June Meeting—Garden Tour

June’s meeting will be a garden tour at the home of Debbie Werre, 3881 Greenmeadow Lane, Davidsonville, MD 21035.

Debbie describes her garden as “young and evolving”. Many of the plants are from cuttings or divisions from friends’ gardens. The goal is to make it low maintenance and wildlife friendly with a lot of variety.

Your GPS will tell you that you have arrived half a mile before you have. The driveway is the long one on the right just before the cul-de-sac. Park on the street and either walk the driveway or take the shuttle. For those walking, look along the left side of the driveway for crawfish mounds. Anyone with a handicap may drive to the house.

Please note that for this meeting, the EAB agreed to start the garden tour at 6:00 PM.

Bottled water will be provided for the garden tour. You are welcome to bring potluck food to the meeting, but there is no electricity available. You will also need to provide all serving utensils and plates.

The Coordinator’s Corner

Mike Ensor, Anne Arundel County Master Gardener Coordinator

What’s in a Name? Our Reputation and Future

Master Gardeners bring a great deal of visibility to University of Maryland Extension (UME) and educational value to residents. Our connection to UME gives us the credibility and expertise that is recognized and respected by our clientele. Some residents don’t know that we are part of UME because it’s not obvious—especially when we refer to ourselves as Master Gardeners, Maryland Master Gardeners, or Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners.

UME Master Gardeners learn in basic training that our beloved program is an important part of University of Maryland Extension. Do you remember that slide in the Volunteer Policy Training Power Point that shows UME as part of the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, and the College as part of the University of Maryland?

Consistently using our UME name will strengthen all of our UME programs. It recognizes UME as the “mothership” and primary source of resources.

Do I have to use “University of Maryland Extension” on everything? - Yes

Every piece of research on effective communication of a new product points to the need to ensure multiple exposures to the same visual as well as verbal identity. This

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Bay-Wise

Jim MacNicholl, MG, and Robin Gill, Project Co-Chairs

Jim MacNicholl and Pat Mitchell of the Bay-Wise Committee helped Crofton Village Garden Club plant a new Pollinator Garden at the Crofton Library on May 9. Jim worked closely with the club to design the garden entirely of native plants per their members’ wishes.

Last year, the club invited our team to present two Bay-Wise programs with nearly half of their membership becoming Bay-Wise Certified in the following months. They are fully embracing the principles of bay-friendly gardening and encouraging their Crofton neighbors to choose best practic-
es as well.

At the garden dedication, attended by dignitaries and members of the club and community, Jim was presented a plaque from Hampton "Skip" Auld, CEO of Anne Arundel County Public Library. It expresses appreciation for the work of Master Gardeners at the library.

Composting & Native Gardens at Quiet Waters Park

Pam Dennison, MG, Project Chair

May was an eventful month for the Compost Team. Along with two compost work sessions and demonstrations for the public, the team toured the county’s very own commercial compost site at the Millersville landfill. We learned valuable info about commercial composting, yard waste pickup, the operations of the new compost site and the landfill itself.

Several years ago, the Compost Team visited a site in Upper Marlboro operated by Maryland Environmental Services where the county’s yard waste used to go. Anne Arundel County can no longer send their yard waste there because that site won’t accept plastic bags anymore. MD Environmental Services makes Leaf Gro.

The new site separates the plastic from the leaves and grass clippings but still has to send that plastic to its landfill. While the operation in Upper Marlboro is massive, the county site is very impressive. Another difference in the county’s site is it doesn’t compost Christmas trees. They are chipped along with tree branches. The chips are used for walking paths throughout the county parks.

The Compost Project continues its partnership with Chesapeake Bay Roasting Company in Crofton. Weekly, they donate their coffee chaff and used grounds to compost at QWP.

If any of you would like some for your own compost pile, please let me know as we have plenty to share!
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Dairy Farm
Pat Shema, MG

Everything is looking great in the Village Garden. We completed the signage for the plants and various sections of interest. We also finished the water feature, many thanks to Four Rivers Garden Club for the grant to do this.

The veggies are growing well and we have harvested radishes and beet greens so far. Pat decided to use a row cover this year as the plants do so much better under it. Pat will probably remove the cover this month in order to allow better viewing for the public.

The agriculture section was topped with a layer of soil/compost and the planting has been done. We will grow amaranth, corn, beans and squash. All seeds are heirloom and derived from Native American stock.

The May meeting held at the farm was a great success. Carole Fullagar dedicated the patio brick project with many thanks to Virgil Davis for the installation. We then moved to the pavilion for the annual plant swap. Many lovely plants were exchanged and MG’s enjoyed cake, cookies and pleasant conversation while awaiting a turn to select plants. We hope this will be an annual event.

Our next work days will be June 13, and June 25, from 9-12. See you there!

Historic Hancock’s Resolution
Nancy Allred, MG, Project Chair

Besides hosting public hours each Sunday from 1:00-4:00, Hancock’s Resolution welcomed 75 third graders from Anne Arundel County Charter School - Monarch Academy on Thursday, May 14. Half of the students came during the morning and participated in three rotations of farm activities, gardening was one. The second group came in the afternoon and performed the same rotations.

The garden rotation consisted of an orientation to Hancock Resolution’s history of growing and marketing lavender. Fresh and dried lavender bunches were passed around and modern-day lavender scented products were shown. Students were given instructions on planting and were guided by Betsy Becky, Gretchen Nyland and me, along with non-MG volunteers Joyce Martinek and Sandy DeMarino. Each student planted two lavender seedlings. We were blessed with a gorgeous and productive day.

The remaining lavender was planted on Sunday, May 17, with the help of Virgil Davis, Elaine Stroshane, and Friends of Hancock’s Resolution vol-
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Historic Hancock’s Resolution (continued)

Nancy Allred, MG, Project Chair

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unteer Leslie Bridg. Four types of lavender were planted: Hid-cote, Munstead, Provence and Grosso. Wire grass removal was the most challenging part of planting the lavender test field. Betsy Beck, Mary Jo Klovensky and I had tillers running for hours on end, raked and removed loosened grass from the field. Betsy continues to tackle the wire grass.

The kitchen and door yard gardens look beautiful even with some weeds. We are harvesting asparagus, broccoli, various lettuces, radish, onions, turnip, kohlrabi, collards, kale, mustard greens, rhubarb and spinach. Farm volunteers and visitors are the recipients of the produce. Tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, cabbage, eggplant, beans, corn, beets, carrots, cucumber, okra, squash and melons have been planted and are growing well. The peas are in flower and the strawberries (protected with netting) are just starting to bear fruit. The hops, flax, and a multitude of herbs are growing vigorously. Sun flowers have re-seeded everywhere and are providing enough sustenance that the deer so far have left the garden vegetables alone. Local resident and Chesapeake

High School Senior, Quinn Poyneer, volunteered on Sunday May 24, for National Honor Society community service hours. He helped construct pole bean trellises, weeded vegetable beds and dead-headed lilacs.

Ellen Levin and Nancy Landers visited Hancock’s Resolution on Saturday, May 23rd and administered the Maryland Bay-wise Yardstick. Participating in the interview were Harry DeLong and interns Betsy Beck and Kim Forry. Hancock’s received certification with a score of 62.

For Hancock Resolution’s June programs check the web site. http://www.historichancocksresolution.org/events-calendar Hancock’s Resolution also maintains an active Facebook page. I will be there from 1:00-4:00 on Sundays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28. Master Gardeners and interns are welcome to assist.

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Master Gardener Consultants

Elizabeth Matarese, MG

During the past month, two of the MG Consultants have been busy. Ginny Klocko was visiting Broadneck Park when she came upon an area of flowers in bloom. She took pictures, realizing they must be natives. And her concern grew as she saw that clearing part of the area near them had begun. While she recognized that they were orchids, and native orchids at that, she didn’t know what kind.

She called Elizabeth Matarese and sent pictures. Elizabeth confirmed her finding: yes! Native Orchids! Galearis spectabilis! The Showy Orchis. This exciting find was followed by questions: what to do to protect them? Who else could be involved with protecting them? Did people who adminis-

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Elizabeth Matarese, MG

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tered the park services know what they had?

Elizabeth called Parks and Recreation Department’s Barbara Polito, who advised calling the person in charge of parks in north Anne Arundel County. In the meantime, because of concern for the orchids, Elizabeth designed a sign that could be placed near the planting to alert passersby to the valuable plants that grace their park. And now the wait. Will the park rangers be con- cerned enough to erect a sign? Will the County take action to protect the orchids? Will someone go in and try to dig them up? This would destroy them, as they are dependent on an intact mycorrhizal community. So we await word. Meanwhile, enjoy what Ginny found!

Elizabeth has also been asked by several people in her neighborhood about the beginnings of Slime flux and whether it is seriously affects trees in our area. It may be the bacterial disease that affected our Ralph Beedle Poplar at the Dairy Farm, and that tree has survived, though it does have a rather ugly “bleed” on one side. There is no definitive answer online. Some extension services recommend a 10% bleach washing of the affected area. Others recommend the use of rubbing alcohol. Still others say it isn’t serious. The HGIC page on tree diseases doesn’t address this disease.

If our arborists had a slime flux problem, wouldn’t we have heard about it? See you all at Advanced Training Day with answers!

Seed Swap

Joyce Dail, MG, Project Chair

The Seed Swap Project members have been meeting monthly to prepare for the Swap which will be held at the Crofton Library on National Seed Swap Saturday in January, 2016.

In advance of the actual Seed Swap Day we have organized three workshops:

1. Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 from 10 to 12 at the Crofton Library Lisa Winters will be presenting a Seed Saving Workshop. This will be a hands-on class.

2. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 from 10 to 12 at Crofton Library Trish Lilek and Bonnie Pavlak will be presenting a workshop on putting a garden to bed for the winter, starting a new garden bed and growing plants from cuttings.

3. Saturday, early January 2016 (date to be determined) from 10 to 12 at the Crofton Library there will be a Cabin Fever workshop with Kay Ford presenting Garden Planning, Pat Shema presenting Small Space Gardening and Meg Kauder presenting How to Start Seeds Indoors.

All three workshops and the Seed Swap are FREE and open to Master Gardeners and the public. The events are being advertised in the Anne Arundel County Library publication "Library Happenings", which is available in all of the A.A.Co. libraries. These articles have been written by Noreen Krispin, who is also working with the library to set up displays in the library pertinent to the swap. She also picked up leftover seeds from the Washington Magazine's seed swap held earlier this year.

Marcia Defalco is developing a display for one of the show-
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cases in the library and is organizing resource materials to have at the swap. Elle McGee has been collecting seed catalogs for the swap. Alison Rolen has contacted seed companies for free seeds and has developed a brochure about the workshops and swap to be given to Ask A Master Gardener teams for dispersal at their August and September clinics.

We have also had lots of input from the following interns who have attended our meetings as part of their rotation: Barbara Small, Laurie Rokke, Diana Davis and Don Steward. A big "thank you" to all of them.

Tawes Garden

Joyce Dail, MG, Project Chair

In late May Ranger Jay Myers and his co-worker Lisa Siciliano met with many of the Master Gardeners on the Tawes Garden Project. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss specific aspects of the project, give information on parking and checking in, and to take them on a guided tour of the garden.

The Data Base part of the project is on-going and the Invasives part is going to be starting soon.

This month the Discover Nature program was on Spring Flowers. The children were given lots and lots of different kinds of flowers to look at, touch and take home. They had a story and a craft and were also taken out into the garden to see all of the flowers in bloom.

The afternoon group also had the added thrill of having the Blue Angels fly over several times. The kids were really excited by this, I think more so than seeing the flowers!
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means that our audiences need to see and hear our identity over and over for it to be effective. Every possibility for mentioning our name and every chance to include our logo should be used. Although we are an organization with little or no financial means for advertising, we do have many opportunities to reinforce our identity on printed material, on the website, and through a variety of other communications.

The first reference to our organization in printed materials, such as news releases or newsletter articles, should always be “University of Maryland Extension (UME).” Later in the release or article, “UME” or “Extension” can be used.

Here are some examples for how to present ourselves to the public, to the media, and to partners:

- University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners
- University of Maryland Extension MGs
- UME Master Gardeners
- UME Master Gardener Volunteers
- UME Master Gardener Program
- UME Master Gardeners, Anne Arundel Co.

On another note, I want to thank everyone for attending the May Recognition and Plant Swap Meeting of the Year and wish each of our Master Gardeners much success as we move forward with our 2015 project year.