

Frederick County

# Master Gardener Newsletter



## June is coming up GREEN

### June 2010

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### *Trice's Tidbits*

Wow! May was a very busy month for our team. Besides committees planning for future events we had: 'Meet Me in the Garden' seminars, Urbana Elementary School Wetlands Celebration, Bay-Wise Training, Advisory Committee Meeting, Monthly Master Gardener Meeting, Frederick Garden Tour, and Annual Training Day. I may have missed a few. We also had an Extension Advisory Council meeting with three people representing our program.

The Annual Training Day was held on May 26<sup>th</sup> on the University of Maryland College Park Campus. We heard from Dr. Wei, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as well as Jon Traunfeld, State Master Gardener Coordinator. Back by popular demand, was the HGIC Players to entertain us. These folks are employed as the help desk team at the state site. We then enjoyed the keynote speaker, Dr. Lee Reich (pronounced with a long 'I' and 'sh' sound.) who wrote the book titled, 'Weedless Gardening'. From my vantage point, it looked as if everyone was listening intently. I purchased a copy of his book to have in our library. Feel free to view it. We then attended three sessions, enjoyed lunch, and got to take advantage of the many vendors. I can proudly say that Frederick County had 29 people including me, in attendance. The 'sea of red' was alive once again during the initial roll call and throughout the day. Every year I go, I hear several people say how nice our shirts look. In a future email, I will compile the brief notes, or little but important things we learned, as submitted to me from the participants. Please get them in soon if you have not done so. List the name of the class and the one thing you learned that you would like to share with the rest of the group.

4-H After-School Program: Mondays and Tuesdays offered me the opportunities to teach Thurmont and Walkersville middle school students about some aspect of horticulture. We potted marigolds, studied potting soil, learned to identify trees and shrubs, looked at the National Junior Horticulture Judging contest, and got to study a 'salad box'. As I was packing up one day to leave, several adults expressed an interest in the salad box. It really is an 'attention getter'.

Summer MG Training Class: There has been much interest in this program. Further updates will be given at the monthly meeting.  
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## Our Committees @ Work



### SUNSHINE

Help keep our Master Gardeners informed on births, illness, etc. in the group. Send information to Avonell Watson, [aswatson2@verizon.net](mailto: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.

### Bay-Wise Committee

The annual Bay-Wise Training was held on May 10 and May 11. We shared training with Washington County and had a class of 20 MG's; 12 from Frederick County and 8 from Washington County. Several of our Frederick County participants will have their landscapes certified later this month.

Go Green Energy Conference: Again this year the Bay-Wise Committee will be at the Go Green Energy Conference Symposium on June 7th at the Frederick Fairgrounds. We are pleased to offer the Go Green Energy Conference group hypertufa troughs- made by committee members- planted with herbs and sedums as table decorations for break-out sessions to be given to participants. We will also be taking Native trees, shrubs and perennials to the conference for displays.

This symposium is free to the public. Please join us there.

Bay-Wise Committee is moving forward with plans for a Rain Garden display at the Great Frederick Fair for MG day September 19. Fun, Fun, Fun!!

Respectfully submitted,

Elyse Phillips

Bay-Wise Committee Chair



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Next Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and plant(s) that you may wish to exchange. We will have a brief meeting.

Thank You: I wish to thank all of you for supporting the Master Gardener program and myself. I am sure the thousands of Frederick County residents you have served or educated appreciate everything you do. You have certainly made my life worthwhile.

Susan Trice

Horticulture Educator/ Master Gardener Coordinator

# MG CALENDAR



**HELP DESK: Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

- Jun 1 Seminar Series Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m.  
Jun 1 “Meet Me in the Garden” Grow It Eat It Series—  
Squash and Pumpkins, 6 p.m.  
Jun 1 Junior Master Gardeners – Lincoln Elementary , 4-6 pm  
Jun 8 Evening in Garden Potluck, Plant Exchange, Brief Business Mtg., 6-8p.m.  
July 6 Advisory Committee Meeting, Noon-2  
July 7 – Summer Master Gardener Training Class (dates are: July 7, 10, 14, 17,  
August 14, 2010 skip a week, 28, 31. August 4, 7, skip a week, 18, 21, 25, 28)  
*Wednesdays– 6-9 p.m. Saturdays 9-3 with working lunch*

