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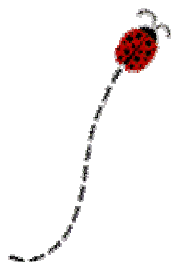
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THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

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 relax and focus on what the true meaning of what this time of the year is all about for each one of us.

At this time of the year, I 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.

I hope to see everyone at the Annual Anne Arundel Master Gardener Holiday Celebration on December 8, 2009 at Homestead Gardens. Please see further information in the newsletter.

On behalf of the University of Maryland Extension Service, I wish that each of our Master Gardeners and their families have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

As a last reminder for Project Chairs, please submit the End of the Year Reports by December 31st and many thanks for all of those wonderful projects for 2010!

Congratulations to Lisa Winters and Bonnie Pavlak for a “Job Well Done” who both recently passed the exam for CPH. Both are now Certified Professional Horticulturalists and have gone far beyond their call of duty for serving as Master Gardeners.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you have not provided or don't care for the photograph in the directory, we will take photographs during the Holiday Party.

With over 190 Master Gardeners in the Anne Arundel organization, the photo directory is a real plus in getting to know each other.

The Photo Directory will be distributed by email attachment in early January. An updated directory without photos will be posted on the web in mid-December

Philadelphia Flower Show Excursion

Make your reservations now for the Master Gardeners trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show—Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Don't wait, because seats are going fast! And it's a real deal, including bus fare, coffee and treats, show tickets and



the outstanding company of other master gardeners.

Make out your check to the University of Maryland for \$75 each person and send with the names of guests, if any, and their phone number. Please mail to Marilyn Kinkel.

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IT'S TIMESHEET TIME

The Master Gardener data records for 2009 will be closed December 21st. Please submit your timesheets soon. Some points to remember:

- Annual requirement: 20 Volunteer and 10 Training hours
- Approved Training events are listed in the Calendar of Events posted each month on the web.
- Travel time to and from a training event is not counted as volunteer or training time.
- Travel time to and from a volunteer activity is part of that activity volunteer time.
- When you sign-in at the monthly meeting, your training time is automatically entered. You do not need to report the meeting on a timesheet.
- Do not skip lines on the timesheet.
- Keep your description of an activity BRIEF. Confine your description to the length of the description field.

ANNE ARUNDEL MASTER GARDENER PROJECT REPORTS

B&A Trail Garden

Polly Katauskas & Mary Ellen Keck, Co-Chairs, MGs

Sandy Patterson, Noreen Krispin, Lisa Schick, Ellen Miller, Barbara Bricker, and Suzanne Lewis joined co-chairs Mary Ellen Keck and Polly Katauskas on 14 November to put the Trail Garden to bed for the winter. Barbara worked her pruning magic on the Trumpet Creeper and Serviceberry and the rest of us did general tidying, weeding, trimming and leaf management.

The Virginia Sweetspires were still sporting their glorious burgundy fall "coats" and there was one lonely little purple coneflower still in bloom. The Trail Garden was beautiful during the 2009 growing season and we look forward to 2010.

Composting and Native Gardens at QWP

Pam Dennison, Chair, MG

Our final demonstration for the year we hosted the Key School. The entire third grade came to learn how to make compost. They took turns turning the compost in the bins. The students also participated in games and a talk that reinforced the recycling and composting concepts they had learned in school.



This fall, the site also hosted Masters Gardeners from throughout

the state who attended the Master Composter class in Ellicott City taught by Lew Shell. The last class was a field trip to the Composting and Native Gardens site at Quiet Waters Park where they toured the 15 composting bins that are on display and saw how we use the compost in the native gardens.



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Monastery Gardens

Kathy Hodges, Chair, MG

2009 was another great year for the Monastery Garden. It was very gratifying to receive compliments on the garden from the many visitors.

A tremendous thanks to all of our volunteers; Dottie Oliff, Kathleen Allenby, Pat Parks, Susan Barbi, Pat Kasuda and the MG Interns who also volunteered their time.

As the weather has turned cooler, we also have put away our gardening tools for the year. However, we had one last “hurrah” – planted hundreds of tulip bulbs and crocus. We also planted pansies. The crocus were planted in the grassy areas. The grass will be full of “white flowers” in the Spring.

Please be sure to stop by the garden in the Spring and see the “fruits of our efforts”.

Sanctuary Garden

Sheila Gallagher & Patsy Peters, Co-Chairs, MGs

On October 31st, Barbara Brashears, Linda Smith, Sheila Gallagher, and Patsy Peters met at the Sanctuary Garden for a planting session.

While the weather was less than perfect, the planting expedition was a successful venture in the gardens, and the temperature cooperated! It was warm, and digging was easy, because of recent rains....and that was great. Most all the plants from the open house plant sale are now in the ground. The garden is looking better and better with each visit. Now to await spring to truly see the “fruits” of the labor invested in this place. Part of the money earned from the plant sale is going to be used to purchase a ½-pallet of stone,

which will be used to give more definition to the beds.

Next meeting at the Sanctuary Garden will be weather-dependent, but hopefully within a couple of weeks. At this gathering the few remaining plants from the plant sale will be planted, seeds sown, and the newly purchased stones placed around the garden.

The success of the plant sale has prompted thoughts of having another. Native plants! everyone is beginning to appreciate them more, and the Sanctuary Garden is the best place for viewing them. The efforts of the Sanctuary Garden project members are blooming!

The Woodland Garden

Bonnie Pavlak, Chair, MG

Every year the TKF Foundation donates a bench to Unity Gardens to be given to one of their grantees. Thanks go to Kim Eckert, the Executive Director of Unity Gardens, for giving this years bench to the Woodland Garden. It was installed on Thursday, November 12, by Ron Ammon, Horticulturist and Field Supervisor for TKF. A picture of the bench is included in the newsletter. <http://www.tkfdn.org/>

The mission of the TKF Foundation is to provide the opportunity for a deeper human experience by supporting the creation of public greenspaces that



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offer a temporary place of sanctuary, encourage reflection, provide solace, and engender peace. We are honored to have this bench.

All of our woodland perennials will be in the ground by the end of November. Thanks to Judy Graham for the Siberian Iris. Kimberly McGrath, a park visitor, donated Day Lilies and Rhododendrons. Janet Mackey donated an ironwood sapling. The garden has wonderful energy from all the generous donations and dedicated work.

A list of 2009 Projects with descriptions can be found on the web ([click here](#))

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

A Training Opportunity in Virginia Beach

In January the Virginia Horticultural Foundation will host a professional training event called the Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course. The event is held at the Founders Inn & Spa in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

A day for Home Gardeners on January 28, 2010 will be included. Professional university and industry speakers from all over the country and will be presenters for the Home Gardener Day.

The title for the 2010 Home Gardener Day is "Get Down Under: Gardening Starts Below Ground" focusing on root zone health and soil ecology.

A schedule and registration form is attached to the November Calendar of Events or online at <http://www.mahsc.org/hgp.php>

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The event will be a “mocktail” party. Mocktails will be provided. Attendees may bring one guest. All food must be a finger food and there will be no electrical outlets available. Please be prepared to take home your serving platters and utensils. Homestead Gardens has graciously offered the space to us and we need be as non-invasive as possible and clean up after ourselves.

For those whose last name begins with A-M, please bring a savory and for those whose names begin with N-Z, please bring a sweet.

We are seeking donations for basket raffles. Contact Lisa Winters or Marilyn Kinkel

If you have any questions, you may contact Lisa Winters at law864@gmail.com.

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NEWS FROM THE STATE MG OFFICE

Update your county [MG logos](#). Lots of folks have added the new University of Maryland Extension logo on their flyers and promotional announcements, but have not yet updated their own county/city MG logos. Your new logos can be found at

<http://mastergardener.umd.edu/Administrative1/Maryland%20Master%20Gardener%20Logos.cfm>

We are eliminating the word “cooperative” from our name wherever it appears.

MG Annual Training Day 2010

Master Gardener Annual Training Day will take place on Tuesday May 25 or Wed. May 26. We cannot firm up a date until December 1, so save both of them!

Our keynote speaker will be Lee Reich. Lee Reich, PhD, is an avid farmdener (more than a garden, less than a farm) who turned from plant and soil research with the USDA and Cornell University to writing, lecturing, and consulting. His books include *A NORTHEAST GARDENER'S YEAR*, *THE PRUNING BOOK*, *WEEDLESS GARDENING*, *UNCOMMON FRUITS FOR EVERY GARDEN*, and *LANDSCAPING WITH FRUIT*. He writes regularly for Associated Press and publications such as *FINE GARDENING* and *HORTICULTURE*.

Statewide MG Meetings for January

Grow It Eat It – Wed. Jan 13, 2010; 10am- 1 pm; 4H Center in College Park
(Snow date Wed. Jan 20)

Join this on-going statewide committee to help Maryland residents grow more of their own food. This very successful outreach was created to meet the high public demand for food gardening information in tough economic times. Our one-year-old effort is now more organized, has more resources and is picking up speed. However, we need lots of help to successfully bring our efforts to the public. Please join us for this meeting to find out what’s happening and be part of the coordinated spring effort.

Plant Clinic Annual Meeting- Thurs. Jan 14, 2010- 10 am- 1 pm; 4H Center in College Park
(Snow date Thurs. Jan 28)

Once a year Plant Clinic (Ask a MG) coordinators and participants gather to discuss what’s worked, what hasn’t, to share resources and plan coordinated efforts for the coming year. If you are working in or in charge of a plant clinic, please join us. This is a great way to meet and share information with MGs in other counties.

Multicultural Outreach – Tuesday Jan 19, 2010- 10 am- 1 pm; 4H Center in College Park
(Snow date Tues. Jan 26)

The communities around us are becoming more and more diverse. The MG State Strategic Planning group, in turn, has decided that the MG program needs to become more multicultural in its approach and serve many we don’t usually reach. We are gathering anyone who can help us- whether MG or not, to discuss and plan an outreach strategy. Please join us if you’d like to be part of this initiative.

- Do you have any helpful resources about these communities?
- Would you be willing to interview experts to see what the best approaches might be (before this meeting)?

- Would you be willing to talk to these communities to see what they are growing, what their needs might be how we can serve them? Anything you can find out before this meeting would be helpful.

For more information about any of meetings above, contact Robin Hessey, 410-531-1754, rmhessey@umd.edu. Snacks and beverages will be provided at each meeting, but you may want to bring your own lunch and drink. Also, please wear your MG name badge.)

MG Handbooks make great holiday gifts- don't let any of your friends or relatives garden without one! You can order one online or download a form to mail in at mastergardener.umd.edu/handbook.cfm.

If you belong to a garden club or other interest group, please remind them about the Handbook and refer them to the Handbook webpage, or print that page out and give it to anyone you think would be interested in the Handbook.

Get the HGIC Electronic Newsletter for free.

This 6-times-a-year publication will keep you updated on what's happening in the garden and landscape. It's written by HGIC (Home and Garden Information Center) staff and updates you on pests, diseases, vegetables, Grow It Eat It, timely tips and other information useful to MG's and the public. If you'd like to subscribe, just go to the HGIC website <http://hgic.umd.edu/> and click on the link in the middle of the page. If you'd like to see previous newsletters, click on the link on the left called "What's new".

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