



FREDERICK COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Monday, Help Desk, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

February 5 – April 21, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9-12, 2009 MG Training Class

April 2, 7:00 p.m., Spring Seminar, *Buying Your Plants: When, What, and How*

April 14, 1:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting, Committee Fair

April 15, First quarter volunteer sheets due; Chair reports due

April 16, 7:00 p.m., Spring Seminar, *Do-It-Yourself Water Projects for the Garden*

April 23 and 24, Plant Sale Work Days

April 25, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Master Gardener Plant Sale

April 29, 7:00 p.m., Photography Committee Meeting

April 30, 7:00 p.m., Spring Seminar, *Sedum Gardening: Containers and Techniques*

May 4, 6, 12, 18, Advanced Training, *Ask a MG Practicum*** Registration Deadline: April 27

May 5, 12:30 p.m., Advisory Committee Meeting

May 12, 10:00 a.m., Monthly Meeting, *Vegetable Talk by Moira Weldon and Ted Lambert*

May 20, 1:30 p.m., Photography Committee Meeting

May 28, Master Gardener Annual Training Day

June 4, 11, 25, Advanced Training, *Plant ID/Taxonomy***, Howard Co., Registration Deadline: May 27

June 8, 10, 12, Baywise Training, Frederick and Washington Counties

June 9, 6:00 p.m. Plant Exchange and Potluck, *Botany for Gardeners Lesson III by Susan Trice*

June 10, 17, 24, Advanced Training, *Landscape Horticulture: Flowering Shrubs***, St. Mary's Co.,
Registration Deadline: June 3

June 17, 7:00 p.m., Photography Committee Meeting

June 23, Advanced Training, *Entomology-Getting Intimate With Your Foe ***, Carroll County,
Registration Deadline: June 16

July 8, 1:30 p.m., Photography Committee Meeting

July 13, 20, 27, Advanced Training, *Landscape Horticulture: Ornamental Trees & Vines***, Queen Anne's
Co., Registration Deadline: June 9

July 14, 7:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting, *Botany for Gardeners Lesson IV by Susan Trice*

July 15, Second quarter volunteer sheets due; Chair reports due

July 15, 22, 29, Advanced Training, *Landscape Horticulture: Shade Trees***,
Prince George's Co., Registration Deadline: July 8

August 4, 12:30 p.m., Advisory Committee Meeting

August 11, 10:00 a.m. Monthly Meeting, *Carnivorous Plants, Regina Baker, Intern*

September 8, 7:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting, *Bartlett Tree Expert, Dan Yates*

September 9, 7:00 p.m., Photography Committee Meeting

September 18-26, The Great Frederick Fair

** Advanced Training. Refer to [mastergardener.umd.edu/Advanced Training](http://mastergardener.umd.edu/Advanced%20Training) for details. Some courses will be held in additional locations.

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TRICE'S TIDBITS

Congratulations to all Frederick County Master Gardeners who are busy helping in some way, shape or form. All jobs are important and I just wanted to let you know that we all (especially me) appreciate all that you do.

Here are a few of my tidbits for this month:

Monthly Meeting Speaker Changes: Please note that the speakers for featured items have changed. The dates above are correct.

2009 Training Class: We are starting the countdown to class presentations day which are April 14th and 16th. So, feel free to come by on either of those two days or both days and cheer them on. Their talks are geared for the 'Grow It Eat It' initiative. There are a total of 15 participants.

Many thanks to the following folks who help to teach these classes: Dennis Jung, Botany; Ann Marie Creamer, Composting; Moira Weldon and Ted Lambert, Vegetables; Jim Gallion, IPM; Janet Madsen, Plant Sale; Devra Boesch, Plant Clinics; Phyllis Heuerman, Annuals and Perennials; Betsy Devilbiss and Avonell Watson, Plant Propagation; Joan Kobetz and Mary Hennigan, Class Presentations. Yet to instruct are Earlene Duncan, Ecology; Elyse Phillips, Bay Wise; and Tony Murdock, for Pruning. A huge thanks to all of you who help host the classes which is Chaired by Sally Dillon and Co-Chaired by Reiko Royston.

Committee Information/Happenings: Please know that as a Committee Chair, you are encouraged to submit information concerning the happenings and kudos to be extended. I would mention some but feel that I may miss someone and risk hurting feelings.

'Alternatives to Invasive Plants' book AGAIN: I will be gathering orders from across the state to submit for additional books. If you missed it the first time, please let me know that you wish to order one and I will do so. They were five dollars the last time.

Annual Training Day: Just a reminder to keep checking your mail boxes for the registration materials. You almost have to mail it back the same day in order to get your first choices.

Help Desk: Spring has sprung or at least it looked that way for a while. People have ventured out into their gardens and have noticed all kinds of things, thus the help desk is very much alive. So, feel free to stop by and help any time you wish.

Inactive Members: It seems we have a 'gray' area in the system for distinguishing active master gardeners from inactive ones. I am mandating that if you do not submit any volunteer hours for two years in a row, you will automatically be put on hiatus. At this point it does not pertain to those who fall short of the 20-10-3 rule. I will still want to know your intentions if you fall short on these, however. When put on hiatus, you have 3 years to decide which way you wish to go. This is merely a way to get some folks to make a decision that have been in the system for years and years and haven't done anything.



NOTES FROM MARY RIESCH

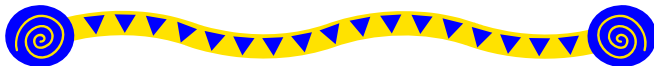
The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m. The Second Annual Committee Fair will be held following a short business meeting. Contact Mary Riesch, mkrdesigns@aol.com 301-271-9290 if you have any items to add to the agenda.

The Spring Demo Garden Clean Up was held on Saturday, March 28. Thanks to all who showed up to help. There is still work to be done. Please contact Becky McMullen at beckymac@sugarloafnet.com if you would like to help with the garden this year.



SUNSHINE

News of births, illness, etc. in our Master Gardener group can be sent to Avonell Watson, aswatson2@verizon.net, 301-834-7269. A card or call contact in the name of the Frederick County Master Gardeners will be made and the group at large will be notified. Thanks so much.



SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

By Devra Boesch, contact fboesch@erols.com or 301-371-6410

The following one-time events are activities that only last a few hours, but are full of fun! Those MGs interested in participating in any of these upcoming events may contact me (or the MG listed) for details.

Earth Day @ Fort Detrick

Mr. Lynn Hoch, the Natural Resource Manager at Fort Detrick, would like MGs to have a booth at their **Earth Day** celebration on **April 9**. Set-up is at 8:00 a.m. and runs until 2:00. No one has volunteered for this activity as yet and time is running out!

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

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Day in the Garden

MJ Pavelco-Snyder and Moira Weldon will be participating in the Children's Garden portion of "**Day in the Garden**" **Saturday, April 18**, Bishop Claggett Retreat Center (Episcopal), Buckeystown, Maryland; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lois Royer will present the one-hour session at 11 am on Vegetable Gardening.



Winchester Hall Earth Day Display

Earth Day is **April 22**. Would anyone like to set up the MG display board at Winchester Hall on April 17 and take it down on April 27?

Fountain Rock Park Display

Billie Homburg has volunteered to set up a Master Gardener table at Fountain Rock Park on **May 30** for their "**Growing Native Effort**" and she would appreciate any other MGs who would like to assist.

MG's at Brunswick Southern States

Lloyd Taylor, the manager at **Southern States Brunswick**, was hoping the MG's could do something on site this spring. Janet Madsen will probably participate, but is looking for more MGs to volunteer before a firm date is set. Any takers?

May Day Opportunity

Linda Moran has forwarded the following: Michael Crossen of the Grapevine shop on Patrick Street in downtown Frederick is interested in having some MG's participate in the **May Day** celebration downtown. He has a wonderful garden behind his shop, which is easily accessed from the street, with very interesting and creative 'rooms' and he is interested in people setting up there. They would post a list of activities, exhibits, etc on the sidewalk and advertise in advance. One or more things could go on at once, as there is ample room. Hand's on activities would be great; plantings, blue bird habitats, etc.



Upcoming Advanced Trainings from State MG office

1. ****MG Annual Training Day**** May 28, 2009. You should be receiving your registration materials by the beginning of April. You will only have until May 1 to register, so be looking out for them. Classes fill up, so register early. We are expecting 500 or so MGs this year and we have a full slate of about 30 wonderful presentations including: ecological design; designing edible landscapes; plant diseases; snakes and turtles; diagnostic walks; tree ecology; home food preservation; green roofs; native plants for shade and sun; cooking with herbs; youth gardening; rain gardens; pests of herbaceous perennials; community gardens; raspberries, blueberries, strawberries; National Arboretum plant introductions and more!

2. Everyone should have received a **newsletter from the State MG office** by now, unless you were a new trainee or a transfer. Please check it out at: <http://mastergardener.umd.edu/StateNL09.pdf>

3. Upcoming courses:

To find information and registration forms for MG Advanced training, go to the web: <http://mastergardener.umd.edu/AdvancedTraining/index.cfm>

Ask A MG "Practicum" one 4 part course taking place in various locations in Baltimore County taught by Dr. Dave Clement, Mary Kay Malinoski, Bonnie Pavlak and Joe Marsala. Field walks to Historic Hampton House, Oregon Ridge and more.

Plant ID Taxonomy in Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Queen Annes County- all daytime classes in June taught by Wanda MacLachlan or Steve Dubik

Entomology- Getting Intimate with Your Foe Tuesday, June 23 9:30-3:30 in Carroll Co. Taught by Dr. Mike Raupp, one of Extension's best and most engaging presenters.

Landscape Horticulture: 200 Common Landscape plants

Flowering Shrubs- daytime in St. Mary's Co, taught by Bob Stewart in June

Ornamental Trees and Vines- daytime in Queen Anne's Co., taught by Steve Dubik in July
Shade Trees- Evenings in Prince George's Co. taught by Wanda MacLachlan in July.



NEWSPOST ARTICLE

It's Plant Sale Time!

Lee Royer, Special to News Post

Gardeners rejoice! The time to plant is fast approaching. Soon plants will be available in all the usual places: nurseries, groceries, farm, big box, and hardware stores. You all know where to find them. I want to tell you about other options. Plant sales are the logical choice for fund raising by garden clubs, horticultural societies, arboretums, agricultural groups and schools with horticulture programs. Plant exchanges are a little different. You pot up your extra plants and swap them for new ones. (If you take this route, be sure to pot up a few weeks in advance so you know they will grow well for the new owner.) Festivals are given by those partial to a particular plant or plant group and usually offer speakers and assorted activities. Here are some Frederick County Master Gardener favorites.

Frederick County Master Gardner Plant Sale

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2009, rain or shine

Time: 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Location: 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick



Description: Great prices on hundreds of plants: Perennials, hanging baskets, annuals, herbs, locally grown organic heirloom vegetables, hard-to-find native plants. Also a yard sale of garden assorted garden accessories, tools, and books. Make it and take it crafts for kids. *More info:* (301) 600-1596

Audubon Society of Central Maryland Plant Sale, Frederick County

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2009, rain or shine

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary, 13030 Old Annapolis Road, Mt. Airy, MD.

Description: A unique selection of fresh, healthy plant stock that not only comes from local suppliers, but is natively suited to weather and soil conditions unique to our area. *More info*

www.centralmdaudubon.org

11th Annual Pennsylvania Herb Festival



Date: April 17th & 18th, 2009

Time: Friday Noon to 7 p.m.;

Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Avenue, York, PA

Description: Dedicated to educating the public about growing and using herbs. Features speakers, workshops, numerous vendors of plants, herbal crafts, products for the gardener, cook and crafter.

More info: <http://www.paherbfest.com/>

Emmitsburg Branch Library 7th Annual Plant Exchange

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009, rain or shine

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD

Description: Too many daylilies, tomato plants, or oregano? Exchange the excess plants you have for plants you want at one of our most popular events!

More info: (301) 600-6329

Linganore High School (at Oakdale) Plant Sale

Dates and Times: Saturday April 25 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday April 26 - 9 a.m. to Noon; Saturday May 2 - 9 a.m. to Noon; Sunday May 3 - Noon to 4 p.m.

Location: 5850 Eaglehead Drive, Ijamsville

Description: Plants grown by the horticulture students include flowers, vegetable plants and herbs.

Beautiful hanging baskets provided by the Green Valley Nursery. More info Mr.

Hawthorne or Mrs. Beachy
240-566-9400



Frederick High School Plant Sale

Date: April 15 - end of May

Time: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: 650 Carroll Pkwy
Frederick. School greenhouse.

Description: Veggies, perennials, annuals, hanging baskets, and planters

More info: Mr. Main 240-236-7158

Catoctin High School FFA/Agriculture Program Spring Bedding Plant Sale

Date: April 18 to May 15 (except spring break May 1-9)

Time: Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon; weekdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during school hours.

Location: 14745 Sabillasville Road, Thurmont. Greenhouses near the ag parking area through the back gates by the baseball field.

Description: Assorted plants to choose or use advance order form. *More info:* 240-236-8192 or 240-236-8115, leave message for Ms. Ogg or Mr. Beavan. E-mail diane.ogg@fcps.org

Adkins Arboretum Spring Plant Sale and Walk

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: 12610 Eveland Road, Ridgely, MD

Description: Features a wide range of trees, shrubs, grasses, and perennial herbaceous plants native to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Used gardening and nature-themed books and magazines. Members receive a 10% discount on plants. Arboretum has a bookstore. *More info:*

<http://www.adkinsarboretum.org/>

Pennsylvania Lavender Festival

Date: June 19-21, 2009, rain or shine

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Location: Willow Pond Farm,
Fairfield, PA

Description: Only such event in the eastern U.S. Three acres of blooming lavender. This year, keynote speaker will be David Hirsch, of Moosewood Restaurant. Cut your own lavender or start your own lavender bed by purchasing some of the 100 certified organic varieties. Attend lectures and workshops by internationally acclaimed experts, shop at the "Lavender Tent", and at juried outside vendors. *More info:*

<http://www.palavenderfestival.com/>

