I am always on the lookout for flowering plants this time of year, which is why I always visit the Orchid Extravaganza at the Longwood Gardens Conservatory. I found a Longwood Gardens blog that described the interesting history of the Longwood Gardens Orchid collections. Here’s the story of the Longwood orchid collection, adapted from the Longwood blog at https://longwoodgardens.org/blog/2016-01-27t000000/pursuing-passion-orchids.

Inspired by their travels and their growing collection of garden and plant literature, Pierre and Alice du Pont started construction on a large Conservatory at the west end of their property in the spring of 1919 (long before Longwood Gardens was open to the public). A large Conservatory complex would vastly expand the du Ponts’ collection of plants and serve as a venue to entertain their guests, even during the winter months. With construction underway, the du Ponts’ began to plan their indoor gardens. They planned spaces to feature ornamentals such as roses, hibiscus, and acacias, and also planned an orchid collection for the conservatory. Although Pierre and Alice had not grown or collected orchids before, they set space in their Conservatory specifically for an orchid collection. By November of 1919, Pierre was seeking out local orchid collections for purchase. The collections Pierre considered were large—sometimes enormous—but were often fairly limited to American orchids because American collectors were unable to purchase many types of tropical orchids due to importation restrictions on plants. Further, tropical orchids were costly and rare, requiring specialized knowledge to successfully grow. Pierre decided that his complete orchid collection should come with an experienced orchid grower to care for them.
Eventually, the couple decided to amass their own collection, purchasing plants that interested them from nurseries in the United States and abroad. Their first recorded purchase was for one hundred *Galearis spectabilis*, Showy orchis native to the Eastern United States and Harford County! By 1924, the orchid collection had expanded so much that a full-time gardener was needed for their care. Longtime Longwood rose grower Louis Jacoby was assigned with the care of the orchids in 1924. Although he had not cared for orchids in the past, he proved a quick study. Jacoby pored over the du Ponts' library of orchid texts and kept detailed notes of his work. As the du Ponts grew their orchid collection, Jacoby also expanded its scope by trading plants and information with other collectors. The most prominent acquisition of orchids came in the form of a very large collection from Pierre's sister-in-law, who donated her renowned collection to Longwood, expanding the collection by over two thousand rare and unique orchids. Today, the orchid collection at Longwood Gardens contains over 6,000 plants, and is the effort of donors and gardeners over the course of nearly 95 years. It encompasses plants, literature, and the knowledge amassed by years of skilled gardening. The Longwood Orchid house represents the face of this collection, displaying orchids in bloom every day of the year. The Orchid Extravaganza shows an orchid display across the entire Conservatory every winter to highlight this diverse plant family. The Longwood blog noted that Longwood students and interns experience the Orchid Extravaganza on-the-job, learning about orchids in the spirit of Louis Jacoby.

Please have a good January and February, and visit the orchids at Longwood Gardens!

~Ellen Haas – 2013

**Winter Reading: Favorite Fiction for Gardeners**

Meghan Shinn
Horticulture Magazine

What better way to wile away the winter than by sinking into a great novel that includes plenty of garden and plant imagery and maybe a gardening protagonist, too? Here are some of our favorite works of fiction in which gardens and gardeners play a role:

**The Care and Handling of Roses with Thorns** by Margaret Dilloway

**The Language of Flowers** by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

**The Forgotten Garden** by Kate Morton

**The Lost Garden** by Helen Humphreys

**Rose's Garden** by Carrie Brown

**The Lost Gardens** by Anthony Elgin

**Garden Spells** by Sarah Addison Allen

**The Last Camellia** by Sarah Jio
Harford County Master Gardeners have provided funds to send local youth to the National Jr Horticulture Conference (NJHA) and Judging Competitions for the past few years. I would like to thank Harford’s Master Gardeners for their support.

I thought the following article would be of interest as it mentions NJHA and its goal to recruit youth into the specialized field of horticulture. In January I began assisting the after-school Horticulture team at North Harford High in an effort to recruit kids to compete at the NJHA conference.

Joyce Browning

Nursery Management Cover Story

Today’s horticulture students travel many different paths on their way to a career doing what they love.

Matt McClellan

Horticulture has a reputation as being hereditary. Nursery and greenhouse businesses stay in the family for generations, and people grow up to do what their parents did. That may be perception, but it’s not reality. Not every kid stays in the family business. But the question being asked is how do we replace those who leave? Are tomorrow’s potential horticulturists even aware of the possibility of a career as a grower, breeder or propagator?

Enrollment in horticulture programs has slipped nationwide. Still, students are finding horticulture. And once they find it, they are doing amazing things.

Find them early

Organizations like the National Junior Horticultural Association aim to help horticulture find students. NJHA was founded in 1934 and was the first organization in the world dedicated solely to youth and horticulture. NJHA programs are designed to help young people obtain a basic understanding of horticulture, and develop skills that could help them pursue a career in that field. These programs help the horticultural industry by training and recruiting youth in many specialized fields of horticulture.

Bill Wilder, chairman of the NJHA Foundation, says the NJHA has been working with other youth organizations to improve how it influences young people, and to cast a wider net. The association has a strong East Coast and California presence, but could use more representatives from the Midwest and Great Plains states.

“The people we do influence are all committed to horticulture,” he says. “Once we have them at a meeting, most continue in the horticulture field. We have trouble reaching new people.”

Kim Shearer Lattier, a graduate student at Oregon State University, is a good example of someone who would have joined up earlier.
“I always liked plants, but I never knew what I wanted to do in life,” she says. “I guess that’s because I didn’t know that horticulture was a career option. As soon as I had my first exposure to horticulture, I knew instantly.”

Lattier was exposed to horticulture earlier in life, but only as a spectator. Her mother enjoyed gardening and took her to garden centers and nurseries quite a bit. In 2009, Lattier went back to school at North Carolina State University. She credits the Home Horticulture course she took with Bryce Lane at NC State with opening her mind to the possibilities.

Horticulture students at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas, gain practical experience. She quickly took to propagation and plant breeding. She considers herself fortunate to have landed two valuable internships during her time at NCSU. First, she worked in the campus conservatory with Diane Mays. In that position, Lattier primarily focused on care, maintenance and propagation of conservatory plants. Next, she interned at the Mountain Crop Improvement Lab with Tom Ranney, where she got her first taste of ornamental plant breeding. She hasn’t stopped yet.

As she works on her master’s degree, Lattier is also secretary of the OSU chapter of Pi Alpha Xi, a national honor society for undergraduate and graduate students in floriculture, ornamental horticulture, and landscape horticulture. The organization helms many projects in its community, including an outreach by engaging the CSC Youth Group in Corvallis. By working with this group to teach horticulture skills to at-risk youth, Lattier finds a way to share the joy of plants with people who, like her younger self, may have never considered it as a career path.

“My favorite aspect of horticulture is the people,” she says. “Which is kind of ironic since I chose this field so that I could work with plants, and not necessarily people. However, I have found that the people of horticulture is its strength. The people of horticulture are smart, thoughtful, resourceful and resilient.”

SEED YOUR FUTURE!

Two years ago an industry alliance was formed with a noble purpose – increase awareness of horticulture and drive more students toward careers in the field. The result of that collaboration is the Seed Your Future initiative.

“Just as the opportunities in horticulture are expanding, the number of people who are aware of these opportunities is dwindling,” says Anna Ball, co-chair of Seed Your Future and president and CEO of Ball Horticultural Company. “Seed Your Future will be the spark and structure we need to make sure our industry thrives and is innovative in the future.”

Longwood Gardens and the American Society for Horticultural Science have come together, with endorsement from more than 150 partners, as a steering committee:

- To improve the public’s perception of horticulture and horticultural careers.
- To engage and excite youth about horticulture in their lives and school curriculum, and promote participation in horticultural organizations such as the National Junior Horticultural Association, Junior Master Gardener, 4-H and FFA.
- To increase the number of students in high school horticulture and plant science programs, and in two- and four-year college and university horticulture programs.
THE ACTION PLAN
The results of its national study are driving Seed Your Future’s action plan, which has three key components: education, marketing, and public advocacy.

A partnership with Scholastic Inc., the world’s largest publisher of children’s books, will lead to a horticultural presence in 100 percent of our nation’s schools.

The group will target key geographic areas where it sees the greatest potential to make an impact. The committee will develop custom marketing plans focused on attracting students to two- and four-year college and university horticulture programs. This plan will also promote horticulture to the general public, building on the strength of marketing and awareness efforts already underway by the many horticultural organizations and public gardens across the nation.

Family traditions
For many people, like Lattier, their first exposure to horticulture is through family. But many second- or third- generation nursery owners have sons or daughters that didn’t catch the bug, despite being immersed in it since childhood. A family connection to growing may or may not manifest itself as a career.

For Hunter Walker, it did.

The 22-year-old Texan decided to study horticulture after high school because of the influence of his Native American grandparents and his mother.

“They always had the most beautiful gardens and worked on their farm constantly until sundown,” he says. Walker began learning about the art of horticulture from his grandmother. She taught him about the many native plants that Native American tribes used for remedies, healing and health.

Since he was young, Walker has grown a variety of plants with his mother. Today, the junior at Stephen F. Austin State University is the greenhouse manager at the campus’s Native Plant Center.

“My favorite thing in the world is coming to work and caring for the many plants that look to me to keep them happy,” he says. “I love having that sense of worth every day when I wake up, it makes me a positive person, and I can almost feel the love the plants give back to me, especially when they bloom.”

Along with the horticulture bug, Walker was also bit by the entrepreneurial bug. Two years ago, he started his own small business, Happy Apache Apothecary. Walker uses the knowledge imparted from his grandmother to grow native plants organically or pick them from the wild and refine them into healing salves, soaps, tinctures, and lip balms. The products are given as gifts to family or friends and sold on his online store (happyapache.etsy.com).

Bryan Kottke, 21, of Fond Du Lac, Wis., also had a family that fostered his love of horticulture. His grandmother was an avid gardener who did not shy away from putting the grandkids to work. He also was involved with 4-H in grade school. “Though I didn’t do as much hands-on with plants, 4-H is where I really developed my passion for garden photography, which I think helped steer me down the path of ornamental horticulture,” he says.

As a college freshman, Kottke planned to go into plant breeding and genetics. A summer internship at Longwood Gardens changed his mind. After working at the Pennsylvania public garden, Kottke decided his path lay with public and ornamental horticulture, not research.

“I love to see people interact with and respond to the plants and garden spaces around them,” Kottke says. “If I’ve been able to evoke an emotion in someone through plants, gotten them to stop for a minute and engage with what I’ve grown, then I feel I’ve done my job.”
New blood

Longwood Gardens offers a Professional Gardener program that teaches the needed skills for a career as a horticulturist. The two-year, tuition-free program is offered every year to 8-10 individuals who have obtained at least a high school diploma and have at least one year's paid horticultural work experience.

Kottke is one type of student attracted to this program – the horticulture lifer, so to speak. But in recent years, the program has introduced a growing number of non-traditional students to the world of professional horticulture.

Adam Dooling is that second type of student – one who had a solid career in a completely different field and did not consider horticulture as an option until past his 30th birthday.

After high school, he pursued an undergraduate degree in music composition, and spent his early years touring in a punk rock band, before settling down to work as an art handler in Manhattan. Although he loved being surrounded by art, after seven years, he’d lost any passion for his work.

Then, he landed a temporary position working on the High Line, an abandoned railroad trestle that had been converted to a public green space. He eventually became a horticulture intern for the nonprofit park, and he realized that he had found his path.

“Falling in love with the work I was doing, I could see that horticulture served an important role in society,” Dooling says. “From that point on, I was hooked.”

After working on the High Line, Dooling knew that this was the right career path for him. But due to his age and financial situation, attending a university did not seem like an option.

Eating Around the Harvest

Winter Squash with Caramelized Apples
Andrea Chesman – Recipes from the Root Cellar Serves 4-6

1 large buttercup, butternut, or red kuri squash, or ½ small baby blue Hubbard squash
4 tablespoons butter
2 large apples, peeled, cored, and chopped
¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. Cut the squash into halves if small, or into quarters if large. Remove and discard the seeds and fibers. Place skin-side up in a baking dish and add about 1 inch of water to the dish.
3. Bake for 60 to 90 minutes, depending on the size of the pieces, until completely tender when pierced with a fork.
4. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Sauté until the brown sugar is dissolved and the apples are tender and coated in the sugar syrup, about 5 minutes. Set aside.
5. When the squash is done, drain off the water. Turn the pieces flesh-side up, and allow to cool until they can be handled easily. Scrape the flesh from the skins into a mixing bowl and discard the skins. Mash or beat until smooth.
6. Fold in the apples and their syrup. Season generously with salt and pepper.
7. If desired, reheat in a microwave or in the top of a double boiler set over boiling water. Serve hot.
Small Fruits Pruning – March 4, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
MacBridge and Fill Falcon Ridge Farm, Westminster, MD

Are you interested in growing your own small fruits and educating others to do the same? Would you like to learn and then share pruning techniques that will increase fruit yield?

This is an opportunity to learn from experts who own and operate their own productive fruit farm. The class will begin with a lecture on fruit varieties that are good for home production. You will then be able to watch an indoor demo that covers the techniques of pruning thornless blackberries, raspberries, grapes, and currents. The second half of the class will involve a trip out into the field for a demonstration of infield pruning. You may be able to practice your new skills in the field as well!
This class will count as 3 hours of UME MG continuing education and also towards the Advanced Training: Vegetable Gardening Certificate.

Cost: $25

Bay-Wise Advanced Training - 2 Saturdays (You must attend both)
April 1 (Baltimore County Ag Center) &
April 8 (Cylburn Arboretum) – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Most Maryland residents live within a half-mile of a storm drain, stream or river. Most of those waterways eventually drain into the Chesapeake Bay. What we do to maintain our own landscapes can affect the health of our local waterways (drainage ditches, streams, and rivers), the Chesapeake Bay and our environment. We all need to do our part to take care of our waterways and environment. By changing a few simple landscape practices, you and your family can help keep Maryland communities healthy.

The MD Bay-Wise Program focuses on water quality. It comprises a comprehensive set of environmental topics that affect the quality and quantity of water here in Maryland. Most of these topics relate to landscape management, however, a few, like hydrology, wells & septic systems, hazardous household products and water conservation, address household issues.

The cost will be $50 for those taking the class for the first time. Those who have previously taken the class may attend for free. Contact Dorothy Wells for information and to register - wellsduorothy@gmail.com

Education Opportunities

February 3, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Today’s Horticulture Symposium, Longwood Gardens

This daylong symposium is hosted by the Professional Gardener Alumni Association of Longwood Gardens.

The event is sponsored by Longwood Gardens, Chanticleer Foundation, Mt. Cuba Center, and The Professional Gardener Alumni Association. It boasts a diverse lineup of speakers and features a plant sale with an eclectic offering of plants, seeds, tools, and other items. Symposium registrants will also gain access to the Gardens and will be treated to a warm buffet lunch.
Fee $149, Online Webinar $35

https://www.longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/todays-horticulture-symposium
February 3, 2017 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
**Lecture: Magnolias for the Home Landscape**
United States Botanic Garden, Washington, DC

**Andrew Bunting, Assistant Director of the Garden and Director of Plant Collections, Chicago Botanic Garden**
Join Andrew as he discusses the breadth of magnolias that can be cultivated in the Washington, D.C. area. He will show how magnolias can be used in the landscape and discuss their many attributes such as fragrance, flower color, evergreen types, native species, great magnolias for small spaces, and how to best grow and cultivate magnolias.

Fee: Free - Pre-registration Required
[https://www.usbg.gov/events/2016/12/19/lecture-magnolias-home-landscape](https://www.usbg.gov/events/2016/12/19/lecture-magnolias-home-landscape)

February 4, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
**Lecture: Bananas: Botany, History, Agriculture, and Future**
United States Botanic Garden, Washington, DC

**Todd Brethauer, USBG Science Education Volunteer**
Bananas are the most popular fruit in the world and a major food staple for hundreds of millions of people in the tropics. Join Todd as he traces the 7,000-year journey of the banana from the jungles of Southeast Asia to your breakfast table. Learn how humans have guided the development of the banana for many different uses-- dessert, plantains, fiber, and beer. In the American grocery store, we see only a tiny fraction of the varieties that are grown around the world. Explore how knowledge of the genome of one of the wild ancestors of cultivated bananas helps breeders counter new fungal, bacterial, and viral diseases that threaten production.

Fee: Free - Pre-registration Required

February 11, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
**Wildflower Ecology: A Naturalist’s Perspective**
Mount Cuba Center Hockenssin, DE

Our native woodland wildflowers are more than just a delight for the eye: they have adapted to their environment over millennia and play important roles in the ecology of their region. Join naturalist Carol Gracie and learn the fascinating life histories of spring ephemerals. Topics include adaptations for early blooming, pollination and seed dispersal, and the latest scientific research on the ecology of these beautiful plants.

Fee: $20

February 15, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
**Unravelling Botanical Names**
Mount Cuba Center, Hockenssin, DE

Scientific names offer precision and accuracy when identifying plants, but they are also a bit intimidating. Amy Highland, Director of Collections at Mt. Cuba Center, explains how to pronounce botanical names and reveals how they provide an extra layer of understanding about plants: where they come from; who discovered them; what groups they belong to; and even how they were used in native cultures. Learn ways to conquer the secret language of plants and add another level of skill to your gardening talents.

Fee: $15
[https://education.mtcubacenter.org/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=171GAR170](https://education.mtcubacenter.org/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=171GAR170)
February 16, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
**Workshop: Plant Propagation for Beginners**
United States Botanic Garden, Washington, DC

*Kenny Silveira, USBG Gardener, and Lee Coykendall, USBG Children’s Education Specialist*

Come in from the cold to learn how you can increase your plant collection through propagation. Explore the many kinds of propagation and learn how to propagate your own plants through demonstrations and hands-on activities. Materials will be provided; if you have a manageable-size house plant you wish to bring in to divide, please feel free to do so.

Fee: Free - Pre-registration Required
https://www.usbg.gov/events/2016/12/19/workshop-plant-propagation-beginners

February 18th & 19th, 2017.
**Maple Magic**, Ladew Topiary Gardens, Monkton, MD

Come experience the “magic” of maple sugaring as we head out to Ladew’s Nature Walk to identify trees, observe tapped maple trees, and collect some sap! Learn how to boil down the sap to make yummy, golden brown syrup. And sample tasty maple snacks!

$10 Adults, $5 Children, Advanced registration is recommended
http://www.ladewgardens.com/EDUCATION/Maple-Magic

February 18, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
**Garden Equipment Tune-Up**, Mount Cuba Center, Hockenssin, DE

With spring just around the corner, it’s time to prepare your outdoor power equipment for the busy season ahead. Scott Freedman shows you how to tune up a lawn mower, string trimmer, and leaf blower, ensuring all parts are functioning properly and safely. Learn how to troubleshoot equipment and stave off any potential problems.

Fee: $25
https://education.mtcubacenter.org/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=171GAR220

February 18, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
**Lecture: Citrus: Botany, Chemistry, History and Future**
United States Botanic Garden, Washington, DC

*Todd Brethauer, USBG Science Education Volunteer*

Not so long ago, citrus fruits were eaten only by the few and then only on special occasions. Now they are an important part of the healthy diet of billions of people around the world. Join Todd as he traces the 6,000-year journey of citrus out of Asia with traders, explorers and conquerors. See how the fruit has changed and how it has changed our landscape and the way we live. Explore the fascinating chemistry of oranges and lemons and how their major aroma chemicals can be so similar, yet smell so different. Learn how recent studies of the genomes of wild and cultivated citrus have expanded the tools available to breeders to help counter new fungal, bacterial, and viral diseases that threaten production.

Fee: Free - Pre-registration Required
https://www.usbg.gov/events/2016/12/19/lecture-citrus-botany-chemistry-history-and-future
February 23, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Behind The Scenes Flower Show Greenhouse Tour**
PHS Meadowbrook Farm, Jenkintown, PA

A breathtaking horticultural balancing act occurs at Meadowbrook Farm each winter when out-of-season plants bloom for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Join Greenhouse Manager Nate Roehrich and Grower John Kaszan on a tour of the greenhouses, highlighting plants that will be used in the 2017 Philadelphia Flower Show, "Holland: Flowering the World."

Fee: $25 PHS Members; $35 Non-Members
http://meadowbrookfarm.org/calendar/event/behind-the-scenes-flower-show-greenhouse-tour1

February 24, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Green Matters Symposium: Plant Solutions in the Age of Climate Change**, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, MD

Home gardeners and landscape designers alike are faced with an increasingly inconsistent and harsh environmental climate, ranging from droughts to floods and extreme temperatures. Share a powerful day with respected horticultural minds from the green industry for animated discussion on these challenges, but most importantly, to find real solutions.

What impacts will climate change have upon our Mid-Atlantic plant selections and design choices? How does a changing environment affect strategies to achieve landscape sustainability? Learn how to leverage new opportunities in design trends that address these environmental concerns for landscapes, ranging from sunny perennial borders to shade and canopy gardens. Discover how plants can offer fundamental solutions to the challenges of climate change from an expert panel presenting the latest market trends for plant introductions and new hybridizing initiatives.

Fee: $99; https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search/18671

February 24, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Fundamentals of Pruning – Session B**
Mount Cuba Center, Hockenssin, DE

Proper pruning is the key to maintaining plant health, vigor, and the desired form. In this hands-on workshop, learn basic pruning principles such as how to make proper cuts, the best times of year to prune different species, and how to select and maintain tools. Gain the confidence to prune your plants in a more naturalistic, appealing, and professional way. Bring your lunch, work gloves, and hand pruners.

Fee: $50
https://education.mtcubacenter.org/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=171GAR107B

February 25, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Perennially Inspired**
Perennial Plant Association & Horticultural Society of Maryland
Conference Center @ Sheppard Pratt, Baltimore, MD

A day-long seminar with horticultural experts. Topics include Native Plants and Design, Building Today’s Landscapes with Grasses and Sedges, Gravel Gardens, Nine Months at Chanticleer, and The Power of Four Inches

Fee: $125; $145 after February 3
https://mdhorticulture.org/programs-events/winter-seminar/
February 25, 2017 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
2017 Spring Garden Conference
Montgomery County Master Gardeners, Derwood, MD
The daylong event offers multiple presentations, morning snacks, a delicious bag lunch, door prizes, networking with other gardeners, answers to your gardening questions, handouts, and reference materials. Participants can attend three of nine concurrent presentations, and a Lunch & Learn session, all taught by Master Gardeners.

Advanced Registration: $55
http://www.extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/spring-miniconference

March 3, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
The Longwood Graduate Program Symposium, Longwood Gardens, Pretty. Peaceful. Savvy. Smart. Can gardens have both beauty and brains? Long valued for their aesthetics, public gardens also contribute to tourism, employment, and development in their region. As economic engines, gardens can use their influence to improve the community while advancing their organization.

The Longwood Graduate Program’s 2017 Symposium, Growing Together: Cultivating Change in the Economic Landscape, explores research on the economic impact of gardens, advocacy for nonprofit organizations, effects of urban revitalization, and public gardens as economic drivers. Join us to investigate the ways public gardens contribute to our local and regional economies.

Fee $119
https://www.longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/longwood-graduate-symposium

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2016 Intern, Denise Perry, at the January MG Evening Study Group. Both Denise and Jacqueline Cunningham were able to complete the class requirements that evening. Congratulations to both of you!

Combat Boot Gardening

The Maryland Master Gardener Mission Statement

The Maryland Master Gardener mission is to support the University of Maryland Extension by educating Maryland residents about safe effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities.

The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources programs are open to all and will not discriminate against anyone because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin, marital status, genetic information, political affiliation, or gender identity and expression.