

**October 2008**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008

**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

**For More Information Call:**

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

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**Karen Long**

**FINE TUNING YOUR GARDEN:  
 NATURE INTERPRETED**

What garden do you crave? What inspires you to garden? The Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners invite the public to attend a free presentation by Karen Long as she equips you with analytical tools to understand why certain natural places speak to you, illustrates the design principles that make these places work, and guides you to find new possibilities for your garden through applying these concepts. No landscape is ever static, but is always changing, evolving and unfolding. Be inspired to embrace this change while adding personality and focus to your landscape. It isn't just about planting a tree, or how the tree will look, but how it will reshape and reframe everything around it.

Karen Long holds a Bachelor's degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design and a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture. She currently gardens in Annapolis with her husband, three cats and an elderly English Setter.

## THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

**Mike Ensor, Coordinator**

I first want to thank all of our Anne Arundel Master Gardeners for all that you do.

As we have entered the fall season we need to think about getting those "Project Proposals for 2009" in by November 1, 2008. Also the "End of the Year Reports" are due December 31, 2008. Both forms are available through your Project Advisors and are on the <http://AnneArundel.umd.edu> website.

Our 24 new interns in the class of 2008 are full of energy, enthusiastic about the program and are at the midterm of their basic training. Please welcome all of our new Interns.

Also, as we come to the end of the project year, all Master Gardeners and Interns of the class of 2007 should be submitting your hours to Ralph Beedle if you have not already done so.

Also if interns of 2007 and other Master Gardeners still need hours, then please call project chairs to see if they need an extra hand. Also you can call me at 410-222-6757 if you are interested in administrative help at the Extension Office.

I hope that everyone has a great fall season and takes time to enjoy the beauty of our fall foliage here on the East Coast.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MASTER GARDENERS

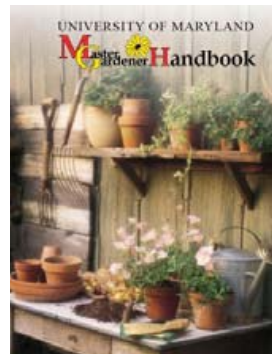
George Honeycutt	Ellen Levin
Helen Loughrey	Barbara MacNemar
Pat Parks	Joan Sills
Rebecca Theberge	Rosie Tucker
Kari Yent	

## ADDRESS CHANGES

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

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

## 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://mastgardener.umd.edu/Handbook.cfm>. For more information contact Robin Hessey at 410-531-1754.

**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](mailto:costasrt@comcast.net).

**MENTOR PROGRAM  
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Each year, experienced Master Gardeners provide support, information, and advise to those who are beginning their internship. Once again we need volunteers who are willing to assist someone in this year's intern class. If you are interested and willing, please contact Scott Doran at [obismom@comcast.net](mailto:obismom@comcast.net) or 410-757-3628. Please help support our new interns.

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

**NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE**

(Two statewide meetings, MG 2008 Handbook, MG Annual Training Day)

**MG STATEWIDE  
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2008**

**10am – 1 pm**

**Home & Garden Info Ctr**

12005 Homewood Rd. Ellicott City, MD 21042

What's happening with MG's around the state? Are our programs progressing the way we expect? Problems? Successes? What would we like to see happen next year in terms of basic or advanced training, MG programs, resource availability, visibility, meeting our mission? Did our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary programming have any effects in your area?

All MG's are welcome to join this statewide group who look critically at the MG program and try to determine needs and best courses of action. We are only meeting twice a year at this point.

Coffee and snacks provided. If you want, please bring your own lunch and drink.

**MG STATEWIDE BAY-WISE MEETING**

**Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008**

**10 am – 1 pm**

**MD Dept of Agriculture**

50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401

The Bay-Wise program is one of the strongest state-wide Master Gardener programs. Participating counties have adapted the state Bay-Wise materials and developed their own unique approaches to helping homeowners achieve and maintain sustainable landscapes.

Many Bay-Wise participants have expressed a desire to get together with MGs in other counties who are also working with this program to share their experiences, approaches and materials.

This will be our opportunity to decide where we want the program to go; to discuss program and program tool evaluation and possible changes to the certification process, review drafts of new yardsticks, determine what additional training, materials, or administrative actions may be needed and how to obtain them, and share what we have been doing.

Please join us and bring the materials that you use for publicity or for homeowners including banners, brochures, or anything that your county/city may be using that is different from what Wanda has supplied. Coffee and snacks will be provided, but please bring your own bag lunch and drink. No need to RSVP, but if you could let Robin know you're coming, it would be helpful. 410-531-1754; rmhessey@umd.edu.

## **THE NEW 2008 MARYLAND MASTER GARDENER HANDBOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE**

After more than 2 years of work, our new handbook is finished and expected to be in our hands by the end of September. To receive special, limited time, pricing for all active Maryland MGs, please contact your city/county MG coordinator ASAP. If you'd like to get a sneak peak at the manual you can go to the state MG website [www.mastergardener.umd.edu](http://www.mastergardener.umd.edu) and click on Master Gardener Handbook. While you can only buy one Handbook at the reduced rate, you can order as many as you want at the regular rate- they will make excellent holiday and special occasion gifts. If you know of any other institutions, organizations or individuals who you think would be interested, please forward them the Handbook web address. <http://mastergardener.umd.edu/Handbook.cfm>.

## **MG ANNUAL TRAINING DAY (5/31/08)**

### **THANKS**

What a great day! MG's just took over campus for one full day as 600 MGs and speakers took part in the MG 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Annual Training day May 31, 2008 on the U. of MD College Park. I really don't think we can top this one next year (but we'll try, of course).

Among the rousing successes of the day were Mike Raupp's keynote talk on bugs and the HGIC staff skits during the evening session. They brought the house down! Most people were also very excited about their classes. The enlarged trade show and great silent auction made the day more exciting and interesting than ever.

Of course, there were a few mix ups- last minute changes that people found very confusing. The evening catered affair did not go at all as we planned, but we were truly amazed how the MG's stepped in in-force to help the late-arriving caterer. Nonetheless, most of the MG's remained

flexible and turned their attention to the wine-tasting, the silent auction and conversation with fellow MGs.

I don't think Jon and I can possibly enumerate all of the folks who pitched in tirelessly to make the day work, but we would like to mention some of the MGs volunteers who went way out of their way to help out.

1. Paul Beares (Harford Co.) who planned and ordered all of the MG merchandise and helped us plan so much of our promotional outreach.

2. Dave and Casey Kneipp (Prince George's Co.) who spent countless hours organizing, sorting, packaging and distributing the MG merchandise. Their ability to organize this huge project and carry it through to the end was amazing.

3. Robin Kummer, Maryanne Turner and all of the Carroll Co. crew who took on the task of soliciting, organizing, setting up and running the fabulous Silent Auction. They worked so incredibly hard, set up the room beautifully and added a wonderful new dimension to this year's event.

4. Holly Stover (Montgomery Co.) and Drenda Collins (Howard Co.) who pitched in to buy and set up coffee and hot water all day for MGs. This was not an easy job, but it was highly appreciated by all.

5. Ron Anderson (Montgomery Co.) for heading up the committee that solicited, trained and coordinated the room hosts.

6. Esther Mitchell (Prince Georges Co.) who handled all of the sign placement and pick up and who, with her wonderful MG volunteers, stayed to almost 11 o'clock helping us clean up.

7. Trish Walker Webb (Howard Co.) who managed to process 300-400 evaluation forms- a very demanding task.

8. The MG 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee who helped plan for the day- food, publicity, timing, logistics.

9. MG volunteers during the day and evening who helped out with sales, food set up, wine tasting, MC'ing, trade show set up, clean up, registration, ushering, room hosts, food monitoring.

We'd also like to thank

1. Our wonderful keynote, closing, and session speakers,

our trade show participants and our silent auction donors.

2. Dr. Joe Fiola for teaching and organizing the wine-appreciation event.

3. The HGIC staff for their invaluable contributions. Their hilarious skits were one of the highlights of the day. Ria Malloy and Lynn Jacobsen also went way above and beyond their duties in holding the logistics of the day together for all of us.

Now that so many more MG's have tried out Annual Training Day, we hope all of you will come back next year.

### **PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We have made good progress on the Photo Directory but we still need more pictures. Please arrive a few minutes early or plan to stay a few minutes late and we can take a picture for the first time or another picture if you don't care for the current one. Smile!

## **PROJECT REPORTS**

### **ASK A MASTER GARDENER**

Joe Marsala, MG

August and September have been exciting times for our group! We think we may well exceed 3,000 client educational sessions for the first time! During this period we performed 17 plant clinics at five venues and conducted over 900 client educational sessions! Our annual education session total is now 2,850!

None of this would be possible without the excellent leadership of team leaders Kay Ford, Lew Shell, Lillie Harrison, Robin Costas, Carol Dowling, Susan Knisely, Bonnie Pavlak, and Lisa Winters! Also thanks are in order for their teammates Jeanne Brush, Judy Wilson, Linda Martinich, Marietta Schreiber, Linda Kolosky, Barbara and

Dick Inman, Kathleen Cornell, Janet Ross, Catherine Salam, Dottie Oliff, Mary Young, Ann Fischer, Marilyn Kinkel, Barbara Bicker, Joyce Anderson, Madeleine Tierney, Carol Segree, Wes and Carolyn Jordan, Elaine Flanagan, Ann Leipold, Pat Thompson, Candice' Rockwood, Woody Boyd, Jerry Crawford, as well as Bobbie and Leon Kestenbaum. I truly hope I didn't leave anyone out. Our group is really fortunate to have such talented, dedicated, and persistent members!

These folks have done a magnificent job all season! They consistently bring deserved recognition to our group, Master Gardeners, and our county. Indeed they have represented the best in all of us. I am most fortunate to work with such a fine group!

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

Susie Blackwell, MG

There are three more work session/compost demonstrations scheduled for October 11, 22 and November 8 (see calendar for details). Additionally we will also host two school groups for special demonstrations – one on October 23 and the other group sometime in mid November.

All MGs and Interns are invited to join us for a work session or attend a demonstration and receive a free compost bin and goody bag – now is the perfect time to turn those fall leaves into compost.

There is plenty to do to finish up this season as we look forward to next. Special thanks to Pam Dennison and Kathleen Cornell who have agreed to Chair and Co-chair this worthwhile project next year.

## **PLANT IDENTIFICATION AT HISTORIC LONDON TOWN HOUSE AND GARDENS**

Pat Horm, MG

The Plant I.D. Group at Historic London Town House and Gardens will be wrapping up its 2008 activities with several Fall meetings beginning September 19. In March and early April, the group finished some photography and identification work on the 70-plus magnolia trees in the woodland garden. Then as the rhododendrons and azaleas began to bloom in April and May, the group began a

marathon series of meetings to photo document and number tag the azaleas in the garden during their blooming period. In the past 2 years, this small group of MGs has tagged and photo-documented 166 of the more than 500 azaleas on the accession lists. During the sultry days of summer, individual members have tackled the job of matching photographs of azaleas in the garden with reference books and Internet research done at home. Bi-weekly meetings in the air-conditioned comfort of a London Town conference room, with live Internet hook-ups, and lively participation by the MGs has resulted in group agreement on the identities of 70 azalea cultivars so far. The pay-off will be improved signage in the gardens for the visiting public. London Town annually hosts numerous visits by individuals and botanical groups, particularly in the Spring.

During the summer, Plant I.D. Group members also displayed their creative side by producing a musical slide show of the magic in the gardens in springtime (Allie Murphy), and a digital photography book showcasing the azaleas (John and Pat Horm).

Work to improve the Richard Hill Garden also began this year, as the group cleaned up and added signage to this colonial medicinal garden, and began discussions to renovate the garden further in coming years. All in all, a very productive year for the MGs in Plant I.D.!

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You may recall that our Anne Arundel County "Ask a Master Gardener" program won 1<sup>st</sup> place in its category at the International Master Gardener Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas in 2007. This is a great opportunity to gain recognition for an outstanding program. Here in Anne Arundel County, many of our other projects deserve recognition as well. Therefore I am asking our Project Chairs/Committee Members to consider submitting the 2009 Search for Excellence Award Application. The deadline for the Search for Excellence Application is **October 1, 2008**. If you are interested in applying, please let Mike Ensor know and he will be glad to advise and review the application prior to submission for you.



## **2009 Search for Excellence Award Application**

**Name of MG Program:**

**County:**

**State/Province:**

**Master Gardener completing Application:**

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone:

**Master Gardener Coordinator/County Extension Staff:**

Name:

Title:

Email:

Address:

Phone:

**Category for Submission:**

- Youth
- Demonstration garden
- Workshop or presentation
- Community Service
- Innovative Project
- Special Needs Audience
- Research (applied scientific methodology)

**Name of Project:**

**Description of Project:**

(Include target audience, goals, location and partnerships)

**Methods:**

(Discuss planning and implementation)

**Results:**

**Significant Learning and Impacts:**

**Budget Narrative:**

**MASTER GARDENER POLO SHIRTS  
TIME IS RUNNING OUT...  
ORDER YOURS TODAY!!!**



Sept 25, 2008

Dear Master Gardeners,

Today is the day for ordering your Anne Arundel County polo shirt if you haven't already. **The deadline for pre-orders is FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008** so we can have them ready to distribute for our November MG meeting.

The polo shirts are short-sleeve in banana (mellow yellow) color with our county name in red available in men's and ladies' sizes. These shirts are the SAME type of comfortable "Silk Touch" shirts that were pre-sold for pick-up at the MG Annual Training Day in May. They are a 5-ounce, 65/35 poly cotton pique with knit collar and cuffs having double-needle armholes and bottom hem, side vents and metal buttons with dyed-to-match rims.

The picture above is NOT the true color of the shirt or logo. Samples of the shirts will be displayed at the October 14 MG meetings at St. Margaret's Church. Orders will be accepted by Ginny Klocko at the meetings.

Ladies' Sizes:                      Sm - XL (\$20.00 ea.)                      XXL (\$22.00 ea.)

Men's Shirts:                      Sm - XL (\$20.00 ea.)                      XXL (\$25.00 ea.)

(For sizes not listed, please call Anne)

<b>Sizing Chart</b>					
	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>XL</b>	<b>XXL</b>
<b>Ladies</b>	6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20	22-24
<b>Men's</b>	34-36	38-40	41-43	44-46	48-50

**ORDER FORM FOR  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER POLO SHIRTS**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info. (Phone):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Order:** Ladies':                      Size(s) & Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_      Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Men's:                                      Size(s) & Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_      Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost of Total Order:**                      \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**      ANNE O. NOURSE  
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    Crofton, MD 21114

**Questions:**                              [anour001@umaryland.edu](mailto:anour001@umaryland.edu)  
**Days:**    410-706-7333  
**Evenings:**                                      410-721-2723

**No orders will be accepted after October 17, 2008.** Purchased shirts will be available for pick-up at the November 10 MG meeting and thereafter at the Glen Burnie County Extension Office



# Exotic Pest Threats Training

Thursday, October 30, 2008

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**WHO:** This training is directed towards Master Gardener Coordinators, Master Gardeners, HGIC horticulturists, and County Extension faculty and staff.

**WHAT:** The workshop will provide information, educational materials, and hands-on diagnostic training about several of the most serious exotic pests currently threatening the trees and ornamental plants of the citizens of MD and the U.S. Master Gardeners and County Extension faculty and staff are the “eyes and ears” most likely to first encounter these pests. The training objective is to provide them with the knowledge to help identify potential exotic threats early.

Participants will be certified as First Detectors with successful completion of the training and a post-test. Each participant will receive a notebook of handouts on the identification and biology of these pests, as well as typical symptoms of the damage they cause.

**WHERE:** The Maryland 4-H Center, 8020 Greenmead Drive, College Park, MD 20740-4000

**For Information and to Register:** Contact Avis Koeiman either by email at [akoeiman@umd.edu](mailto:akoeiman@umd.edu), or by phone at 301-405-3913, with your name, affiliation, email address and phone number. There is no fee for the training, but class size is limited.

## DIRECTIONS

The Maryland 4-H Center is located just north of the UMD campus on Greenmead Dr., just off Metzerott Rd. where it runs between University Blvd. (MD 193) and Adelphi Rd. Approaching from University Blvd., take the first right off of Metzerott Rd. onto Greenmead Dr. Approaching from Adelphi Rd., take the last left off of Metzerott Rd. onto Greenmead Dr. The 4-H Center is on the left. View a map of the area at:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=8020+Greenmead+Drive+College+Park,+MD+20740&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=X&oi=geocode\\_result&resnum=1&ct=title](http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=8020+Greenmead+Drive+College+Park,+MD+20740&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&resnum=1&ct=title)

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