

Garden Smarter 2021

Please visit our website for possible changes that may occur due to COVID 19.

To register for all our programs please visit the

Calvert County Public Library's website.

<https://extension.umd.edu/calvert-county/master-gardeners>

<https://calvertlibrary.libnet.info/events?r=thismonth>

Community Seed Swap

Please fill out and submit a Google Form (<https://extension.umd.edu/calvert-county/master-gardeners>) by midnight January 13, 2020. Select 15 seeds from the list you would like to receive to celebrate National Seed Swap Day.

Deterring Deer in Garden

Saturday, January 23, 2021 - 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Learn about gardening practices that deter deer such as fencing, repellents, devices, and plants that deer don't like.

Growing Three Crops of Vegetables in a Single Year

Saturday, February 13, 2021 - 1: 00 PM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Learn how to plan your garden, start vegetables from seed, choose fast growing cultivars, proper pruning techniques, and rotation of crops.

Bags, Barrels & Old Boots

Saturday, February 20, 2021 - 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Learn container gardening techniques and everything you need to know to be successful with this easy gardening method!

Garden Community Conversation: Starting a Garden from Scratch!

Saturday, February 27, 2021 - 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Are you new to the area or recently moved into a new home with little to no landscape? Come take part in the conversation and learn from other gardeners on how they developed their landscape or started a kitchen garden on a tight budget.

All gardening levels are welcome. We can all learn from one another.

Saving Pollinators in Your Yard

Saturday, March 20, 2021 - 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Discover beneficial plants and what you can do to help bees, butterflies & other pollinators in your yard.

Rain Gardens

Saturday, March 27, 2021 – 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Learn how to create a rain garden, a shallow planted depression designed to hold water until it soaks into the soil. We will discuss native plants to use in wet places, and Calvert rain gardens to visit.

Gardening in Climate Change: Changes in Attitude

Saturday, April 3, 2021 – 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Coping with extreme weather events is challenging for all gardeners. Learn what plants and gardening practices you can use to improve the environment and mitigate carbon emissions.

Companion Planting

Saturday, April 10, 2021 – 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Learn about beneficial crop relationships, how to keep insect pests away, attract beneficial insects, enhance the health of garden soil, and grow great tasting veggies.

Weeds & Ground Covers

Saturday, April 24, 2021 – 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Some weeds will be discussed and what they are telling us about our soil. Learn ten sun and shade ground covers to use to crowd out weeds and other methods to reduce weeds in our gardens.

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 1, 2021 - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Order plants by visiting our website and plants will be available for curbside pickup at the Calvert Extension Office (30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 parking lot).

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Virtual Tour of the MG Demo Gardens

Saturday, May 8, 2021 - 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Tune in for the virtual tour of the MG Demo Gardens, and then visit the gardens in person to see what is in bloom now, changes we are making and why, and what you can use in your yard to attract pollinators and add beauty. The Demo Gardens are located at Calvert Extension Office (30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678).

Native Grasses and Sedges - Adding Texture and Movement to your Garden

Saturday, June 12, 2021 - 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Learn about our native grasses and sedges that add texture and movement and serve as groundcovers.

The Secret Lives of Garden Insects

Saturday, June 26, 2021 – 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Bees and butterflies get all the glory! But what about the other insects in our gardens? Delve into the secret lives of these rarely noticed - yet remarkable - creatures. Assess your gardens and learn favorite insect-attracting plants and strategies. Discover beneficial insects you never knew existed!

The Basics of Beekeeping

Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 10:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

Learn how to get started!

Intaglio Gardening - Go with the Flow

Saturday, October 16, 2021 - 9:00 AM

[Virtual Program, Registration Required!](#)

This talk is designed to help gardeners make a purposeful connection with some of the many volunteer plants that appear in our home gardens. We will take a deep dive on ten-plus native species--from wildlife habitat to wild edibles-- and connect the ecological and cultural dots. Let volunteer plants guide you to more creative, resilient, and productive outdoor spaces.