Natural Lands Project at Washington College
Speaker: Dan Small, Field Ecologist
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Monthly MG Meeting, 9:30 am

Balancing natural lands on working farms to increase wildlife habitat and improve water quality. Maryland’s Eastern Shore is a mosaic of farms, small towns, woodlots and rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay. Those who live here have a special appreciation of the region’s rural heritage of sport, beauty, and outdoor recreation. Some people have noticed that while the Rockfish still bite each spring, there are other aspects of the landscape that have changed, some species that are disappearing. The emphatic “BOB-white” call of quail used to be widespread, but now is hard to find. There don’t seem to be as many fireflies or butterflies as when we were kids and there certainly aren’t the same number of ducks as there were in our grandfather’s youth.

Increasing human populations and the rise of intensive farming have shifted the balance away from wildlife and toward human-kind, but you can take some easy steps to rectify the situation, and we are here to help.

Since 2015, Washington College’s Center for Environment & Society teamed up with various organizations to help make the rural landscape of the Eastern Shore more wildlife-friendly while trying to improve water quality within local watersheds. A team from Washington College is making farm visits, meeting with landowners and making recommendations for habitat improvements. Native warm season grass plantings replace marginal crop land, improving wildlife habitat and the water quality downstream at the same time. Wet and poorly drained sections of fields can be converted to wetlands which attract wintering waterfowl, like the American Black Duck. A wildflower “pollinator patch” installed close to the farm house can create a beautiful vista that also hosts native bees and supplies the Monarch Butterfly with the milkweed it needs to reproduce. Dan Small will explain what his team has achieved so far and how you could be part of this effort if you are a landowner.

Queen Anne's County Government Building, 110 Vincit St., Centreville, Meeting Room 1
Congratulations to Rachel and Ryan on the birth of their son Henry Robert Rhodes

Henry was born on Friday, February 15
7lbs 3 oz and 19” long

⇒ While Rachel is out on maternity leave here is a list of people who will be running the “show.”
⇒ **Office Support:**
  ⇒ Shelia Shorter sshorter@umd.edu
  ⇒ Lee Ann Schnappinger Bridgman lbridgmn@umd.edu Lee is only part-time so please be patient if she doesn’t get back to you immediately.
  ⇒ Office phone number: 410-758-0166
  ⇒ Shelia and Lee will provide office support to the Master Gardener’s while I am on leave. They will help with copies, scheduling meetings at the office for committees, and other things as needed. Please make sure that you give them ample notice before stopping in if you need help with things.
⇒ **Newsletter:**
  ⇒ Sabine Harvey Phone: 410-778-1661 Email: sharvey1@umd.edu
  ⇒ Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 23rd of every month
⇒ **Seed Swap (Kent Island Library in Stevensville)**
  ⇒ Karen Wimsatt (Lead) Email: jimandkaren.wimsatt@gmail.com
  ⇒ Date: March 16th
⇒ **Plant Sale**
  ⇒ Chairs Cathy Tengwell cathy1542@gmail.com and Laura Klingler clerisy@me.com
  ⇒ Greenhouse lead Jim Mullikin (MG) mullikin110@gmail.com and Danny Levan (office staff)
⇒ **Monthly Meetings**-Office staff-Lee & Shelia
  ⇒ MG support-Jim Persels jpersels@yahoo.com
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- All MG volunteer activities have been added to [http://signup.com/go/QdpYbQP](http://signup.com/go/QdpYbQP) Please use this link to sign up for the Plant Sale, helping in the greenhouse, the seed swap, and the plant clinic.

- **MG Hours:** Sabine and Pat Bowell will still have access to approve hours.

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**Recording MG Hours-The New System**

In early January the State MG Program launched our new MG Volunteer Management System (VMS) replacing the Online Tracking System (OTS) for recording volunteer hours. For more information on recording and reporting volunteer data go to: [http://extension.umd.edu/mg/program-management/tracking-volunteer-hours](http://extension.umd.edu/mg/program-management/tracking-volunteer-hours)

Once you become familiar with the functions of the new system, we hope that you will find the experience to be much more user friendly and offer new opportunities to report and view your volunteer records. Here’s another great link to walk you through the process: [https://myemail.constantcontact.com/UME-Master-Gardener-Program---Learn-About-Our-New-Volunteer-Management-System--VMS-.html?aid=RPN6sNwNgw8](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/UME-Master-Gardener-Program---Learn-About-Our-New-Volunteer-Management-System--VMS-.html?aid=RPN6sNwNgw8)

As always if you have questions or concerns please give Rachel or Sabine a call.
Horticulture Lectures

March 8: Amphibians and Reptiles in the Garden, Dr. Heather Cunningham, Associate Professor of Biology, Chesapeake College

March 15: Splendor in the Grass: the Chesapeake Bay's Native Aquatic Grasses, Kate Livie, Chesapeake writer

March 22: Delaware Botanic Gardens: From a Humble Beginning to an Amazing Reality, Ruth Rogers Clausen, published author and garden writer

March 29 The Mushroom Chronicles --- Fungi and why plants need them, William Needham, President of the Mycological Association of Washington, DC

All talks take place at the Kent County Public Library
408 High Street, Chestertown
Fridays, 10-11:30am

In case of inclement weather or for more information
410-778-1661, sharvey1@umd.edu
http://extension.umd.edu/kent-county/home-gardening
2019 Bay-Wise Meetings
Submitted by: MG Debbie Pusey

Our goal for 2019 is to do 20 certifications of which at least 10 will be Master Gardeners. Starting with our March monthly general meeting, we will have a sign-up sheet for MG’s to sign up for their property to be certified. If we do 2 to 3 a month, we will easily reach our goal and hopefully surpass it.
Bay-Wise will have an exhibit at the Seed Swap at Kent Island Library on Saturday, March 16th. Our exhibit last year generated a lot of interest in the program. It’s a timely event as people are generally looking forward to spring and planning their gardens.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19th at 1:30pm at the Extension office. All are welcome to attend.

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Queen Anne’s County Master Gardener & Galilee Garden Third annual Seed Swap and Garden Day
Saturday, March 16th 10am -12pm
Kent Island Public Library 200 Library Circle, Steviesville, MD

Galen Garden Community
- Garden plot renewal
- Ask A Master Gardener Plant Clinic
- Learn about being a Bay Wise Gardener
- Trade Seeds
- Learn about Pollinator Gardening

This event is FREE and open to the public

For more Information Contact: University of Maryland Extension Queen Anne’s County (410) 758-0114 or email kgodley@umd.edu

There are still plenty of ways to help—sign up here: http://signup.com/go/SyMwafK
State-Wide Grow It Eat It Meeting
Thursday, March 14
College Park

Grow It Eat It Statewide Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 14, 2019 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | Maryland 4-H Foundation | 8020 Greenmead Dr. | College Park, Maryland

Sign-in and Refreshments
Coffee, pastries, and fruit will be provided.

GIEI Updates
Upcoming GIEI Statewide Meeting
July 2019 | TBD | 10 am - 2 pm

HGIC & UME Master Gardener staff updates

2018 UME Grow It Eat It annual data reporting results

UME Master Gardener Learning Garden located at The Maryland State Fair

Plant & pest problems updates

Discussion Topics
GIEI 2.0 | Where do you want to take the UME GIEI program? How do we get there?

2019 is the Year of the Allium | Do we want to continue the “Year of the ...” GIEI programming?

How should we capture and share our GIEI success stories?

Which GIEI related topics are missing from the UME Home and Garden Information Center website: https://extension.umd.edu/hgic [e.g. where are the food gardening gaps]?

Improving the UME Master Gardener Basic Training experience by developing hands-on activities for each of the learning topics. Please share your ideas in-person at this GIEI meeting or email Steph Mathias at mathias@umd.edu.

GIEI County/City Program Updates
Each county/city program will have approximately 5 minutes to share their 2019 GIEI plans, challenges, and activities.
Plant Sale-Save the Date

We’re gearing up for our Annual Plant Sale. Mark your calendars now for our **Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11th.**

Laura & Cathy will need all hands on deck to help during the winter/spring months to get ready for this event. There’s a lot to get done, if you’d like to help in the greenhouse [http://signup.com/go/FgdjfCg](http://signup.com/go/FgdjfCg) or sign up for the day of [http://signup.com/go/LpDQwwO](http://signup.com/go/LpDQwwO). You will also be able to sign up at our monthly meetings.

Greenhouse Help

Our work days for the greenhouse are as follows:
- Monday, March 18th from 9-11AM
- Monday, April 1st from 9-11AM
- Wednesday, April 3rd from 9-11AM
- Monday, April 15th from 9-11AM

**Directions to the Greenhouse:** Take 213 North out of Centreville towards Chestertown. At Northbrook turn onto Spaniards Neck Rd. Take Spaniards Neck Road for 4.1 miles. Make a left onto Conquest Beach Road travel for about 2 miles. Go past the sign for Conquest Beach on your right. The greenhouse will be down on your left after the corn cribs.

Green Elephant

As you look at your garden and think about spring, please think what you would like to give to the MG plant sale green elephant. We would like a variety of items with a garden theme. We were successful last year with your help and hope you will help this year.

Any questions please contact Sue Goward, [sg@atlanticbb.net](mailto:sg@atlanticbb.net)

If you’d like to help in the greenhouse use this link [http://signup.com/go/FgdjfCg](http://signup.com/go/FgdjfCg)
Plant Sale-Continued

Labeling Plants

Submitted by: MG Louise Shearer

Once you have decided what plants you will be donating to the plant sale, email the information to Rachel with the subject line: “plant labels.”

In the body of the email, please include following:

Your name__________
The plant name__________
quantity_______

Other helpful information to include would be basic:
For perennial plants - common name, botanical name, height/size, sun/shade
For annuals: herb/flower/vegetable, name, color/height

Example of Plant Label

Common Name: Bronze fennel
Botanical Name: Foeniculum vulgare
Perennial
Size: 4-5’ spread to 12"
Sun: full sun
Soil: average
Bloom time: July-Aug
Color: Yellow
Native: No
Attracts: butterflies, host plant for swallowtail butterfly caterpillar

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Interested in being a hostess for our upcoming training? Hostesses/hosts have the important job of being the first individuals the interns will interact with from the program! They supply basic snacks or refreshments for the class, but are not expected to provide a full meal. Hostesses/hosts bring basic snacks and refreshments (coffee to be supplied by program) for roughly 18-25 interns attending the class on Thursday evenings & Saturday mornings. Crackers, cheese, fruit, veggies, and hummus are an example of some foods that have been provided in the past. Juice, tea, or lemonade are also popular choices. To sign up click here: To sign up visit: [http://signup.com/go/tOzSxjz](http://signup.com/go/tOzSxjz)
Kent Island Farmers Market
Submitted by: MG Liz Hammond & Deane Horowitz, KI Plant Clinic Chair

We had a very nice turnout for the “Ask a Master Gardener” booth at the February Farmers Market. Our theme was “How to Melt Ice and Snow Safely,” and we had about 40 visitors stop by and visit us. However, I don’t think they stopped by to actually check out how to melt ice and snow – they came because we were all wearing these really cute “hats” that looked like a spotted lanternfly! Deane thoughtfully brought several of the handouts that the speaker at the January Master Gardener meeting brought with her for her talk about this invasive species. I don’t know how professional we looked, but it got everyone’s attention. However, we certainly looked like we were having a very good time! One woman who stopped by was a teacher, and she wanted to know where she could get 45 of the paper hats for her students. Hopefully, the information on the inside of the “hat” helped her out.

We also had a discussion about spider mites with a visitor who had spoken to us about this issue last summer. I found spider mites on my Meyer Lemon tree this winter, but the plant was small enough to wipe them off with a wet cloth. I think our visitor had a yard full of them!

Many thanks to Jackie Kelly, Barbara Graham, and Karen Wimsatt for helping out this month, and Carol Romano stopped by for awhile also!

The next plant clinic will be March 14, we plan to have a display about “Starting from Seed,” and would love to have any master gardeners and interns help out! It’s a great way to get volunteer hours, shop at the farmers market, and have a great time! Please join us!

Liz Hammond  er93hammon@aol.com
Deane Horowitz  deanoch@yahoo.com
We’ll be at Christ Church, Stevensville, 830 Romancoke Rd.

Upcoming Plant Clinic Dates: (at the Kent Island Farmers Market-unless otherwise noted) from 3:30-6:30 PM
March 14, 2019
April 11, 2019
May 9, 2019
June 13, 2019
July 11, 2019
August 8, 2019
September 12, 2019
October 10, 2019
November 14, 2019
December 12, 2019

To sign up for a particular day email Liz, come to an MG meeting or click on this link:  http://signup.com/go/SyMwafK
The Talbot County Garden Club Spring Symposium, April 23, 2019

The event will be held at The Milestone in Easton. Tickets go on sale in January for $90 each, and include the program, lunch and the opportunity to shop with merchants. To purchase tickets, mail a check to the Talbot County Garden Club at P.O. Box 1524, Easton, MD 21601.

“We are looking forward to what promises to be one of our best symposiums yet,” said Symposium Chairwoman, Kim Eckart. “This is our major fundraiser for 2019 and will fund our community service projects throughout Talbot County.”

The speakers include:
Award-winning gardener and author Stephanie Cohen, also know as the Perennial Diva. Cohen will present a vibrant talk on “New and Underused Perennials.” She has taught courses at Temple University and is a contributing editor for Fine Gardening.

Award-winning gardener, floral designer and owner of Love ‘n Fresh Flowers, Jennie Love. Love ‘n Fresh is a sustainably managed urban flower farm and design studio in Philadelphia. Love trained as both a horticulturist and floral designer at Longwood Gardens, and was named as one of the top 62 floral designers in the nation by Martha Stewart Wedding’s. Love will create designs from flowers picked from Love ‘n Fresh gardens.

And, back by popular demand, four very talented members of the Talbot County Garden Club will dazzle attendees with their floral designs.

Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage QA County, May 4, 2019

The Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage (MHGP), a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of architecturally significant properties in the State of Maryland. The Pilgrimage has remained constant with this purpose since its formation in 1930. Pilgrims are given the opportunity to visit and tour unique houses and gardens spread out across the state of Maryland. The Spring 2019 tours will take place in Charles County, Queen Anne’s County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Carroll County. The first site in Queen Anne’s County is the Historic Stoooley-Gibson Manor and proceeds will benefit historic preservation efforts in the County.

IN QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY
• Pilgrims will have the opportunity to tour eight historic properties including 17th and 18th century privately-owned homes and other venues in the Kent Island, Queenstown, and Centerville areas. This unique day will include:
  • Beautiful waterfront vistas, century-old trees and calming outdoor spaces;
  • Preserved ice and meat houses, tenant homes, and slave quarters;
  • Revolutionary and Civil War history brought to live;
  • Historic schools established to ensure fair access to education;
  • Commerce and its role in everyday life.

INFORMATION & TICKETS: 443-223-1699 or 410-758-2071 or email: 2019qachousetour@gmail.com. https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4034216
Vegetables

- Plant a late crop of basil, cilantro, and dill.
- Plant a last crop of snap beans the first week of August.
- Plant cool season crops, including spinach, lettuce, carrots, beets, broccoli, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, turnips, kale and mustard.
- Keep seedlings moist and mulched.
- Order garlic, walking onions, and shallots for fall planting.
- Harvest leaves of herbs before they flower. Pick individually and dry indoors, or hang the stems in a dry, semi-shady room. Store dry leaves in air-tight jars. Fresh basil leaves freeze well in plastic bags that can be sealed.
- Keep weeding and watering.

Lawn

- In dry periods grasses go dormant but recover when rain returns.
- Newly seeded or sodded lawns may actually be dead and will need to be reseeded.
- Mid-August through mid-October is the best time to start new lawns and renovate or overseed existing lawns. We recommend a turf-type tall fescue cultivar at a rate of 4 lbs. of seed per 1,000 sq. ft. of area for overseeding, or 8 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. for new lawns.

Volunteer Opportunities

Nature Club in Chestertown

Jennie Lee (Soil Conservation), Beth Hill (4-H) and Sabine are running a Nature Club for 3rd-5th graders. Most students come from Garnett. The club meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at the yellow building (Library in Chestertown), from 4 until about 5:15pm.

Please contact Sabine Harvey if you would like to help out on sharvey1@umd.edu or 410-778-1661.

Garden Program at Kent County Middle School

Just like last year, we will be providing a program at Kent County Middle Schools on a number of Thursday mornings. We did this last year as well and it was pretty successful. The main idea is that we work in the garden, try to grow food and prepare/cook food as well. We will have about 20 students from grades 6-8.

We meet every three weeks

Time: 7:30-9:00am!!!!

Last year the students made a salad, sweet potato pancakes and tortillas from scratch; we dissected flowers and started seeds indoors; we made insect hotels and did a lot of work in the garden.

The dates are as follows: 3/21, 4/11, 5/2, 5/23

Please contact Sabine Harvey if you would be interested in helping out with one or more of these sessions. sharvey1@umd.edu, 410-778-1661

Newsletter

Do you have a knack for writing? Submitting an article to the newsletter is a great way to earn a few hours during the winter months. To submit an article email Rachel and Sabine

Plant Clinics, Fountain Park, Chestertown

Saturday mornings, 8am—noon

We will have plant clinics in Chestertown on the following dates:

April 20: Earth Day Event
May 11
May 25: Tea Party Festival, 9am until 4pm. We will need lots of volunteers!!
June 15 and 19
July 13 and 27
August 10 and 24
September 7

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sabine Harvey, sharvey1@umd.edu or 410-778-1661
Pre-recorded Webinars:
- Water University: Science Based Homeowner Education [https://learn.extension.org/events/3514](https://learn.extension.org/events/3514)
- Powdery mildew: Biology & Management in the Garden [https://learn.extension.org/events/3290](https://learn.extension.org/events/3290)
- Hybridization and Tetraploids and Chromosomes, Oh My! Understanding Plant Breeding for Disease Resistance [https://learn.extension.org/events/3287](https://learn.extension.org/events/3287)
- Avoiding and Remedy Abiotic Injury of Trees [https://learn.extension.org/events/3033](https://learn.extension.org/events/3033)
- Soil Compaction and Urban Trees: Strategies for Gaining Ground [https://learn.extension.org/events/2811](https://learn.extension.org/events/2811)

Mt. Cuba Center Lecture Series Our 2019 Lecture Series explores native plants and how landscapes can work for both humans and the environment. Discover the essential roles insects play in our ecosystems and simple ways to include them in your gardens, learn how landscape designs now mimic nature by protecting the quality of local water systems, and see how modern technology is helping to restore and conserve more than 200 species of endangered native orchids. Light refreshments will be served.
For a complete listing of classes at Mt. Cuba visit: [https://education.mtcubacenter.org/wconnect/ShowSchedule.awp?&Mode=GROUP&Group=:FULL&Title=Complete+Listing](https://education.mtcubacenter.org/wconnect/ShowSchedule.awp?&Mode=GROUP&Group=:FULL&Title=Complete+Listing)

Free online open course from Longwood Gardens entitled "Everything About Orchids". It is a self-paced online course available through May 6th.

The Lahr Symposium and Native Plant Sale, Saturday, March 30 9am-4pm at the US National Arboretum. Native Plants: Advancing Our Dialogue with Nature
Learn to look at cues from nature, whether it is pinpointing the best grasses and sedges to control storm-water or combining native plant in ways that reduce maintenance. Hear about current field research and newly discovered native species, visit an Arboretum restoration project, discover how pesky invasives can produce alluring art, or learn about plants toughing it out in some unexpected places
Interesting resource: The National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture is a fairly new organization dedicated to increasing visibility of and funding for consumer horticulture projects and education. They have a cool "Plants do That" campaign that provides some excellent infographics on the benefits of plants in different settings, and they're happy to share the graphics.

EDU Series at Galilee Garden
Join the QAC MG’s at Galilee Garden at Harbor View on the first Thursday of the month to learn about:

- Composting-March 7th at 7 PM
- Container Gardening-April 4th at 7 PM
All classes are free and open to the public

Galilee Garden at Harbor View, 1934 Harbor Drive Chester, Maryland
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