinator**

As the Holiday Season is among us and our gardens are somewhat at rest, we need to take time to sit back with family and friends to reflect and recollect the joys of this season.

At this time of the year, we give thanks for the many blessings and natural beauties around us. I also want to thank each of our Master Gardeners and truly appreciate your dedication, support, and time for helping to make our Anne Arundel Master Gardener Program a true success that shines across the county, state, and country.

As we approach the New Year, let us live up to the mission of "educating Maryland residents about safe, effective, and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities" for a better quality of life.

Also as we reflect and recollect let us review the responsibilities of being Volunteer Master Gardeners.

- Follow the guidelines and procedures set forth by University of Maryland Cooperative Extension (UMCE) and Anne Arundel County.
- Be considerate, respect others' competencies and work as a member of a team with all volunteers and professionals.
- Accept assignments of your choice that you feel comfortable with and that are compatible with your interests and skills.
- For volunteer activities, fulfill your commitment or notify project chairs, mentors, or Extension professional early enough that a substitute can be found.
- Keep an accurate record of your continuing education and volunteer hours and submit this log on a regular basis to database management.
- University of Maryland employees and volunteers are required by federal and state law and institutional policy to ensure that all programs and services are available to all residents.
- Assist UMCE professionals in soliciting and evaluation data to measure program impact.
- Attend regularly scheduled meetings and actively participate whenever possible.
- Provide feedback and suggestions to your project chairs, mentors, and Extension professional to increase program effectiveness.
- Help new volunteers feel accepted.

- Last but not least, "your volunteer work is important and makes a difference in the quality of life"!

I hope to see everyone at the Anne Arundel Master Gardener Holiday Celebration on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and best of wishes for the holidays!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MASTER GARDENERS

**Sarah Findlay  
Pat Morrison  
Cathe Reistrup**

**Meg Kauder  
Kim Morrow  
Lisa Schick**

### 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@verizon.net](mailto:rebeedle@verizon.net)

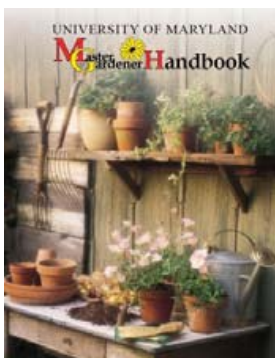
**Many Master Gardeners use a SPAM/Junk Mail filter that screens email. One of the features of these systems is to send to the Junk Folder any mail from an addressee that is not in your address book. If that is the case, please add Rose Mary Swartwood at [swartworm@pgcc.edu](mailto:swartworm@pgcc.edu)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

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**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@comcast.net](mailto:costasrt@comcast.net).

**NEW MASTER GARDENER  
HANDBOOKS**



The new handbook is 640 pages and includes 400 color photos. All material has been completely revised and updated. There are 28 chapters, including 9 new chapters (e.g. ecology, weeds, invasive species, alternatives to turf, landscape design, water quality and conservation). The cost is \$69 and includes shipping and handling. Mail your order

form and check made payable to the University of Maryland to Robin Hessey at the Home and Garden Information Center at 12005 Homewood Road Ellicott City, MD 21042. Order forms can be found on the HGIC website at:

<http://mastgardener.umd.edu/Handbook.cfm>. For more information contact Robin Hessey at 410-531-1754.

If you are interested in taking a specific course or class for MG Advanced Training credit, please be sure that it is listed in the Calendar of Events. If it is not, send an email to [cfindlay@verizon.net](mailto:cfindlay@verizon.net) with a web listing so the offering can be reviewed and added to the Calendar of Events as eligible for advanced credit.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK  
CHANGES:**

**‘HEADS UP’ FROM THE EAB CHAIR**

Trish Lilek, MG

One of the EAB objectives for 2008 was an overhaul of our county’s Master Gardener Policies and Procedures Handbook. As many of you know, with the exception of one revision last year, it has not been seriously reviewed, screened, or altered since February 2003. It was time. A dynamic organization needs a handbook that moves with the times. Toward that end, an ad hoc committee came together in October to evaluate and make recommendations to the EAB. That done, the EAB took a second look and tweaked certain language further.

In brief, Ralph Beedle took on the task of sweeping the handbook text for redundancy (of which there was a great deal), eliminating ‘bookmark’ dates, standardizing commonly used terms throughout (such as EAB and Coordinator), and generally cleaning up the document. The handbook was then reviewed by committee for how we as Master Gardeners do business, our organizational needs, and how best to revise it such that it continues to reflect our process and guide our organization in a professional manner.)

A summary of the changes made to our handbook is included in the EAB minutes attached to this newsletter. Please take a moment to open that attachment and review. It is short and to the point. In January, you will get the opportunity to review the revised Policies and Procedures document in its entirety. Then, in February, the membership at the mandatory meeting will have the final say in the form of a vote. All the changes are for the good – we even eliminated annual dues! Why not take a look and see what is coming?

**PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We have made good progress on the Photo Directory but we still need more pictures. Please arrive a few minutes early or plan to stay a few minutes late and we can take a picture for the first time or another picture if you don't care for the current one. Smile!

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## PROJECT REPORTS

### **B&A TRAIL BAY-WISE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN**

Mary Ellen Keck & Polly Katauskas, MGs

This has been a good year for our Trail Garden because of the efforts of a small but dedicated group of committee members and the help of several Interns. All of the plants thrived despite a mini-drought.

More educational information has been posted in our new bulletin board and more will appear in the coming year. We had our first "informational event" in September and are planning another that will take place in the spring or early summer. We were pleased to discover that several of the folks who live near the Trail Garden appreciate our efforts and look forward to seeing "those Master Gardeners" working in the Garden.

On Saturday, 22 November, we put the Garden to bed for the season. Noreen Krispin, Sandy Patterson, Kim Morrow, Paul Keck, Lisa Schick, and Polly Katauskas braved temperatures hovering at 35 degrees and a wind chill of 15 to rake, trim, and mulch. If you didn't get a chance to visit the Trail Garden this year, please plan to come in 2009.

### **CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RAIN GARDEN: BETTER DAYS FOR THE BAY**

Michelle Corkadel, MG



The Third Grade Class of Ms. Dana Manojlovic made certain there were "Better Days for the Bay" as they sought ought to clean up beaches, repopulate native grasses and oysters and create their very own Rain Garden.

Master Gardeners of AACO teamed up with Ms. Manojlovic's students to establish a location, develop a storm water management system that cooperated rain barrels, site slopes and use of native and regional plants and install this large rain garden to infiltrate 20% of the school's storm water. These students were excited and so were the master gardeners.

Last winter, chair and co-chair Judy Graham and Michelle Corkadel met with the sponsor of this Milken Grant Project and its recipient, Dana Manojlovic and Central Elementary's principal, Jan Haberlein. We educated them on the design principles, functionality and practicality of a rain garden. Arlington Echoes was consulted and assisted the team with installation of three rain barrels. After a soil test and couple of battles with early spring weather, the site was cleared and sandy, poor soil was quickly replaced with truckloads of Leaf Gro.

Several Master Gardeners assisted over 18 parents and 23 kids create a planting area ready to treat runoff while looking great and greeting guests of this elementary school.

The planting events were greeted graciously by County Executive John Leopold, County Councilmember Ed Reiley, Superintendent Maxwell and other county officials as the Capital joined us for pictures and an article, some digging and loads of learning fun.

Master Gardener Michelle Corkadel spent additional time with Ms. Manojlovic's students educating them on how a rain garden works, the benefits of it and how it will make a difference in all of our quality of life over several sessions of hands on science class.

Additional maintenance visits throughout the year made this rain garden a Better Day for The Bay AND for Master Gardeners in our county. Thanks to all whom helped this project become a success for all. Photos of Better Days for the Bay can be seen by visiting [www.mff.org](http://www.mff.org). Click on the blue "FFY" on the Home page, then "our sites", then "Better Days for the Bay". Then you can view the photos and read the descriptions.

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**QWP COMPOSTING  
AND  
NATIVE PLANT GARDENS PROJECT**

Susie Blackwell, MG

Kathleen and I want to express our deep gratitude to all the Master Gardeners and Interns who have been part of the Composting and Native Plant Gardens Project either down at the Quiet Waters Park site or at one of our other outreach activities this past year. Your hard work, dedication, new ideas, enthusiasm and great team work helped to make this another very successful season. You can all be proud of what we have accomplished.

At our demonstrations we have trained hundreds of people to do backyard composting and thousands more have learned about composting and native plants simply by walking along the Wildwood Trail and reading the signs nearby.

The dedicated Master Gardeners and Interns who made all this possible are: Kathleen Cornell, Carol Proudfit, Sharon Schroer, Barbara Crispin, Barbara Brashears, Susie Blackwell, Amy Svrjcek, Pam Dennison, Dena Cameron, Stevanne Ellis, Sarah Findlay, Susan Forsythe, Suzan Hitchner, George Honeycut, Meg Kauder, Ginny Klocko, Suzanne Lewis, Jaque Lyman, Jim Mac Nicholl, Pat Morrison, Kim Morrow, Anne Nourse, Joan O' Conner, Jeanne Pagle, Valerie Pawlewicz, Pat Parks, Cathe Reistrup, Lisa Schick, Joan Sillis, Rosie Tucker, Rebecca Theberge and Kari Yent.

Many thanks to Pam Dennison and Kathleen Cornell who have agreed to co-chair this project next season. We all hope you have the happiest of holidays and look forward to working with you in 2009.

**TO ALL MASTER GARDENERS:  
RE. POLO SHIRTS**

First, thank you to all of you who purchased an AACo MG polo shirt. We had the required number of orders to get the best price available for our group. And, I would like to publicly thank Ginny Klocko and Rosie Tucker who were the wonderful helpers in getting the word out about ordering and Rosie for distributing them.

For those of you who picked up your shirts from Rosie at the November meeting at Homestead Gardens, I hope you are enjoying them and they fit well.

If you weren't able to get your shirt from Rosie, please see Mike Ensor or one of the office staff at the Cooperative Extension Office (A.A.Co.Government Office Building, 7320 Ritchie Hwy. Ste. 210) in Glen Burnie. The shirts will be available starting FRIDAY, November 14 from 8am-4:30pm on Mondays-Fridays. If you'd like to make other arrangements, you would need to call Mike at 410-222- 6757.

And, for those of you who didn't make the ordering deadline, have seen the shirts and would now like to order one, or would just like to order one, there is one more opportunity to place an order. Attached to this message is a new order form with updated information. Again, checks need to be made payable and sent to me. We need a minimum order of 12 to receive the same prices. Delivery would be in mid-January 2009 (or sooner) and would be available for pick up at the Cooperative Extension Office unless other arrangements are made. The deadline for submitting an order is Wednesday, December 17.

Just think how inviting and sunny we "yellow birds and bees" of Anne Arundel County will look in our polo shirts at an event!

Thank you for your interest in getting an organizational polo shirt, Anne O. Nourse anour001@umaryland.edu (w): 410-706-7333 (h): 410-721-2723 (cell): 443-758-4447

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**ANOTHER CHANCE TO  
OUR COUNTY MASTER  
HAS COME YOUR WAY**



**ORDER  
GARDENER POLO SHIRT**

***DEADLINE: Orders must be received by **Wed., December 17, 2008*****

***PICK-UP: County Extension Office in **January 2009** (notification by e-mail)***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info. (Phone):** \_\_\_\_\_

**(E-mail address):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Order: Ladies': Size(s) & Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Men's: Size(s) & Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost of Total Order:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: ANNE O. NOURSE**

**Send checks to: 1748 Laurance Ct.**

**Crofton, MD 21114**

**Questions: [anour001@umaryland.edu](mailto:anour001@umaryland.edu) Days: 410-706-7333 Evenings: 410-721-2723**

<b>Sizing Chart</b>						
	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>XL</b>	<b>XXL</b>	<b>XXXL</b>
<b>Ladies</b>	6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20	22-24	26-28
<b>Men's</b>	34-36	38-40	41-43	44-46	48-50	52-54

**Cost: Ladies: S-XL (\$20.00) XXL (\$22.00) XXXL (\$25.00)**

**Mens: S-XL (\$20.00) XXL (\$25.00) XXXL (\$27.00)**

**ORDER FORM FOR  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER POLO SHIRTS**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info. (Phone): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address): \_\_\_\_\_

Order: Ladies': Size(s) & Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Men's: Size(s) & Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Total Order: \_\_\_\_\_

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Crofton, MD 21114

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No orders will be accepted after October 17, 2008. Purchased shirts will be available for pick-up at the November 10 MG meeting and thereafter at the Glen Burnie County Extension Office