

AAMG March 2024 Newsletter

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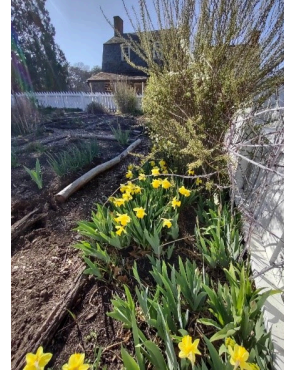
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Suzanne Weber is organizing a series of monthly speakers at Tawes as part of a new pollinator-focussed program. This is not a UMD Master Gardener project, but Maxine has agreed that attendance at these monthly programs can count towards Education hours. Suzanne hopes to kick off the series in April but is still pulling together last minute details so stay tuned to the Friday Flash for updates about topics, speakers and how to register. Sessions will be held at the DNR Building and are open to everyone. The program looks to be wide-ranging and very interesting, with some great speakers. More information will be available very soon. If you would like to get on a mailing list for these events, feel free to email Cindy Wells at cwells5953@cs.com with your details and I will pass your name along to Suzanne once she gets her database up and running.



Finally, the Virginia bluebells are starting to bloom in the Garden and should be in full bloom during the next two weeks. If you have time, stop by and take a little tour.



Tawes volunteers meet every Wednesday, anytime from 8am-12noon at the Tawes Garden, DNR Building, [570 Taylor Ave., Annapolis](#). Free parking is in the Naval Stadium through Gate 6 or in front of the DNR building. Bring a photo ID to access the building as well as your own small tools. Larger tools are provided. We welcome old and new MG's!

Cindy Wells & Kathy Devine, co-chairs

Vegetable Gardening at the Dairy Farm

Greetings all Mg's.

I am pleased to announce that the Veggie Garden at the Dairy Farm project is now its own separate entity. So, if you are specifically interested in growing food, please join us.



We will begin our season on Thursday, March 28, at 9:00 am.

The gardens beds have been repaired and are ready to go. We will begin with removing winter weeds and lifting the soil. We will also plant potatoes and peas and possibly our cold weather crops.

If we have enough MG's, we need to add 2yds of compost to the raised beds.

If you missed our first meeting, we will meet again on Saturday, April 13, and Saturday, April 27. This is a change in our regular schedule because Pat has a conflict.

NOTE: We meet the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of each month.

If you would like to added to my mailing list, please let me know.

For continuing information, please read your newsletters and Friday Flashes.

Looking forward to another great year,

Pat Shema, Chair pshema@aol.com 410-721-7610

Mark Your Calendar!**Monthly AAMG Meeting**

April 9, 2024

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

Agenda: coming soon!

How Native Plant Cultivars Affect Pollinators

April 12, 2024

12:00-1:30 PM

Location: Virtual

Are native cultivars as valuable in pollinator habitat gardens as valuable as straight native species? Native plants are generally recommended for supporting pollinators, but the growing demand for native plants, coupled with the horticulture industry's desire for plants with unique characteristics, has led to the increased breeding and availability of native cultivars or "nativars". Annie White was one of the first researchers in the country to evaluate native cultivars based on their ecological value instead of just their garden performance. Informed by both years of rigorous field research and real-world landscape design experience, Annie's talk will discuss both the benefits and challenges of using native species and their cultivars in the landscape.

Click [here](#) for more information.**Sustainable Solutions: Landscaping for Resilience Around Septic Systems and Flood-Prone Areas**

May 10, 2024

12:00-1:30 PM

Location: Virtual

Join us for an insightful webinar on integrating conservation landscaping practices to promote environmental sustainability and resilience in areas surrounding septic systems and flood-prone zones. Discover practical strategies and innovative approaches to design and maintain landscapes that mitigate risks associated with flooding while supporting the health and functionality of septic systems. From native plant selection to stormwater management techniques, this webinar equips homeowners, landscapers, and environmental enthusiasts with the knowledge needed to create beautiful, resilient landscapes that protect both property and the environment.

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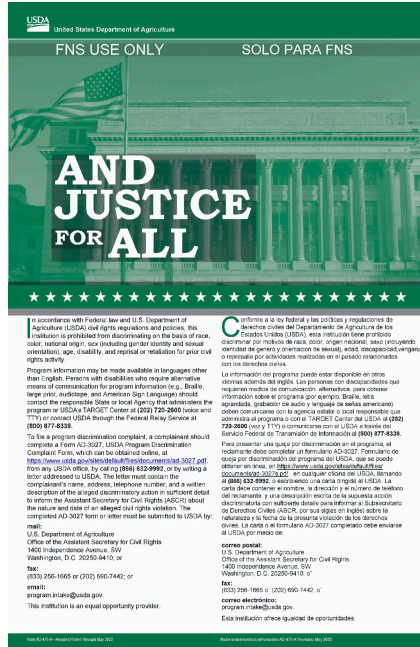
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Zoom Registration -https://umd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v1ktTFCyRKeEFdSFhnlisQ#registration

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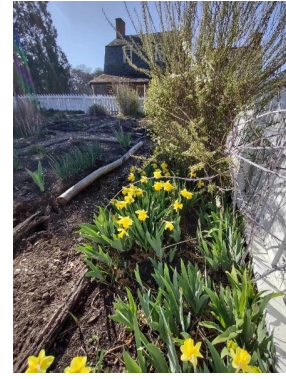
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Butterfly and Bumblebee Habitat Stewards Program

Suzanne Weber is organizing a series of monthly speakers at Tawes as part of a new pollinator-focussed program. This is not a UMD Master Gardener project, but Maxine has agreed that attendance at these monthly programs can count towards Education hours. Suzanne hopes to kick off the series in April but is still pulling together last minute details so stay tuned to the Friday Flash for updates about topics, speakers and how to register. Sessions will be held at the DNR Building and are open to everyone. The program looks to be wide-ranging and very interesting, with some great speakers. More information will be available very soon. If you would like to get on a mailing list for these events, feel free to email Cindy Wells at cwells5953@cs.com with your details and I will pass your name along to Suzanne once she gets her database up and running.



Finally, the Virginia bluebells are starting to bloom in the Garden and should be in full bloom during the next two weeks. If you have time, stop by and take a little tour.



Tawes volunteers meet every Wednesday, anytime from 8am-12noon at the Tawes Garden, DNR Building, [570 Taylor Ave., Annapolis](https://www.dnr.state.md.us/locations/570TaylorAve/). Free parking is in the Naval Stadium through Gate 6 or in front of the DNR building. Bring a photo ID to access the building as well as your own small tools. Larger tools are provided. We welcome old and new MG's!

Cindy Wells & Kathy Devine, co-chairs

Vegetable Gardening at the Dairy Farm

Greetings all Mg's.

I am pleased to announce that the Veggie Garden at the Dairy Farm project is now its own separate entity. So, if you are specifically interested in growing food, please join us.



We will begin our season on Thursday, March 28, at 9:00 am.

The gardens beds have been repaired and are ready to go. We will begin with removing winter weeds and lifting the soil. We will also plant potatoes and peas and possibly our cold weather crops.

If we have enough MG's, we need to add 2yds of compost to the raised beds.

If you missed our first meeting, we will meet again on Saturday, April 13, and Saturday, April 27. This is a change in our regular schedule because Pat has a conflict.

NOTE: We meet the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of each month.

If you would like to added to my mailing list, please let me know.

For continuing information, please read your newsletters and Friday Flashes.

Looking forward to another great year,

Pat Shema, Chair pshema@aol.com 410-721-7610

Mark Your Calendar!

Monthly AAMG Meeting

April 9, 2024
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Zoom: <https://umd.zoom.us/j/99439900369>
Agenda: coming soon!

How Native Plant Cultivars Affect Pollinators

April 12, 2024
12:00-1:30 PM
Location: Virtual

Are native cultivars as valuable in pollinator habitat gardens as valuable as straight native species? Native plants are generally recommended for supporting pollinators, but the growing demand for native plants, coupled with the horticulture industry's desire for plants with unique characteristics, has led to the increased breeding and availability of native cultivars or "nativars". Annie White was one of the first researchers in the country to evaluate native cultivars based on their ecological value instead of just their garden performance. Informed by both years of rigorous field research and real-world landscape design experience, Annie's talk will discuss both the benefits and challenges of using native species and their cultivars in the landscape.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Sustainable Solutions: Landscaping for Resilience Around Septic Systems and Flood-Prone Areas

May 10, 2024
12:00-1:30 PM
Location: Virtual

Join us for an insightful webinar on integrating conservation landscaping practices to promote environmental sustainability and resilience in areas surrounding septic systems and flood-prone zones. Discover practical strategies and innovative approaches to design and maintain landscapes that mitigate risks associated with flooding while supporting the health and functionality of septic systems. From native plant selection to stormwater management techniques, this webinar equips homeowners, landscapers, and environmental enthusiasts with the knowledge needed to create beautiful, resilient landscapes that protect both property and the environment.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Steph Pully at pully@umd.edu on or before Friday, April 26, 2024.

Click [here](#) for more information.

2024 Monthly Plant Clinic Update

April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4, October 2

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

Zoom Registration -[https://umd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v1ktTCyRkEFDsFhnlisQ#/
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