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VICTORIA PARK SENIOR APTS PROJECT

Happy Summer, Fellow Gardeners!

Summer is in full swing, and the gardens are 'jumping' at the Victoria Park (Vic Park) Senior Apartments. The team has conducted two more sessions this quarter at the facility in Waldorf.

The residents of Vic Park are actively learning about, and growing wonderful vegetables in their raised garden beds and several containers.

The CC MG Vic Park team developed and conducted two-additional sessions (May 16th and June 20th, 2022) as a part of the program entitled "Best Practices for Raised Bed Gardening" for the residents. Each educational session also included a hands-on activity at the outdoor raised garden beds. The educational presentation for Session 3 consisted of an overview of crop rotation and layout for raised bed gardening. The handout was prepared and presentation given by CC MG Lori Guido. Participants and CC MG volunteers worked on preparing several potato baskets (Yukon Gold, Purple Majesty and Covington Sweet Potatoes) and built an outside bench for these baskets. The potato baskets are currently growing very well. The topics for Session 4 included learning more about soil-amendments/feeding vegetation (handout prepared by CC MG Michelle Chenault), growing Ginger (handout prepared by CC MGs Michelle Chenault and Linda Ivko), and a discussion regarding what is when ready to harvest.

CC MGs Erika Smith and Gail Enid Walker started ginger plants at their homes for the residents and brought them to the session. The ginger plants (some in containers on a cinder block bench and some in the ground in one bed) are thriving. The plants in the teaching garden are growing slowly but we expect to have cucumbers, okra, green peppers, green beans, squash, tomatoes and ginger for the residents to harvest and eat.

The Vic Park Jaycees Building (11060 Weymouth Ct) has a new Property Manager, Ms. Marcena Alston. The great team of CC MGs that participated in this activity included Donna Ball, Lori Guido, Linda Ivko, Brian Larson, Julie Nethon-Williams, Erika Smith, Gail Enid Walker and Karen Westhead. We are all excited to see the wonderful crops to be produced this year. Future activities proposed include a composting workshop with installation of inside and outside units and learning to grow turmeric and other container crops.

The Vic Park Project meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm via ZOOM. Contact Michelle Chenault (cell # 301-526-3225 or email vmchenault@gmail.com) for more information and to receive email invitations to the meetings.



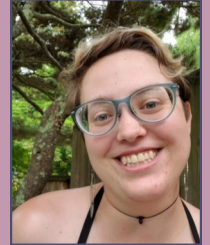
Residents of Vic Park planting potato baskets



Article and photos by CC MGs Michelle Chenault and Donna Ball

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

I am very pleased to welcome our newest class of CC MG Interns in this issue! Several have started earning and recording hours already and have been a great addition to our team. The majority of this year's class are still in the workforce which always presents a challenge to volunteering, so I really appreciate project leaders who have added evening and weekend project working times. I hope all CC MGs are taking advantage of these flexible hours. I know all of our project sites are looking for additional volunteers to keep the gardens and programs running, so thank you to all who have committed their time.



If you have not yet participated at our Extension Office demonstration garden, the SMD Food Bank garden, Melwood, the Dr. Mudd House, or Victoria Park, I would highly encourage you to explore at least one. Each site has something different to offer. I would also encourage folks to reach out to individual project leaders and get on their email list. You may be missing out on opportunities that are not in my weekly announcements.

As always, please remember to record your hours in VMS. That is the only way to receive credit for all the hard work you have done during the year, and this hot weather is the perfect excuse to do so! 2,000 volunteer hours have been logged so far. Please, let myself or our Record Keeper, CC MG Pauline Spurlock, know if you need assistance entering your hours.



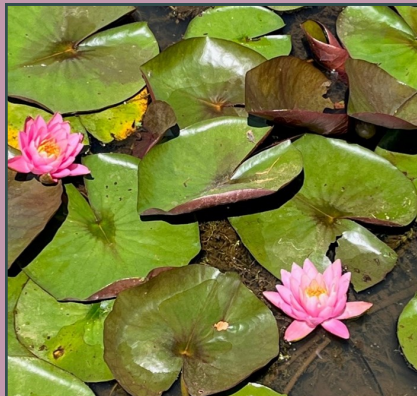
Class of 2022, visiting the SMD Food Bank garden - from left to right:

CC MG Interns Alex Mudry, Julie Pearson, June Leyland, Jessica Richards, Sandee Heredia and Derex Thompson.

Not pictured: CC MG Interns Elisabeth Forde, Xavier Gray, Karen Hile, Matt Perez and Elena Wilcox.



Photos taken at Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens



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COORDINATOR'S CORNER CONT.



L.-r.: CC MGs Tori Chrichlow, Pam Sarvis, Sally Matts, CC MG Intern Sandee Heredia, CC MG Coordinator Kaitlyn Baligush and CC MG Intern Matt Perez

Trip to Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Garden

Several CC MGs and I took a trip to Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens last month. The lotuses were not in bloom yet, but we saw many beautiful water lilies, yellow irises, and pickerel weed flowers! It was a surprisingly peaceful spot hidden in the heart of Anacostia. I highly recommend checking out their events calendar and making a trip yourself.

Parks & Recreation Summer Camp

On July 12th, CC MGs Gail Black, Brent Burdick, Inette Furey, CC MG Intern Julie Pearson and myself presented 'Needs of Seeds' to 58 campers at Wade Community Center. Pupils learned about seed biology, planted bean cups and made seed bombs.

On July 20th, at Mattawoman Community Center, CC MGs Brent Burdick, Inette Furey, Maggie Mack, Tina Bailem, CC MG Intern Julie Pearson and myself taught the 'Needs of Seeds' to approximately 60 more campers. This is a really engaging, educational program which I encourage all CC MGs to try at least once.



CC MG Inette Furey teaching to plant bean cups



CC MG Gail Black teaching to make a seed bomb

*A big
Thank You
to those who
volunteered
this year!*



Article by CC MG County Coordinator Kaitlyn Baligush/photos by Kaitlyn Baligush, CC MG Gail Black and CC MG Brent Burdick

WELCOME CC MG INTERNS 2022!



Julie Pearson says she “loves to garden, collect insect specimens and bird watch!” She is currently expanding her vegetable garden and has started a wildflower section. Monarch Waystation Habitat approved!



Matthew W. Perez Jr. is originally from Michigan and completed his Undergraduate and Graduate school at Michigan State University. Matthew is Pastor within the Wesleyan church and serves at LifePoint Church in Waldorf, MD. He also served in the US Army Reserve for 15 years and currently works for the Department of Army as a civilian in Washington, DC. Matthew has lived in CC for 12 years and currently resides in Waldorf, MD with his wife Maria and four children. When he is not serving the church and spending time with family, he enjoys the outdoors, fishing, gardening, woodworking and traveling.

“I enjoy gardening but want to get better at succession planting not only in gardening but in landscaping as well. Gardens that are always in bloom and have color all year round are the best and I want to get better at this. Utilizing gardens and landscapes and “green borders” instead of fencing between properties is another element I am interested in. Lastly, I believe in the power of gardening to be a solution to those who struggle with mental illness, such as anxiety, depression, PTSD and other mental health disorders.”



“My name is **Xavier Gray** and planting is my game. I recently participated in a UME Master Gardener’s program and it was phenomenal. A little background on me to start, I love animals, plants, swimming, and nature in general. I have a green thumb and typically enjoy growing anything. I find nature soothing and peaceful because it allows you to be one with everything that is around you.



My favorite pastimes are planting in the garden and hunting for new plant genetics to experiment around with. I enjoy teaching others how to start gardens for themselves as well as expanding my own knowledge from professionals who know more than I do. Planting allows the time and patience needed in order to produce something beautiful with love and that is a lesson that can be applied to life.”



June Leyland - “When my husband and I retired, we moved from Montgomery County to our rebuilt fishing cottage on the water in Nanjemoy.

I am from upstate New York. Our house was surrounded by woods, and we grew our own vegetables. I am a life-long learner and love reading, gardening, and just being outdoors, with the birds, in nature.”

WELCOME CC MG INTERNS 2022! CONT.



Alex Mudry-Till is a pastry chef and wedding cake designer/partner of *Buttercream Bakeshop* in D.C. She is a graduate of both The Catholic University of America as well as The Culinary Institute of America. While originally from New York - where a love of gardens and flowers was instilled in her by her grandmother and parents - she has spent much of her adult life in Virginia and Maryland - enjoying the longer growing seasons and warmer climate. In 2020 she and her husband Dan decided to embark on their newest adventure - opening a flower farm and wedding venue called *Quince Blossom Ridge* - which is what brought them to Charles County.

Alex's deep interest in horticulture and food/flower growing brought her to the Master Gardeners program - where she looks forward to meeting and connecting with the other plant enthusiasts in her new home region.



Derex Thompson is the Rental Claims Service Manager at USAA where he oversees the rental car operation. He served twenty-one years of honorable service in the US Navy as a logistic Specialist. His duty stations included San Diego, CA; Hawaii; Naples, Italy, and Norfolk, VA. He served aboard three ships, completed four deployments and ten years' sea service. After retiring from the US Navy, he took on leadership responsibilities at Southside Aquatic Center in Norfolk, VA.

Derex holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from South University of Hampton Road and Liberty University, and is a USAA Manager Candidate School alumnus.

Derex is an avid beekeeper. His passion for this hobby caused him to start an organization called 'Dees Bees LLC' where he mentors, volunteers time, teaches at colleges and hosts events in Southern Maryland that teaches new beekeepers and the public about the benefits and importance of bees in the ecosystem.

Derex and his wife Manoushka are the proud parents of Gabrielle, Dayna and Isabella.



Jessica Richards says she "joined the master gardeners because I just love to grow things! My focus is on food crops, and I'm always on the lookout for something different. I zealously seek out new varieties, and my existing seed collection keeps giving me dirty looks."

Not featured are CC MG Interns Sandee Heredia, Elisabeth Forde, Elena Wilcox and Karen Hile.



HOLIDAY TRAVEL TO LONGWOOD GARDENS



Included in the Trip:

- ⇒ Round Trip Motor Coach by Keller Transportation, Inc.
- ⇒ Admission to Winterthur
- ⇒ Yuletide House Tour
- ⇒ Narrated Garden Tour – weather permitting
- ⇒ Tram Ride
- ⇒ Access to Galleries
- ⇒ Access to Exhibitions
- ⇒ Winterthur Lunch
- ⇒ Admission to Longwood Gardens
- ⇒ Guided Garden Tour Holiday Lights Display
- ⇒ Snacks and Beverages on the Coach
- ⇒ Action Travel Escort

Driver Gratuity is additional!

**Experience the Holidays at Winterthur and Longwood Gardens
Friday, December 2, 2022**

Tentative Fee: \$155 per person

Travel with us as we experience the Holiday season in its splendor while taking in the sights and sounds of the Winterthur estate and Longwood Gardens. This day will be highlighted by the Yuletide tour of Winterthur complete with a tram tour around the grounds, a tour of the House, as well as access to the many exhibitions on the grounds. After lunch at Winterthur, we will depart for our evening at Longwood Gardens. At Longwood Gardens we will be treated to a guided tour of the gardens and their dazzling Holiday lights display with free time on our own for dinner in their Cafe.

PAYMENT: Non-refundable payment is due in full **by October 28, 2022**. Please send your check made payable to Action Travel Tours, 3290 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20602.

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For Questions or more information please call 301-645-1770 or 301-843-0887 and ask for Leigh Ann or Kristy or contact admin@actiontraveltours.com.



BAY-WISE CORNER!



Hello Everyone,

Now that summer is in full swing, I hope you are all enjoying your gardens and the produce therein! I also hope you were able to improve your landscapes by having planted many of the vegetables and native flowers offered at our annual plant sale in May. I've enjoyed my lettuce varieties and the CC MG lettuce box is a gift that just keeps on giving.

I am looking forward to seeing some of your emails requesting landscape and vegetable certifications of your properties. I encourage those of you who are still thinking about it to visit this link and download the yardstick. You can fill out the on-line PDF and application and follow the instructions to forward it to us.

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/ume-bay-wise-program/links-resources-and-publications>



We recently conducted a Bay-Wise certification at the Port Tobacco home of two of our CC MGs - Paris and Jerry Reed. The certification was conducted by CC MGs Lori Guido and Inette Furey who have been waiting for two years to complete their Bay-Wise training. With the assistance of two of our Senior CC MGs, Janet McGrane and Gail Walker, they easily went through the steps required. The property was a perfect setting for our certification, but the weather was cloudy and rain was looming. Luckily, we finished just in time before the downpour hit.



Congratulations to Lori and Inette. I will be looking forward to volunteering with them in the future. We were all in a good mood and we so enjoyed the time we spent there. As you will see from the pictures I included here, Paris and Jerry have incorporated all of the Bay-Wise principles and designed an oasis to enjoy. I want to thank CC MG Interns June Leyland and Julie Pearson for joining us and appreciate their positive comments. For those of you who would like to join us for future property visits, please email me at rosemarkham@comcast.net.

Just a reminder to look for CC MG County Coordinator Kaitlyn Baligush's Friday announcements for the latest updates on our Bay-Wise training classes in November. Mark your calendars for Nov 2 and 9, from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Personally, I think it is one of the best training workshops offered by the Master Gardener Program.

MELWOOD HORTICULTURAL THERAPY PROJECT SUMMER 2022 UPDATE



CC MG Brian Larson collecting Cherry Tomatoes in the Learning Center Demo Garden

During the last few months, Master Gardeners (MGs) and volunteers have been helping Melwood participants to sow seeds for flowers, herbs and vegetables. The greenhouse was filled with fast growing seedlings which were then transplanted into the gardens.

Summer is a very busy time at the recreation center. Volunteer opportunities exist Monday thru Sunday. These include working with adults and children with disabilities, summer campers and disabled veterans programs. MGs have two major projects: the Learning Center Vegetable Garden and our Pollinator Program. You will learn how to sow seeds, care for the gardens, how to install and maintain irrigation systems, IPM, greenhouse maintenance and much more.

Learning Center – CC MG Brian Larson has taken the lead for the vegetable garden. Tomatoes, lettuce, various squashes, beans, cucumbers, Swiss chard, peppers, etc., were planted and are now yielding 30-60 lbs of vegetables weekly.

In-roads have been made to donate vegetables to local food banks in Nanjemoy.

Pollinator Gardens – Until recently, scarlet runner beans and sunflowers were growing up the bamboo poles of our teepee. Unfortunately, the strong rain/wind storms recently caused a large branch to fall on it. MGs will cut more bamboo to make the repairs. This structure is very special to us. Not only is it beautiful, but it provides a cool place for kids to enter and is adorned with bright blue and yellow pool tubes covering the bamboo to show our solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Zinnias and Tithonian were grown from seed and planted in other beds. Milkweed plants are in full bloom and attracting lots of butterflies and other pollinators. We spotted several Monarch caterpillars and are looking forward to seeing the new Monarch butterflies emerge. All our native flowers attract a lot of butterflies and other beneficial insects.



Other Melwood Volunteer Opportunities

Melwood's summer camp and disabled veteran retreats started in May/June. Several MGs are helping to prepare lesson plans and teach children, who are in the garden club, about horticulture.

If you are interested in becoming a vetted volunteer, please contact Terry Thir, Melwood Liaison at thirccmg@aol.com and Suse Greenstone, Manager, Horticultural Therapy program at SGreenstone@melwood.org.



CC MGs Jan Lakey-Waters and Pam Sarvis featured in our Pollinator Garden



To begin the process, go to <https://melwood.org/volunteer-opportunities/> to complete your online application. Complete online after the Intern Program and submit. Marchesa Whittingham handles the volunteer services and will contact you to begin the vetting process. This process is required to volunteer with adults and youth with disabilities through the Horticultural Therapy Programs at Melwood. Volunteer opportunities are year round.

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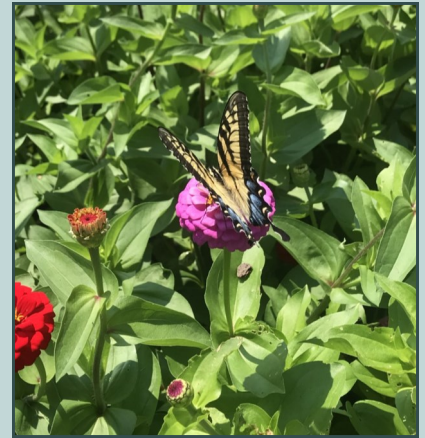
MELWOOD CONT.

CC MGs Saturday Workday at Melwood

Anyone who is interested in working at Melwood (with or without vetting) can contact Suse Greenstone to express interest in working one day a month.

Our next work day is August 13 from 10 am to 1 pm. You will need to send Suse an email so that she can add your name to the work list. This is a great opportunity to see first-hand what CC MGs do at the farm.

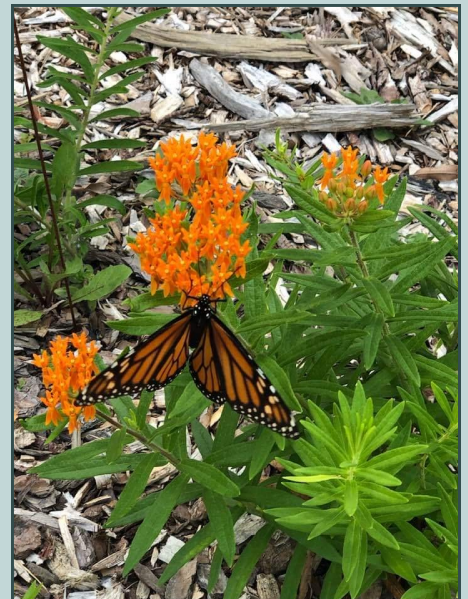
Suse Greenstone at sgreenstone@melwood.org.



Melwood Volunteer Appreciation Day

All CC MG volunteers who work at Melwood were invited to a local baseball game at Regency Stadium on July 14. CC MGs Gail Walker, Kathy Davis, Pam Sarvis, Lydia Jones, Avery Jones and Terry Thir enjoyed the "Crabs" ballgame and festivities.

Marchesa Whittingham, Melwood Volunteer Services, was our host. A good time was had by all!



Article and photos by CC MG Terry Thir, Melwood Liaison

SOUTHERN MARYLAND FOOD BANK GARDEN

The Southern Maryland Food Bank “Seeds of Hope” Community Learning Garden is off and running! So far (i.e., as of 7/14/22), we harvested 68 pounds of produce for the Food Bank!



Figure 1- Food Bank Garden



Figure 2- Tomatillo and Hot Pepper Bed



Figure 3 - Strawberry Bed



Figure 4 - Pollinator Garden

The harvest includes all the spring kale, spinach, radishes, and snap peas we planted, with just a few Swiss chard plants still in production. We have been harvesting dill, basil, oregano, sage, and rosemary, and just started harvesting tomatoes, zucchini and yellow squash, Butternut squash, cucumbers, and green peppers. The beet and carrot crops are also finished for this season. The hot peppers, tomatillos, and cantaloupes are growing, but not yet ready for harvesting.

Our green pole beans, blue pole beans, Birdhouse gourds, and kohlrabi are doing well. The strawberries are just starting to flower for a fall crop.

Unfortunately, the strawberry bed was infested with Japanese Beetles, and we are fighting them off on the pole beans, basil, and Zinnias. However, the pollinator/flower bed is doing great!

The sweet potatoes that were planted in our tire planters are doing great! The vines are growing on trellises and they should be ready to be harvested early this fall.

We also harvested many of the eight round and two oblong laundry baskets that we planted with potatoes. Four small baskets were planted with Yukon Gold, four small baskets with red, and the two oblong baskets with blue potatoes. We will be planting another round of potato baskets (with the seed potatoes we had left over from spring) so that we can get in another harvest by October.

Soon, we will begin sowing seeds for fall crops, such as spinach, kale, Swiss chard, broccoli, etc.

For our CC MGs/Intern volunteers in the garden – normal workdays are Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays starting at 7:30 a.m., with watering crews scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays (who set their own hours). Come on out and get your hands dirty!

Figure 5 - Cantaloupe/ Butternut Squash Bed



BEL ALTON DEMO GARDENS UPDATE



A metal raised bed and landscape grow bags are assembled

The newest garden in our series of Demonstration Gardens, Raised Bed/ Container Garden, was installed on May 3 and 10. This new garden shows visitors that regardless of the size of their landscapes, gardens are possible. Even balconies can be used to beautify outdoor spaces, grow vegetables, and support pollinators.



A fire ring hold plants and demonstrates an olla watering pot system

It was decided to hold both sessions in the late afternoon and early evening so that working volunteers would have the opportunity to participate. The group of volunteers helped to spread wood chips, weed, build raised beds, place containers, fill containers with soil and build a trellis in the Pollinator Garden. The new

raised bed/containers include: steel fire ring, whiskey barrel, landscape bags, rectangular metal bed, and cinder block raised bed. (Please see the photos.) Several containers had clay pot (olla) irrigation system installed.



The fire ring is placed into position and a cinder block raised bed is built

As many of the volunteers arrived from their jobs and missed their dinners, meals were served to thank and replenish these hard workers. Everyone enjoyed pizza and drinks at the first work session and subs, sides, and drinks at the second work session.

Thank you the following volunteers on May 3: CC MGs Bill Allen, Kathy Davis, Kathy Jenkins, Janet McGrane, Kay Redmond and Terry Thir, CC MG Interns Derex Thompson., Karen Hile, Alex Mudry-Till, Julie Pearson and daughter, and CC MG County Coordinator Kaitlyn Baligush.

Thank you to the following volunteers on May 10: CC MG County Coordinator Kaitlyn Baligush, CC MGs Kathy Davis, Mary Ellen Howard, Kathy Jenkins, Brian Larson, Janet McGrane, Kay Redmund, Pam Sarvis, Jan Lakey Waters and Teri White, and CC MG Interns Derex Thompson, June Leyland and Jon Gazarek.

On-going plans for the Demo Gardens include the need for maintenance with weeding and watering. Future plans include building a spiral herb garden in the fall. As the Demo Gardens grow, so does our need to build ways to educate the public about the plants, techniques, and purposes of each garden. Information will be forthcoming about how we will be able to achieve these goals.



The Pollinator Garden gets a make-over with a new trellis



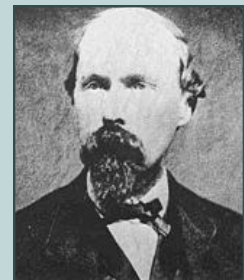
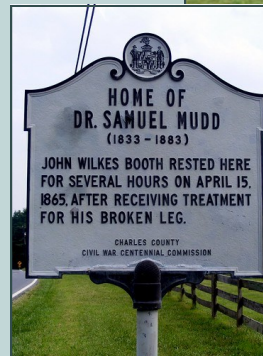
Everyone enjoys a well-deserved meal after lots of hard work

DR. SAMUEL MUDD HOUSE

I would like to thank CC MGs Brent Burdick, Tom Belote, David Gardner, Barbara Hays and Patti Faulkner, as well as CC MG Intern Matt Perez and his daughter Danielle, for pruning most of the overgrown bushes at the Dr. Mudd home on July 7.

It was a hot, sticky day and we worked feverishly to prune a good number of them. The forsythias were thinned and cut back as well as the Iron Weed bush and the azaleas. We also weeded the herb garden and started thinning out the Iris and Daylily beds. Somehow, we even managed to tackle the well in the back that was covered with English Ivy before we called it a day. A few new flowering plants, preferably native, will spruce it up like new. It will serve to be a good focal point as visitors begin their tour of the house and grounds. We will hold off pruning our boxwoods as CC MG Carol Teets will be joining us in the fall to prune them just in time for use in our Christmas/Winter workshop.

Lastly, our information and seed stations are almost completed. We are in the process of painting them and finalizing the information cards identifying and mapping the medicinal herbs and native plants in the garden. Enjoy the few pictures I was able to snap as we went along.



Article by CC MG Rose Markham



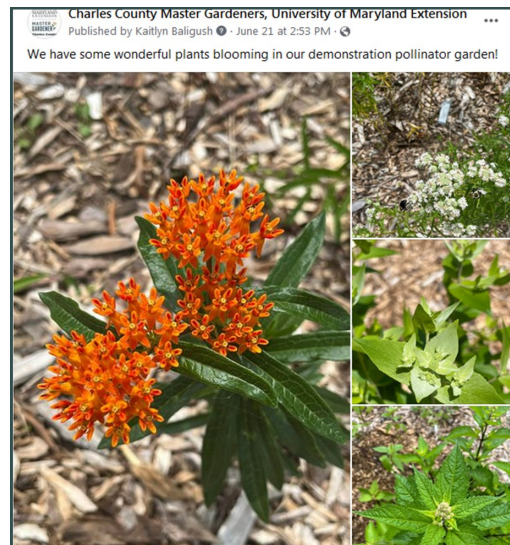
FACEBOOK CORNER!



This past quarter included posts on our annual plant sale and blooms in the Extension office demonstration gardens. If you have not done so, check out these posts. And remember, you do not need to have a Facebook account to view the public posts on our Charles County Master Gardener FB page!



<https://www.facebook.com/charlescountymastergardeners/posts/5102252926549410>



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Has your project been featured on Facebook?

If not, please share photos and a brief description of your projects to Terry (thirccmg@aol.com) or Marlene

(nikhaven@comcast.net) so we can be sure to promote the great work the CC MGs are doing in our community!

We also have the ability to add events to our Facebook page. If you are working on a project that has an upcoming event, we'd love to include it on Facebook!!

Curious what other Facebook pages and groups your fellow Master Gardeners follow?

This quarter's Facebook page to visit is the Maryland Area Gardening for the Environmentally Conscious <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MDEcoGardening/about>. "This group's mission is to connect gardeners (and interested plant and ecosystem experts) to enable us to support each other in creating more environmentally beneficial gardens and other residential area outdoor spaces. Our primary goal is to help each other to plant more native plants, remove more noxious invasive ones, eliminate the use of harmful chemicals, create habitats for native wildlife and learn to coexist with them, and consider all aspects of how we can and should change the way we use our yards and gardens in order to better serve living things and the environment we live in."

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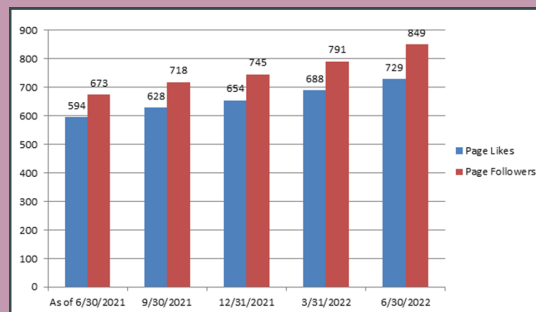


Facebook Stats

As of June 2022, we have 729 LIKES and 849 FOLLOWERS. That's up 135 LIKES (23%) and 176 FOLLOWERS (26%) in the past year (since June 2021). THANK YOU to those who contribute to our posts and to everyone who likes and shares our posts. We continue to engage our community through our use of social media.

Working together, we can continue to increase our social media presence on Facebook. Thanks to those who follow our page, we have exceeded the goals of 700 Page Likes AND 800 Page Followers. New goals: 800 Page Likes AND 900 Page Followers.

Please continue to help grow our Facebook Likes and Followers! Remember, the more sharing we do, the more people see our posts. Once someone new sees and "likes" one of our posts, we can then invite them to like our page and follow us. Please consider sharing CC MG Facebook posts that you like on your personal Facebook page or to a Facebook group that you belong to. If you have not joined our Facebook community, please like, follow us, share our posts, and invite your friends, too! <https://www.facebook.com/charlescountymastergardeners>.



Article and stats by CC MG Marlene Smith

END-OF-YEAR REQUIREMENTS 2022

Dear Fellow CC MG Master Gardeners!

Both the **2020** and **2021** CC MG Interns will have until **December 31, 2022**, to complete their required **40** volunteer hours.

2022 CC MG Interns will have until **May 4, 2023** to complete their **40** volunteer hours.

Any **2020** or **2021** CC MG Intern who achieved "Active Status" prior to **January 2022** is required to earn **10** hours of Continuing Education this year.

2022 requirements for all CC MGs are **20** Volunteer and **10** Continuing Education hours, no later than **December 31, 2022**.



By CC MG Record Keeper Pauline Spurlock

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Photo by CC MG Linda Ivko

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