



**March 2006
MONTHLY MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2006
Time: 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Place: Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church
 1281 Green Holly Drive
 Arnold, MD 21401

Directions: <http://www.toad.net/--coa/coamap.html>

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**March 2006
GUEST SPEAKER**

Jon Traunfeld

Regional Specialist / State Master Gardener
 Coordinator
 University of Maryland

Jon Traunfeld has over 25 years of agricultural and gardening experience. In 1989 he became Urban Gardening Coordinator for Maryland Cooperative Extension in Baltimore City where he helped develop community gardens and trained and supervised Master Gardeners. In 1994 Jon became the Regional Specialist in Fruits and Vegetables and State Master Gardener Coordinator at the Home and Garden Information Center in Ellicott City. His current focus is developing small scale and organic food gardening techniques. His lofty goal is that every Maryland household grows some of its own food.

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Many Master Gardner's us a SPAM/Junk Mail Filter that screens e-mail. 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 (swartwrm@pgcc.edu) and Ralph Beedle (rebeedle@comcast.net) to your address book. Rose Mary sends the MG Newsletter and the MG Newsflash. Ralph will send e-mail concerning MG volunteer hours."

if you will be participating.

THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Mike Ensor, Coordinator

Just a few reminders!

First I want to extend a warm welcome to Jon Traunfeld, our State Master Gardener Coordinator for being able to be our speaker for the March 14 Master Gardener monthly meeting. Jon will be sharing updates on the Maryland Master Gardener Program.

I want to thank all of our Master Gardeners for coming to the February mandatory meeting and for signing up for all of the various projects for the year.

Also I want to thank our past EAB members for a job well done! I also want to welcome our new EAB members and look forward to their assistance with the administration of the Anne Arundel Master Gardener Program in helping to live up to the Master Gardener mission of educating residents about safe, effective, and sustainable practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities.

Our Annual Project Chairs Meeting is scheduled for the evening of March 28 at the Tawe's State Office Building. All projects chairs and co-chairs should attend.

The Maryland Home and Garden Show will be March 3–5 and March 10–12. Anne Arundel and Prince George's Day to work the show is March 4. Much thanks for those who have signed up for the show.

Maryland Ag Day is fast approaching and Master Gardeners are needed to help staff the first statewide Master Gardener booth as we celebrate the University of Maryland's 150th Anniversary. The booth will be open from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, with 2 shifts of volunteers for 3 hours each. At the booth there will be a worm composting demonstration; Chesapeake Bay activity for children; and a new display board with room for highlights from each county. If any of our Master Gardeners can help out at this statewide Master Gardener activity, then please contact Neenah Hoppe at the Queen Anne's County Extension Office at 410.758.0166 or email Neenah at nhoppe@umd.edu. Neenah is coordinating this state event but please also let me know

Our ANNUAL MARYLAND MASTER GARDENER DAY is scheduled for May 25, 2006, at the University of Maryland Campus in College Park. This is an all day event and you will have the opportunity of receiving 8 hours of training. This day will also be a day to meet other master Gardeners across the state and to see what other Master Gardener programs offer. Stay tuned for further details and information concerning registration.

The Northeast Regional Master Gardener Conference is scheduled to take place in Newport, Rhode Island June 5–8. Check the website <http://www.passionforgardening.com> regularly for updated information.

The Maryland Master Gardener Program makes terrific impacts each year and there is a mechanism for sharing these stories. Our own Anne Arundel Master Gardener Sharon Smith, along with Robin Hessey and Jon Traunfeld at HGIC have developed a new “Success Stories” section for the UM Master Gardener website. The button is on the left frame of the homepage-<http://mastergardener.umd.edu>. If any of our Anne Arundel Master Gardeners wish to submit success stories, then please find the link to a simple set of guidelines for submitting the stories. HGIC will add stories as they come in and archive them by year and location as the collection grows.

I wish all of our volunteers full speed ahead in the year ahead and look forward to working with all of our Anne Arundel Master Gardeners.

ANNAPOLIS MARITIME MUSEUM SHORELINE NATIVE GARDEN PROJECT

Anyone who missed the opportunity to sign up for the Annapolis Maritime Museum Shoreline Native Garden project and would like to know more about it please come to the first meeting on Thursday, March 9, at 7-8:45 p.m. at the Annapolis library, 1410 West Street, or call Carol Miller at 410.849.3513.

Anne Arundel/Calvert County Master Gardeners
Broadneck Library, 1275 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD
21401

Day 1--Saturday, March 11, 2006

BAY-WISE TRAINING

Pat Horm, MG

Registration is now open for the 2006 Bay –Wise training. This will be a joint training with Calvert County.

There will be three sessions. The first two will be held Saturday, March 11 and Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 to 3:30 at the Broadneck Library (located just around the corner from Christ Our Anchor Church, the site of the monthly MG meetings). Please bring your lunch. On Saturday, April 1, there will be a third session at the home of MG Susan Steele, for the demonstration yard visit.

Topics this year will be similar to previous years, and will include Bay-Wise philosophy, the state of the Chesapeake Bay, mosquitoes, lawn care, general landscape management, buffer zones/critical area, rain gardens, storm water management, invasive plant management, general landscape management, quick& dirty tree identification, alternative weed management, when to be on the look-out for specific pests, and alternative soil amendments.

Cost to attend is \$20 for materials, payable in advance or on arrival. Please **contact Pat Horm to register**, so that we know who will be participating, and can have enough sets of materials available.

To register, please contact me by February 28. We will be opening registration to others after that date, so please get your name in early. Please pay by cash or check made out to **Howard County EAC**.

You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. You may attend the training even if you cannot go to all the sessions. The cost is still \$20, as all participants receive the packet of reference materials. Hope to see you there.

Pat Horm 410-849-2602
Email: pathorm@comcast.net

AGENDA

Bay-Wise Landscape Management Advanced Training

- 9:30 **Welcome/Bay-Wise/Stewardship Philosophy**
Wanda MacLachlan
- 9:45 **The State of the Bay**
Jerry Crawford, CBT volunteer
- 10:45 **Bite Me-Mosquito Biology & Control strategies**
Jeannine Dorothy &
Linda Scott
- 11:45 **Bite Me-Mosquito Biology & Control strategies**
Jeannine Dorothy &
Linda Scott
- 12:15 **LUNCH**
- 12:45 **Bay-Wise - General Landscape Maintenance**
Wanda MacLachlan
- 1:45 **What's That? - Quick & Dirty Tree ID**
Wanda MacLachlan
- 2:15 **Weeds Gone Wild - (What Are My Options?)**
Wanda MacLachlan
- 2:45 **Come Again? – Recycled Amendments**
Ann Bleinberger
- 3:30 **ADJOURN**

Day 2--Saturday, March 25, 2006

- 9:30 **Get Wet - Buffer Zones/Critical Areas**
Mary Owens
- 10:00 **Get Wet - Buffer Zones/Critical Areas**
Mary Owens
- 10:30 **Keep Out - Invasive Plants**
Kerrie Kyde
- 11:00 **Keep Out - Invasive Plants**
Kerrie Kyde
- 11:30 **April Showers - Rain Gardens**
Corinne Irwin
- 12:00 **April Showers - Rain Gardens**
Corinne Irwin
- 12:30 **LUNCH**
- 1:00 **Get Your Grass in Gear - Lawn Care**
Bob Stewart
- 1:30 **Get Your Grass in Gear - Lawn Care**
Bob Stewart
- 2:00 **Homework Assignment**

Wanda MacLachlan
2:15 **Quit Bugging Me - IPM**
Lew Shell
3:15 **Timing Pest Management Perfectly**
3:30 **ADJOURN**

Day 3--Saturday, April 1, 2006

Anne Arundel County Susan Steele's home landscape
9:30 **Answering Site Visit Questions**
Panel of Veteran Bay-Wise MGs
10:00 **Bay-Wise Certification**
Wanda MacLachlan
11:30 **Wrap-Up**
12:00 **ADJOURN**

ADDRESS CHANGES

Help us keep you informed. If you change your address, phone number and/or email address, or if you have just come online, please notify Ralph Beedle at rebeedle@comcast.net.

If you are a member of our Yahoo group, also notify Robin Costas at costasrt@comcast.net.

Catherine Waterman Home: 410-757-2402
636 Snow Goose Lane
cmwaterman@aacc.edu
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP

Reminder for those who want to attend the Residential Landscape Workshop but forgot to register.

[We have extended the discounted \\$25 registration fee until March 1 for Master Gardeners only. Please put Master Gardener on your registration form when you mail it in.](#)

Our program is as follows:

Designing with Conifers:

Susan Martin, Curator of the Conifer Collection, Dogwood & Maple Collections at the National Arboretum

Container Gardening:

Shelly Gaskins, Horticulturist at the Enid Haupt Memorial Garden, Smithsonian Institution

Flowering Trees and Shrubs:

Steve Dubik, Urban Horticulture Advisor

Composting:

Lewis Shell, Faculty Extension Assistant, HGIC Information Center

Pruning:

Pam King, Extension Agent, Agricultural and Natural Resources

Lawn Care:

Nicole Stewart

Dianne Shisler, Charles County Master Gardener

For more information call the Charles County Cooperative Extension
301.934.5403 or 301.753.8195

Want an easy way to communicate with to 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 me (Robin Costas) know you want to be on the list ...send me an email at

costasrt@comcast.net.

And, there is more...if you want to be able to access the Yahoo MG website...all you need is a yahoo ID. (This is separate from the HGIC MG website.) There you will find a list of all of our members and their email addresses, see all of our past correspondences and be able to access our past newsletters. If you are interested, I can send you more information or even help you get set up...just let me know!

Robin Costas

HISTORIC LONDON TOWN GARDEN WORKSHOPS

Margaret Karnes, MG

The following Garden Workshops will be held at Historic London Town and Gardens, Edgewater, Maryland during

March 2006 from 10 a.m. until noon. There will be a \$10 fee for those who are not London Town members or London Town volunteers:

March 3--Preserving Plants for an Herbarium, Judy Dove

March 17--Propagation Techniques: The Old-Fashioned Art of Grafting, Dr. Francis Gouin

March 24--Designing and Building Rustic Garden Structures, Pierre and Nancy Moitrier

March 31--An Introduction to Horticultural Therapy, Lana Dreyfuss, HTR, and Sheila Gallagher.

10:30 a.m.--Red Wiggles' Commitment to Learning—

A description of service learning activities on a working farm. Woody Woodroof, founder, Red Wiggler Community Farm, and Beth McCormack, Youth Program Coordinator.

11:30 a.m. Watkins Living Urban Schoolyard—

A 12-year project starting with a butterfly garden which has grown to 25 theme gardens. **“From asphalt to learning environment...”**, Barbara Percival, Volunteer Garden Coordinator

March 23, 2006 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

United States Botanic Garden, Washington, DC

**“Horticultural Therapy in Action:
Across Ages/Across Abilities”**

Workshop presented by Dr. Diane Relf, HTM An overview of the how and why of horticultural therapy.

- Recommendations on adaptations of activities to fit an individual's needs.
- Development of volunteers and resources
- Hands-on activities to “bring home” the benefits of nurturing plants.

Dr. Diane Relf HTM is nationally known for her research, teaching, publications and work in the field of horticultural therapy. This workshop will be conducted twice. Please sign up for one session only.

CELEBRATION OF HORTICULTURAL THERAPY NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL THERAPY WEEK EVENTS

Who Should Attend:

Members of AHTA and its chapters • Nurses and mental health professionals • Teachers and school administration • Master Gardeners • Landscape architects • Physical, occupational and recreation therapists • Horticultural therapists • All interested gardeners • General public

March 21, 2006, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, Maryland
“Growing Youth in the Garden”

9:00 a.m.--Welcome by David Vismara,
Director of Brookside Gardens

9:15 a.m.--Horticultural Therapy Overview
Brief description of horticultural therapy and how it works, Lana Dreyfuss HTR

9:30 a.m.--Tuckahoe's Discovery Schoolyard--Ten years
of outdoor learning, past, present, and future in an award-winning learning environment, Mary D. McLean, outdoor education coordinator, Tuckahoe ES, and Nancy Striniste, designer.

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To register for March 21 event:

Brookside Gardens
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Call: 240.229.1435
301.599.8000, ext. 268
email: ldreyfuss@melwood.org
Cost: \$25

Mail Registration to:

Chesapeake Chapter 10205 Julep Court

Silver Spring, MD 20902
Brookside Gardens address:
1800 Glenallan Ave.
Wheaton, MD 20902
www.brooksidegardens.org
301.962.1400

To register for March 23 event:

United States Botanic Garden
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Call: 202-226-4082
www.usbg.gov
SONG members: \$20
Non-members: \$25

Mail Registration to:

United States Botanic Garden address:
100 Maryland Ave. SW,
Washington, DC
at the foot of the Capitol.
www.usbg.gov
Parking is available at nearby parking garages,
or by Metro to Federal Center SW.

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NATIVE PLANT PROFILE:

HOLLIES (*ILEX SPP.*)

December 2005

Note: Native Plant Profiles is an MG column previously written by the Howard County Master Gardeners, and recently resurrected by Kirk Mantay, Baltimore MG.

The hollies (*Ilex spp.*) are generally attractive and valuable woody plants, capable of growing in a wide range of conditions here in Maryland. According to the US Forest Service, over 350 species of hollies exist worldwide, but only five are currently native to Maryland.

While we're all familiar with the common or American Holly (*Ilex opaca*), our four other native hollies can make great and unique specimen and border plants. Since hollies are often planted for their winter displays of

berries, it's important to note that you'll need male plants to pollinate the fruit-bearing female plants. Check your neighbors' yards or nearby parks this winter to see if any males (no fruit) appear to be present already! High-quality local nurseries are most likely to have American Holly, Winterberry, and Possumhaw in stock during the spring planting season. Good luck!

American Holly (*I. opaca*) is usually called a "small tree," though it can grow 60' tall. This is the red-berried, evergreen holly with which Marylanders are most familiar, and it is commonly observed on yard edges as a thick 3' – 6' tall shrub or as a 20'-30' tall well-shaped tree. Its winter-ripe berries and its dense evergreen foliage make this species very attractive to winter birds. My experience has been that American Holly is easy to grow, but sometimes difficult to make flourish. While this plant is extremely adaptable to sunny and shady yards alike, it does not do well in soils that are either poorly drained, excessively drained (>50% sand), or soils with a moderate or high pH (above 6.8). A moderately moist, loamy soil is recommended with high acidity and organic composition.

Winterberries (*I. laevigata* and *I. verticillata* (more common)) are "large deciduous shrubs" in the 10'-12' height class. In the woods, they're more typically seen at about 6' – 8'. Winterberries are sprawling shrubs, and tend to grow as much in width as they do in height. Both species make superb specimen plants due to their large size, persistent winter berries, high wildlife value, and ability to grow in damp or waterlogged soils. Winterberries are most likely to be found, and will be most successfully planted, on the upper coastal plain, especially in river valleys on the Fall Line between the Piedmont and Coastal Plain. Winterberries thrive in sunshine as long as their deep roots are allowed to remain moist through the summer. Winterberry bushes grow quickly or slowly based on individual site conditions, and their growth should be managed and limited if the plant begins to sucker away from the main rootball. Be sure to purchase native American cultivars like "Cacapon," "Afterglow," and "Winter Red"—home improvement stores often stock European cultivars.

Mountain Holly (*I. montana*) is not typically encountered east of the Blue Ridge escarpment, and is not very tolerant of the dry, hot summers of the mid-Atlantic coastal and piedmont regions. As a result, Mountain Holly is difficult to find at area nurseries or other sources. However, it is an excellent plant for partially-shaded,

rocky slopes where mountain laurels and many of our upland ferns grow. Its berries fall earlier than those of other hollies.

Inkberry (*I. glabra*) is a medium-sized shrub (typically 3' tall) with an interesting winter form and persistent black winter fruits. This commonly used native shrub is tolerant of a wide range of site conditions, and occurs naturally in sunny to partially shaded woods on sandy coastal soils. Growth rate is moderate and wildlife value is very high, although most gardeners would argue that this shrub is not as attractive as *I. verticillata* or *I. glabra*.

Possumhaw (*I. decidua*) is a small, aggressive tree with high natural value and low ornamental value. While some purists will plant possumhaw as a wildlife attractant, most gardens and yards are incompatible with its unruly, thicket-forming growth. In addition, possumhaw does not appear to be tolerant of the repeated deep freezes commonly experienced in Maryland mountain and piedmont areas. One known benefit to using Possumhaw in place of other native hollies is that it is the only native holly that is tolerant of neutral to basic soils.

RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOPS

CBF Headquarters
Annapolis, MD
Saturday, March 11, 2006

***Rain Garden Workshop—9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

***Rain Barrel Session—1 to 2 p.m.**

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Chesapeake Ecology Center and the South River Federation will be presenting a hands-on workshop on **rain gardens** and how to add them to your landscape. Bring your plat or site plan that shows your house and property lines, and/or photos and measurements, for ideas of where to place rain gardens on your property. The focus will be on creating rain garden designs, using native plant species, to control runoff from roofs and other impervious surfaces. Rain gardens are simply low-lying saucer-shaped vegetated depressions—generally 3 to 6 inches deep—which have absorbent soils that temporarily collect stormwater runoff and allow the water to percolate slowly into the soil. They remove pollutants, cool water, reduce flooding,

recharge groundwater, and create wildlife habitat. There is no charge for the rain garden workshop.

The **rain barrel session** is optional. At the session, we will show you how to assemble to rain barrel or you can take one that is pre-assembled; the cost for the barrel is \$40 (bring your check with you to the session, payable to the South River Federation).

Dress for the weather, as we will be outside part of the time. Light snacks will be served, but bring a lunch if you wish. **Pre-registration is required and space is limited.** To register and for more information, contact Marcy Damon at mdamon@cbf.org or 443.482.2156.

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June 3, 2006 – Galleries at Quiet Waters Park in the

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December 12, 2006 – St. Margaret's Parish Hall

SPECIAL PROJECTS

2006 Anne Arundel County Master Gardener

Brochure: Jane Cleary

AA County Master Gardener Yahoo Group

Communication: Robin Costas

MASTER COMPOSTER COURSE

Susie Blackwell, MG

A Master Composter Course is being offered on three consecutive Saturday mornings this spring. The classes will be held on March 18, 25 and April 1, 2006, at Quiet Waters Park in the Visitor's Center dining area from 9 a.m. to noon.

Completion of the course will require attendance at all three sessions. Each student will be required to give a short presentation during the course. Each graduate will be expected to contribute 6 volunteer hours (2 sessions) at the QW compost demo site during the summer/fall of 2006.

There will be a \$25 fee assessed for the course to cover the costs of textbook and classroom materials.

All interested Master Gardeners or interns email Susie Blackwell at mrsbntx@aol.com or by phone at 410.757.7780 as soon as possible.

STATE MG NEWS

Robin Hessey

Because there has been so much interest in Native Plants and natural Maryland ecosystems and because we did not have the resources to put on as comprehensive a course as we wanted, we requested funding for a course from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. We just found out that, although

we didn't receive all that we requested, we will gratefully receive enough funding to go ahead with our class plan. Thank you Chesapeake Bay Trust.

So, we are happy to announce that the MG Advanced Training Level 2 called "The Ecology of Maryland Native Plants" is scheduled for this spring on Tuesdays 4/4; 4/18, 4/25; 5/2 and 6/6. This class will move around to a number of different locations in PG, Howard, Anne Arundel, and Baltimore Counties so that we can see different plants in different types of ecosystems and plant communities. For full class description and locations (as well as registration form), go to mastergardener.umd.edu and click on "Advanced Training". Or, you can use the form in the state MG newsletter you received in January. Registration closes on March 22, but the class is already more than 1/2 full.

We have promised the Chesapeake Bay Trust that Master Gardeners will use what they learn to help homeowners or organizations in need of information or consultations about native plants. Already we have been approached by a couple of organizations really wanting our help. Perhaps you even know of others. (One of the organizations that we have talked with is the Bon Secours Foundation in Baltimore. They have a group of eager residents from a southwest Baltimore community association that very much want to use native plants to transform a vacant city lot- they have the resources to maintain the plantings, all they need is some instruction and advice to get started.)

We are hoping that any Master Gardeners who really want to learn about Maryland Native Plants and do community service in this area, will take this course. If you have already taken this or a similar course, you will want to wait until fall and take the "Landscaping with Native Plants" class that will be given in two locations, one in the Piedmont- Howard, Carroll, Baltimore; and one in the Coastal Plain: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, PG. Registration information for this class is not yet available.

So, if you are working with the Bay-Wise program or have a special interest in native plants in Maryland, please register now for Ecology of MD Native Plants course. We feel this will go a long way in helping us get the information we need to really make a difference in having Marylanders plant the right native plant in the right place and in restoring habitat.

Whereas this Level 2 Advanced Training talked about above gives you the in-depth training you really need to master the subject, we also have some upcoming classes at the MG Annual Training Day (May 25) at UMCP that native plant enthusiasts might be interested in. Save this date! Registration information will be mailed to you in March.

1A MD Urban Forests - How do We Stack Up?

Michael F. Galvin, MD Dept. of Natural Resources,

1C Green Buildings (Including Green Walls and Green Roofs)

Paul E. Bassett, President Hydro-Logix Solutions, Inc, and Michael Furbish, President, Furbish Company-

1D Ornamental Native Grasses

Sara Tangren, Ph.D., Owner, Chesapeake Native Nursery-

1E Building a Bog

Stephen G. Barry, Coordinator of Outdoor Education, Anne Arundel Co. Public Schools

2B Garden, Gardener, Ecosystem – Pesticides' Toxic Toll

Diana Post, Executive Director, Rachel Carson Council

2D Wildlife and the Garden

Jeff Bossart, Environmental Program Director, Dept. of the Navy

2F Changing the Paradigm, An Ecological Approach to Landscape Design

Jenny Reed and Lauren Wheeler, Principals, Natural Resources Design

3A A Natural History Approach to Plant Conservation

Gary Krupnick, Ph.D., Smithsonian Institution, NMNH.

3B Where the Wild Things Are- Wildlife Issues in Urban Gardening

Kirk Mantay, Wetland Scientist, Wildlife Biologist, and Baltimore MG.

If you want any additional information you can call Robin Hessey at 410.531.1754; rmhessey@umd.edu/ Robin Hessey

MORE...STATE MG NEWS

We want to know your thoughts about the MG program.

Please fill in your MG survey by March 1. You can find it in your State Master Gardener newsletter or go to <http://cgi.umd.edu/survey/display?MGsurvey/Jan2006>, or simply go to state MG website and click on the link www.mastergardener.umd.edu . This information will help us understand what folks really think about the MG program and will be used by the Recognition, Retention and Recruitment committee and they begin to analyze and make recommendations in these areas. Your responses are very important.

You're invited to participate with state level MG planning.

(All meetings begin at 10 and last until about 2 pm- so bring a lunch; some refreshments will be served). Please RSVP to Robin 410.531.1754; rmhessey@umd.edu. For directions, call Robin or go to MG website mastergardener.umd.edu, click on Strategic Planning/Meeting button on the left.

Thursday, March 2--Speaker's Bureau. If you are doing talks in your county, are helping to organize them, or just want them to run more smoothly, come to this meeting at [HGIC](#) at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7-- Political Advocacy. How do we reach the politicians in our city, county and state legislatures to let them know what MGs are doing, our value in the community, and how they should financially support or local extension offices? Meeting will be at the Montgomery County Extension at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 22--Promotion and Marketing Committee. This small but active committee could really use some additional members. The MG surveys that have been coming in indicate that many MG's believe we very much need to be recognized outside our own walls. We can do this, but we need more folks to help with the effort.- Meeting will be at [HGIC](#) at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 28--Recognition, Recruitment/ Retention Committee meets for the first time at the [4H Center in College Park](#) 10am-2 pm. How can we better recruit, retain and recognize our MG's. The results of our MG survey should be back and somewhat analyzed and this will help us. If you have ideas or interest, we could use your input.

Increase you knowledge and skills through Master

Gardener State Advanced Training.

Please note that there is a March registration deadline for Evergreen Trees and Shrubs (Harford Co.), Weed ID and Control (Eastern Shore) and Ecology of MD Native Plants (central Maryland). For more information on course content or to register, refer to the Master Gardener state website mastergardener.umd.edu or call Robin at 410.531.1754. Checks are made out to University of Maryland and mailed to MG Spring, 12005 Homewood Rd. Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Master Gardener Annual Training Day- -Thursday, May 25, 2005 at UMCP

Make plans to attend this great day of learning and fun. This year's training day is going to be the best ever. With

MG's having to make tough choices, mark your calendar and plan to attend. You will be receiving registration brochures in March. At this time you will also be able to order your MG t-shirts, golf shirts, denim shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, hats, travel mugs and tote bags. This year we will be offering some new colors, so you'll have to check it out.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Peter Hildebrand, Chief, Hydrospheric and Biospheric Sciences Laboratory, NASA Goddard, talking about "Water for Life on Earth" – how the global water cycle changes as climate changes.

In addition to our keynote, we will have about 30 workshops to choose from. Some of the topics being covered will be: Native Ornamental Grasses, Backyard Habitat, Fertilizers, Fungicides; Green buildings, Green Roofs, Green Walls; Rain Water Management, New & Cool Woody Plants, Waist high salad gardening, Conserving Plant Diversity, Brambles, Plant ID, Horticultural Therapy, Sex and the Single Holly, Edible Flowers, Wildlife in Urban Gardens, Managing Storm Water Ponds and Water Gardens; Plant Diagnostics & Diseases and more!

New this year:

** Special updates on new developments in Maryland MG program will be given right after keynote speaker

**The Market Place is On! This year's marketplace is being re-designed to accommodate more participation. Set up a display in Plant Sciences highlighting what your city/county program is doing, or set up a table in Chem. Building where you can sell your wares to benefit your local MG program- cookbooks, plants, magnifiers, bird houses, jewelry, pots, or anything else you can imagine. These tables will be a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and efforts. Tables are free unless you reserve a table and don't show up (then the fee will be \$15). Or, if you'd like to sell your own products, you can rent a table for just \$50. Please contact Norma Lynch (nlynch@comcast.net), our marketplace coordinator, if you are interested in a table. Space is limited and May 1 is the cut date for table reservations in May 1.

NATIVE PLANT PROFILE: LILIES (*LILIUM SPP.*)

February 2006

Note: Native Plant Profiles is an MG column previously written by the Howard County Master Gardeners, resurrected by Kirk Mantay, Baltimore MG in 2005.

Marylanders LOVE lilies. There's no question about that. In mid-summer, lilies seem to dominate parking lot plantings, yard borders, and even roadside ditches. And often it's with very little thought that we plant these beautiful, rapidly-spreading plants in our gardens, yards, and landscapes. I recently heard someone discuss how lilies in a neighborhood ditch should be protected since lilies are native plants. That statement is both true and false. I've put together some information on native lilies below; I've also included some information about the more popular and sometimes invasive non-native lilies (and plants we call lilies).

Canada Lily (*Lilium canadense*) is a native Maryland lily that probably originated in the Great Lakes region, where its yellow to red flowers are enjoyed in many parks, forests, and woodlots. In Maryland, plants and bulbs can be difficult to come by. Once established, the plants grow well on woods' edges, and spread slowly by division.

Turks Cap Lily (*Lilium superbum*) is a fairly sought-after woodland native in the Northeast, and is also Maryland's most common native lily. Native plant nurseries often have this plant in stock, however, be mindful that young plants may grow for several years

before blooming. Turks Cap Lily has a reputation for spreading faster than other native lilies, but not as fast as non-natives. The beautiful orange/red flowers are a great long-term investment. Turks Cap Lily is also available through some gardening catalogs and online vendors, but again, be prepared to wait for your big red reward, as they may sell you very young bulbs.

Wood Lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*) is similar in appearance to the two species described above, and is a hardy survivor in northern woods and thickets. Available in native plant nurseries on occasion, the wood lily is not frequently seen outside of Garrett County.

Copper/Rain Lily (*Amaryllis tubispathus*) is an outstanding plant with which Marylanders have only recently been experimenting. Native to the southern United States, the Copper Lily is only hardy to USDA Zone 8. It's a beautiful small plant with tiny light-colored flowers. Copper lily is a prolific spreader, and in fact, it's not a lily at all—it's one of the few *Amaryllis* species native to North America. If you want to give Copper Lily a try, I suggest container growing and winter storage methods similar to that used for other 'non-hardy' bulbs. They're widely available on the internet.

NON-NATIVE LILIES: Here are the beauties—the (somewhat) easily hybridized central- and east-Asian lilies. Everyone knows how pretty they can be—I'm the unabashed owner of several Himalayan toad lilies (sorry!). Despite their beauty and ease of propagation, there are several problems inherent with the non-native lilies that are so easily found at home improvement centers and nurseries in our area. Here are a few things to consider:

- **Tiger Lily** (*Lilium tigrinum*), a native of Southeast Asia, has a stunning bloom and an outstanding resistance to most pests and diseases. However, it's also a known vector for diseases lethal to other lilies, and the lush, green foliage is toxic to housecats. Tiger lily can become locally invasive, especially where it's allowed to naturalize in areas like ditches and neglected gardens.
- **Daylilies** (*Hemerocallis spp.*), hail from central and eastern Asia. These diverse beauties seem to grow in almost every lawn in some neighborhoods. Many daylilies are capable of growing in wetlands, ditches, and around

ponds—areas from which they're unlikely to be eradicated.

- **Asiatic lilies** (*Lilium spp.*) are another group of widely-prized perennials from eastern Asia, easily purchased from home improvement centers and many nurseries. My personal experience is that it seems to be less invasive than either daylilies or tiger lilies. Nonetheless, left to its own devices, it can become invasive in many different landscapes.
- **Toad "Lilies"** (*Tricyrtis spp.*) are a group of woodland flowers native to the Himalayan lowlands. Many nurseries now stock these beautiful, late-blooming flowers. Toad lilies are shade-tolerant, which adds another huge dimension to their growing appeal. As this plant grows in popularity over the coming years, more will be learned about its propensity for naturalization, escape, and invasion. Until then, gardeners would be best advised to keep an eye on their toad lilies and make sure the plants don't stray too far from their intended habitats.

In summary, enjoy your lilies! If you're one of the fortunate few to have a colony of native lilies in your yard or neighborhood, REALLY enjoy them! For those of you who enjoy the growth, form, and colors of non-native lilies, please monitor your plants and their spread to other areas in and beyond your gardens. Happy gardening!

Author's Note: Brown and Brown's *Herbaceous Plants of Maryland* (1984) was used as a reference source for this article.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: Events marked with an ** are eligible for MG advanced training credit. AA Co. Master Gardeners must earn 10 advanced training hours each year.

March 2006

- 1 ****Planting Under Trees**, Bruce Fraedrich. Annapolis Horticulture Society. 6:45 pm. Parish Hall of St. Anne's

- Episcopal Church, 199 Duke of Gloucester St. Annapolis MD. 410.760.3741.
- 3 ****Preserving Plants for an Herbarium** by Judy Dove. Fee 10 a.m. Historic London Town and Gardens. 410.222.1919 or www.historiclondontown.org.
- 4 ****Garden Design Studio**. Fee. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Longwood Gardens. 610.388.1000, ext. 516. www.longwoodgardens.org.
- 4 ****Perennial Garden Techniques** by Mark Huber. 10 a.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100. www.behnkes.com.
- 4 ****Shrubs 101** by Roger Zinn. 1 p.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100 or www.behnkes.com.
- 5 **Winter Greens, Charles County**, focus on less common evergreen species. 1 – 5 p.m. Maryland Native Plant Society. www.mdflora.org or 301-283-0808 Marc Imlay.
- 5 – 12 **Philadelphia Flower Show**. www.theflowershow.com. 215.988.8800.
- 5 ****Deer Resistant Plants: Bambi's Brussels Sprouts**. 1 p.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100 or www.behnkes.com.
- 9, 16, 23 ****Master Gardener Advanced Training – Evergreen Trees and Shrubs** by Harriett Tinker, Harford County. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fee.
- 10 ****Public Horticulture Matters**. Fee. 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Longwood Gardens. 610.388.1000, ext. 516. www.longwoodgardens.org.
- 11 – 12 **Camellia Show and Sale** sponsored by the Camellia Society of Potomac Valley. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>.
- 11 **Plant Horrors** by Janet Draper, Horticulturist, Smithsonian Institution, discusses outlandish uses of plants. 10 a.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100. www.behnkes.com
- 11 ****Growing Cactus and Succulent Plants** by Bob and Nicole Stewart. 1 p.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100 or www.behnkes.com
- 12 ****Turf's Up!** by John Peter Thompson and Larry Hurley. 1 p.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100 or www.behnkes.com.
- 14 ****AA Co. MG Monthly Meeting** with Jon Traunfeld at 7:30 p.m. Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church, 1281 Green Holly Drive, Arnold, Maryland. 410.222.6755.
- 15 ****Maryland Native Plant Society Meeting**. 7:30 – 9 p.m. Irvine Nature Center. www.explorenature.org or 410.484.2413.
- 17 ****Propagation Techniques: The Old-Fashioned Art of Grafting** by Dr. Frank Gouin. Fee. 10 a.m. Historic London Town and Gardens. www.historiclondontown.org or 410.222.1919.
- 18-19 **Friends of Brookside Gardens Orchid Festival**. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>.
- 18 ****Winged Things in the Garden** by Lisa Bierer-Garrett, The Great Outdoors. 10 a.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100 www.behnkes.com
- 18 ****Container Gardens** by Eric Morrison. 1 p.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100. www.behnkes.com.
- 19 ****Mixed Containers for All Seasons** by Joan O'Rourke of Brookside Gardens. 1 p.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100. www.behnkes.com
- 24 ****Designing and Building Rustic Garden Structures** by Pierre and Nancy Moitrier. Fee. 10 a.m. Historic London Town and Gardens. www.historiclondontown.org or 410.222.1919.
- 25 ****20th Annual Lahr Symposium, Native Plants: Cultivating a Sustainable Future**. Fee. 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. National Arboretum. 202.245.5898 www.usna.usda.gov
- 25 ****Designing Your Own Outdoor Living Space**. Fee. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Longwood Gardens. 610.388.1000, ext. 516. www.longwoodgardens.org.
- 25 ****Grow Your Own Cut Flower Garden** by Jill Gonzalez and Marian Parsley. 10 a.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100. www.behnkes.com

25 **Orchid Habitats in Costa Rica** by Tom Mirenda, Orchid Expert. 1 p.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100. www.behnkes.com

26 ****Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds** by Andre Viette, Nationally recognized perennial expert, nurseryman, and radio personality. 1 p.m. Behnke's Nursery. Free but reservations required. 301.937.1100. www.behnkes.com

28 **Master Gardener Project Chair Orientation** 7– 8:30 p.m. Tawes State Office Building.

31 ****An Introduction to Horticultural Therapy** by Lana Dreyfuss, HRT and Sheila Gallagher. Fee. 10 a.m. Historic London Town and Gardens. www.historiclondontown.org. 410.222.1919

April 2006

1 – 30

Washington Blooms! George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria VA. American Horticultural Society. www.ahs.org

4, 18, 25

****Master Gardener Advanced Training, Level 2. The Ecology of May Maryland's Native Plants.** Continues 2 May and 6 June. Fee

5 ****Celebrating Mosses**, Norie Burnett. Annapolis Horticulture Society. 6:45 p.m. Parish Hall of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 199 Duke of Gloucester St. Annapolis MD. 410.760.3741.

11 ****AA Co. MG Monthly Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church, 1281 Green Holly Drive, Arnold, Maryland. 410.222.6755

15-16

Daffodil Show sponsored by the Washington Daffodil Society. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

29 **6th Annual Rare Plant Auction.** Fee. 5:30–10 p.m. Longwood Gardens. 302.658.6262 ext. 28. www.longwoodgardens.org

29-30

Azalea Show sponsored by the Brookside Gardens Chapter of the Azalea Society. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

30–May 3

****Colonial Williamsburg Garden Symposium.** Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. 757.220.7255.

http://www.history.org/history/institute/institute_about.cfm

May 2006

3 ****Iris**, Bruce Hornstein. Annapolis Horticulture Society. 6:45 p.m. Parish Hall of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 199 Duke of Gloucester St. Annapolis MD. 410.760.3741.

5-6 **50th Anniversary Flower Show "Spring for the Gold"** sponsored by the Seedling Garden Club. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

6 **Spring Plant Sale.** Adkins Arboretum, 410.634.2847 or www.adkinsarboretum.org

6 **Dahlia Sale** sponsored by the National Capital Dahlia Society. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

8, 15, 18

****Master Gardener Advanced Training – Flowering Shrubs** by Stever Allgeier, Carroll Co. MG. Location in Montgomery and Frederick County. 9:30 a.m.–2:30 pm. Fee.

9 ****AA Co. MG Monthly Meeting** at 7:30 pm. Carol Segree's Azalea Garden.

13, 14

William Paca Garden Spring Plant Sale. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and 12noon – 4 p.m. www.annapolis.org. 410.990.4790.

13 **65th Annual Silver Spring Garden Club Garden Mart.** 1 a.m.-3 p.m. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

19 ****Spring Garden Symposium.** Fee. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Adkins Arboretum, 410.634.2847 or www.adkinsarboretum.org

20 ****Mt Cuba Center** sponsored by the Delaware alley Fern and Wildflower Society. Fee www.dvfw.org or Donna Wilhelm at 215.843.7987.

20-21

Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale sponsored by the National Capital Cactus and Succulent Society. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

21 **Azalea Sale** sponsored by the Brookside Gardens Chapter of the Azalea Society. Brookside Gardens. 301. 962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

21 ****Native Plants of Four Mile Ridge, Garrett County.** 2 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Maryland Native Plant Society. www.mdflora.org or 301.895.3686 Ron.

25 ****MG Annual Training Day.** 8a.m. – 4:15 p.m. University of Maryland, College Park Campus. Fee.

June 2006

3 **Anne Arundel Co. Master Gardener Open House.** 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Quiet Waters Park. sbswhs@aol.com

3 ****Sugarloaf Mountain Field Trip,** identifying native plants. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Maryland Native Plant Society. www.mdflora.org or 301.652.8799.

4 **Hammond Harwood House Secret Garden Tour.** 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Visit 16 privately owned gardens and historic house museum gardens hidden from the public view. This self-guided tour will begin at the 18th century Hammond-Harwood House, 19 Maryland Avenue in Annapolis and span out to its neighbors on Cumberland Court, Maryland Avenue, King George Street, Prince George Street, and East Street. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the event. Group tours of 10 or more will be offered at \$22.50 if purchased by June 1. For further information, phone Jeanne Langdon at 410.263.4683 x 15 or e-mail officemanager@hammondharwoodhouse.org.

6 ****Designing and Planting Garden Rooms,** Don Haynie. Annapolis Horticulture Society. 6:45 pm. Parish Hall of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 199 Duke of Gloucester St. Annapolis MD. 410.760.3741.

10 **Friends of Brookside Gardens Herb Fair.** Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

13 ****AA Co. MG Monthly** at 7:30 pm. Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church, 1281 Green Holly Drive, Arnold, Maryland. 410.222.6755.

14 **Inside Private Gardens – Maryland's Eastern Shore Gardens.** Ladew Topiary Gardens. 410.557.9570 www.ladewgardens.com

****Master Gardener Advanced Training – Ornamental Trees and Vines** by Steve Dubik, Montgomery Co. MG. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Location is St. Mary's County. Fee.

17 **45th Annual Lily Show** sponsored by the Potomac Lily Society. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

19 **Interpreting the Spirit of a Garden.** Fee. 4–8 p.m. Longwood Gardens. 610.388.1000, ext. 516. www.longwoodgardens.org

20 **Design Tour – Discovering the Gardens of South Jersey.** Fee. Longwood Gardens. 610.388.1000, ext. 516. www.longwoodgardens.org.

24 ****Search for ferns at Camp Bernie, New Jersey,** sponsored by the Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society. Fee www.dvfws.org or Otto Heck at 908.996.2598.

25 **Butterfly Festival.** Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

July 2006

9 **Daylily Sale** sponsored by the National Capital Daylily Club. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

August 2006

13 **Camellia Show and Sale** sponsored by the Camellia Society of Potomac Valley. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

September 2006

9 **Friends of Brookside Gardens 10th Annual Plant Sale.** Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

22 ****A Passion For Gardening** with Ken Druse. Fee. 10:30 a.m. Ladew Topiary Gardens. 410.557.9570. www.ladewgardens.com

23-24

14, 21, 28

Dahlia Show sponsored by the National Capital Dahlia Society. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

29 ****Designs from Nature** with Sally Humphreys and Susan Detjens. 10:30 a.m. Ladew Topiary Gardens. 410.557.9570. www.ladewgardens.com

30 **Bonsai Show** sponsored by the Brookside Bonsai Society. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

October 2006

1 **Mushroom Fair** sponsored by the Mycological Association of Washington. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

6 ****Tantalizing Tulips** with Brent Heath. 10:30 a.m. Ladew Topiary Gardens. 410.557.9570. www.ladewgardens.com

13 ****Gardens in the Spirit of Place** with Page Dickey. 10:30 a.m. Ladew Topiary Gardens. 410.557.9570. www.ladewgardens.com

14-15

Chrysanthemum Show sponsored by the ChesapeakeChrysanthemum Society. Brookside Gardens. 301.962.1400 or <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside>

26 ****Fantasy in the Garden** with Charlotte Frieze. 10:30 am. Ladew Topiary Gardens. 410.557.9570. www.ladewgardens.com

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STATE MG EVENTS

Course name	Location	Time	Presenter	Registration fee & deadline
Landscape Hort. Evergreen Trees and Shrubs	Harford Co. Ext.	Thursdays March 9, 16, 23 10am-2pm	Harriett Tinker & Harford Co. MGs	\$40.00 Reg. Deadline: 3/2
Weed ID & Control	Q.A. County	Fri. 3/17; Weds. 4/26, 6/7, 7/12, 9/6	Betty Marose	\$115 +Text Reg. Deadline: 3/9
Ecology of MD Native Plants (still tentative)	PG, Howard, A.A & Baltimore Counties	1-6 pm Tues. 4/4, 4/18; 4/25, 5/2; 6/6	Louisa Thompson, Kirk Mantay & others	\$60 +CD Rom & possible text Reg. Deadline: 3/22
Landscape Hort: Flowering Shrubs	Montgomery & Frederick Counties	Mon 5/8 & 5/15 9:30-2:30 & Thurs 5/18 time TBA	Steve Allgeier (and Ed Reiley)	\$40 Reg. Deadline: 4/24
MG ANNUAL TRAINING DAY	U. of MD College Park	Thurs., May 25 8:00-4:15	Over 30 different presenters	Registration opens in March
Master Composter	Baltimore Cylburn Arboretum	Mon. 6/12, 6/19, 6/26 from 6-9 pm and Sat 6/17, 9-12	Lew Shell, Sam Patsy, Susan Schluederberg, and others	\$55 Reg Deadline: 6/1
Landscape Hort: Ornamental Trees & Vines	St. Mary's Co. (Charlotte Hall) & Nat'l Arboretum	10-1 Weds. 6/14, 6/21 & 6/28	Steve Dubik	\$40 Reg. Deadline: 6/1
Plant ID/Taxonomy	Howard Co. Ext.	Tuesdays 9-12am on 6/13 & 6/20; 9-3 on 6/27 (field trip)	Wanda MacLachlan	\$35 + text Reg. Deadline 6/1
Plant ID/Taxonomy	Tawes Office Bldg Annapolis	Wednesdays 6-9 pm 6/7, 6/14, 6/21	Wanda MacLachlan	\$35 + text Reg. Deadline: 6/1



Celebration of Horticultural Therapy



National Horticultural Therapy Week Events

March 21, 2006

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, Maryland

"Growing Youth in the Garden"

9:00 a.m. **Welcome** by David Vismara,
Director of Brookside Gardens

9:15 a.m. **Horticultural Therapy Overview**
Brief description of horticultural
therapy and how it works.
Lana Dreyfuss HTR

9:30 a.m. **Tuckahoe's Discovery Schoolyard**
Ten years of outdoor learning, past,
present, and future in an award-win-
ning learning environment.
*Mary D. McLean, outdoor education
coordinator, Tuckahoe ES, and Nancy
Striniste, designer*

10:30 a.m. **Red Wigglers' commitment to
learning**

A description of service learning
activities on a working farm.
*Woody Woodroof, founder, Red Wiggler
Community Farm, and Beth
McCormack, Youth Program
Coordinator*

11:30 a.m. **Watkins Living Urban Schoolyard**

A 12-year project starting with a but-
terfly garden which has grown to 25
theme gardens. "From asphalt to
learning environment..."
*Barbara Percival, Volunteer Garden
Coordinator*

March 23, 2006

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

United States Botanic Garden, Washington, DC

"Horticultural Therapy in Action: Across Ages/Across Abilities"

Workshop presented by Dr. Diane Relf, HTM

An overview of the how and why of horticul-
tural therapy.

- Recommendations on adaptations of activities to fit an individual's needs.
- Development of volunteers and resources
- Hands-on activities to "bring home" the benefits of nurturing plants.

Dr. Diane Relf HTM is nationally known for her research, teaching, publications and work in the field of horticultural therapy.

This workshop will be conducted twice.
Please sign up for one session only.



Conference Registration Information

To register for March 21 event

Brookside Gardens
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Call: 240-229-1435
301-599-8000, ext. 268
email: ldreyfuss@melwood.org

Cost: \$25.00
Mail: 10205 Julep Court
Silver Spring, MD 20902

To register for March 23 event

United States Botanic Garden
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Call: 202-226-4082
www.usbg.gov

SONG members: \$20.00
Non-members: \$25.00

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Learn how to Identify and Control your WEEDS!

University of Maryland Master Gardener Level II Advanced Training in Weed Identification and Control – 2006 EASTERN SHORE LOCATIONS

REGISTRATION FOR THIS COURSE CLOSES MARCH 7, 2006

Registration Fee: \$115; Class limited to 25 people
Primary instructor: Betty Marose, Extension Specialist

How to identify and control weeds is a topic of great concern (even fascination) for Master Gardeners, so we're again offering a multi part course that will really "get to the root" of weeds. We'll be discussing the entire scope of weeds in the landscape, fields, turf, and forest and what controls are available and recommended. We'll also learn the biology of weeds, their lifecycles, and how to set up a garden or turf situation to minimize weed infiltration. Field walks will be included most days. Course will take place over a six month period so that participants can see the widest possible variety of weeds as well as understand what the same weeds look like in different seasons and at different stages.

There will be a strong component on weed control, both mechanical, IPM and chemical. Betty is very knowledgeable in this area and can help us untangle and understand a lot of information. Nowhere else will you get such comprehensive and accurate information on controls- something MG's are asked about constantly.

Required course textbook: Weeds of the Northeast, by Richard Uva, Joseph C. Neal and Joseph M. DiTomaso. (\$25.00- discounted price)

TO REGISTER: Please send your name, address, name of MG program you are working with, email address, phone number, and a check for \$115 (or \$140 if you're ordering the textbook) made out to the University of Maryland. Mail to: MG Weeds Course, HGIC, 12005 Homewood Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042. Or go to the website (www.mastergardener.umd.edu) and click on the advanced training link and look for the course description and registration form.

COURSE SCHEDULE

All Classes are on Wednesdays except for the first one, which is on a Friday.

- Class 1: Friday, March 17- Kent Island Library (Stevensville) 9:30am –3pm
- Class 2: Wed. April 26- Wye Research & Education Center, Queenstown 9:30-3
- Class 3: Wed. June 7- Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, 9:30-3
- Class 4: Wed. July 12, Pickering Creek, Easton, MD 9:30-3
- Class 5: Wed. Sept. 6, Wye Research & Education Center Weed Plots, Queenstown 10-2

For more information, contact: Robin Hessey, MG Advanced Training Coordinator 410-531-1754;
rmhessey@umd.edu