We are volunteers who love gardening and have been specially trained to help other gardeners. 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.

Upcoming Seminars — See page 2

JOIN US AT THE GREAT FREDERICK FAIR FOR ‘GARDEN TO PLATE’ DEMOS, DISPLAYS & ACTIVITIES!

Saturday - Saturday, September 19 - 26, , 9:30 am to 5:30 pm
(We’ll be open until 8:30 pm on Sat., Sept. 19; Sun., Sept. 20; and Fri., Sept. 25)

Bring the kids for ‘make and take’ grow-your-own vegetable projects.

Farm & Garden Building 14A

NEW THIS YEAR:
Demonstrations and Information on...
♦ The basics of aquaponics, a method for growing fish and plants in nutrient-enriched water—no soil needed!
♦ Using row covers and cold frames to extend the growing season for your vegetables and herbs
♦ A simple and inexpensive way to root plant cuttings using easy-to-make Forsythe pots
♦ How to dry herbs for use throughout the winter
♦ Creating herb gardens in convenient containers

CHECK OUT OUR DISPLAYS
Find out about gardening basics as well as the latest methods for creating beautiful, sustainable landscapes and productive edible gardens.

ASK A MASTER GARDENER
We welcome your questions!

JUST FOR CHILDREN:
GROW-AT-HOME VEGGIE PROJECTS

Sunday, Sept. 20, 10 am – 5 pm
Kids can create two take-home projects to provide food for the family dinner table. A ‘garden in a glove’ contains seeds for cold-weather veggies. Take it home and watch the seeds germinate—with water and sun. Then plant the seedlings in pots or the garden for Fall harvest.
Lettuce seeds planted in a mini terrarium will produce edible greens in a few weeks.

Monday, Sept. 21 – Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
Young gardeners can make seed tapes and learn how to store them for Spring planting. When the ground warms up, they can plant, water, and eventually harvest their crops.

Join us!
Enroll in the 2016 class to become a Master Gardener: Feb. 4 through May 5, Thursdays 9am – 3 pm. Contact Susan Trice, MG Coordinator, to learn more (strice@umd.edu). Frederick County residents get first dibs for enrollment until January 15.

Keep in Touch!
To receive this publication electronically, email us at fgardenersnews@gmail.com. We’ll send you Master Gardener news 4 to 6 times a year. We will not release your information to any other organization.

For more information: Susan Trice, MG Coordinator, 301-600-1596, strice@umd.edu, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702. Also visit us at https://www.facebook.com/mastergardenersfrederickcountymaryland and http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening.
Frederick County Master Gardeners
Summer & Early Fall Seminars

Join us for free seminars for beginning and advanced gardeners alike. The doors open 30 minutes prior to the start times. Seminars are held at the UME Extension office, 330 Montevue Lane (off Rosemont Avenue), Frederick, MD, unless otherwise noted. Register online using the links below; use links on our website (http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening/mg-happenings); or call Lisa at 301-600-1595. Walk-ins are welcome if there is room.

Saturday, August 22, 10 am – noon
Feeding Your Family All Year–Storing Your Harvest

Make your garden even more productive by storing your harvest for use through the winter. We’ll offer tips for storing and maintaining high quality, As well as guidance on deciding what produce should be canned, frozen, pickled or put in cold storage? https://2015fcmg-seminaraug22.eventbrite.com

Saturday, Sept. 5, 10 am – noon
Extending the Growing Season and Putting the Garden to Bed
Frederick News-Post Community Garden
351 Ballenger Center Drive, Frederick

Fall doesn’t have to mean the end of produce from your garden. Learn about how to use row covers and cold frames to keep production going through the fall. We’ll also discuss tasks you can do in the fall to prepare your garden for a rapid and successful start next spring. Topics include cover crops, mulching and composting. http://2015fcmg-seminarsep5.eventbrite.com

Saturday, September 12, 10 am – noon
All About Herbs: Make, Take and Learn

Back by popular demand! As the summer season comes to an end, enjoy this interactive workshop. Learn about optimal growing conditions for annual biennial and perennial herbs; how to maintain, harvest and preserve your herbs; special uses of herbs; and advantages of growing your own herbs. You will put this information into action by creating a fragrant herb sampler. https://2015fcmg-seminarsep12.eventbrite.com

Monday, October 5, 6 – 7 pm
Prepping Containers for a Long Winter’s Nap
C. Burr Artz Library 110 E. Patrick St., Frederick

When you feel that early October nip in the air, it means the frost will be along soon—and that it’s time to think about winterizing your outdoor container plantings! Learn what to do for your pots and plants to prepare your container garden to survive winter. http://2015fcmg-seminarsep5.eventbrite.com

Garden Questions? Problems?
Visit Our Master Gardener Plant Clinic
Saturdays 11 am to 1 pm through August 29

Bring photos and/or samples of problem plants, or insects in containers, to the University of Maryland Extension Office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Look for the sign on the Extension Office entry door to find out where to go.

Caring for Your Shrubs and Trees in Late Summer: Tips from U of MD Extension

For more details about the info below, and for tips on other garden topics, see the Home & Garden Information Center (http://extension.umd.edu/hgic/august-tree-and-shrub-tips).

Insects: Fall webworm creates large tent-like nests on the ends of branches. It causes little damage and can be left alone, or knock webs out of trees with a broom or water spray, or pruned out. Dispose of them in the trash. ◆ You may see large caterpillars with various colored spines and knobs feeding in trees. These are mostly giant silk moths and should be left alone. ◆ Bagworms on evergreens should be removed where possible. Put in a bag and place in trash. Do not drop them to the ground as they will crawl back up the plant.

Watering: In dry August weather, water newly planted trees and shrubs deeply by allowing water to soak the soil directly under and around the plants. Check the depth of water penetration into the soil by digging a small hole after watering. ◆ Hard-crusted mulch will repel water and needs to be broken up with a rake or hoe to help rain and irrigation water to penetrate the soil.

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