



AAMG March 2024 Newsletter

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Anne Arundel County Master Gardener News

Coordinator's Corner

Maxine Yoon, Master Gardener Coordinator

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Ask A MG Plant Clinic – tabling events

There are so many volunteer opportunities coming up at various events throughout the county. We would love your help! I will be at most of these events unless noted otherwise. If you are interested in

participating, please email me at maxyoon@umd.edu and email Robin Costas at costasrt@gmail.com.

Homestead Gardens

March 16th @ Davidsonville: 10 am – 2 pm, big crowd due to a speaker event

March 23rd @ Davidsonville: 10 am – 2pm, Green Expo (I am unable to attend)

there will be another opportunity to have a table sometime in June which is when Homestead Gardens is promoting Pollinator Month

Odenton Library

March 23rd: 2pm – 4 pm

April 20th: 9 am – 11am, Earth day event

Harundale Presbyterian Church's 2nd Annual Spring Fling Resource Fair in Glen Burnie

April 27th: 10 am – 2 pm

<https://harundalepc.org/2024/02/28/spring-fling-resource-fair-april-27th/> (I am unable to attend)

4 Rivers Garden Club @ Annapolis Flower Mart

April 28th: 10 am – 1 pm, Maryland Hall, Annapolis (I am unable to attend)

Bodkin Elementary Environmental and Local Culture Fair

May 4th @ Bodkin Elementary School: 10 am – 1 pm

<https://www.aacpl.net/event/bodkin-environmental-fair-151551>

Farm Unity – Jitendra Rathod

Farm Unity is a community-built garden that grows fresh fruits and vegetables and donates them to their local library and local food pantries. They are currently looking for any volunteers that has some experience with woodworking specifically for setting up garden beds, fence posts, and fencing. If you are interested please let me and Jitendra Rathod know. His email is jrathod@farm-unity.org and my email is maxyoon@umd.edu. Volunteer hours are approved for this partnership. This includes volunteers that are already involved with Farm Unity.

For more information: www.farm-unity.org, www.aacpl.net/services/crofton

Mount Cuba – Garden Enthusiast Tour – April 11th

Last call for Mount Cuba! Only 9 tickets are remaining! Join us for an exciting in-person event at Mt. Cuba Center (<https://mtcubacenter.org/>) in Hockessin, DE, USA. Get ready to immerse yourself in the beauty of nature and explore the stunning gardens. This tour is perfect for all garden enthusiasts looking to discover new plant species and gain valuable insights from their expert guides. So mark your calendars and get ready for an unforgettable experience at Mount Cuba Center!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/803118136967?aff=oddtcreator>

Stay Classy Anne Arundel,

Maxine Y

Mark Your Calendar!

Monthly AAMG Meeting

March 12, 2024

7:00pm – 8:45pm

Zoom: <https://umd.zoom.us/j/99439900369>

Agenda: coming soon!

2024 Grow It Eat It Meeting

March 13, 2024

Join us virtually on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 10 AM- 12 PM Get updates for the 2024 growing season, the Year of Heirloom Tomatoes, and the county GIEI programs.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Stephanie Pully at pully@umd.edu by February 28, 2024.

Zoom Registration - <https://go.umd.edu/GIEIwinter24>

2024 Monthly Plant Clinic Update

April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, July 10th, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this webinar, please contact Stephanie Pully at least 2 weeks prior to the webinar at (410) 531-1754 or pully@umd.edu.

This event is only open to current Active or Intern Master Gardeners.

Zoom Registration -https://umd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v1ktTFCyRKeEFdSFhnlisQ#/registration

Garden Like a Forager

March 23rd, 10 AM – 12 PM

Join us in-person at **University of Maryland Extension, Montgomery County**
18410 Muncaster Road Derwood, MD 20855

Tama Wong will talk about gardening in the Anthropocene, a time of change and where the imprint of human activity has reached all corners of the earth. She will make a case for wild gardens, managed for diversity and resilience, but not manicured control. The wild garden becomes a place not only to enjoy, but also to harvest weeds and intentional plantings for cooking, flower arrangements, teas, and celebrations.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garden-like-a-forager-tickets-814388436737?aff=oddtcreator>

Apprentice Gardens

This has been a mostly mild winter (so far), and in the Apprentice Garden at Kinder Farm Park, the crimson clover cover crop is growing. The herbs and strawberries are beginning to show some spring growth. Whatever baby critters were nestled in a bucket of shredded newspaper in the garden shed were disturbed by the shed door being blown open during the past month. We hope the mother and her brood are safe in their new quarters.



The Apprentice Garden program is fully subscribed for this season, and we have already begun a waitlist for 2025. Only one of the eight families from 2023 are repeating this season. Of the four families who were eligible, two moved out of the area and one couple is expecting a baby in May - they asked to be top of the waitlist for next season. We recruited 7 families from our waitlist and those families will bring 14 children, from ages 1 to 14 years. Each family will be assigned one of the 8' spaces along the fences to grow their choices of vegetables, and the Master Gardeners will tend the center, and the corner, common gardens. By the end of March, potatoes and early greens will have been planted. The perennial rosemary, thyme, sage and lavender has continued to thrive in the Mediterranean garden, as well as the strawberries in their corner garden. Mint will be sure to poke up wherever.



Kristin is planning a work party on March 20th at 10AM, weather permitting. Volunteers will open the garden, clear winter perennial debris, and plant potatoes, lettuces and greens. The first meeting with the families is planned for Wednesday, April 3rd, at 6 PM in the Harvest Hall at the Kinder Farm Park Visitor's Center. Volunteers meet for project set-up before the families arrive ~5:30; families at 6PM, and clean-up and exit before 7:15PM.

Throughout the season, April through September, the project meets at 6:30PM every Wednesday at the Apprentice Garden in the community gardens at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville.

Master Gardener volunteers are welcome to "adopt" part of the perennial gardens along the "outside of the fence" and maintain it on your own schedule. Native goldenrod, mint and chives on one side, and brown-eyed Susans on the other. Milkweed, tall phlox, iris, BES, mountain mint and a peony grow by the garden gate.

Please consider volunteering in the Apprentice Garden. Volunteers, and interns are welcome *anytime*. You can join us at the Wednesday meetings, and/or do other-day garden checks and extra watering. Your children are welcome to join you. There is always a sign-in sheet in the garden mailbox to record your presence and to note your hours. Thank you in advance.

The Apprentice Garden is dedicated to organic techniques; we do not roto-till for spring planting. Potatoes and lettuces will be planted in mid-March; the cover crop removed only where needed. The vegetation will be left on the gardens to dry and will be turned into the soil, or composted in the in-garden bin

Hope you can join us in the Apprentice Garden in 2024!

If you would like more information, please contact Janet or Kristin.

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Compost and Native Gardens Project at Quiet Waters Park

The Compost and Native Gardens project is gearing up for its 22nd year. Spring cleanup sessions for the compost area and adjacent native gardens will be scheduled for the end of March and early April in preparation for the upcoming compost demonstrations for the public.

This is a multifaceted project that needs many hands. No matter your interest or skill level, you would be a welcome addition.

If you'd like to be part of our team, please contact pamdennisonmg@aol.com.

Pam Dennison, Project Chair



The Dairy Farm Demonstration Gardens

Welcome to 2024 and a New Year for the Dairy Farm Project!

We have scheduled our first meeting/work party of the year for Saturday, March 9, at 9:00am.

This is a very important work session as we need to prune and clean up all winter debris. We will also try to visualize the needed refurbishing.



We have great plans to REORGANIZE, RENEW, REPLANT AND REFRESH our gardens.

We are seeking any Master Gardener who would be interested in designing and implementing some changes so our gardens can continue to be the best they can be.

So, ALL HANDS ON DECK, regulars and new folks too. All are welcome.

Keep watching your newsletters and Friday Flashes for updated information.

Our regular work parties are the second Saturday and Fourth Thursday of each month.

We have tools, but please bring your own favorites, gloves, water, etc. you have any questions, please contact Malcolm Doying at oldcelt100@aol.com or 410-721-7610

Hancock's Resolution

Hancock Resolution's opening weekend will be Sunday, March 24 which coincides with Maryland Day 2024. Maryland Day Weekend is a unique group of heritage-based events located in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. <https://www.marylandday.org/>

Master Gardeners are needed to perform spring clean-up and prepare for planting. Weather permitting, volunteer events will occur from 9:30-12:30 on the first and third Mondays beginning March 18.) Master Gardeners can also volunteer on opening weekend (March 24) and on Sunday afternoons April through October to interact with the public and provide horticultural information. Looking ahead to April, the Friends of Hancock's Resolution (FOHR) is planning a Spring Festival with extended hours (11:00-4:00) on Sunday, April 21 and Spring Plowing with Horse Teams on Sunday, April 28. For the 2024 growing season, I hope to recruit Master Gardeners and interns with an interest in vegetable gardening, lavender plant propagation, growing herbs and heirlooms, plant identification and historic gardens.

The link to register to volunteer is [Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners: Volunteer Sign Up Hancock's Resolution \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

If you are not available to volunteer on Mondays or Sundays, let me know and we can find alternative tasks that will work with your schedule. Email me at willnancy3@verizon.net or call/text 410-952-9554.

Nancy Allred, Project Chair Hancock's Resolution



Photos from left: daffodils ready to pop, kitchen garden beds ready for planting, and garlic.

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