

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE IS AROUND THE CORNER

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As the days grow longer and temperatures are on the rise, garden enthusiasts eagerly anticipate the annual Spring Plant Sale hosted by the Frederick County Master Gardeners. This much-anticipated event is set to take place on Saturday, April 26, from 8:30 to 1:00 pm at the Frederick Fairgrounds, along with the *Frederick News Post* Fiberfest.

With a reputation for providing high-quality plants at reasonable prices, the Spring Plant Sale has become a cherished tradition among local gardeners. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a novice eager to add life to your outdoor space, this event promises something for everyone. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions and provide advice in selecting plants, ensuring that shoppers make informed choices to suit their gardening goals.

A bounty of botanical favorites

The sale will offer a vibrant selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetable plants to kickstart the growing season, all suitable for Frederick County growing conditions.

Annuals: A dazzling array of annual flowers—including petunias, marigolds, zinnias, and impatiens, to name a few—will be available for those looking to add instant color to their gardens. Flowers for both sun and shade will be featured, as well as great combinations for containers and window boxes. Hanging pots will feature lush color combinations.

Perennials: For those in search of long-lasting beauty, native perennials such as coneflowers, asters, daylilies, and black-eyed Susans will be featured, ensuring your garden remains vibrant year after year. Consider adding mountain mint to your pollinator garden; it's been selected as the Perennial Plant of the Year by the Perennial Plant Association. Its heads of tiny white to light pink blooms attract a wide variety of pollinators throughout the summer.

Herbs: Herb lovers will delight in the aromatic selection of basil, thyme, rosemary, mint, and oregano—perfect for both culinary and medicinal use. Many gardeners add herbs as decorative plants in the flower garden. Chives have delightful pink globe flowers, and creeping thyme does a great job filling in those sunny bare spots.

Vegetables: For those with a passion for homegrown produce, the vegetable plant section will feature tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, and an assortment of leafy greens, allowing buyers to cultivate their own fresh and nutritious food right in their backyard. Space is limited? Consider planting vegetables among your flower beds or in pots for an eclectic effect.

Flea Market: Come see what treasure we have for you at one of the most popular booths at our plant sale--our garden-themed flea market. Who doesn't love finding a good bargain at a yard sale? Add whimsy to your garden with a unique array of pots, sculpture and other decorative items:

- Select from an array of flower pots, planters and containers;
- Choose colorful decorative items for your home, patio, garden and yard;
- Shop for gardening books, tools, bird feeders, and such.

What will you spot—a big wicker picnic basket, vases, a new garden tool belt, or a stainless steel counter-top compost collector? Look for bees and butterflies, and even a lady bug in our jewelry section. Quantities are limited, so don't delay!

Supporting a good cause

Proceeds from the plant sale will go toward the Frederick County Master Gardener program to protect and conserve the natural resources of Frederick County. The Master Gardeners support safe, effective, and sustainable horticultural practices that promote the development of healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. In addition to gardening advice, our programs provide produce to the Frederick Food Bank, help preserve the watershed, and support biodiversity in our environment. By attending the sale, shoppers not only enhance their gardens but also contribute to a greener, more sustainable community.

Event details

Arrive early for the best selection, as popular plants tend to sell out quickly. Cash and credit card payments will be accepted, and you may want to bring boxes or carts to more easily transport your purchases.

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just starting out, the Spring Plant Sale is a can't-miss event that promises inspiration, education, and plenty of beautiful plants to brighten up your garden. Mark your calendars and get ready to dig into spring!



Choose a selection of annuals, herbs, and even vegetables to create lovely gardens wherever you have the space. Here are some of the various-sized planted containers from the 2024 Spring Plant Sale. (Source: Frederick County Master Gardeners)

Annuals provide bright splashes of color throughout the summer. Pictured are just a couple of the selection of annuals available at last year's sale. (Source: FC Master Gardeners)



The annuals selections offer creative choices for containers that will pop with color and texture. (Source: Frederick County Master Gardeners)

A cluster of perennials in various heights and colors will brighten your garden. (Source: Frederick County Master Gardeners)



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- Facebook, <https://bit.ly/FCMGFacebook>;
- Instagram, <https://bit.ly/FCMGinstagram>
- University of Maryland Extension Home and Garden Information Center, bit.ly/UME-HGIC;
- Frederick County Master Gardeners publications, <<http://extension.umd.edu/locations/frederick-county/home-gardening>>.

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