

Coordinator's Corner

Maxine Yoon, Master Gardener Coordinator

☐☐ Happy pride month ☐☐ everyone,



Production Garden and Beekeeping

Both of our new projects at Dave's Urban Research Farm Clinic have finally been set up! At the production garden, we have about 3,000 sq.ft. of mustard greens, tomatoes, and peppers. We were able to set up the fencing and drip irrigation and direct seed and transplant everything. Hopefully we will have a substantial harvest over the summer and fall. Main issue with the soil is that it's a little too clayey, organic matter is a bit low, and the phosphorus is too high; I am hesitant to add more compost even though it would most definitely help with soil aeration and drainage. Hopefully over the winter, implementing cover crops will help increase organic matter without adding unnecessary phosphorus. But the plants seem to be doing great. I picked up the two new beehives a couple of weeks ago and they have been flourishing very well in their new setup. They are happily buzzing around collecting pollen. For the production garden, we will be meeting from 9:30am-12pm on Fridays. For the beekeeping project, we will be meeting on Fridays at 1pm. If you'd like to participate in either project please email me at maxyoon@umd.edu.



Master Gardener Monthly Meeting @ Howard EcoWorks

Topic: Howard EcoWorks - native plant nursery and landscaping company tour

Date: June 18th (Third Tuesday of the Month)

Time: 10am - 11am

Location: 7301 Waterloo Rd Parcel A, Jessup, MD 20794

(if nursery parking lot is full, please park nearby at the department of corrections)

We will be touring their nursery and will have an opportunity to purchase plants at the end of the tour!

Our June monthly meeting will be at one of our new partners, Howard EcoWorks. They engage and educate the community about environmental sustainability and restoration, while creating pathways to green jobs through our workforce development programs.

- Educate and train individuals on best management practices to improve our local natural resources, build environmental stewardship, and provide them with job skills and employment opportunities.
- Design attractive and resilient landscapes with plants and trees native to the local environment, by removing invasive species and enhancing habitats to benefit pollinators and local wildlife.
- Focus on waterway debris management and stormwater best practices to protect vulnerable areas from flooding and storm-water run-off.



Summer Grow It Eat It Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 9

Location: Anne Arundel County Extension Office, 97 Dairy Lane, Gambrills, MD

Join us for our Summer 2024 GIEI meeting! We will be in-person only on Tuesday, July 9 at the Anne Arundel County Extension Office located at 97 Dairy Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054 from 10am - 2pm. There will be tours of the various production projects, including the urban farm, and Master Gardener demonstration gardens onsite. The meeting will be potluck so please feel free to bring a dish or extra produce to share!

Click [here](#) to register!

Stay Classy Anne Arundel,

Maxine Y

Apprentice Gardens

The new season for the Apprentice Garden is well underway. The introductory meeting was held in the Harvest Hall at Kinder Farm Park on Wednesday, April 3. Volunteers arrived early and set up the supervised painting stations for the children, snack tables, and conference tables for the parents. The children designed and painted wooden signs; their garden signs will be varnished and hung on the fence at their family's plot. The parents completed the paperwork, including the UMD official photo release form and family contact information. We reviewed the project "rules", tentative schedule, and, weekend watering schedule. Parents received information regarding planning their 8' by 42" family plot, the timing and spacing of vegetables, plus a description of inter-planting, succession planting

and successive planting. Deb also helped the older children plant seeds. Many thanks to the Master Gardener volunteers who supervised the painting, including co-chair, Kristin Silva, Kathy Albers, Wendy Boardman, and Deb Fritz. They made the busy meeting go very smoothly!

Our families this year include only one family returning from 2023, and seven new families who have very limited vegetable gardening experience. We have sixteen children, including two under 18-months old. The Garden accoutrements now include a plastic basket of small plastic garden tools for our youngest participants.



During the April meetings, most families had cleared their plots, and had added a bag of Leaf-gro to enrich the sandy soil of the community gardens. The families prepared plans and began planting seeds and cold weather plants - Lettuces and beets, both seeds and sets, onions, peapods. Leaves of the lettuces planted in late-March are ready to harvest, and the potatoes planted in the back of the strawberry patch are pushing through the ground.



Master Gardeners provided advice regarding the planned selection of plants, their placement and spacing, and the expected timing for planting seeds and sets. Volunteers also assisted the families with early planting, planted the strawberry runners that had been tucked into pots last fall, tended the common areas and started planting the corner pollinator garden (thank you, KathyA and Wendy). Thank you to Kristin Silva, Kathy Albers, Wendy Boardman, Kathy Enderle, Deb Fritz, Lourdes Hergenroeder, and Susan Smouse for helping families at our in garden meetings. It was a very productive start!

Master Gardener volunteers have also “adopted” the outside-the-fence edges for perennials. Outside-the-fence, black- and brown-eyed Susans are growing on the south side (thank you, KathyE), and swamp milkweed will soon join native goldenrod and milkweed on the north side (thank you, Lourdes); tall phlox, peony, and iris (now blooming) are growing by the gate.

Thank you, Maxine, for arranging to purchase (and deliver) the 20 bags and to purchase the tomato cages.

We are happy to report that the squirrel family has abandoned the shed.

Throughout the season, April through September, the project meets at 6:30PM every Wednesday at the community gardens at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville. Please consider volunteering in the Apprentice Garden. Volunteers, and interns are welcome anytime. You can do the Wednesday meetings, and/or do other-day garden checks and extra watering. Your children are welcome to join you. There is always a sign-in sheet in the garden mailbox for noting your presence and recording your hours. Many thanks.



The names of Apprentice Garden volunteers are provided to the gatekeeper, and there is no entry fee

for people participating in the Apprentice Garden project. So, please advise Kristin if you are new to the project.

You are welcome to join us in the Apprentice Garden, and if you would like more information, please contact Janet or Kristin

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Bay-Wise

The Bay-Wise Project has been receiving many yard visit requests and the interest from the local community continues to grow. MGs have been on hand to answer questions at several recent events.

4/21/23: Bay-Wise MGs **Lauren Toomey**, **Debra Lee Fritz** and **Serena Elms Boyd** were on hand at the **Quiet Waters Earth Day** celebration to advise people on the benefits of growing natives and to use Bay-Wise best practices.

4/27/23: **Saltworks Earth Day** Volunteers **Brenda Darr** and **Marietta Schreiber** provided a presentation at this gathering whose participants were highly interested.

4/28/23: **Four Rivers Garden Club Flower Mart** **Anne Biddle** and **Tair Swepston** were on hand to spread the word about good practices.

5/11/23: **AA County Farm, Lawn & Garden Center** Invited us back after a very successful event where **Lise Teets Crafton**, **Elaine Heilman**, and **Meg Kauder** spoke to many customers with high interest from many customers. We received several yard visit requests as well.

5/14/23: **Park Hardware** **Lynda Latifa Wilkinson** helped organize volunteers, **Tair Swepston**, **Serena Elms Boyd**, and **Diane Lewis** for a special one-day sale of several types of natives that filled a tent. Despite it being a cold, rainy day the sale organized by the store's owner and a Master Gardener also, **Joni Miller**, was so successful that it was sold out by 11am. We received a dozen requests for yard visits. Park Hardware will become another source of native plants because of the huge response from the local community.

5/18/24: **Cape St. Claire Garden Club Plant Sale** Thanks go to **Serena Elms Boyd**, **Lynda Latifa Wilkinson**, **Jane Shivnan** and **Lauren Toomey** for being on hand to educate the public on a very soggy day.

A huge thanks goes to all volunteers who spent time representing Bay-Wise practices at these events and for the volunteers who spend time preparing for and many, many, yard visits!



The Dairy Farm Demonstration Gardens

Greetings from the Dairy Farm Project.

Our great crew of MG's has been working hard and planning the garden renewal project.

So far we have removed crowded plants, added new plantings, added herbs and compost and replaced the galvanized water tank with a Rubbermaid unit. Sandy Dale planted some lovely flowers in front. The old tank went up under the Extension Office sign at the entrance to the park and was planted with summer annual flowers.

Sandy and Malcolm cleaned up the pavilion for our plant swap and our MG crew weeded the garden beds. The rain held off and we had a great turnout for the plant swap.

Thanks to all who have stepped up to help.

We have scheduled our next meeting/work parties of the year for Saturday, June 8, and Thursday, June 27, at 8:00.

NOTE: WE ARE CHANGING TO OUR SUMMER HOURS OF 8:00 – 11:00 TO AVOID THE HEAT.

We have made great progress in our efforts to REORGANIZE, RENEW, REPLANT AND REFRESH our gardens. There is still a lot to do, so if you are interested, please join us. All are welcome.

Our regular work parties are the second Saturday and Fourth Thursday of each month.

We have tools, but please bring your own favorites, gloves, water, etc. Large clippers or loppers will be helpful for this. If you have any questions, please contact Malcolm Doying at oldcelt100@aol.com or 410-721-7610.



Hancock's Resolution

Hancock's Resolution's held its Mother's Day Tea on Sunday, May 12th. Public visitation was underwhelming due to bad weather.

If you missed the plant swap, *Passiflora incarnata*, aka maypop or purple passionflower are emerging and available if anyone is interested. There are also redbud saplings, milkweed, oak leaf hydrangeas and other natives to be shared.

Lavender Day will be held on Sunday June 12 from 1:00-4:00. The focus of our upcoming workdays on Sundays, May 26th and June 2nd 1:00-4:00 and Monday, June 3rd 9:30-noon will be working in the lavender field. Volunteers are also needed from 9:30-12:30 on Monday, June 17 as well as on Sundays from 1:00-4:00.

The link to register to volunteer is [Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners: Volunteer Sign Up Hancock's Resolution \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/signup/Hancock's-Resolution)

Email me at willnancy3@verizon.net
or call/text 410-952-9554.

Nancy Allred, Project Chair Hancock's Resolution



Common Milkweed colony that is already attracting bees and at least one monarch



AMG Class 2024 Intern Christine Leigh pitched in and helped restore several garden beds



Visitor/volunteers Jana and Jackson Bevil and Hancock's docents Dianne Feeney and Sue Davis strip dried lavender for visitors to make sachets on June 9 (Lavender Day)



Foreground left: MG Loretta Gerbrick
Foreground right: Intern Mary Lou Puller
Background left: MG Ruth Ann Emmerich
Background right: Community Volunteer Jared Bevil

Re-Pollinate Anne Arundel

At this time of year it is all about transplanting at the Bee Lab. We are now transplanting hundreds of seedlings - for sun and shade - each week from black trays into 6" pots and placing them in Pen #1 for watering and growing over the summer and pick up in the fall. You are welcome to come out and help transplant for your community group, garden club or MG project and will be guaranteed free plants in the fall. There are leftover seedlings available for scavenging too.

Throughout the year the Project meets every Thursday from 3-6 pm and on Saturdays from 10-2pm at the Bee Lab, an interesting place for bee studies. It is located on route 197 which continues north from route 50 just west past the route 301/route 50 interchange. Just go about 6 miles north to Bowie State

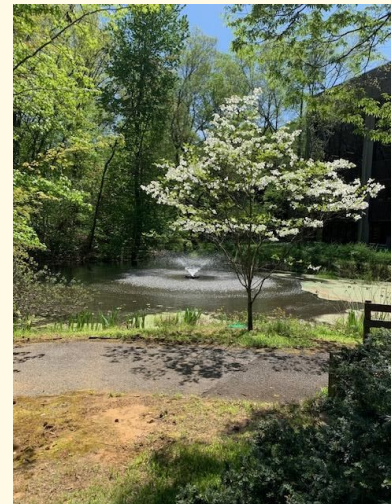
University and 2 more miles to the Lab on the right.

You are welcome to join us at the Bee Lab and if you want more information and to get on the email list please contact Lauren Toomey at Lauren_Toomey@hotmail.com.



Tawes Garden

It is hard to believe we are in June and that 2024 is almost halfway over. Tawes Demonstration Garden is filling out from the severe trimming it inadvertently got last fall and we are all breathing a sigh of relief. We are continuing to care for the Plant Mural but our group also works to remove the invasives that plague the garden. We also have planted the dozen containers which add to the beauty of the patio area. Tawes Garden is often used as a backdrop for various Maryland State functions and celebrations due to its lush native and display gardens and streamside patio terrace. We are always happy to see any new and vintage Master Gardeners. We meet alternate Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8-12noon.



In June, Suzanne Weber, the Tawes Horticulturist, will once again be hosting a presentation as part of the ongoing Butterfly and Bumblebee Habitat Stewards Program. Last month's presentation by Dr. Sam Droege on "USGS Bee Projects in Maryland" was a big hit, drawing participants from many of the area's gardening and horticultural communities. The featured speaker in June will be Max Ferlauto, Maryland's Department of Natural Resources State Biologist. His topic will be "Maryland Native Pollinators" which is a topic that is of prime interest and concern to all Master Gardeners. It should be a fantastic program and, best of all, this is FREE! and provides MG attendees with 1 1/2 hours of Education Hours. The program is open to the general public as well so please let friends and families who may be interested know that this is coming up. If interested, please RSVP to Suzanne so that she can accommodate everyone. Here are the details:

Tawes Garden Butterfly and Bumblebee Habitat Stewards Program

A new monthly environmental education and volunteer training program for Chesapeake Bay pollinator habitat gardeners, stewards and naturalists. Location: Maryland DNR Headquarters and Tawes Garden, 580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis. Lecture to be held in CRC1 Main Conference Room at DNR, field sessions in Tawes Garden. Please note the varying program times. Attendance is free and open to all. Master Gardeners may claim Education Hours for each session. To enter DNR building, you must bring a photo ID. Free parking is available through Gate 6 at the Naval Academy Stadium, off Taylor Avenue.

Session 3:

Thursday, June 6th—1:00-11:30 AM "Maryland Native Pollinators," Max Ferlauto, Maryland DNR State Biologist

To register, contact Suzanne Weber at DNR -- tel: 410-260-8185 (leave message) or email: suzanne.weber@maryland.gov

Vegetable Gardening at the Dairy Farm

Greetings all Mg's.

We had a great turnout of veggie garden workers for our last meeting in May.

We planted sweet potatoes, corn, basil, dill, celery and beans. This year we are planting white corn and Floriani red corn for corn meal. Floriani red is the preferred corn for polenta. We harvested our first crop of radishes.

The cool weather crops are doing well, but we had to replant some tomatoes and peppers due to a cold snap. It is hard to know just when to get things in the ground.

We are getting a watering schedule written up for the hot, dry months ahead, so if you are interested let Pat know.

We will meet in June on Saturday, June 8, and Thursday, June 27. So please join in if you have an interest in growing food for your family.

Our regular schedule is the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of the month.

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If you would like to added to or deleted from 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

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Date: June 18th (**Third Tuesday of the Month**)

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Location: 7301 Waterloo Rd Parcel A, Jessup, MD 20794

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Food Forests

Date: Tuesday, June 4th from 10 am- 12 pm

Location: American Chestnut Land Trust

Join us for a tour of the food forest at the American Chestnut Land Trust. Calvert County Master Gardener Birgit will lead the tour and give an overview about what a food forest is and how to start one. This event is in-person only and spots are limited. We will all meet at the barn on site.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

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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

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