Monthy Meeting
Garden Tour

Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2006
Time: 7-9 p.m.
Place: Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church
1281 Green Holly Drive
Arnold, MD 21401

Directions: http://www.toad.net/~coa/coamap.html

For More Information:
Call Anne Arundel County Cooperative Extension Office at 410-222-6757

Guest Speaker for July

Lee Gordon

A TUTORIAL IN BOTANICAL LATIN

Mr. Lee Gordon is a life-long gardener, who has been instructing at the USDA Graduate School since 1998. A 1981 graduate of VCU with a BFA in Painting and Art History, he continued his studies at the Graduate School, earning certificates in both Horticulture and Landscape Design. For the past several years, he has been designing private gardens for clients in Virginia, DC, West Virginia, and North Carolina.

At the USDA Graduate School, Lee teaches the perfect introduction for students who are developing an interest in gardening. He teaches “Principles of Horticulture,” a basic course in botany, gardening, and horticultural practices, with flair and imagination, as well as lots of examples from his own garden. Field trips for three more courses he also teaches “Perennials of Spring,” “Perennial of Summer,” and “Perennials of Autumn,” which are filled with information and introductions to herbaceous plants that can enhance any gardener’s planting and landscaping experiences.

Lee also teaches “Landscape Plants of Winter,” and the
“Advanced Landscape Plants of Summer.” Both courses address ornamental woody plants of the seasons.

For the Master Gardeners, Lee will offer a tutorial in “Botanical Latin.” If you have been pondering the significance of “tomentosa,” “europaeum,” or “canadense,” this evening will be a time for discovery and of making sense of Latin! Bring pad and pencil, if you wish, and be ready for fun, learning, and the feeling of accomplishment.

THE COORDINATOR’S CORNER

Mike Ensor, Coordinator

I want to thank and congratulate all of our Anne Arundel Master Gardeners for a “job well done” with this year’s 2006 Open House and a special salute to Susan Smith and Lois Steinfort for chairing this awesome event. Much thanks also goes to our project chairs and their committees for the great displays. The speakers were top notch and were well attended. The plant sale committee which was a new addition to the open house raised $900+ for the Anne Arundel Master Gardener program. Also, a special thanks goes to Susie Blackwell and Donna Alexander for the wonderful refreshments that nourished us throughout the day. Last but not least, I would like to thank Michael Murdock and his staff at Quiet Waters Park for their partnership with the Anne Arundel Master Gardener Program.

Also as we all know this is a time that we recruit potential new Master Gardeners. A special thanks goes to John Conners for taking on the responsibility of interviewing new candidates for the Master Gardener Program throughout the day.

Again, much thanks to all of our Master Gardeners for your time, dedication, and team working for the Open House to take place.

At this time I also want to again congratulate the “Ask a Master Gardener” group and project chairs Joe Marsala and Lew Shell for their accomplishments with “Search for Excellence”. The award was presented this June at the Northeast Master Gardener Conference in Rhode Island. Much thanks to Dottie Oliff and Marilyn Kinkel for being able to travel to the Northeast Conference to receive this award on behalf of the “Ask A Master Gardener” group.

As I become full time July 1 in Anne Arundel County, I have set two goals thus far. One is that we will have both a fall and spring Intern Master Gardener Training. The other goal is that I hope to visit all project sites at least once throughout the year. Therefore, I am asking that all project chairs email me or call me with a couple of dates when you would like me to visit your projects.

As we begin a new fiscal year, we remember that our focus is on “EDUCATION” and yes we do want to have “FUN” with what we do.

OPEN HOUSE 2006

Susan Smith, MG

I’m not sure who had more fun at Open House ‘06, the MGs or our Guests! What a great Day! The project tables were spectacular, the refreshment table was not only beautiful but staggeringly scrumptious, the horticultural presentations were well run and well received, and as a bonus some mighty sharp people applied to become Master Gardeners!

For the record, around 100 people attended our Open House and plant sale, 78 attended the horticultural presentations, 10 visited our compost and native plant gardens, 11 applicants were interviewed between 10:00 and 3:00, and all our projects but one, were well represented.

To top it off: the plant sale was a phenomenal success netting us exactly $870.00.

A BIG APPLAUSE to our committee and Master Gardeners who donated beautiful healthy plants equal to or better than I have seen at the National Arboretum plant sales......May this just be the beginning!! We’ve come a long way since Open House 2004 when we only had 18 in attendance! Congratulations to all Master Gardeners who made Open House ’06 a great success......with an enormous thank you to the Maryland Federation of Art artists for creating unparallel ambiance with “The Art if the Garden” exhibition and a very special thank you to Quiet Waters Park staff, for their generous support and help before, during and after the event.

As you know, it has always been a tradition for Master Gardeners to donate a light morning or
WANT AN EASY WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR FELLOW MASTER GARDENERS?

If you would like an easy way to send a message out to the whole MG group or see messages sent by others, think about joining our Yahoo MG email group. This is a way for anyone to send or respond to messages or announcements (separate from the newsletter). All you need to do is let me (Robin Costas) know you want to be on the list. Send me an email at costasrt@comcast.net.

And, there is more…if you want to be able to access the Yahoo MG website…all you need is a Yahoo ID. (This is separate from the HGIC MG website.) There you will find a list of all our members and their email addresses, see all of our past correspondences and be able to access our past newsletters. If you are interested, I can send you more information or even help you get set up. Just let me know?

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

Joe Marsala, MG

The Farmers Market in Annapolis has begun to be really active this month. Additionally, we held plant clinics at Crofton Library, North County Library and our Open House. Thanks to efforts of: Robin Costas, Maureen Donovan, Carol Dowling, Kay Ford, Judy Freeman, Karen Gomes, Pat Horm, Linda Kolosky, Linda Martinich, Dottie Oliff, Bonnie Pavlak, Janet Ross, Marietta Schreiber, Carol Segree, Lew Shell, Lori Theiler, Pat Thompson, Lisa Winters, and Helen Zinn we completed 508 client educational sessions. This brings our year-to-date total to 928!

All kinds of interesting things happened this month:
• The Farmers Market celebrated their 20th anniversary.
• Janet Owens, our county executive stopped by our plant clinic.
• We received the Northeast Regional Search for Excellence Award.

I would like to invite all Master Gardeners to visit one of our plant clinics. I think you will be very impressed with the abilities and attitudes of your colleagues. Our newest afternoon snack for the Open House refreshment table. This past year was no exception and while I know this is not foodnetwork.com, there was one particular recipe that has had everyone clamoring. So thanks to Susie Blackwell for the forward and with permission from the chef Scott Doran (Intern Class of 2005) copied below is her recipe for Antipasto Squares.

ANTIPASTO SQUARES

2 pkg. refrigerated crescent rolls
1/4 lb each:
*Baked ham
*Provolone cheese
*Genoa salami
*Swiss cheese
*Large slice pepperoni
1 jar roasted peppers, drained
3 eggs beaten
Black pepper
3T grated cheese

Spread 1 pkg, rolls on bottom of a 9X13 dish. Layer the meats/cheeses in order. Spread out roasted peppers over layers. Beat egg mix and place on top layer saving some for the top of the second layer of crescent rolls.

Spread 2nd pkg of crescent rolls on top. Brush with remaining egg mix and grated cheese. Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake 5 more minutes to brown top. Cut into squares; serve warm or room temp. Can be made ahead and frozen and brought to room temp.

I found I had to bake mine a little longer after the foil was removed, but I think this is one of those recipes that is very forgiving.

Enjoy! Scott Doran.
members are more and more assertive, and the more experienced will tackle almost any type of horticultural question. Beyond this you will see that we have a lot of fun doing what we do. It’s a great way to spend a Saturday morning!

Many Master Gardeners use a SPAM/Junk Mail filter that screens email. One of the features of these systems is to send to the Junk Folder any mail from an addressee that is not in your address book. If that is the case, please add Rose Mary Swartwood at swartwrms@pgcc.edu and Ralph Beedle at rebeedle@comcast.net to your address book. Rose Mary sends the MG Newsletter and the MG newsflashes. Ralph will send email concerning MG volunteer hours.

COMPOST/NATIVE PLANT GARDENS PROJECT
Susie Blackwell, MG

June was a busy month for the Compost/Native Plant Gardens Project. With our tables at both the MG Open House and the Riva Road Farmer’s Market, as well as our scheduled demonstrations we spoke to 171 people, many of whom took home a free compost bin and/or goody bag of information. Many thanks to the hard work of MG volunteers, Donna Alexander, Barbara Brashears, Elaine Flanagan, Karen Gomes, Carol Proudfit, Sharon Schroer, Amy Svrjcek, Lew Shell and Anne Van Allan.

Our next scheduled work session/demonstrations will be on Wednesday, July 12 and Saturday, July 29 (see calendar for details).

Please encourage friends and neighbors to visit our site at Quiet Waters either for one of our scheduled sessions or just to stroll by any time and take one of our new self-instructional brochures on compost units and native plants. Contact Susie Blackwell at 410-757-7780 or mrsbntx@aol.com for more information. We will be happy to make arrangements for special group demonstrations.

LET ME COUNT THE WAYS!
OR
DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION
Ralph Beedle, MG

With increased Master Gardener activities in the next few months, it will be worth a few minutes to review the guidelines for reporting the 'Contact Data'.

When recording contact information, please transfer/summarize on your MG Activity Log (timesheet) the notes you make concerning the number of contacts made in plant clinics, phone calls, talks, workshops, information booths, etc. Participant contact data is to be collected in a discrete manner. In activities with large attendance such as talks and seminars, make the best estimate you can. Identify participants as "unknown" when you are in doubt as to race or ethnicity.

The number of 'youth' in the contact data is particularly important. So, if you know the race/gender breakdown of the youth reached, they should be included in the proper race/gender category. If you don't know, it should go in unknown.

Here are some examples:
If you contacted 85 white males and 75 were adult and 10 were youth, your entries should be like this:
  Youth: 10
  White Male: 85
  Total: 85

If you contacted 15 white females and all were youth, your entries should be like this:
  Youth: 15
  White Female: 15
  Total: 15

If you contacted 10 black males and 5 females of undetermined race and 12 of them were youth your entries should look like this:
  Youth: 12
  Black Male: 10
  Undetermined Female: 5
  Total: 15

If you contacted 20 adults and 10 youth, but didn't know race or gender, your entries should look like this:
  Youth: 10
  Unknown: 30
  Total: 30

Another way of characterizing the examples above is: All of the contacts are counted in the race/gender categories. The Youth category provides the number of Youth that are listed in the race/gender categories. So here is more:

So, if the contacts are all 'youth' the YOUTH number would be that same as the total race/gender numbers.

When more than one Master Gardener is involved in an event, please take care that all contacts are accounted for, and that the contact numbers are not duplicated on the logs of individual Master Gardeners. The Project Chairs are responsible for reporting the Contact Data for their respective Project activities. I suggest that the Project Chairs make the Contact Data.

Reports. Your work is important and the Contact Data provides evidence of that importance.

....let me count the ways!

ADDRESS CHANGES

Help us keep you informed. If you change your address, phone number and/or email address, or if you have just come on line, please notify Ralph Beedle at rebeedle@comcast.net

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