



Frederick County Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

- Speakers Bureau & Teaching Classes** – Speak to garden clubs & other community groups. Teach at special events, open houses, & wherever opportunity arises (day or evening events). Find speakers for monthly meetings & events.
- Demonstration & Community Gardens** – Plant, maintain, plan, prepare signs & guides, organize tours, & teach at the Demonstration Gardens on the Maryland Cooperative Extension grounds in Frederick. There are vegetable, handicapped-accessible, children's, wildlife, shade, & herb gardens. In June & October, celebrate spring flowering and fall harvest. Support community gardens and restoration projects throughout the county.
- Plant Clinics & Horticulture Help Desk** – Answer questions about plants, plant diseases, insects, gardening, landscaping, and seasonal issues throughout the growing season. Plant clinics are held at Baughman's Lane Market on Saturdays and Ft. Detrick monthly Tuesdays. The Horticulture Help Desk runs every Monday morning at the Extension Office.
- Youth Outreach** – Support the Junior Master Gardener Program & reach out to youth groups and elementary schools. Current program is at S. Frederick Elementary every Friday after school—contact Bunny LaDouceur at 240-409-6542.
- Plant Sale** - Work on our annual fundraiser, held the last Saturday in April. This is the first big event of the year where all the MGs work together--lots of fun and very educational.
- Great Frederick Fair** – Share Master Gardener resources & enthusiasm at the Great Frederick Fair. Another big event & great outreach--hands-on activities & displays have been especially popular.
- Affirmative Action Outreach** – Reach out to minority communities with educational programs & community gardening projects.
- Therapeutic Horticulture** – Lead activities in nursing homes, with the developmentally disabled, or with anyone who would benefit from the chance to grow or garden.
- Newspaper Column & Publicity** – Write articles for the MG column in the Frederick News-Post & other regional media. Help design signage for demonstration gardens & display boards.
- Photography** – Take photos of Master Gardener event participants or of plants & pests for outreach materials. Develop & manage a library of digital, slide & print photos (see Library).
- Library & Website** – Manage library & presentation materials (see Photography). Assist webmaster in creating informative & interesting pages for the Master Gardener website.
- Environmental Projects** – Teach Baywise programs, work with Community Commons, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Thorpewood, National Wildlife Federation or other groups on conservation landscaping & environmentally beneficial gardening projects. Seek grants to develop displays.
- Administration** – Support the Master Gardener program by helping keep track of volunteer hours, organizing outreach materials, & taking care of other administrative duties.
- Social & Educational Programming** – Plan field trips to regional & Master Gardener gardens & other social events.