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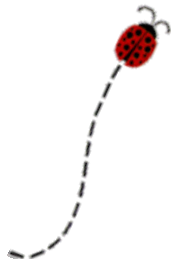
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March 2010 Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Place: St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Parish
1601 Pleasant Plains Road
Annapolis, MD 21409-5928

Time: 7 p.m. Business Meeting
7:30 p.m. Speaker

“The Dairy Farm and Relationship with Master Gardeners”

Karyn Molines

**Supervisor of Cultural Resources
Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks**

Ms. Molines oversees the management of the cultural resource of the Department which includes the historic properties, the former US Naval Academy Dairy Farm, equestrian centers, and several other parks, including the Bacon Ridge Natural Area in the South River Greenway. She acts as the liaison between the Department and community groups, non-profits, and other organizations on activities throughout the County.

Prior to her current position she was the Naturalist at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, where she coordinated the diverse education programs and conducted research projects on plants, reptiles, amphibians, benthic macroinvertebrates, and fish populations.

She received her BS in Zoology from University of Maryland, College Park, and her Masters in Environmental Science and Policy from Johns Hopkins University.

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THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Mike Ensor, Coordinator

First, I want to thank all of our Master Gardeners for coming out to the February Mandatory Monthly Meeting. Also, a special thanks goes to Dr. Nick Place, Associate Dean and Director of University of Maryland Extension and Dave Myers, County Extension Director for giving a “helping hand” presenting the three, five and ten year pins and helping to present the distinguished service medals. This was an evening to remember that when all Master Gardeners celebrate, hearts open. When all Master Gardeners educate, stand back! When all Master Gardeners help improve the quality of life, each person changes. The energy of the Master Gardeners gives life to communities and isn't giving a better quality of life the business we are all about? These wonders happen with the Anne Arundel Master Gardeners each and every day.

As the month of March arrives many of us are off to the Philadelphia Flower and Garden Show. Many thanks to Marilyn Kinkel for chairing this event and for all of her enthusiasm getting this bus trip together. Please hold March 13 for our Anne Arundel County Advanced Training Day and May 26 for the University of Maryland Advanced Training Day.

Last but not least, I want to thank our past year's (2009-2010) EAB members Marilyn Kinkel (Chair), Scott Doran (Vice Chair), Susan Knisely, Elizabeth Matarese, Anne Nourse, and Lisa Winters for a “job well done”. Also a special salute goes to Joe Anne Kuhn for all her years of support to our board. I also want to welcome our new year (2010-2011) EAB members, Susan Knisely, Joe Marsala, Elizabeth Matarese, Anne Nourse, Deb Stevens, and Lisa Winters to advise and assist with the administration of the Anne Arundel Master Gardener Program.

As we move forward with the 2010 project year let us continue to focus on the mission of extending services, programs, and expertise of the University of Maryland Extension to the general public: specifically, to educate citizens about safe, effective, and sustainable horticultural practices and landscape problem solving. Please take time to go to the website for further opportunities in the months to come.

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

ABOUT MG HOURS

The timesheet has been updated and posted on the web. You will find a link to the timesheet and other useful documents on the left side of the first page of this newsletter. As we start the 2010 season, a review of the reporting process may be helpful. As always, if you have questions, send an e-mail to rebeedle@verizon.net

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: *How often should I submit my time sheet?*

A: **Submit a time sheet when you feel it is needed, when the timesheet is almost full, but at least once every three months.**

Q: *Should I report attendance at a monthly meeting?*

A: **Sign-in at the meeting. Record entries are made on that basis. You do not need to report MG monthly meeting attendance.**

Q: *Does travel time to a monthly meeting count?*

A: **The monthly meeting is a Training Activity. Travel time does not count for training activities.**

Q: *Which training and education events count for MG training?*

A: **In addition to Monthly Meeting and UMD Day of Training, the Monthly Calendar lists the training opportunities available. Not all are accepted for training hours. Only those with the asterisks (*) count for hours.**

Q: *How is the monthly meeting credited for an Intern?*

A: **The monthly meeting for an Intern is counted as volunteer time. This is also true for the UMD annual day of training.**

Q: *Can I use the Activity Report from the UMD web site?*

A: **No. The AA county Project Codes are not the same as the State Site Codes. We track activity by the Project and when hours are reported to the State at the end of**

the year, the database program converts the data as needed for use by the State.

Q: *Can I send my 'hours' in a plain e-mail (saves money)?*

A: **Yes, but you must provide all of the information called for on the timesheet.**

Q: *Will I get a response every time I send an e-mail to you?*

A: **When I process the Excel timesheet or your plain text e-mail, I will 'reply'. Since I only process when I have about 15 reports, the 'reply' may not be sent for several weeks.**

Q: *When I mail a timesheet to you, do you send an acknowledgement back to me.?*

A: **After your timesheet is processed, I will send you an e-mail with a summary of your hours.**

Q: *Interns are required to have 40 volunteer hours within 12 months from the first day of intern training. When does that 12 months period start?*

A: **To be consistent with the active master gardener reporting period, the start date is the 1st of January following the Classroom training phase. This is based on a Fall MG intern Training class.**

Q: *If an Intern volunteers between the end of the classroom training and the first of January, will those hours count toward the required 40?*

A: **Yes, hours accrued by an intern during this period are carried over.**

Q: *How much detail is needed in the 'Description of Activity' on a timesheet?*

A: **Be brief. DO NOT use more than one line.**

Q: *Should I leave blank lines between entries on the timesheet?*

A: **NO, it creates more work to enter the data in the database.**

Q: *What if I need more space to add activity entries?*

A: **Use another timesheet if you fill the first one. These timesheets cannot be 'extended' since the format is 'protected'.**

Q: *If I have a question about the acceptability of hours for an activity, who do I contact?*

A: **The first step should be the database coordinator and then the MG Coordinator, Mike Ensor.**

Q: *Is the format for entries important?*

A: **Yes. When you don't follow the format shown at the top of the timesheet columns, it creates problems when transferring data to the database.**

Q: *Did the Maryland Cooperative Extension (MCE) recently change their name?*

A: **Yes, The name was changed to University of Maryland Extension (UME) in the Fall of 2009. Along with the new name - a new logo. The MCE has been around for a while so it will take some time to change MCE in all documents, web sites and minds. Think UME....Master Gardeners: the "University and me."**



INFORMATION FOR REGISTRANTS

2nd Annual Anne Arundel County MG Advanced Training Day

Saturday, March 13, 2009 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF)

Registered Master Gardeners will be taking a tour of one of the first green buildings in Maryland (CBF) and/or hearing radio personality Mike McGrath, “Garden Guru of WTOP (103.5FM) speak on “Seven Steps to Successful Organic Gardening”. Advanced Training Credit of 1 hour will be given for the tour and 2 hours may be claimed for the lecture.

REMINDERS:

1. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MG BADGE.
2. ARRIVE ON TIME.
3. PARK IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT.
4. CHECK-IN AS YOU ENTER THE BUILDING.

(A NewsFlash will be sent later regarding method of payment for Mike’s books.)

DIRECTIONS:

See next page

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

1:00 – 1:15pm	Check-in for Tour
1:15 – 2:15pm	Tour of CBF
2:15 – 2:45pm	Refreshments/Registration for lecture
2:45 – 3:00pm	Prepare for Lecture
3:00 – 4:00pm	Mike McGrath’s Lecture
4:00 – 4:15pm	Door Prizes
4:15 – 5:00pm	Book Signing/Refreshments
5:00 – 6:00pm	Clean-up

REGISTRATION IS CLOSED.

For any questions, contact Anne Nourse (aonourse@verizon.net) or Jim MacNicholl (jmacnich@comcast.net).

CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Headquarters: Philip Merrill Environmental Center
6 Herndon Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21403



FROM ANNAPOLIS:

Take Route 50 West

Exit onto Aris T. Allen Blvd (Route 665) heading East (Exit 22)

(DO NOT EXIT ONTO RIVA ROAD)

Go approximately 2.8 miles and Aris T. Allen

Blvd. becomes Forest Drive

Go approximately 2.2 miles and Forest Drive becomes Bay Ridge Road

Go approximately 1.6 miles and turn right on to Herndon Ave. (next to sign for Bay Ridge Community and just past two brick pillars) GO SLOWLY — Speed limit on Herndon Ave. is 25mph and is strictly enforced.

Go approximately .5 miles and turn right at the CBF sign. Proceed down driveway and park in the front parking lot.

FROM BALTIMORE:

Take Route 97 towards Annapolis, then Route 50 East

Immediately exit onto Aris T. Allen Blvd. (Route 665) heading East (Exit 22)

Just after the exit ramp the highway forks. Take the right fork and stay on Aris T. Allen/665.

Stay to the left and avoid the Riva Road exit ramp off Aris T. Allen.

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ANNE ARUNDEL MASTER GARDENER PROJECT REPORTS

Apprentice Gardens

Anne Nourse, Chair, MG

Co-leader Rosie Tucker and I are thrilled at the interest many of you have shown in the Apprentice Garden project by signing up at our mandatory meeting. Unfortunately, there are piles of deep snow still remaining at our plot and we'll need to wait a little longer before beginning the "ground-breaking" for the new season. We're hoping to have our first informational meeting with the new families in very late March or early April. Until then, we would like to meet with our committee and any other interested MGers or

interns (don't have to be on March rotation schedule) on Wednesday, March 10 beginning at 6:30pm at the Severna Park Jaycee Community Center located in Kinder Park Farm to discuss activities for our 2010 garden apprentices. An e-mail message will be sent to those who have signed up as well as to the March rotation interns. Directions will also be given. Any questions or concerns, please contact us at anonourse@verizon.net or helenrosetucker@hotmail.com. Hurry up, Spring!

BeeKeeping

Lisa Winters, Chair, MG

The bees are coming! In case you haven't heard, the Master Gardeners are going to be managing both hives at Hancock's Resolution this year. The new bees will be arriving around

May15. Everyone is invited to the installation. We will put out a newsflash as soon as the bees arrive to let you know when the installation will occur.

Grow It Eat It

Lisa Winters, Chair, MG

Grow It Eat It -- Train the Trainer

If you missed it last year, we will repeat it again this year. Grow It Eat It Train the Trainer will be held at the Glen Burnie Extension Office on March 30, 2010. The class will help you to educate people on 12 easy steps to starting a vegetable

garden. The class will be from 9 AM until 12 Noon.

For more information, contact Lisa Winters law864@gmail.com

Hancock's Resolution

Sue Betz, Chair, MG

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to get involved in the gardens at Hancock's Resolution.

Our first visit to Hancock's Resolution is scheduled for Monday, March 15 at 1:00 pm. I

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have not been out to the farm since November but I have heard there is a lot of damage done to the Chickasaw Plums. They are the small fruit trees that are picked for the homemade jelly that we sell in our little store.

I'm sure there will be lots of winter weeds and it is time to sow the cool weather crops. So please

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come and get dirty. Let me know, please if you can come by calling me 410/647-3824 or by e-mail at suebb@verizon.net. Hancock's Resolution, 2795 Bayside Beach Rd. Pasadena, MD. 21122. Looking forward to seeing at the farm. Sue Betz

London Town Propagation

Margaret Karnes, Chair, MG

If your name is not listed below and you signed up for the London Town Propagation Committee at the February MG meeting, could you please get in touch with Margaret Karnes as soon as possible.

Email her at mekarnes1@comcast.net or call 410-360-3716. Those who signed up already: Pat Parks, Diana Keener and Barbara Mac Nemar.

London Town Science in the Garden

Deb Stevens, Chair, MG

As I write this, it certainly doesn't feel like Spring, but planning has begun for the new year of Science in the Garden. For those who would like a refresher course, mark your calendar for an orientation on Thursday, April 8th at 1pm. Also, new this year, we will be having a session on Saturday, May 1st for scout troops. As we usually

have our program during the work week, this might be a chance for those who would like to get involved but work. If you are interested, let me know and we can try to schedule an orientation in the evening.

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

NEWS FROM THE STATE MG OFFICE

Two state MG Advanced trainings are coming up in March. Please note that the Evergreen Trees and Shrubs class has a March 2 registration deadline. Youth Education registration deadline is Mar. 24. Both classes are limited to 25 participants.

MG Advanced Training in EVERGREEN TREES AND SHRUBS

With all of the evergreen shrub damage out there, this class is particularly timely.

Registration Form

Location: **Carroll County Extension and M&W Nurseries.**

Dates and Times:

Tuesday, 3/9/10; 9:30am-1pm

Thursday, 3/11/10; 9:30am-1pm

Friday, 3/12/10; 10am-12 noon (field trip)

Instructors:

Steve Dubik, MG Coordinator, Montgomery Co; and Professor, Landscape Technology Program, Montgomery College

Michal Dennis, Owner, M&W Nursery (for field trip)

Registration Fees: **\$45**

Registration Deadline: **March 2, 2010**

Course Description: **How well do you know the common evergreen trees and shrubs growing in our area? Do you know their cultural requirement and common problems? If not, come join us for this class as we will go over identifying characteristics, distinguish between confusing look-alikes, and discuss cultural requirements and use in the landscape of about 50 evergreen plants. You will be receiving the Common Landscape Plant of Maryland publication the first day of class as well as many handouts.**

Steve Dubik, our class instructor, brings a tremendous amount of knowledge of both plant materials and plant problems and will surely make this a most informative class.

Top off the classroom portion of the week with a special field trip to M&W Nursery in New Windsor. This nursery has a great collection of evergreens including both dwarf and rare varieties. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see most of what we've been learning all in one place. (M&W is 50% retail and 50% wholesale.)

Suggested Textbook: Michael Dirr's *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants: Their Identification, Ornamental Characteristics.*

Youth Gardening- MG Advanced Training

Registration Form

Date & Time: **Tuesday, March 30, 9:30 am-3:30pm**

Location: **Wye Research and Education Ctr., 124 Wye Narrows Rd. Queenstown**

Presenters:

- **Jeanne Mueller, Elementary Education Director, Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF).**
- **Peggy Eppig, Director of Middle School Programs, MAEF**
- **Lisa Lachenmayr, Acting Director, Curriculum Development and Outreach Coordinator, Food Supplement Nutrition Education (FSNE), UME**
- **Erin Braunscheidel, Special Projects Coordinator for FSNE**

Reg. Fee: **\$25.00**

Reg. Deadline: **Wed. March 24, 2010**

Getting kids in touch with nature – especially through gardening and growing plants – is more important today than ever. Garden projects promote environmental awareness, awareness of where food comes from, better eating habits, exercise, and wonder and awe of the world of nature.

Many MG's are devoted to teaching children while many others would like to, but are reluctant. So, this is your chance! Dispel your reluctance, join us for the day, and learn how MGs can help teach and promote garden education among our young people.

Working with kids is actually very easy. (You can do this- and the classroom teacher is always there to help.) If you would you like to heighten your comfort level in working with children and add to your repertoire of "Gardening Treasures", join us for this one-day training. We will review some characteristics of elementary- age students, how to conduct a class (plan, pick activities, keep kids engaged), and how to handle problems.

You will experience an assortment of "gardening" activities quickly adaptable to classroom presentations. A variety of formats for conducting lessons will be introduced and literature connections that correlate with gardening activities will be shared.

We will also be introducing a wonderful new Extension curriculum: Growing Healthy Habits. It has lots of easy-to-adopt gardening and nutrition education curriculum that uses growing food as the teaching vehicle to link nutrition and gardening concepts in both in-school and out-of-school youth educational settings.

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