

January 2009

MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

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

Place: St. Margaret's Church, Parish Hall
1601 Pleasant Plains Road
Annapolis, MD 21409

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“A NATION OF FARMERS”

Helen Loughrey MSW

Executive Consultant
Annapolis Community Food Gardens

Maryland Master Gardeners has announced a new food gardening project as a result of public inquiries about growing food at home. Our own Anne Arundel County Master Gardener, Helen Loughrey will be delivering a 'pep talk' to rally our county Master Gardeners and interested residents in support of this food re-localization effort.

Before joining Master Gardeners, Helen founded Annapolis Community Food Gardens to address environmental and food security issues resulting from energy price volatility. Helen holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics from the University of Maryland College Park and a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland Baltimore. For ten years, she was an Employee Assistance counselor specializing in addictions and mental health. Combining her research interests in food gardening methods and economic re-localization, Helen established Annapolis Community Food Gardens for the purpose of teaching children and adults how to grow organic food in a community setting. ACFG's mission is: to help to re-localize community food supplies; to promote food abundance, affordability, and nutritional quality; to use organic bay friendly methods; to empower individuals to build food production, food marketing, and culinary skills; to support existing school curricula and organizational programs; to network community organizations in support of food re-localization. In addition to Maryland Master Gardeners, she is a member of the American Community Gardening Association and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

For More Information Call:

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

The Coordinator's Corner
Mike Ensor, Coordinator

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and Happy New Year! I want to especially thank Lisa Winters and her committee for putting together that most wonderful holiday celebration last month. I also want to thank all of our Master Gardeners for all of your dedication, support, talents, and time for making our Anne Arundel Master Gardener Program a true success. You have all accomplished many goals and successes and hopefully have had "fun" doing this as well.

I find that our Master Gardeners are always there when a job needs to be done. The many projects are all vital in keeping the program's mission of "Educating Maryland residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities" for a better quality of life.

During 2009 we will continue to have an Executive Advisory Board (EAB), Project Chairs, Intern and Advanced Training, Monthly Meetings, Newsletters, Open Houses, and much more. The intern mentor program and rotation schedule will continue.

February 10, 2009 is our "Mandatory" Master Gardener Monthly Meeting. It will take place from 7 PM until 9 PM at St. Margaret's Church Hall. This will be an evening with all the project displays for sign up and an evening for recognition of our Master Gardeners. Also the slate of new officers will be presented and the revised Policies and Procedures will be voted on.

I want all of our Master Gardeners to know that I am here to give each one of you the support and encouragement that you need for the programs that you are involved in. I wish each of you "full speed ahead" with your goals and achievements as Master Gardeners in the upcoming year.

Many Master Gardeners use a SPAM/Junk Mail filter that screens email. One of the features of these systems is to send to the Junk Folder any mail from an addressee that is not in your address book. If that is the case, please add Rose Mary Swartwood at swartwrm@pgcc.edu and Ralph Beedle at rebeedle@verizon.net to your address book. Rose Mary sends the MG Newsletter and the MG newflashes. Ralph will send email concerning MG volunteer hours.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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

Speakers Bureau

DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE ALL DRESSED UP WITH NOWHERE TO GO?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR LOVE IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES?

DO YOU FIND YOURSELF WISHING UPON A STAR?

IS THERE A SONG IN YOUR HEART?

Well, you poor, frustrated soul! Here's your chance to find real happiness, to finally get that chance in life to step up and do something that will make a real difference in the world!

Become a member of the Speakers Bureau COMMITTEE!!

What? Yes, we said, COMMITTEE!

That doesn't mean you have to be a speaker! However, if you want to be a speaker, there will be an extra star in your crown!

But, you can be a very, very, very valuable part of the IPM Outreach program of the Master Gardeners of Anne Arundel County, and never have to stand in front of thousands of screaming gardener wannabees who are thirsting for the knowledge that you possess and who will hang on every word you speak as the very essence of credible gardening lore, and who will beg you to come to their garden and show them how to do things correctly.

You can be a part of the committee that CONTROLS the speakers. You can be a part of the committee that

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CRITICIZES the speakers. You can even be a part of the committee that SUPPORTS the speakers, and helps them organize their presentations. You could be a photographer, a computer geek, an administrator (?), a trainer, an idea person, a writer, an artist, an illustrator, a designer, a butcher, a baker, the list is almost interminable.

The only people excluded are sycophants. (If you don't know what that means, look it up.)

Contact: JoeAnn Kuhn, jalkuhn@aol.com
Marilyn Kinkel, mgkinkel@comcast.net

If you are interested in taking a specific course or class for MG Advanced Training credit, please be sure that it is listed in the Calendar of Events. If it is not, send an email to cfindlay@verizon.net with a web listing so the offering can be reviewed and added to the Calendar of Events as eligible for advanced credit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
FROM THE STATE OFFICE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GROW IT! - EAT IT!

Advanced training classes have been scheduled for Jan-Mar 2009 in 14 locations around the state. Check the attachment for list and for registration form. They'll go up soon on the web at www.mastergardener.umd.edu (click on "Advanced Training" on the left).

MG ANNUAL TRAINING DAY will be Thursday, May 28, 2009, 8am-4:15pm, University of Maryland College Park (more about this later)- Save the date!

STATEWIDE MEETINGS

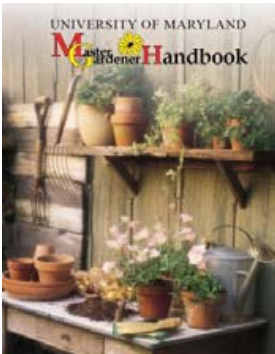
Four statewide working groups will be meeting soon- 3 of them in January, one in February. All active MGs are welcome to attend. It would be helpful if you would let Robin know if you are coming (rmhessey@umd.edu). Likewise, if you can't attend, but would like to get meeting notes.

1. Plant Clinic Statewide meeting. Thursday, January 22, 2009; 10-2 at the MD Dept of Agriculture (directions below). We try to have an annual meeting of folks charring and working in Plant clinics throughout the state so we can learn from one another and better the entire "Ask a MG" effort. Bring questions, needs, and ideas of what's been working (or not) for you. Should we continue the evaluation postcard? Is it working? Does it

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@comcast.net.

NEW MASTER GARDENER
HANDBOOKS



The new handbook is 640 pages and includes 400 color photos. All material has been completely revised and updated. There are 28 chapters, including 9 new chapters (e.g. ecology, weeds, invasive species, alternatives to turf, landscape design, water quality and conservation). The cost is \$69 and includes shipping and handling. Mail your order

form and check made payable to the University of Maryland to Robin Hessey at the Home and Garden Information Center at 12005 Homewood Road Ellicott City, MD 21042. Order forms can be found on the HGIC website at:

<http://mastergardener.umd.edu/Handbook.cfm>. For more information contact Robin Hessey at 410-531-1754.

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need to be changed? It's impressive how very year we find ways to improve our program.

2. MG Bay-Wise statewide meeting Tuesday, January 27, 2009; 10-1 at the MD Dept of Agriculture

3. Grow It- Eat It (statewide food gardening initiative)- Thursday, Jan. 15, 10-2 at the 4H Center in College Park (directions below). Join the planners of this initiative so that we can better bring food gardening knowledge to the public. Right now we have Training sessions (for teaching MG's how to teach beginning food gardening to the public) scheduled in 13 locations from Jan 30 to the end of March. We have also scheduled field walks to go with the classes in July. Many MG's are busy lining up speaking engagements at locations where they can teach folks how to start gardens. There's a lot more going on including PR campaign, setting up something called "Maryland' Food Gardening Network", development of teaching materials, and so much more. Join us for this meeting, and join your county/city Grow It-Eat It team. Even if you don't want to teach you could be involved in other ways. Jon is also meeting in early January with many other parts of Extension (like 4H, Family and Consumer Sciences etc.) to see how they might partner with us.

4. MG State Strategic Planning Meeting-Tuesday, Feb 10, 10-1 at HGIC in Ellicott City. You never know what'll happen when dedicated MGs from across the state gather to focus on where the MG program is going. Last time we met, the whole Grow It -Eat It campaign was born. This group takes the experiences of each county/city program and figures out how to improve the state MG program as a whole- including what initiatives, rules, resources should be applied statewide.

Directions to Maryland Dept. of Agriculture:

50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy.
Annapolis, MD 21401
301-841-5700

From Baltimore:

Take Beltway (695 East). Exit 4/I-97 South on the left toward Annapolis/Bay Bridge. Travel 18 miles. When Rt. 97 connects with Rt. 50-301 East, take first exit - Exit 22 (Rt. 665 to Riva Road). From exit, bear right onto at Riva Road. Continue on Riva Road for about one-half mile to the second stop light, and turn right onto Harry S. Truman Parkway. Go about one half mile and turn right at the

second cow statue to MDA Headquarters visitor parking lot.

From Washington:

Take U.S. Rt. 50 to Annapolis (18 miles). Leave Rt. 50 at Exit 22 (Rt. 665 to Riva Road). Turn right onto Riva Road for approximately one half mile to the second stop light and turn right onto Harry S. Truman Parkway. Go about one half mile and turn right at the second cow statue to MDA Headquarters visitor parking lot.

From Eastern Shore:

Take U.S. Rt. 50 across the Severn River Bridge to Exit 22 (Rt. 665 to Riva Road). Turn right onto Riva Road. Continue on Riva Road to the second stop light, and turn right at Harry S. Truman Parkway. Go about one half mile and turn right at the second cow statue to the MDA Headquarters visitor parking lot.

Security:

For security reasons, visitors must enter the building through the main entrance by the flags. Enter through the glass doors and turn left to the receptionist who will issue you a visitor's pass. She will direct you to your destination.

Directions to the 4H Center:

8020 Greenmead Drive
College Park, MD 20740
301-403-4248

Go to the northside of 495 and get off at the Route 1 South College Park exit** Go south on Rt. 1 for a very short way until you get to the light at University Blvd. (193) where you will make a right. Go for about 1/2 mile and turn right onto Metzert Rd. Proceed 1/4 mile to Greenmead Drive; make a right and follow Greenmead Drive a very short way until you see the 4H center off to your left.

** If you are coming down I-95 from the North, be sure to get in the right set of lanes as you come up onto 495 where the highway splits to go around DC. Try to stay in the middle lane of the lanes that go to the right. Then just follow the signs to route 1 south to College Park

GROW IT--EAT IT

Please hold the following two dates for parts 1 and 2 of "train the trainer" meetings for the new 'Grow It Eat It' Initiative:

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- **February 25, 2009** from 10 AM – 2 PM at the Anne Arundel Extension Office
- **July 8, 2009** from 7 PM – 9 PM at Kinder Farm Park

Also please attend our January Monthly Master Gardener Meeting on **January 13, 2009** from 7 PM – 9 PM as Helen Loughrey one of our own Anne Arundel Master Gardeners will be giving a ‘pep talk’ to rally our county Master Gardeners in support of this food re-localization effort.

On another note the next state veggie meeting will be **January 15, 2009** from 10 AM – 2 PM at the MD 4-H Center in College Park. All are welcomed to attend.

“It would be great if AA CO MG’s could be the on-going ‘Grow It Eat It’ trainers’ to the governor’s mansion veggie garden’s visitors”.

Please call Mike Ensor at 410-222-6757 or email at mentor@umd.edu if you are interested in attending any of the above meetings other than the monthly meeting.

GET READY FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER GENERAL FORESTRY COURSE

The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension announces the opening of the spring 2009 semester **General Forestry Course**. The course begins February 1 and runs until May 20, 2009. **Registration opens January 2.**

There are no formal classes and you work from the comfort of your home using your own woodlot, a friend's or a public forest. **The course is available as both a paper version and a web-based version.** You will learn how to protect your trees from insects and diseases; step-by-step procedures walk you through a forest inventory and stand analysis; details of the forestry business are presented, and much more. Ultimately, the course exercises help you develop the framework for a forest management plan. The course has changed enrollees perspective towards forests and forest management, encouraged family discussions, and even save some folks thousands of dollars.

The cost is **\$300.00**. Included are supplemental readings (A Sand County Almanac, The Woodland Steward, American Forests: A History of Resiliency and Recovery, and a small pamphlet entitled *What Tree Is That?*). A certificate of completion is awarded when all assignments are completed.

To register, go to our website at <http://www.mdforest.umd.edu>. There you can read a lesson from the text, view an interactive exercise, and find detailed course information.

For more information, contact Nancy Stewart by phone at 410/827-8056, ext. 112; or email nstewar1@umd.edu. **Remember, registration opens January 2. Check for details on our website today and mark the date for open enrollment on your calendar!**

DESIGNER GORDON HAYWARD TO HIGHLIGHT GARDEN DESIGN SEMINAR

The Horticultural Society of Maryland will feature garden design author and consultant Gordon Hayward at its annual winter seminar on February 28, 2009, at the Sheppard Pratt Conference Center in Baltimore. The all-day seminar which includes lunch, refreshments and a book signing, is open by advance registration to Horticultural Society members and the general public.

Providing practical know-how and inspiration through real-life accomplishments, Gordon Hayward is a gifted writer and teacher. He has published nine books, including the indispensable guide Your House, Your Garden: A Foolproof Approach to Garden Design. His most recent book, Art and the Gardener, explores the visual relationship between garden design and fine art through paintings. He has been a contributing writer for *Horticulture Magazine* and *Fine Gardening Magazine* for over 30 years.

Seminar attendees will learn how to analyze views, structures, proportion and plant selection to create beautiful, functional gardens that enhance their lives and express their personalities. As a special feature, early registrants are invited to send photos and descriptions of particular design challenges in their own gardens for discussion during the seminar.

The Horticultural Society of Maryland attracts gardening enthusiasts of all levels and interests who meet to expand their knowledge of horticulture through lectures, trips, workshops and shared experiences. For more information, contact the Horticultural Society at **410-821-5561** or **write to:**

The Horticultural Society of Maryland
P.O. Box 4213, Lutherville, MD. 21093
Email: contact@mdhorticulture.org
Website: <http://www.mdhorticulture.org/index.htm>

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GREEN MATTERS SYMPOSIUM ON FEBRUARY 27, 2009

Green Matters: Water-wise Landscapes

The terms “drought” and “storm water management” have become commonplace in our vocabulary when referring to landscapes. Though we’ve experienced a relatively moist year in Maryland, this hasn’t been the case in recent years, and will probably not be the case in the future. The threat of drought looms larger with each growing season, and the days of using drinkable water in the landscape are probably numbered, as witnessed by other states and municipalities. With this in mind, as gardeners and environmentalists, we need to be strategic with our planting designs and stingy with our water use. Come to the Green Matters Symposium to learn how to create a water-wise landscape of your own.

What is Green Matters?

Green Matters, an annual symposium, concentrates attention on environmental issues with which we are currently faced and over which we have some control. Environmental stewardship is a core value of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Brookside Garden’s parent organization. As such, we strive to provide timely information and viable solutions to environmental challenges, because we feel strongly that green does matter.

Who should attend?

- Homeowners
- Gardeners
- Community Leaders
- Nursery and Landscape Professionals
- Landscape Designers
- Municipal, County, and State Parks Personnel
- Property Managers
- Environmental Educators
- Extension Agents
- Master Gardeners
- Conservation Organizations
- Naturalists
- Restoration volunteers
- Watershed Groups

Sponsors

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SYMPOSIUM AGENDA FEBRUARY 27, 2009, 8:30AM-4:00PM

8:30 Registration and breakfast

9:00 Welcome

Stephanie Oberle, Director, Brookside Gardens

Mary Bradford, Director of Parks, M-NCPPC

9:15 Whats on tap?: The future of landscape water use and regulation

David Berle, Associate Professor of Horticulture, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

At a time when we are finally realizing the environmental value of trees and landscape vegetation, we are discovering that past landscape water use practices are not so environmentally friendly. Water resources are shrinking while demand for potable water is growing. Cities and towns are less able to meet demand for water on a seasonal basis, presenting officials with difficult allocation decisions.

Clumsy landscape watering regulations have followed on the heels of crisis and typically left professionals and homeowners angry and confused. This presentation takes a hard look at the realities (and myths) of regulating landscape water use, while providing examples of both successes and failures.

10:15 Break

10:30 Efficient Utilization of Harvested Water Resources

Paul Bassett, Director of Sustainable Water Resources, Water Management, Inc. and co-founder, Green Buildings Institute, Jessup, Maryland

Paul will present on how to efficiently utilize harvested water for your home and business through smart irrigation planning, installation, and management. He will discuss the principles of harvesting rain, grey, storm, and condensation water. The four work hand in hand, and can reduce our water consumption by 50 to 100%! The principles empower you to create integrated water-sustainable landscape plans at home and throughout your community. You'll see examples enhancing local food security, passively cooling cities in summer, reducing costs of living and energy consumption, controlling erosion, averting flooding, minimizing water pollution, building community, creating celebration, and more.

11:30 Lunch

1:00 No-Nonsense Natives: Gardening for drought and heat

Ian Caton, Landscape Designer, Larry Weaner Landscape Design Associates, Glenside, Pennsylvania

Ian will present a brief guide to selecting and using tough, reliable, native plants to create aesthetically pleasing, low-maintenance landscapes and gardens, even in times of drought and heat. Through the presentation of projects Ian will touch on the methodology of selecting native perennials and woody plants, how to use them, and what to expect from them over time.

2:00 Break

2:15 Rain Gardens -- Gardens as tools for on-site stormwater management

Ann English, MLA, Low Impact Development Center, Inc., Beltsville, Maryland

Rain gardens have been gaining in popularity as people look for ways to control their storm water on-site and to reduce runoff to the Chesapeake Bay and other receiving waters. New information regarding plant selections for rain gardens, templates for rain garden applications for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and the process for and the plants that do well in rain garden design will be covered.

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SPEAKERS

Paul Bassett is the Director of Sustainable Water Resources with Water Management, Inc. located at the Enviro-Center in Jessup, MD. Mr. Bassett is recognized as Certified Irrigation Designer (CID) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Water Sense program with a specialty in Commercial and Residential Design. He also has a comprehensive knowledge of the United States Green Building Councils (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and has been involved with over 80 LEED Registered or Certified projects in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Mr. Bassett specializes in the design and installation rainwater harvesting systems that utilize the captured rainwater for landscape irrigation and other non-potable uses. He also has extensive knowledge of Green Roof systems and Rain Gardens that help promote sustainable water resources by collecting the rainwater and filtering it through plants and soils. He also is very involved in the Green Building movement locally by volunteering with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, United States Green Building Council, and The Green Building Institute to help foster and develop a sustainable future for the Chesapeake Bay Region.

Since 2004, Paul has run a successful irrigation consulting, design, & education business focused on integrated & sustainable approaches to water resources. At his office at the Enviro-Center in Columbia, MD Paul & his partners harvest over 50,000 gallons of rain and condensation water a year on a ½ acre urban lot. This harvested water is then utilized for irrigating the edible, medicinal and horticulture plants, filling the ornamental water feature, treating excess through the engineered wetlands, and recharging the local groundwater.

David Berle, MLA, grew up just outside the Capital Beltway, moved to North Carolina for college and an early career as a county extension agent. As a horticulturist, he has owned a landscape maintenance business, managed the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, and supervised landscape installation for the University of Georgia's 900-acre campus. As a landscape designer, he has drawn irrigation plans, designed elementary school grounds, and overseen landscape installations for residential and commercial landscapes. He has practiced in Winston Salem, North Carolina and Athens, Georgia. In his current position as Associate Professor of Horticulture, he teaches courses in landscape design and construction as well as general horticulture. His research includes work on GPS/GIS for urban tree mapping and ecological landscape design.

Ian Caton has been an employee of Larry Weaner Landscape Design Associates since 2001. He graduated Delaware Valley College with a BS in Ornamental Horticulture and Environmental Design. He has an extensive knowledge of native plants, natural communities, and their incorporation into the human environment. This experience was gained primarily through his long running relationship with Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve as well as long experience designing and installing native landscapes. He has also had the opportunity to work with local governments on the development of landscape plans for public spaces. Past speaking engagements have included Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve and the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

Ann English earned her B.A. in American History and Architectural History from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.R.P. degree from Penn State and an M.L.A. degree from the University of Georgia. Her focus at the Center is on sustainable design, urban design and outreach efforts. Recent projects address ways to apply LID tools, such as rain gardens and permeable pavements, to solve a range of planning and site related issues. She designed the new Brookside rain garden as part of a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Federation to create a series of rain garden templates for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Prior to joining the LID Center, she spent 15 years creating environmentally sustainable design solutions and integrating low impact methods of storm water management into cost-effective and beautiful design solutions in residential and public projects. At the University of Georgia School of Environmental Design and the George Washington University Graduate Program in Landscape Studies she has served as an adjunct faculty member teaching a variety of courses.

When not dreaming of landscape designs or thinking about ways to save the world through LID, she is a distance inline skater and cyclist and enjoys traveling, dancing, being with family and friends, gardening and painting sets for local high school theater productions.

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Registration Form – Green Matters Symposium, February 27, 2009

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| Cell Phone | | Email |

Fee: \$79 early registration by January 16 ---- \$89 after January 16

Fee includes lunch

- Please reserve a vegetarian lunch for me.

Payment Options:

Please make checks payable to: M-NCPPC

Mail to:

Brookside Gardens, Attn: Registrar
 1800 Glenallan Avenue
 Wheaton, Maryland 20902

Register online at www.parkpass.org.

To pay by credit card, mail credit card information to the Brookside Gardens address above.

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For registration information, please call 301/962-1451.

Maps and listings of accommodations are available upon request.

The Department of Park and Planning encourages and supports the involvement and participation of individuals with disabilities in all programs and services. Register a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date and call 301-962-1451 to request a disability accommodation.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
 Department of Park and Planning, Montgomery County, Maryland
 Natural Resources Division
 Public Gardens of Montgomery County