

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION Garrett County

April 2024 Newsletter

Cookie Decorating Class Success

4-H is often a place where youth develop sparks; a skill, a talent, an interest, or a special quality that they are passionate about. During this month's Fun with 4-H class, youth tried their hand at cookie decorating. Youth used their creativity to decorate spring-themed sugar cookies in any way that brought a smile to their face. Youth experimented with different icing tips, ways to hold their hand as they piped the icing onto cookies, and learned how temperature can affect the consistency of icing. Cookie decorating is also a perfect way for kids to learn that things take practice to perfect it.

During the class, youth discussed who was brand new, and who had decorated before, reminisced on prior fair exhibits and how they can make something to enter in the fair this year.



The Incredible Edible Egg

What makes an egg incredible? Come explore with us the parts of an egg, purposes of an egg, the strength of an egg, and cook your own egg!

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INCREDIBLE EGG PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 10th (school 1/2 day)
2-3 pm
Garrett County 4-H Office Meeting Room
All materials provided
Space is limited - Sign up today by
calling
301-334-6960

Garrett County
FUN WITH 4-H

Summer Job Opportunities

Explore these great opportunities to work outdoors this summer. Call Lacie today to apply at 301-334-6960 or email at lashby@umd.edu.



MD 4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & CAMPING CENTER

Located in Swanton, MD

LOW ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

- Must be 18 years old
- Competitive Pay
- Training & Certification Provided
- Experience working with youth
- Leading activities & games

JOIN US!

To learn more details contact Lacie Ashby at 301-334-6960 or email lashby@umd.edu

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Summer Employment Opportunity



Plan now for your summer job!

MD 4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & CAMPING CENTER

LIFEGUARD WANTED

Located in Swanton, MD

- must be 18 years old & lifeguard certified
- experience working with youth
- lead activities and games
- competitive pay

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Free Gardening Classes Offered

Lots of new and exciting concepts to learn in 2024! Join us for these free gardening classes. Each session will have children's activities available, but just let us know that detail when you are registering with the library branch manager.

Free Gardening Classes

ACCIDENT LIBRARY
301-746-8792
Wednesday @ 2:00pm

March 27~Old-Time Garden Practices
April 24~Attracting Birds
May 22~Garden by Moon Signs
June 26~Cut Flowers for Your Home

GRANTSVILLE LIBRARY
301-895-5298
Thursday @11:00am

April 18~Heirloom Tomatoes
May 16~Old-Time Garden Practices
June 13 ~Garden by Moon Signs
July 18 ~Integrated Pest Management

KITZMILLER LIBRARY
301-334-8091
July programs Monday @ 6:00pm

April 17~Grow It, Eat It- Student Discovery Series @ 4:30 pm
July 15~ Old-Time Garden Practices
July 29~Garden by Moon Signs

FRIENDSVILLE LIBRARY
301-746-5663
4:00 pm

June 25~ Backyard Birding Adventure: Summer Reading Club Program
July 22 ~Cut Flowers for Your Home

OAKLAND LIBRARY
301- 334-3996
Monday @ 6:00pm

April 8~Garden by Moon Signs
May 6~Heirloom Beans & Tomatoes
June 3~Old-Time Garden Practices
July 8~Easy Herbs

Ruth Enlow Libraries

Contact corresponding library branch to register!
Kids Activities Available if Families Attend

Community • Opportunity

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Celebrate Earth Day and Learn How to Compost

On April 22 from 10:30 am -12:30 pm, there will be a family-focused composting program at Garrett College CEWD in McHenry. This is an opportunity to learn all about the composting process and why recycling is important. Each family that attends will be given a free Geobin Compost Bin, be invited to complete the Earth Day pledge, and receive a button pin and books. Everything is FREE for this event, but registration is required. Please call 301-334-6960 or email abachtel@umd.edu. University of Maryland Extension is partnering with Garrett County Government- Dept. of Public Works, Solid Waste & Recycling Division.

Celebrate Earth Day
by learning how compost!

When: April 22, 2024
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Where:
Garrett College-CEWD
McHenry, MD

What: Composting
Class & Tour of
Bumble Bee Recycling
Site

Registration required and
limited to 25 families. 301-
334-6960 or email
abachtel@umd.edu

Family focused
activity.
All ages are invited
to attend.

Cost: Free

Geobin compost bin
system, Earth Day Pledge,
and books given to each
family that attends!

Presented by the University of Maryland
Extension & Garrett County
Government, Department of Public
Works, Solid Waste & Recycling Division

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Mountain Maryland Native Plant Festival

This is a great opportunity to support the Native Plant movement and learn more about efforts to improve our local ecosystem. Come see the Master Gardener booth and enjoy beautiful New Germany State Park.

9TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT FESTIVAL

NEW GERMANY STATE PARK



GROW NATIVE
FOR BIRDS &
POLLINATORS!

MAY 11, 10 AM - 3 PM

- Native Plant Sale
- Guest Speakers
- Conservation Groups
- Local Artisans
- Nature Walks
- Family Activities

Discover the connection between native plants, people, & wildlife at this free event!

Native plants and nature-themed artisan items from: Wood Thrush Native Plant Nursery, Evergreen Heritage Center, Wild Spirit Native Plants, Native Roots, Inc., Marta Fiscus Photography, Keen and Bright, Peggy Nixon Designs, Peasant's Parcel, and Appalachian Wax Works.

Conservation education displays from: Garrett County Solid Waste & Recycling, Garrett Trails, Evergreen Heritage Center, Maryland Department of Agriculture - Spotted Lanternfly Program, American Forest Foundation, Maryland Native Plant Society, Garrett County Forestry Board, Maryland Conservation Corps, West Virginia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation, Garrett Soil Conservation District, Friends of New Germany State Park, and the University of Maryland Extension - Garrett County Master Gardeners.



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The facilities and services of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources are available to all without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin or physical or mental disability.

Garden Apprentice Program Applications Available



It's time to start dreaming about summer and fresh homegrown vegetables. If you want to learn through hands-on gardening with a mentor, here is your chance. This is a unique opportunity to work hands-on alongside Extension professionals and Master Gardeners to learn valuable gardening skills that could help you supplement your diet with fresh fruit and vegetables.

Apply today: <https://forms.gle/Qf2KxDiaz2zNM7Qr5>

Let's Talk Plants!

There are several ways to ask University of Maryland Extension home horticulture questions. Join us over your lunch break to talk everything about plants. We will be doing LIVE events over Facebook. Reach out today! Register [HERE](#).

MASTER GARDENER

Join us over your lunch break to talk plants!

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION | PLANT CLINIC

Join us LIVE @ 12:30 pm

March 11 June 10
April 8 July 8
May 6 August 12

Register
<https://go.umd.edu/2024MD/LunchBreakPlantClinic>

3 WAYS TO ASK PLANT QUESTIONS

1. Visit Our Offices
 Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Allegany County UME
 3 Chambers Drive
 Cumberland, MD 21502
 Garrett County UME
 2300 Maryland Highway
 Suite A
 Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550

2. Email
 Allegany County UME
 Sarah Lowery
slowery@umd.edu
 Garrett County UME
 Karoni Erdine
kberdine@umd.edu

3. Ask Extension
<https://go.umd.edu/2024AskExtensionLink>

Shortcuts for Weeknight Meals at Home



These days, parents may find themselves running in many different directions, which can make it hard to figure out how to squeeze in quick and easy meals that are also nutritious. By planning meals and prepping ingredients ahead of time, it's possible to fit healthy meals that your family will love into a busy schedule. Check out the latest [Eat Smart Blog](#) for ideas to save time and money.

Local AG Workshops Held

Recently, Maryland Department of Agriculture and Freedom AG and Energy recently partnered with University of Maryland Extension to deliver local farmers three comprehensive workshops which provided an overview regarding pesticide safety, crop protection, soil evaluation, no till vegetable crops, grazing economics, forage mixes to name just a few topics. Farmers were able to obtain Private Applicator Pesticide and Nutrient Applicator Vouchers and Consultant recertification credits for attending. One of the highlights from the Healthy Soil for Your Farm Workshop was a demonstration of how rainwater infiltrates soils with various amounts of organic matter and plant roots. Watch [VIDEO](#) here.



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AgFS
Agriculture & Food Systems

HAY & PASTURE CONFERENCE
HEALTHY SOIL FOR YOUR FARM

WESTERN MD AGRONOMY MEETING

Hiring and Retaining Farm Employees Webinar Offered

The University of Maryland and the University of Delaware will host the *Hiring and Retaining Farm Employees – What you Need to Know and Do* four webinars every Friday in April at noon starting on April 5 and ending on April 26. The free webinars will cover developing an employee handbook for your operation, basic legal requirements, and how to incorporate benefits that agricultural employers deal with. The funding for this program is thanks to the Northeast Risk Management Education Center.



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THE HIRING AND RETAINING FARM EMPLOYEES

Webinar Schedule

- **April 5**
Introduction to the Employer Guide and Workbook-Nate Bruce, Farm Business Management Specialist, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension
- **April 12**
Finding the right person, Employee Handbook, Paul Goering, Sr. Faculty Specialist and Extension Specialist, University of Maryland Extension
- **April 19**
Overview of health insurance options with case study, Jesse Ketterman, PhD, AFC, Senior Agent, University of Maryland Extension
- **April 26**
Overview retirement savings options with case study, Maria Pippidis, Extension Educator, Financial Wellness, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

Labor Webinars Planned for Farm Employees

The free webinars will cover developing an employee handbook for your operation, basic legal requirements, and how to incorporate benefits that agricultural employers deal with. The funding for this program is thanks to the Northeast Risk Management Education Center.

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Keeping Connected

We are here to serve you in person, by phone, email, or by video conferencing. If you have questions, contact one of our experts to provide solutions.



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