



**June 2008**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 10, 2008

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.—Garden Tour

**Place:** Alice Mutch’s Garden

**For More Information Call:**

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

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State Office Report and Upcoming Courses

**Addition to the Newsletter:**  
 Calendar of Events  
 EAB Minutes

**May Meeting  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Garden Tour**

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**Alice's Garden**

(address and directions are included as a separate page at the end of the newsletter)

## THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Mike Ensor, Coordinator

I just want to say many thanks for a job well done by our Anne Arundel Master Gardeners! A special thanks this past month goes to Alice Mutch for her lead in seeking the proclamation of "May as Master Gardener Month" as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Master Gardeners in Maryland and to Cheryl Findlay in working with the publicity. As I write this article we have more than 70 Anne Arundel Master Gardeners who will be attending the 30<sup>th</sup> MG Anniversary on May 29, 2008 compared to 500 – 600 statewide. This is a high percentage when you look at the total state and want to thank all for your support.

Just a Few Reminders on What Constitutes a Master Gardener Activity:

- Consistent with the Master Gardener mission.
- Accessible and open to the public.
- Provides the general public with accurate and useful information regarding horticulture and integrated pest management.
- Educational and does not result in financial gain for the Master Gardener.
- Conducted by the Master Gardener as a representative of the University of Maryland.
- Approved by an Extension professional.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer and hope everyone finds some time out to relax with family and friends!

## MG OPEN HOUSE – REFRESHMENTS

Susie Blackwell, MG

We're still looking for a few more volunteers to bring light refreshments (mini muffins or bagels, breads, brownies, fruit tray, cookies, etc.) for the upcoming Master Gardener Open House on June 7 at the Anne Arundel County Fair Grounds. If you can help out please contact Susie Blackwell at [mrsbntx@aol.com](mailto:mrsbntx@aol.com) or 410 757-7780.

## 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 [swartwrm@pgcc.edu](mailto:swartwrm@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 newflashes. Ralph will send email concerning MG volunteer hours.

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.

## PROJECT REPORTS

### APPRENTICE GARDENS

Scott Duran, MG

Recently the Apprentice Gardeners prepared salad boxes that they could use at home with the assistance of Barbara Tibbs and Scott Doran. This past week each family planted tomato plants which were donated by Susan Guyaux and George Lambert. George and Deb Stevens guided them to ensure the tomatoes were planted deep enough and showed them how to add egg shells to the planting site. Soon Woody Boyd will demonstrate square foot gardening using one open section of the garden. By next week we should have a few strawberries ready to

pick!

## **COLONIAL GARDEN AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH**

Catherine Waterman and Sandra Porterfield, MGs

In spite of the very wet spring, the planting of the Colonial Garden at St. Margaret's Church is on schedule and planting days have not had to be rescheduled. Thanks to a Unity Garden Grant, on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Homestead Gardens delivered four trees, four shrubs, fifteen varieties of flowering perennials and herbs (116 plants), eighteen bags of Leaf Gro and twenty-four bags of mulch. The two man delivery crew asked, "Where is the landscape crew?" They expected help to unload the truck! Were they ever surprised when informed that there was "no crew", just Master Gardeners arriving on Saturday.

We had a great tree and shrub planting day on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. MG Susan Smith, and four community members – George Saroch, Phil Graham, Charlie Lang and Teresa Todd – joined Catherine and Sandra to plant the "skeleton" of the new garden. The stripping of the sod and digging the eight large holes was a major undertaking due to the wonderful soil conditions we have in much of our county. As we all have experienced, the top five to ten inches is okay and then we get to our distinctly orange, sticky stuff known as clay – made stickier by all the rain. Thanks to the men in the group, the digging was made to look easy. We planted two six foot pink dogwoods, two seven foot redbuds, two old fashioned, red rose bushes and two green globe arborvitae.

On Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, MG's Susan Smith and Sandy Patterson, MG Interns Pam Dennison, Barbara MacNemar and Rebecca Theberge joined Sandra to plant the remainder of the plants in the previously dug U shaped bed. It was a bit muddy thanks to rain the previous day,. However, mud has never been known to deter a Master Gardener.... In less than three hours, the area went from a brown mound of mud to a lush, green flower garden. We all agreed that it was a job well done. The next work days are Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am to noon. There is a bit more digging, planting, edging and mulching to complete.

The next time you are at St Margaret's Church, take a few minutes to walk out to the area along St. Margaret's Road. The new Colonial Garden is located where the buggies and wagons of the parishioners parked, while attending services at the church, in the eighteen hundreds.

## **COUNTY FAIR**

Susan Guyaux, MG  
Co-Chair, County Fair Project

Master Gardener's will be excited to learn that this year the Flower Department of the Anne Arundel County Fair will include a new category for native plants. This is in keeping with Master Gardener goals that include the promotion of native plants in the home garden. It will not only allow those of us who grow natives to share their beauty with others but it will also give us an opportunity to educate many more county residents as to their functionality and attractiveness in the home landscape.

We are excited about this new project and we hope you will consider supporting the Fair by entering cuttings of your prettiest native flowers as well as other potted plants or cut flowers. Entry dates are Sunday, September 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. for potted plants and hanging baskets and Monday, September 8, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for all other entries. Look for copies of the AAC Fair catalog for rules governing entries at libraries and other plant related outlets.

We hope to see you there, not only to see what others have entered but to compete and support this new category as well.

## **GERMANTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT**

Sandy Patterson, MG

Congratulations to Sandy Patterson and her team, Lois Tuwiner, Susan Smith, Patti Muir, Noreen Krispin, Mary Young, Sandi Porterfield, Joyce Donlon, Susan Knisely, and Polly Katauskas for a job very well done! The team designed and oversaw the development of an herb garden, edible garden, succulent garden, native grass garden and a welcome garden, and the butterfly garden.

The school project leader, Lara Bontempo, had this to say about the Master Gardener GES Project Team:

*"We all have learned so much during these past three years working with the AAC Master Gardeners. It has been a learning process of personal growth, community, communication and the joy of biology. Our continued*

*growth of incorporating these living classroom environments will reap great learning for our students and community.*

*Thank you all for being a part of this beautiful project. Now is the time for us as a school to harvest our learning, and our garden!"*

How's that for confirmation that we fulfilled our mission statement!

## **QWP COMPOSTING AND NATIVE PLANT GARDENS PROJECT**

Susie Blackwell, MG

The site is looking nice at Quiet Waters! A special thanks goes out to Kathleen Cornell, Carol Proudfit, Barbara Crispin, Ginny Klocko, Meg Kauder, Cathy Reistrup, Joan O'Conner and Pat Parks for all their hard work over the past couple of months.

Many of the plants are starting to bloom in the native plant gardens while others are waiting their turn to show off their special beauty. All of the compost bins have recently been charged and hope to have a lot of finished compost by the end of the season.

We have already talked to 363 people about our project at Earth Day, an Elementary School project and at our one hour demonstrations so far this season.

Our next work/demonstration sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, June 14 and Saturday, June 25 (see calendar for details).

If you know or have a group who would like to arrange a special composting demonstration please contact Susie Blackwell (410 757-7780 or [mrsbntx@aol.com](mailto:mrsbntx@aol.com) ).

## **THE SANCTUARY GARDEN AT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION**

Chairs: Patsy Peters and Sheila Gallagher

Our new project is well underway and has been met with enthusiasm by all involved.

At our first meeting on March 15th we identified the existing plants in the garden. Master Gardeners and Interns have since done wonderful plant research to share at subsequent meetings. We are moving forward with signs for the Garden. We are working towards having our first educational tour to the public in June.

We would like to thank the Master Gardeners and the Interns for the whole hearted support. Rain or Shine. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Chesapeake Natives. We thank them both for their incredible support for the program.

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## **MG State Advanced Training Classes Scheduled**

Complete Class descriptions can be found at: <http://mastergardener.umd.edu/AdvancedTraining/index.cfm>

### **PLANT ID/TAXONOMY**

Instructor: Wanda MacLachlan; Registration Fee: \$35

Locations: **St. Mary's Co.** - Mon. nights 6/9, 6/16, 6/23; 5-8 pm; Charlotte Hall Library;  
5/30 **Baltimore City.** - Wed. nights, 6/11, 6/18; 6/25; 6-9 pm, Cylburn Arboretum;

Registration Deadline:

Registration Deadline: 6/2

(Course will also be held in July: Monday mornings in Frederick and Wednesday nights in Anne Arundel)

Required Text: *A Field Guide to Trees & Shrubs* (Peterson Field Guide) by George A. Petrides (\$16)

This course is a very important basic tool for Master Gardeners in that it teaches all of the basics needed to identify woody plants in the landscape. Being able to identify plants is the first step in knowing how to diagnose problems or give growing advice. Whether you want to learn 200 plants, 20 plants, or just want to learn techniques to identify plants in the field, this is the course for you. The course will be made up of approximately 9 hours of class work with lots of hands-on practice. You will also receive a specially prepared booklet of course materials.

**TO REGISTER:** Send your name, address, phone, email and name of your MG county/city, along with tuition fee (and any books you want to order to: MG Classes, HGIC, 12005 Homewood Rd. Ellicott City, MD 21042. Or you can fax (410-531-5567) this form with credit card info (type of card, name on card, number, expiration date). Questions? Call Robin Hessey at 410-531-1754. Make checks payable to the University of Maryland.



## Advanced Training in Plant ID/Taxonomy

**Annapolis (St. Margaret's Church)**  
**Wednesday evenings, 6-9 pm; July 16, 23, 30**  
**Registration Deadline: July 9**

Registration Fee: \$35;

Primary instructor: Wanda MacLachlan

Required Text: *A Field Guide to Trees & Shrubs* (Peterson Field Guide) by George A. Petrides (\$16)

The Plant ID/Taxonomy and Keying course is very important basic tool for Master Gardeners in that it teaches all of the basics needed to identify woody plants in the landscape. Being able to identify plants is the first step in knowing how to diagnose problems or give growing advice. This course is open to all MG and MG trainees.

We hope this short course will suit everyone's needs- whether you want to learn 200 plants, 20 plants, or just want to learn techniques to identify plants in the field. The course will be made up approximately 9 hours of class work with lots of hands-on practice and a field walk. You will also receive a booklet of course materials.

You must take this course if you want to earn an MG Advanced Training Level II Certificate in Woody Plants. It is recommended that you take this course first before any of the four *Landscape Horticulture: 200 Common Landscape Plants* courses that will be offered (you need all 4 plus the ID course for the certificate). Material to be covered will include the following:

- Morphology- the study of the structure of external plant organs (e.g. leaf shapes)
- Nomenclature- the systematic naming and classification of plants
- Taxonomy- the general principles of classification
- Keying- using a dichotomous key to identify plant by specific characteristics

**TO REGISTER: Send your name, address, phone, email, name of your MG city/county, and name of class you want to take, along with tuition fee made out to the University of Maryland (\$35 for Plant ID or \$51 for Plant ID plus text) to: MG Classes, HGIC, 12005 Homewood Rd. Ellicott City, MD 21042. Or you can fax (410-531-5567) the same info with credit card info (type of card, name on card, number, expiration date). Or, feel free to call in or email your registration to: Robin Hessey at 410-531-1754; [rmhessev@umd.edu](mailto:rmhessev@umd.edu)**

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Other nearby MG Advanced Training classes- full details can be found at [mastergardener.umd.edu](http://mastergardener.umd.edu). Click on Advanced Training.

### **ORNAMENTAL TREES & VINES- HOWARD CO.**

Registration Deadline: June 9; Registration Fee: \$45

Presenter: Steve Dubik, Mont. Co. MG Coordinator and Instructor, Montgomery College;

Mondays June 16, June 23, 9:30am-12:30pm; Howard Co. Extension in Ellicott City;

Monday, June 30; 10am- 1 pm field trip to National Arboretum

### **ORGANIC VEGETABLES - LEARN, TEACH- ONE-DAY WORKSHOP – QUEEN ANNE'S CO.**

Registration Fee: \$25; Registration Deadline: 7/1

Instructor: Jon Traunfeld

Wed. July 9; 9:30-3; WYE, Queenstown (plus field trip the same day)

Directions to Master Gardener Program June Garden Visit  
Destination: Epping Forest Clubhouse

YOU WILL BE TAKEN TO THE EVENT BY VALET

**Heading East on MD Route 50 from Washington Beltway**

Take Exit 24 marked "Bestgate Road - Annapolis" stay left and turn left onto Bestgate Road  
Proceed to the end of Bestgate Road, about 2 miles, and turn right onto Generals Highway, Rt. 178  
North.

Proceed about 1/2 mile to the first stop light and turn right onto Epping Forest Road.

Proceed about 1.6 miles to the end of Epping Forest Road pass through guard station.

*Just inside the guard station bear left onto Epping Way. Pass over several speed bumps and  
eventually down a short but steep, curving hill.*

Bear right at the circle, known also as a "round about". Go about 270 degrees around the circle. At  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> road you'll see one road which goes down a hill. Take that exit and follow it downhill to the  
Clubhouse parking lot on your left, just after the tennis courts.

**Heading North from Southern MD:**

Follow Route 2 north to merge with Route 50 east. Take Exit 24 and follow above.

**From Baltimore heading South on Route I-97:**

Take I-97 off the Baltimore Beltway.

Proceed south to exit onto Rt. 50 East

Follow directions above.