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May 2010 Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 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

“NEW PLANT INTRODUCTIONS FOR 2010”

Gene Sumi

**Educational Coordinator
Homestead Gardens**

Gene grew up in a gardening environment. In fact, it was the family business. He started working at an early age in his father's landscape maintenance business in Garden Grove, CA. After graduating from high school in 1963, he got his first job as a seasonal nurseryman to pay his way through college. He worked at L&M Nursery stores in Costa Mesa and Anaheim, CA. He worked in every area of the nursery, not only with plants, but as a cashier, deliveryman and even cleaning bathrooms.

In 1993, he accepted a horticultural sales position at the Behnke Nurseries Company in Beltsville, MD. He started in the Woody Plants department and later became the nurseries' Customer Service Manager. In 1996, he assumed the duties of Staff Horticulturist, which allowed him to provide helpful gardening information to customers, train nursery staff in retail nursery skills and offer programs in horticulture subjects.

Gene joined the staff of Homestead Gardens in the spring of 2002, as its Garden Horticulturist. Although he still retains many of his horticulturist duties, Gene was appointed Education Coordinator in August, 2004. In addition to his BA in History, Gene holds a MA in Psychology from The Catholic University of America. He is a Maryland Certified Professional Horticulturist and is an adjunct instructor in Horticulture in the Continuing Education Division of Prince George's Community College.

Gene and his wife, Jan, live in Severn, MD. They have two married daughters, Michele and Anne, and a grandson, Jason.

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THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Mike Ensor, Coordinator

This past month to say the least has been a very exciting month for all Master Gardeners as the project year is moving "full speed" ahead and the University of Maryland Extension kicked off the "Grow It Eat It" campaign for the second consecutive year. A special salute goes to our own Lisa Winters, other Anne Arundel Master Gardeners, and children and their families of the Apprentice Garden program for taking on the leadership of planting a food garden at the Governor's House as the First Lady Katie O'Malley celebrates National Gardening Month and Maryland Grow It Eat It Month.

In celebration and together with the University of Maryland, the Governor and First Lady promotes the "Grow It Eat It" campaign which encourages all Maryland families to plant their own garden to save money, to eat healthy, and to protect our environment by growing fresh vegetables, fruits and herbs using sustainable practices. The campaign hopes to encourage Marylanders to produce their own affordable, healthy food. The vegetable garden will set a realistic example of what Maryland families can do in their own backyards.

So as you can see, President Obama and the First Family are not the only Americans planting their own food gardens. While some have helped their parents plant Victory Gardens, most baby boomers and their children have not experienced such a direct connection with the food they eat and are in need of information and guidance. This is where the University of Maryland Extension comes in. The "Grow It Eat It" initiative was developed and will be implemented by the Maryland Master Gardener Program and the Home and Garden Information Center (HGIC). Master Gardeners are teaching basic food gardening classes to the public, and HGIC horticulture consultants will answer food gardening questions via a toll-

free hotline (1-800-342-2507) and email Q&A service (hgic.umd.edu). A dynamic, interactive Grow It, Eat It website (growit.umd.edu) and blog (groweat.blogspot.com) will provide a wealth of information and resources for residents across the state and around the globe. Please join in the fun and celebrate spring and summer by getting back to our culinary roots.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Maryland Master Gardener Annual Training on May 26th.

Has your contact information recently changed? Update your info today!
All it takes is an email to rebeedle@verizon.net

Executive Advisory Board for 2010

Susan Knisely	Chairperson
Lisa Winters	Vice Chairperson
Elizabeth Matarese	Fiscal Advisor
Deb Stevens	Recording Sec.
Joe Marsala	Member Support
Barbara MacNemar	Member

UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD

Susan Knisely, Chairperson

The Executive Advisory Board (EAB) is moving forward on our priorities for 2010. We'd like to encourage everyone to come to the monthly meeting to hear the speaker, learn what's going on in other committees, and get to know other Master Gardeners. Our business meeting starts at 7 p.m.

and the speaker starts at 7:30. During the business meeting portion of the monthly meeting in April, we had updates and announcements from committees on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. We had an exciting list of events including the kick off for the Grow It Eat It campaign at the Governor's Mansion, the London Town's plant sale including hundreds of heirloom tomato plants started by the Propagation Committee, the Bay Wise Committee encouraging all Master Gardeners to get a Bay Wise certification, upcoming tours of the new park at the Naval Academy Dairy Farm, plus plans for an ice cream social and plant swap at our August meeting. We'll be asking other committee chairs to use the business meeting as an opportunity to share information with our members. Send me an email or let me know before the meeting and I'll add you to the list to make an announcement (susanknisely@gmail.com)

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. but you'll want to come a bit early to buy a raffle ticket! Marilyn Kinkel organized our first raffle fund raiser last month. We had a great collection of books, tools, plant containers, and plants donated by members. We're hoping 10-12 members will bring something to each monthly meeting for the raffle. We'll use the raffle proceeds to help support the work of our committees and members. Marilyn also started a 'freebies' table to share gardening magazines, books, brochures, and materials. Bring items to recycle with others and pick up something that's new to you. And as everyone who came to the April meeting knows, those who wore their name tags got a piece of chocolate! Wear your name tag and make a point of talking to someone you haven't worked with yet. Everyone loves to talk about their committee work and they've got great ideas to share.

Our next EAB meeting will be focused on working on the communications and marketing plan for the Anne Arundel County Gardeners. Lori Ross and Laurene Parlatore have started a new marketing committee to lead this effort. We have almost 200 Master Gardeners and 25 committees that do an amazing amount of work. Some of your communications are great -- Rose Mary Swartwood does a tremendous job on our monthly newsletters and the 'news flashes' keep us informed of current events. But our websites need work and we need to be more effective in getting the word out on our activities. We'll be working with Lori and Laurene and their committee and will develop a plan to improve our

communications and marketing.

The EAB meetings are open to all of our members. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to noon at the County Extension office. We encourage you to come. It's a good way to learn what's happening in the whole organization. We welcome your participation at the meetings or send me an email with your ideas and suggestions.

THE APRIL 18TH OPEN HOUSE AT THE DAIRY FARM

If you didn't get to the Open House, you missed a wonderful opportunity to see the potential we Master Gardeners have before us with the Dairy Farm. County Executive John R. Leopold who was instrumental in the acquisition of the farm, toured the facility and greeted many of the visitors.

There are acres and acres of field just waiting for ideas. The grounds are beautiful, with gardens of columbines and daylilies and little buildings that have amenities Master Gardeners will like.

Joe Ann Kuhn showed several groups of adults and children the ways of vermiculture. A group of attentive students held a class with their instructor in the room where Lisa Winters, Joe Ann, and Elizabeth Matarese had set up displays for Grow it/Eat it, Vermiculture, and the Seed Exchange. In this converted "firehouse," the fireman's pole is still shiny brass, and kids can slide down it if boosted to the top. MG interns showed up to help out and met some of their friends from the Four Seasons community, which adjoins the Dairy Farm.

The weather turned out to be sunny and just warm enough to have a good time. The parking lot filled up with cars by 2 p.m., and people eager to see just what is going on strolled through the walkways and spent time leafing through brochures that Karen Molines and her colleagues made available. Visitors were also able to take hayrides around the property to see the promise of Hammond's Connection.

In all, it was a very fine day for an Open House!

SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Marilyn Kinkel, MG

Doing some Spring cleaning and want to recycle in a good way? This is an activity that has long been a favorite with Annapolis Horticulture Society Members, and it helps offset fees for good speakers as well.

Freebies! Freebies!

Look for the Freebie Table at the next MG monthly meeting! We hope you will join us contributing interesting gardening magazines, catalogs, free seeds or labeled cuttings. You never know what you might find waiting for

you at every meeting. We'd like to have donations from the membership for this table each month. Come early enough to drop off your extras and browse for your own freebie! Remember...one man's trash is another's treasure.

Raffle Table

Buy a RAFFLE ticket and you may be picked to select an item from the raffle table. Contributions to the raffle table may be

various and sundry items of horticulture nature such as books, potted plants, vases, notecards, birdhouses, etc. for our exciting table. They will find a new home with a happy MG member! Tickets are placed in a basket

and drawn individually till the table is empty. It's EASY and FUN and always something different every month.

So don't forget, come early to the April meeting, bring an item for either the freebie or raffle tables. And...don't forget to buy your tickets—\$1 each or six for \$5. What a bargain!

FOOD CROPS AND PLANT AND INSECT GROWTH REGULATORS (PGRS AND IGRS)

Elizabeth Matarese, MG

Lately, much is being written in agrochemical periodicals and research papers about PGRs and IGRs. It wasn't until I read a most recent article bemoaning the fact that the newer chemicals to regulate plant growth and control insects were not as forthcoming as the agricultural food industry would like, that it dawned on me to dig a little deeper into this subject.

Did you know how many food crops are treated with PGRs and IGRs to time their production and control insects that affect fruit and vegetables? Everything from Grapes and Pears to Lettuce and Soybeans are being treated at various stages of growth with chemicals either to retard or enhance certain growth patterns, to time them for the market, eradicate pests, and/or prevent diseases. The polysyllabic nature of these chemicals conveys their ominous intent. And accompanying literature on these substances includes symptoms of poisoning in pets and people.

The University of Illinois has been conducting investigative analyses to determine some of the possible effects of the use of PGRs on soybeans, for example. Other academic agricultural interests are examining cereal, wheat, and oat crops, in the search for reasons why these chemicals are causing disruptions in growth patterns, like “cupping” of the leaves. This can't be all for the good.

The latest issue of GPN (www.gpnmag.com) contains a breath of fresh air article...about the need to reassess the use of chemicals on plants, not because of the harm they do, but, rather, because fewer new chemicals are coming out and there seems to be a “greater risk of resistance developing as a result (towards the chemicals by the plants themselves!) DUH! So, they continue: “[I]t may be time to take a proactive approach to pest management with biocontrols.” No kidding.

They propose IPM practices...not because these practices are natural and more desirable than spraying everything with potent synthetic hormones, poisonous pesticides, and insecticides, but because

- Less pesticide application means less overtime for applying the pesticide sprays [Read they won't have to pay labor to spray at designated times that might be overtime hours]
- Less panic situation for insect outbreaks [Did you ever wake up one morning and find the foliage on your tomato plants half-gone – and fat tomato hornworms daring you to take action?]
- No lapses in production because of re-entry intervals [workers have to stay out of areas that have been sprayed because they are too potently poisonous]
- Plants grow healthier with fewer stresses and may finish faster, thus reducing crop time [Interestingly but not surprisingly, this is placed last on the list!]

What really is the clincher, however, is this little nugget of information: “Throughout the past ten years, the bio-control supply companies have been able to rear predators and parasites successfully and efficiently enough to sustain a business model that is economically feasible. [Yes, it always comes down to the \$bottom line.]

Agribusiness is finally discovering IPM, but don't bet that it is going to spread quickly. Or that the food crops you are presently consuming don't have residual pesticides or insecticides on them...or *in them*. The life of many of these residues is such that there can be build-ups of these residues in our systems. The inability of our systems to rid ourselves of these chemicals completely means that over time the toxicity level rises within us. It is time to do things differently!

The growing season is upon us...Get out there with your shovel and turn some of that ground you own or a nearby community garden plot into a productive, healthy, and rewarding source of vitamins and minerals, transported in healthful, natural, and rich vegetables, herbs, and fruits. Your body will thank you, and you will have a real sense of accomplishment when your garden produces. And when you see a garden "pest," put on your gloves and give it a gentle pinch...until it is dead...the natural way!

ANNE ARUNDEL MASTER GARDENER PROJECT REPORTS

Apprentice Gardens

Anne Nourse & Rosie Tucker, Co-Chairs, MGs

Plans for our first informational meeting for interested families in the Apprentice Garden program were discussed at the end of March with interns Brenda Darr, Denise Elliot, Robin Gill, and Carolyn Shenk attending as well as our regular committee members. Then, on April 10, another busy work day was held with Robin, Brenda, a parent and me filling the newly created raised beds with a mixture of Leaf Gro, top soil, compost from the KFP composting pile and vermiculite to produce, what we hope, will be nutritious medium for our vegetable plants.

After these preparations were done, on April 14th, we held our first meeting with the new season's Apprentice Gardeners. As the program was explained, the reigning 2009-2010 Anne Arundel County Fair Queen appeared and was introduced. Ms. Victoria Willis talked about her role and encouraged the group to participate in this September's fair as she distributed several activity sheets to the children. They were excited to learn that she will be helping them with some of the activities this year. Before the "Read the Roots" experiment was started, special tasty "dirt cake" refreshments made by Co-leader Rosie Tucker were enjoyed by all with bug juice supplied by MG Kathy Enderle. Next, under the direction of Kathy, the group added the same amount of seeds to 2 soil filled bottles and began an experiment to see what type of watering will produce better roots by watering one container with 1/8 cup of water daily for 12 days or giving the other bottle 1/2 cup of water every fourth day for 12 days. Read the next

monthly MG newsletter to find out what was observed.

At our second meeting with the families on April 21st, two more former Apprentice Gardeners joined the group. Next week we will have our final number of participants. At this meeting, one of our former Apprentice Gardeners told us about her planting experience at the Governor's Mansion for the kick-off event of the Grow It Eat It month of April. Her photo was taken with Maryland's First Lady, Mrs. O'Malley. A highlight of this meeting was MG Deb Stevens explaining how to read a seed packet followed by the planting of pea and bean seeds that the children took home to nurture for transplanting into the soil of our pea/bean tunnel area. MG Intern Laurie Burr helped with this project. On April 28 it's off to the garden to pick plots and plant the first seeds of their gardens. We're hoping it doesn't rain!

Once again, we welcome all interns to any of our meetings. If you are interested in coming, we meet every Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 pm at the Apprentice Garden (or if rain, at the Jaycee Community Center at Kinder Farm Park). Please let Rosie (helenrosetucker@hotmail.com) or me (aonourse@verizon.net) know if you would like to be with us for any Wednesday evening. When you come to the garden, please let the guard at the kiosk know you are a Master Gardener going to the Apprentice Garden.

Apprentice Gardens at Government House
Submitted by Lisa Winters



Apprentice Gardeners joined forces with **Grow It Eat It** to plant the garden at Government House this year. We were also assisted by Mike Ensor, Dave Myers, Nick Place and Dr. Wei. We finished filling in the garden with broccoli, lettuces and other greens. Chef Medford Canby offered up some mint tea, muffins and other tasty treats made from the herbs that over wintered in the garden.

Mrs. O'Malley presented a proclamation from the governor declaring April as Grow It Eat It month. The most exciting news of all?...the First Lady announced that there will be a lecture series in the garden every month from May until October! Since there will be limited seating available, the lecture will be filmed and accessible through the first Lady's website. To see the list of classes or to sign up for one, visit the following link:

<http://www.governor.maryland.gov/firstlady/garden.asp>



Ask A Master Gardener

Joe Marsala, Chair, MG

April has been a busy month for our group! This year, we have a great lineup of team leaders.

In Annapolis the team leaders are: Robin Costas, Helen Loughery, Linda Martinich, and Dottie Oliff. In Severna Park the team leaders are: Joyce Anderson, Bonnie Pavlak, Lew Shell, and Lisa Winters. In Crofton our team leaders are: Kay

Ford, George Honeycutt, George Lambert, and Sandra Porterfield. The leadership of these individuals makes Ask a Master Gardener work!

To date, our group has conducted six plant clinics; and completed 228 client educational sessions. We are off to a great start! Here's hoping for another fantastic year!

B&A Trail Bay-Wise Demonstration Gardens

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

John Conners, Barbara Bricker, Suzanne Lewis, Polly Katauskas, Diane Geslois, Sue Lindsay, Kelly Hitselberger, and Cindy Wells met at the Trail Garden on 27 March to do spring cleaning.

We thought we would be waking the garden but were pleased to discover that the plants were already very much awake and growing under their blanket of leaves. We removed several medium sized oak tree branches that had come down during the snowy, windy winter then began leaf management. With all of us working diligently, it did not take long to fill nearly 30 bags with leaves.

Kim Briggs trimmed the lirioppe in early April and Elizabeth Matarese, our "Edger Extrordinaire" has promised to complete the edging in the weeks to come. If you have not visited our Trail Garden, please stop by.

Our four plots are located in Glen Burnie on Greenway Avenue between Aquahart Road and 5th Avenue. We are just down the road from the Sunset Restaurant. Coming north on Ritchie Highway you would turn left at Aquahart Road then right at the light onto Greenway Avenue. Our garden is on the right and the only one with a pergola/trellis.

The Colonial Garden at St. Margaret's Church

Ginny Klocko, Chair, MG

On a beautiful April Saturday an energetic crew of Joyce Dail, Catherine Waterman, Pat Morrison, Barbara Tibbs, and Ginny Klocko met for our monthly work fun fest. Joyce and Pat worked together to dig, amend, plant and mulch a small shade demonstration garden in a memorial area adjacent to the colonial garden. The plants were almost all natives. A recovering Michelle Brown has volunteered to research the plants for a subsequent brochure.

The winter damaged rosemary was beginning to show signs of regeneration, and the dead parts were pruned by Joyce.

Catherine, Barbara, and Pat worked to reclaim the garden from the aggressive artemesia and pot some of the extras for potential raffle table donations. The tansy is also doing quite nicely and some of the wayward plants may also become future donations.

The roses after last month's pruning were looking quite lush. In spite of a tough winter, the garden is rebounding.

Hancock's Resolution

Sue Betz, Chair, MG

With a cool rainy spring we have enjoy a wonderful crop of spinach, lettuce and radishes. Starting with plants and then sowing seeds at intervals making the picking season longer. A big surprise was the asparagus that had been mulched with newspaper and straw. It grew under the mulch which we had accidently placed on them. When we uncovered the asparagus they were white just like the gourmet asparagus in the stores.

Twenty-two Brownies came to the farm on April 17th to learn about farming in 1785.

With the help of Harry De Long, Denise Elliott, Robin Gill, Brenda Darr, Pat Logan, and several

London Town Propagation

Margaret Karnes, Chair, MG

Late March and early April have been extremely busy for us at London Town getting ready for the Spring Plant Sale.

During one Friday workday we separated approximately 1,000 heirloom tomato plants and repotted them in their own individual pots. It was quite a chore, but we had a wonderful assembly line going. The biggest mistake would be to mislabel them so we are very conscientious about not letting that happen.

There were about 68 varieties of tomato plants this year such as: African Queen, Aunt Gertie's Gold, Berkeley Tie-Dye, Black Russian, Goldman's Italian American, Green Zebra, Hillbilly Potato Leaf, Stupice, Sugary, Topaz and Virginia Sweets, just to name a few. We even had a tomato called Wild Amazon which is a 3" flattened, ribbed and contorted red or yellow fruit which won Best-Tasting Award for ugly tomato in taste test during summers of 07, 08 and 09. Many of the other tomato plants offered had won best tasting awards in different categories.

We also dug and potted up plants from the London Town gardens which were offered for

other non-Master Gardeners, we have a clean neat site which is the way to start off the season on a good foot.

Two weeks ago we had a Lilac Festival with the lilacs being at their peak. Over 240 people attended and enjoyed the hand shearing of sheep and the children enjoyed visiting the chickens.

On May 2 we will have American Indian Lifeways from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Observe wonderful demonstrations and see artifacts, tools, and clothing worn by tribes found in the Maryland and Virginia area.

sale, such as several varieties of ferns, Dawn Redwood, Japanese Snowbell, Arum, Brunnera, Helleborus, Salvias, Rudbeckia, and many more.

The plant sale was held on April 23 and 24. The Master Gardeners from our committee greeted over 260 people and did an excellent and professional job by answering any horticulture questions the customers had and helping them chose the right plants according to their horticultural needs.

A Master Gardener table was present at the sale and offered different publications for the public on Deer Damage, Invasive Plants, Herbaceous Perennials, Drought Resistant Plants, plus others. Also offered was information on how to become a Master Gardener. Numerous pamphlets on the Bay-Wise Program were given out to people who were interested in having a Master Gardener visit their home and offer advice on how to create an environmentally friendly landscape.

It was a beautiful day to be outside, but all-in-all it was the professionalism of the Master Gardeners who helped to make it the success it was.

Master Gardener Consultants

Valarie Pawlewicz, Chair, MG

***MG Consultants Assist in Annapolis
Greenscapes 2010***

MG Consultants supported three community projects in Annapolis for the annual April event--"Greenscapes"--a morning in which community groups plant up to \$300 worth of free flowers, shrubs and trees given to them to beautify their neighborhoods. This year, MG Consultants worked with members of a church, a neighborhood association and community group.



Susan Guyaux assisted Murray Hill residents in working on the second phase of their waterfront, street-end park (the Barbara Neustadt Park was designed by MG Consultants and the first phase installed last year). Down a long, erosion-potential site, Susan and the local gardeners cleared out invasive English ivy and honeysuckle and replaced it with native groundcover (St. John's Wort). Susan found the group energetic and community-spirited. She dug, explained plants and was quality control person on the site, making sure plants were planted carefully and correctly, watered and mulched adequately. The group also replaced some inkberries from last year, and checked on the health of their one-year old planting. A great example of a project that has Master Gardener stamp on it, yet is self-sustaining. In addition to a digger, Susan is a writer and has already submitted a few "helpful garden tips" to the Murray Hill association newsletter.



Barbara Bricker worked on a project on a traffic circle in a cul-de-sac of a low-income housing area. The parents and kids and extra city volunteers took a plain site with a few mature trees and turned it into a garden. Barbara was able to weigh in on design decisions since she knew best about which plants would grow best in which site conditions. It was a fun morning for all involved, and the group can definitely be proud of their contribution to this public site. Barbara was so interested in the kids that she is drafting a "how to plant with kids" sheet as a possible handout at future Greenscapes--and other MG--projects.



Valerie Pawlewicz worked closely with a church minister and volunteers to design and install a phase one of a church entrance. In one day, the front of church went from plain to pretty and will be full of color come summer. Everyone was pleased, and the Reverend wants to enlist Grow

it/Eat it volunteers to coach his young people in a community vegetable garden.

Good things grow from good things, and MG Consultants really helped Annapolis residents design, select and install plants well. Kudos!

Monastery Gardens

Dottie Oliff, Chair, MG

We are now working in the Monastery on Wednesdays if anyone wants to join us. Tara Fontz, Sue Lindsay, Kelly Hitselberger, Rose Love, Kathleen Allenby and I worked there on Wednesday the 7th of April. It was very hot but it

was said that after all that snow we had, we would not complain. It was very beautiful. We got a lot accomplished but still have a lot to do. It was great seeing everyone and everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Quiet Waters Park Composting & Native Plant Gardens

Pam Dennison, Chair, MG

The members of the Compost and Native Gardens project have been quite busy the month of April. We finished cleaning up our site in preparation for Quiet Waters Park's Earth Day Open House on Saturday, April 24th. We had an excellent turnout for the Open House and enjoyed sharing our knowledge of composting with the park visitors. We gave two demonstrations to the public and discussed composting with 249 people.

Some of us were present on Sunday, April 18th for the Open House at the Hammond Connection at the Dairy Farm. There was a good turnout and some very enthusiastic gardeners asking about how and what to compost. We raffled off three compost bins and handed out schedules and composting info.

Woodland Garden

Bonnie Pavlak & Candice' Rockwood, Co-Chairs, MGs

A new path was created in the Woodland Garden to exit behind the second bench, making the garden path continuous. Jacob's Ladder was planted and a moss garden was created. Fresh woodchips were placed on the path. The journal was placed in the TKF Bench and several people have written in it. See attached pictures of our first workday.

Our next workday will be Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 9-11 a.m.



A list of 2010 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

Master Gardener ANNUAL TRAINING May 26, 2010

Register now for this great annual event. We have a great day planned for you and about 600 of your favorite MGs. Full Schedule, list of workshops, biographical information on all presenters and description of all MG merchandise can be found at: <http://mastergardener.umd.edu/MGAnTrDay2010/index.cfm>.

Look at the class schedule, pick your first, second and third choices for each time period- then fill in your choices and give payment either thru the mail or on-line. Registration fee is \$69 and includes breakfast, lunch, tradeshow, keynote speaker, three workshops, parking and shuttle transport from Plant Sciences to the parking lot at the end of the day. Registration Deadline is May 1. After that the price goes up to \$79. There are only two classes that are full so far so get your registration in right away for the best selection of classes.

GROW IT EAT IT MERCHANDISE

GROW It EAT IT denim shirts now available- with full color embroidered logo for \$28. **Shirts are light blue.**

GROW IT EAT IT hats are now available with full color embroidered logo for \$13. **Hats are khaki colored as in the past.**

Ordering deadline is 5/1. Order form follows.

Most MG Merchandise can be ordered using the MG Annual Training Day registration form- except these two items did not make the form and must be handled in a different way. Just to make it a little more complicated- you can get a GIEI T-SHIRT using the MG Annual Training Day form (but not the shirt or hat- they were last minute thoughts.)

The new GIEI shirts and hats will have a slightly enlarged GIEI logo with a single line of text below that says "University of Maryland Extension". Many of you have admired the denim shirt Jon has been wearing.

Order form for GIEI denim shirts or hats.

Order form for GIEI t shirts (and other MG merchandise)

<http://mastergardener.umd.edu/MGAnTrDay2010/index.cfm> - you can download form or order online.

MG ADVANCED TRAINING

We still have 2 spots left open in the Ornament Trees and Vines Class at Brookside and about pretty much space in the Ask a MG Practicum course. To get more information and registration form for these courses, go to <http://mastergardener.umd.edu/AdvancedTraining/index.cfm> and select “Woody Plants”, “Ask a MG Practicum ” or “Registration Form” from the left menu.

Horticulture: *(Wheaton)* Tue May 4 9:30am - 2:30pm Reg. Deadline: 4/13
 Ornamental Trees and Vines

Ask a MG Practicum WYE REC Wed May 5 10am - 2pm David Clement
 \$45.00 *(Queenstown)*
 Tue May 11 10am - 12pm Mary Kay Malinoski Reg. Deadline: 4/28
 Thu May 13 10am - 2pm Joe Marsala
 Tue May 18 10am - 2pm Bonnie Pavlak

Also coming up we have:

Landscape Design for Water Management- 6/1,8, 12- Baltimore Co. - evenings & Saturday
 Plant ID Taxonomy

- Carroll Co. 6/7, 14,21 - daytime
- P.G. Co- 6/7, 14, 21 - evenings
- Allegany Co. 6/17, 24 - daytime
- A.A. Co. 7/12, 19, 26 – evenings

Flowering Shrubs- 6/10, 17, 24 – A.A. Co. daytime

Entomology- 6/22 Montgomery- daytime

Vegetable Diagnostics and Demos- 7 locations – daytime and evening

Plant Diseases – 9/16, St. Mary’s Co.- daytime

Shade Trees

- Frederick – 9/28, 10/12,19 daytime
- Howard – 9/30, 10/7,14 daytime

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