



May 2007

MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2007
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: St. Margaret's Church, Parish Hall
 1601 Pleasant Plains Road
 Annapolis, MD 21409

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MAY GUEST SPEAKER

“The Scout Program and IPM”

Suzanne Klick and Shannon Wadkins
Landscape and Nursery IPM
University of Maryland, CMREC

Suzanne Klick has worked as an agricultural technician with the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension for 16 years. She has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Horticulture-Crop Production from the University of Maryland, College Park. Suzanne obtained her Certified Professional Horticulturist certificate in 2006. While working for Maryland Cooperative Extension, Suzanne has done greenhouse IPM scouting, helped coordinate a wide variety of educational programs and assisted in conducting research trials. Suzanne enjoys being able to use her photographic skills to take pictures for the landscape and greenhouse integrated pest management reports.

Shannon Wadkins is an agricultural technician with the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension. She got her start in the horticulture industry at a small Pennsylvania garden center in 1996. After relocating to the Baltimore area, Shannon began working at Radebaugh's Greenhouses

in Towson. She then attended the University of Maryland in College Park where she completed an internship at Bell Nursery prior to receiving her bachelor's degree in Horticulture and Crop Production in 2002. Before returning to work for the University in 2005, Shannon was a section grower at Catoctin Mountain Growers outside of Frederick. She has also worked part-time as an IPM scout for Babikow Greenhouses. Shannon plans to pursue a master's degree in Plant Science.

MAY ENTRANCE EXHIBIT

Emerald Ash Borer

THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Mike Ensor, Coordinator

Congratulations to our "Ask a Master Gardener" team for receiving the 2007 International Master Gardener Search for Excellence Award in the public outreach category. The award will be presented May 2-5, 2007 at the International Master Gardener Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. Also, special congratulations go to Joe Marsala, Anne Arundel County Volunteer Master Gardener, for serving as Chair of the "Ask a Master Gardener" project. Joe will be attending the International Master Gardener Conference to receive the award and deliver a presentation at the conference.

Search for Excellence (SFE) is the recognition program for Master Gardener volunteer work. As we move forward with the Anne Arundel Master Gardener project year, hopefully some of our other project groups will consider submitting entries in the future. Below are seven steps to keep in mind over the year to determine whether your project meets the Search for Excellence guidelines.

1. First it must fit into one of the categories: Youth Programs; Demonstration Gardens; Workshop or Presentation or Hands-on Programs; Community Service; Innovative Projects; Special Audiences, Senior/Disabled Audiences, or Hort Therapy; Other or General MG Accomplishment.

2. The project may cover more than one category, but you must choose one main category for it to be considered. It must have completed at least one cycle and be worked on over the past two years.
3. Search for Excellence is designed to recognize a group project.
4. *Simple to replicate:* A goal of SFE is to share the excellent ideas and programs so they can be replicated by other MG groups. A step-by-step "how to do this" would be an easy way to share your project.
5. *Practicality:* You could develop a wonderful program with a \$10 admission cost, but if people cannot afford that, they will not come. A SFE program is one that is easy to use and fits well for the situation it is intended for. You have found the best way possible to meet the needs of your community.
6. *Original and creative:* You do not need to recreate the wheel, just maybe parts of it so that it fits your situation. We are looking for the added touch that makes this program your own...or that it reflects the personalities of the Master Gardeners who are working with it.
7. *Compatible with Extension and MG missions:* Every state has its own mission statement, but there are some generalities we can use.
 - All Extension and Master Gardener programs should have an educational component within them.
 - All Extension and MG programs are available to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, political beliefs, sexual orientations, national origin, and marital or family status.
 - All Extension and MG programs should extend the resources of the University to the public wherever they live, helping them use knowledge to solve problems at work, at home, and in their communities.
 - Information provided should be research-based.

Once again if any of our Master Gardeners are interested in

submitting their projects for Search for Excellence in the upcoming years, then please let me know and I will be glad to help you work through the details.

Just a Few Reminders!!!

May 2-5, 2007 - International Master Gardener Conference, Little Rock Arkansas

May 31, 2007 – Master Gardener Day at University of Maryland

June 2, 2007 – Master Gardener Open House at Quiet Waters Park

August 11-17, 2007 – Master Gardener Maine Expedition

*All the above events are open to all our Anne Arundel Master Gardeners and Interns

Another Reminder!!!

As we all know the Pilot Intern Master Gardener Rotation Year has begun to educate interns about all of the MG projects and to assist interns in acquiring 40 hours of volunteer service. For some interns, it is working well and for others it has caused confusion and frustration. At this point in time it is expected that interns follow the rotation schedule as much as possible but we also need to be flexible when situations occur to meet the needs of our new interns. I do ask that if an Intern or a Master Gardener is scheduled to be at a particular project and for some reason there is a conflict, that you do give a courtesy call to the project chair in advance.

I Hope that everyone is having a great gardening season!

NEW WEBSITE TOPIC

In her "spare time", Robin Hessey, Asst. State MG Coordinator, has created a new "**Gardening Topics**" section for the Maryland Master Gardener website. Just click this link and you'll see it as the last button in the left frame of our home page: <http://mastergardener.umd.edu/>

You'll see new information on Native Plants, Composting,

and Container Vegetable Gardening. We will be adding more subject matter content useful for MG volunteers and coordinators.

The Container Vegetable Gardening section contains 2006 reports on Earth Boxes and Salad Tables. I hope to expand the amount and types of information on food gardening and welcome your suggestions and comments. Thank you,

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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.

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

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@comcast.net to your address book. Rose Mary sends the MG Newsletter and the MG newsflashes. Ralph will send email concerning MG volunteer hours.

Announcing
A DAY WITH ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

At

Quiet Waters Park

Saturday, June 2, 2007

10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

In

The Visitor Center Galleries

With

The Annapolis Photography Alliance Exhibition



May 10 - June 17, 2007

Opening Reception: May 13, 2007

**In partnership with Quiet Waters Park and
Anne Arundel County Parks and Recreation**

There will not be a park admission fee to attend the Master Gardener Open House

For Directions to QWP please go to: <http://www.friendsquietwaterspark.org/directions.html>

Look for more information in the April Newsletter!!

WE NEED YOU AND YOUR PLANTS

For

The Anne Arundel County Master Gardener

SECOND ANNUAL PLANT SALE

In conjunction with

The Master Gardener Open House

June 2, 2007

Quiet Waters Park

In 2006 our first plant sale was a phenomenal success netting us exactly \$870.00, thanks to all the Master Gardeners who donated beautiful healthy plants.....and it was *just the beginning*.....Now it is **ON TO PLANT SALE 2007**

What you can contribute:

- o **Annuals:** Single pots or market packs; ready to plant; in bloom if possible
- o **Perennials:** In any size pot or market packs; divisions in clean pots and in good condition; "volunteers" from garden are welcome
- o **Vegetable, herbs:** In single pots or market packs; in good condition and size for planting for garden or container gardening. Planted containers welcome.
- o **House Plants:** In good condition, clean pots with saucer
- o **Small trees or shrubs**

Labeling: Please label your plants with the common and botanical names, and their light and water requirements. Also helpful will be planting information including soil preferences, time of bloom and a picture.

Please demonstrate that we are the good gardeners THAT WE ARE by donating watered, well-cared-for healthy plants in clean pots or market packs and be sure to remove any dead foliage and/or spent blooms.

Plant drop-off times at Quiet Waters Visitor Center:

(Drive up the service road behind the Visitor Center to unload your plants)

Friday, June 1 - from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. **(preferred)**

Saturday, June 2 beginning at 8:00 a.m. (The earlier, the better)

Volunteer to help at the sale: We are looking for people to help both Friday evening and all day Saturday. **Please call or e-mail Lois Steinfort** if you are able to help. Even an hour or two will be helpful and you will accrue hours.

WE DESPERATELY NEED TO BORROW: Four folding rectangular tables. Tables will be covered with a cloth and be placed on the covered porch of the Visitor Center. Please contact one of the committee members to generously loan a table for the plant sale. *Thank you!*

Spread the Word: Tell all your friends about our sale. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to purchase reasonably priced, quality plants, and for us to earn some money for our programs.

For answers to your questions or more information please phone or email:

Stacy Church: stacyelizabethemail@yahoo.com

Sharon Schroer: sharon.schroer@baachrobinson.com

Lois Steinfort: steinfort@msn.com

CALLING ALL MASTER GARDENER INTERNS

For

The Master Gardener Open House

Saturday, June 2, 2007

It is the tradition in Anne Arundel County for Master Gardener Interns to represent the membership by greeting visitors to our Open House and have a lot of fun in the process!

You may also be asked to assist John Connors in scheduling the interviewing of prospective Master Gardeners. More detailed information will be provided.

To volunteer in one of the three time slots (2 - 3 volunteers each) please email

Patti Muir rmmuir66@hotmail.com

10:00 - 12:00

12:00 - 2:00

2:00 - 3:00

(Remember: Volunteer hours are accrued for working at the Open House)

Thank you Intern Class of 2006!

**HEY THERE, MASTER GARDENERS:
KNOW THY TREES!**

Unscramble the *specific epithets* below and match them to their English counterparts.

reca rumbur _____

eriscuq blaa _____

usipn agrin _____

apiec baise _____

astgerlaromei _____

nguljas grina _____

aliti drotaca _____

crunso lordifa _____

lumsa lordibunfa _____

lixsa labybacino _____

(puzzle submitted by Elizabeth Matarese, MG
BTW: no fair peeking at the answers on page 9)

MG OPEN HOUSE – REFRESHMENTS

Susie Blackwell, MG

We are looking for a few Master Gardeners to bring light refreshments for the upcoming MG Open House on June 2 at the Quiet Waters Park Visitor’s Center from 10 am to 3 pm. If you would like to volunteer please contact Susie Blackwell at 410 757-7780 or mrsbntx@aol.com.

GARDENER’S TABLE

Stacy Church, MG

In addition to plant donations, the Gardener’s Table will include slightly used donations of gardener’s supplies such as bird houses and feeders; garden ornaments; gardening books; gardening cards. This is an easy way for you to make a donation and support the Master Gardeners’ plant sale!

Contact **Stacy Church** (stacyelizabethemail@yahoo.com) with any questions.

PROJECT REPORTS

COMPOSTING/NATIVE PLANT GARDENS

Susie Blackwell, MG

We could not have asked for a more perfect day for the Earth Day celebration at Quiet Waters. The turn-out at the park was incredible – the largest we’ve seen in years. We talked with so many people about composting and gave away every compost bin we had including the display! Of course all were invited all to attend our demonstrations and visit our gardens. If even half of the people who expressed an interest in attending a demonstration show up, we will have a very successful season indeed.

The next composting demonstrations and a tour of our native plant gardens will be on Saturday May 12 and May 26 (see calendar for details). We invite all MGs to visit our site at Quiet Waters and join us for a work session or demonstration if you're so inclined. Contact Susie Blackwell for information (410-757-7780; mrsbntx@aol.com).

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

Joe Marsala, MG

April is the month we start our plant clinics. We've just completed our spring training program attended by 26 of our volunteers. We covered insect identification; weeds and their control; and plant diseases. The participation in our labs associated with each class was really impressive!

We completed the first two plant clinics of the year this month. The first, managed by Robin Costas and her team (Maureen Donovan, Kathleen Cornell, and Carol Dowling) completed 63 client educational sessions. The second clinic was done by my team of Barbara Crispin, Pat Horm, and Lori Theiler. This report was done prior to the clinic so our results will be included in next month's newsletter.

This year's team Leaders are: Robin Costas, Kay Ford, Susan Knisely, Bonnie Pavlak, Carol Segree, and Lew Shell. They are an extremely competent group. They are what make our program work!!

As ever, we not only welcome Master Gardeners to visit us – we encourage you!

MONASTERY GARDEN

Kathleen Allenby, MG

Herbs...and more!

Spring in the garden means sprucing up and planning and preparing beds for planting annuals this month. So far this season, visitors to the garden have been enjoying freshly planted pansies, the awakening perennials, the herb garden, and our strategically placed rocks marked with the various plant and herb ID.

Stop by and enjoy this peaceful garden on Wednesday mornings with the MGs or anytime. We now offer a handout, developed by one of our own MGs, listing 18 of

the medicinal herbs grown in the garden and their benefits .It also includes a chart with general information on growing herbs - available on site in the church foyer.

Also, don't miss a peak at our delightful, "secret "children's garden..... the location of this special place available upon request! Hope you can visit soon.

GERMANTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GES)

Sandy Patterson, MG, Project Chair

“Dirt Day” (3/31)

We had 56 people including seven Master Gardeners – Joyce Donlon, Polly Katauskas, Susan Knisely, Mary Young, MG 2006 Interns Linda and Don Droneburg, and myself as well as 17 Germantown students and 20 Germantown parents. We got REALLY dirty, moved everything out of the beds, and put down topsoil, manure, leaf grow, weed killer and mulch. It looks wonderful and is all ready for the next step..... Planting Day on April 21st.

We had over 75 people for the GES celebration of Earth Day---our planting day for the Welcome Gardens at the Sidewalk Entrance of the school. Master Gardeners Joyce Donlon, Patti Muir, Lois Tuwiner, MG 2006 Interns Linda and Don Droneburg and Noreen Krispin joined me in teaching teams of Germantown students and parents how to plant over 170 primarily natives, including Red Twig Dogwood, Shenandoah Switch Grass, Black-Eyed Susan, Coneflower, Little Bluestem Grass, New England Asters, and more..... We all had a wonderful day, and The Capitol sent out a reporter and a photographer so we may even be famous now!

APPRENTICE GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Scott Doran, MG

Apprentice Gardens is a project that helps children and their parents learn about vegetable gardening. We meet at Kinder Park on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Currently we have about 10 families registered. Each family has a small section of the Apprentice Garden plot which they plant to

their liking with assistance from the Master Gardener volunteers. We also have some “group” sections where we plant herbs and other plants. It is important that we have a Master Gardener there each week. We really need about 3-5 volunteers who can come about two days a month. If you are interested, please contact Scott Doran, e-mail: obismom@comcast.net.

UPCOMING STATE ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

News From the State MG Office May 2007

MG Annual Training Day (5/31-UMCP) Registration Deadline is May 1, 2007.

We hope that everyone has registered for this wonderful day of great workshops (30 to choose from), a dynamic and fascinating key note speaker (Dr. Doug Tallamy, wildlife biologist and entomologist from the U. of Delaware), good food, fun trade show and best of all--great comraderie with other MG's from all across the state. We only do this once a year, so now's your chance. If you did not get a registration form in the mail (bright yellow), you can find all of the information you need at mastergardener.umd.edu. Click on Annual Training Day. Or, you can call Robin (410-531-1754) for more information or to mail you a brochure.

Have you ordered your MG shirt, hat or totebag yet? Ordering Deadline is May 1.

We would like to increase awareness of the Maryland Master Gardener Program as a powerful and important and growing program, so we are offering goods and clothing that we can use to promote ourselves that will be consistent throughout the state. You can choose from Golf/Polo Shirts, Denim Shirts, T-Shirts (both long and short sleeved), Sweatshirts, Hats, Travel Mugs and Tote Bags. All orders must be received by May 1 so that items can be delivered for the May 31 event. (If you cannot attend on 5/31, we will deliver your order to your extension office for you to pick up.) Wear your MG items everywhere!

New gardening information now available on MG State Website (mastergardener.umd.edu).

We've added a section to the MG State website called “Gardening Topics”. Go to the state site and scroll down to near the bottom of right side.

It's brand new, but you can already download the following information:

1. *Native Plants of Maryland, What, When and Where*- a printer friendly 24 page (pdf) publication that lists Maryland's native plants according to desired growing conditions and appearance. Download for free, or order printed version for \$5.
2. A list of local nurseries that supply locally grown Maryland Native Plants (pdf)
3. Information on Container Vegetable Gardening, Earth boxes and Salad Tables.
4. Introduction to Composting PowerPoint Presentation (takes a few minutes to load)

Late Spring and Summer State MG Advanced Training.

You can find all registration material as well as complete class descriptions at mastergardener.umd.edu. Click on Advanced Training. If you need to have information mailed to you, call Robin at 410-531-1754.

1. Plant ID Taxonomy. This course is designed to give you basic skills to identify plants in the field. An absolute must for every MG.
 - a. Montgomery Co. (Mon-Wed 6/4-6/6, 9:30-12:30, Steve Dubik)
 - b. Baltimore City, Cylburn, (Weds 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6-9pm, Wanda MacLachlan)
 - c. Queen Anne's (Thurs. 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 9:30-12:30, Wanda MacLachlan)
2. Organic Vegetable Gardening (Learn/Teach) This one day workshop is designed to teach you how to teach basic Organic Vegetable Gardening to incoming MG interns. Presentation and all materials are provided. Not only will you learn more yourself, but you'll be able to teach new MGs.
 - a. Harford Co. Ext. (Tues, July 10; 9-3:30, Jon Traunfeld)
 - b. Howard Co. Ext. (Thurs. July 12, 9:30, Jon Traunfeld)
3. Shade Trees. This three part class will teach you the identifying characteristics as well as the cultural requirements for about 40 common shade trees.

- a. Montgomery Co. Ext. & Brookside Gardens (Tues. 7/17, 7/24, 7/31; 9-12, Wanda MacLachlan)

You can find all registration material as well as complete class descriptions at mastergardener.umd.edu. Click on Advanced Training. If you need to have information mailed to you, call Robin at 410-531-1754.

Fall Advanced Training

We are still working on our fall class line up. Tentatively we will be offering

1. Plant Diseases (Learn/Teach)- Thurs. 9/6 and 9/13, location TBA; Dave Clement, PhD, Regional Specialist in Plant Pathology, will be the instructor
2. Master Composter classes in Queen Anne's Co. (Wed. 10/10 and 10/24, all day)
3. Entomology (Learn/Teach)- 2 days TBA
4. still tentative: Plant Clinic practicum- (3) 4hr sessions in Howard Co.

State Strategic Planning meetings for May and June.

All are invited. Call Robin, 410-531-1754 for more information or directions or go to mastergardener.umd.edu and click on State Meetings and Strategic Planning.

- [Youth Gardening](#) Tues, May 15, 10-2 at HGIC
- [State Strategic Planning Committee](#) Tues. May 22, 10-2, HGIC
- [Recruitment, Recognition & Retention Workgroup](#) Tues, June 5, HGIC 10-12
- [MG 30th Anniversary Celebration 2008](#) Wed. June 13, 2008 – HGIC - Join us as we begin to plan how to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Master Gardener Program in Maryland. Lots of help and ideas are needed in this early planning stage.

Help Wanted at HGIC

Ever want to be one of those folks who answer horticultural questions from all of the state at the Home and Garden Information Center in Ellicott City? If you are knowledgeable about a variety of gardening topics, have a good phone manner and are patient with the public, please call Ria Malloy at HGIC- 410-531-5556. 2 paid positions

are open immediately. You would be working 20 hours a week or less between the hours of 8 am and 1 pm weekdays. On-going training is provided.

Great Opportunity for Business: Advertise in new Master Gardener Handbook.

Do you know of any businesses that would like to advertise to a highly educated, motivated group of educational powerhouses that wield great influence in the community (that's us, the MGs). The new handbook will be a comprehensive, full-color gardening reference for Maryland gardeners and others and is due out in the fall. We need to have our all advertising pages wrapped up by July 1.

Handbook advertising opportunities are available from \$500 to \$2000 and many will include hotlinks on the MG state website. We have the promotional material we can send you if you are willing to approach businesses. Please, let us know ASAP if you either have or are willing to approach a few businesses with this advertising opportunity. Contact Robin Hessey at rmhessey@umd.edu or 410-531-1754.

It is the policy of the University of Maryland and Maryland Cooperative Extension that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital or parental status, or disability. Equal opportunity employers and equal access programs.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. *Weeping willow*
2. *Austrian Pine*
3. *Red Maple*
4. *Crape Myrtle*
5. *Dogwood*
6. *Linden*
7. *Flowering Apple*
8. *Black Walnut*
9. *White Oak*
10. *Norway Spruce*

REGISTER NOW
BEST OF MAINE'S HORTICULTURE, WATER, AND GOLF

http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Extension/local/AnneArundel/files/mg_maine_021907.pdf

WANT LOBSTER, ART, GOLF, OCEAN, OR THE WOODS?

August 11-17, 2007

Master Gardeners and their friends * Horticulture, Fun, and Approved Training Trip

**DESTINATION: THE 248-ACRE NEW COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDEN
IN BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE**

**FOR NON HORTICULTURISTS, WE OFFER A VENUE OF HISTORY, GOLF, ANTIQUE TRAINS AND CARS, FISHING,
READING, AND GREAT FOOD.**

Travel by comfortable privately reserved bus with on board refreshments, horticulture education AV programs for education credits, and frequent pleasant stops.

Starting with supper at the historic Shakespeare's Wayside Inn and a stay in the four star Crown Plaza, tour the New England Wildflower Society's famous Garden in the Woods while our golfing friends try out the nearby course.

On to Maine, we are based in Boothbay Harbour at Boothbay Harbor's historic Sprucewold Lodge, we spend one day of approved education and fun at the famous Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens with Maine Master Gardeners; then visit the Maine State Arboretum, Camden's Preservation Project, designed by Fletcher Steele and Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.; Mt Battie, and Pemaquid Point and lighthouse; cruise to famous Monhegan Island; and visit LL Bean while out non horticulturists enjoy local golf lobstering, fishing, antiques cars, and other sites.

The trip back to Maryland includes Portsmouth's famous Strawberry Bank, a course in herbology, the Vanderbilt Estate Gardens, or Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, supper at the Culinary Institute of America, and a stay in the Hudson River Valley. Horticulture and history lectures throughout with MGP credits.

Single Double Triple / Quad , \$1295 \$995 \$900--**Fee includes all lectures, transportation, lodging, training, gratuities, taxes, and meals except three "lunches on your own" and any alcoholic beverages, and additional refreshment stops en route**

Open to Master Gardeners, partners, and their sponsored friends*

August 11-17, 2007

Limited to 50 persons

For More Information and registration form

http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Extension/local/AnneArundel/files/mg_maine_021907.pdf

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*16 years old minimum age