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Frederick County

Frederick County GARDEN SMART

Our mission is to educate Maryland residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. Most of our services are FREE.



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EARTHVEST! SATURDAY, MAY 31

9:30 am-1:30 pm, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick

It's family friendly and free! Learn from Master Gardeners and other groups about pollinators and protecting the environment.

View displays inside and outside at the University of MD Extension Building. Visit our demonstration gardens. Children will enjoy crafts and activities throughout the day, including painting rocks to look like bees, ladybugs, garden scenes, or abstract creations. Find out more on our social media.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Visit us at
bit.ly/FCMG-Home-Gardening
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MASTER GARDENERS AT THE FREDERICK FAIR

Friday, September 12, 4-8 pm

Saturday, Sept. 13 — Sat., Sept. 20, 9:30 am-8 pm

Building 44, City Streets/Country Roads

Take a look at the beautiful blooms in our pollinator garden, just beyond Building 44.



Check out the creative small containers on the walls of our booth and talk with Master Gardeners about:

- Growing vegetables, herbs, flowers, small fruits, and more.
- Creating healthy waterways and communities using Bay-Wise landscaping.
- Attracting, sustaining and protecting bees, butterflies and other pollinators.
- Understanding the importance of native plants.

ALL ABOUT HERBS

Did you know that the blooms of herbs support bees, butterflies and other pollinators? Or that good drainage is the most important factor in successfully growing herbs? Find out more about growing and caring for culinary herbs at <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/herbs-home-garden/>.



Topics include starting from seed and cuttings, growing conditions, recognizing and dealing with problems (from insects to overwatering), and harvesting.

PLAN TO ATTEND UPCOMING FREE SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Join us for FREE seminars, suitable for both beginning and advanced gardeners, at the University of Maryland Extension office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Registration opens 3 weeks before each seminar. Use the links below or call 301-600-1595. Seminars focused on growing vegetables and other edibles are marked GIEI (Grow It, Eat It).

MAY

Saturday, May 17, 10 am – Noon (GIEI)
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

Manage pests with ecosystem-based methods to minimize the use of pesticides. Learn how to identify, prevent, and manage plant problems using biological control, habitat changes, and cultural habits. bit.ly/FCMG25-IPM

Saturday, May 31, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
ANNUAL EARTHFEST

See details on front of flyer

JUNE

Wednesday, June 4, 10 am – 11 am
STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN

For young children accompanied by an adult
Rain date: June 11, 10-11 am

Saturday, June 7, 10 am – Noon GIEI
SUMMER VEGGIE GARDEN

Join us in the Demonstration Garden for a hands-on experience planting the home garden. Learn about seeds and transplants, planting techniques, planting for pollinators, and basic IPM (integrated pest management). bit.ly/FCMG25SummerVeggieGarden

Saturday, June 14, 10 am – Noon GIEI
GROWING HERBS HERE & THERE

Learn about the variety of both annual and perennial herbs you can grow in the ground and/or in containers. See how you can plant an herb garden as well as merge herb plantings into your flower and vegetable beds. Take a look at how herbs are grown throughout our Demonstration Garden, including in our clever herb spiral. bit.ly/FCMG25-GrowingHerbs

JULY

Wednesday, July 2, 10 – 11 am
STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN

For young children accompanied by an adult
Rain date: July 9, 10-11 am

Saturday, July 12, 10 am – Noon GIEI
CONTAINER GARDENING

Even in the limited space of a deck, porch, patio, or balcony, you can create your own garden oasis! See how to grow vegetables, herbs, small fruits, and decorative plants in a variety of containers. Learn how to select the proper plants for different size containers, to group plants by their needs, and to elevate containers to provide easy access without stooping and bending. bit.ly/FCMG25-ContainerGardening

Saturday, July 26, 10 am – Noon
STORM WATER & IRRIGATION

Learn about storm water runoff and how to reduce its effects on your own property using rain gardens. Find out how to collect rainwater in rain barrels and raingardens. bit.ly/FCMG25-StormwaterIrrigation

AUGUST

Saturday, August 2, 10 am – Noon
GROWING UP WILD

For educators who work with children 3 to 7 years old; adults only. Limited to 15 participants. Pre-registration is required.

Growing Up Wild prepares educators to teach young children by building on their sense of wonder about nature through a wide range of activities and experiences. For more info visit: <https://bit.ly/FishWildlifeGrowingWild>. Participants will receive a certificate, a guide, and (if needed) approved credits. bit.ly/FCMG25-GrowingUpWild

Wednesday, August 6, 10 – 11 am
STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN

For young children accompanied by an adult
Rain date: August 13, 10-11 am

Want to Become a Master Gardener?
Contact us this Fall for info about the 2026 training class: 301-600-1595.

Saturday, August 9, 10 am – Noon GIEI
FALL SEASON VEGETABLE GARDENING

Begin to plant now for a harvest in the fall. Find out what to plant and when to plant it. Discover the benefits of making and using row covers. bit.ly/FCMG25-FallVegGarden

Saturday, August 23, 10 am – Noon
MAKE & TAKE MINI-GARDEN

For 1st-12th graders accompanied by an adult. Limited to 15 children. Pre-registration required. Design and plant a decorated miniature garden to take home! Plants and decorations will be provided but bring your own gardening gloves. Free for children. Adults may plant their own mini garden for \$5; note it on the registration and pay (cash or check) at class. bit.ly/FCMG25-MakeTakeMiniGarden

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER SEMINARS

Look for details in the next issue of this publication, and on the Frederick County Master Gardeners Facebook and Instagram.

Wednesday, September 3, 10 am – 11 am
STORYTIME IN THE GARDEN

Rain date: September 10, 10-11 am

Saturday, September 6, 10 am – Noon
PAWPAWS, A LITTLE-KNOWN TREASURE

Saturday, September 13, 10 am – Noon GIEI
SEED SAVING FOR A SUSTAINABLE KITCHEN GARDEN

Wednesday, October 1, 10 am – 11 am
STORY TIME IN THE GARDEN

Saturday, October 4, 10 am – Noon
MINDFULNESS IN THE GARDEN

Saturday, October 11, 10 am – Noon
MAKE A HYPERTUFA BOWL

Saturday, November 1, 10 am – Noon
RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE: DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS

Saturday, November 8, 10 am – Noon
INDOOR PLANTS & WELLNESS

Saturday, December 6, 10 am – Noon
PROPAGATING NATIVE PLANTS

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Accommodations: If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact Kim Krasauskis, Admin. Assist., at 301-600-1595 on or before 2 weeks prior this event.

GARDENING QUESTIONS? GET ANSWERS!
to Gardening Questions at <https://extension.umd.edu/ask-extension/>