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Frederick County GARDEN SMART

Our mission is to educate Maryland residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. Most of our services are FREE.



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MASTER GARDENERS AT THE GREAT FREDERICK FAIR

9/12, 4-8 pm & 9/13 to 9/20, 9:30 am-8 pm
Building 44, City Streets/Country Roads

Take a look at the beautiful blooms in our pollinator garden, just beyond Building 44.



Featuring pollinator-friendly perennials, this garden was planted two years ago to feed and shelter butterflies and other beneficial insects.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE AG OLYMPICS!

October 4 & 5, 10 am to 4 pm

Rose Hill Manor Park, 1161 N. Market St., Frederick

The 2nd Annual Agriculture Olympics is part of Fall Fest at the Frederick County Farm Museum. Children can complete a fun-filled series of challenges highlighting different aspects of agriculture—hay bale stacking, cow milking and more! Master Gardeners will be on hand with info on pollinators. Admission is free.

Visit us! Our theme this year is Native Plants: The Key to Biodiversity. Take a look at our displays, get answers to your gardening questions and learn about:



- The environmental benefits of growing native plants.
- Attracting, sustaining and protecting bees, butterflies and other pollinators.
- Growing vegetables, herbs, flowers, small fruits, and more.
- Creating healthy waterways and communities using Bay-Wise landscaping.

IS YOUR LANDSCAPE POLLINATOR FRIENDLY? WATER WISE? APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION!

If your yard provides food, water and shelter for bees, butterflies and other pollinators you may qualify for Pollinator Friendly landscape certification. You may earn Bay-Wise certification if you have created a sustainable landscape that improves water quality, soil health and habitat for wildlife while protecting and supporting Maryland watersheds.

We welcome your application for one or both of these certifications. Just complete the necessary forms and we will arrange a visit to your property to discuss your use of best gardening practices and answer any questions you may have. The process is relaxed, fun and free (although there is a charge if you would like a Pollinator Friendly sign). Find the applications at:

<https://bit.ly/B-WLivingLandscapes>



https://bit.ly/MG_PollinatorCertForm

If you are interested in dual certification, please include a note along with your completed forms.



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PLAN TO ATTEND UPCOMING FREE SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Join us for FREE seminars, suitable for both beginning and advanced gardeners, at the University of Maryland Extension office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Registration opens 3 weeks before each seminar. Use the links below or call 301-600-1595. Seminars focused on growing vegetables and other edibles are marked GIEI (Grow It, Eat It). All seminars are 10 am - 12 pm unless otherwise noted.

SEPTEMBER

9/6/25

PAWPAWS, A LITTLE KNOWN TREASURE

Discover a native gem you can grow right in your own backyard! Find out how and why to grow this large, tasty fruit—and how native plants can help your entire garden thrive. Tour the pawpaw patch in our Demo Garden.

bit.ly/FCMG25-Pawpaws

9/13/25

GIEI

SEED SAVING FOR A SUSTAINABLE KITCHEN GARDEN

Learn seed-saving basics to ensure you always have a supply of your kitchen garden favorites. Following an overview of plant reproduction, we will have a hands-on demo and seeds to take home for next season. *Pre-registration is required.* bit.ly/FCMG25-SeedSaving

OCTOBER

10/1/25

10 - 11 am

STORY TIME IN THE MG CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Master Gardeners will read a short story & offer activities for young children accompanied by an adult. Rain date: 10/8/25

10/4/25

MINDFULNESS IN THE GARDEN

Experience the healing power of the garden and plants. Learn the benefits of plants to your wellbeing and then walk in the demonstration garden for mindfulness activities.

bit.ly/FCMG25-Mindfulness

10/11/25

MAKE A HYPERTUFA BOWL

Remember playing with mud pies? Hypertufa is an artificial stone made of materials mixed with Portland cement. Although much lighter and more natural-looking, it can still withstand harsh weather. We will guide you through the fun and easy process of making a hypertufa bowl for your garden. *Pre-registration is required; class is limited to 12 participants.* Cost for materials is \$15. Please bring exact cash or check payable to "University of Maryland.". Wear old clothes that can get messy. All materials & equipment will be provided.

bit.ly/FCMG25-Hypertufa



NOVEMBER

11/1/25

RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE: DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS

Use basic design principles in your flower gardening to add interest and increase impact! Learn basic landscape design concepts—including shape, color, texture, framing, rhythm, focal points, and other considerations.

bit.ly/FCMG25-DesignFundamentals

11/8/25

INDOOR PLANTS & WELLNESS

Having indoor plants just makes us feel better. Learn about the therapeutic benefits of houseplants and identify plants that can create a healthier indoor environment.

bit.ly/FCMG25-IndoorPlants

DECEMBER

12/6/25

PROPAGATING NATIVE PLANTS

Native perennials are an excellent addition to any landscape! Learn the benefits of native perennials and why they're essential for pollinators and wildlife. Learn to propagate various natives and take a few plants home. *Class size is limited to 15 participants.*

bit.ly/FCMG25-PropagatingPlants

VEGGIES DONATED TO FOOD BANK

The Frederick County Master Gardeners have been busy growing vegetables and fruits in the Susan Trice Demonstration Garden located behind the University of MD Extension Office. As of mid-August, more than 170 pounds of produce had been given to the Frederick Food Bank, an estimated value of \$900 based on farmers' market prices.

In addition to extensive beds showcasing various ways to grow edible plants, our demonstration areas include a charming Children's Garden, woodland-edge plantings and a paw-paw patch, a hedgerow alongside Montevue Lane, and perennial beds on the side and front of the building. The gardens are open to the public during the daylight hours. For more details about these areas see:

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