Check out the new websites!!!

extension.umd.edu

On April 2, all of the Extension Offices and Programs switched over to a new “content management system.” That means that ALL OUR WEBSITES and ALL THE WEBSITE ADDRESSES have CHANGED.

Here are some of the new addresses:

- Queen Anne’s County Master Gardeners: http://extension.umd.edu/queen-annes-county/home-gardening
- Maryland Master Gardeners: http://extension.umd.edu/mg
- Home and Garden Information Center: http://extension.umd.edu/hgic
- Grow It Eat It: http://extension.umd.edu/growit

Please make sure to change web-addresses in publications, flyers, brochures, press releases etc.
Coordinator's Corner

The search for a new Master Gardener Coordinator has started again. We will keep you posted as the process continues.

In the mean time, the Steering Committee has stepped up to the plate. For more information about who is overseeing what part of our program, please see page 12

Debbie Pusey, Judy Cahall-Conley and Jim Persels for starting to clean up the rain garden; Jane Chambers, Stephanie Simpson, Carol Jelich, Kit Foster, Kate Greer, Vida Morley and Louise Shearer for certifying various yards as Bay-Wise yards; ????? for being the March meeting’s hostesses; ???? for helping Karen Wimsatt at the KI farmers market booth;
As always, thanks is due to all of you, but if we missed a deserved thank you or if you wish to express your appreciation to someone, please let Sabine know and it shall be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

Plant Clinic Refresher “Training”
Friday, April 19, 9:00 am
Chestertown Extension Office, 709 Morgnec Road

Would you like to participate in Plant Clinics, but you are perhaps a little hesitant. Would you like to know what resources are available to you? How do you find information for people? Here is you change!!!!

Sabine Harvey will show you the ins and outs of plant clinics.

Directions: Coming from the South. Take Rt. 213 N, into Chestertown. After you cross the Chester River, take a right onto Rt. 291, this will be at the 5th traffic light. See below for further directions
Coming from the North: Take Rt. 213 S. Take a left at the 2nd traffic light, onto Rt. 291.

The Extension Office will be on your right, after 1 3/4 miles. We are in the same building as the Dept of Public Works. If you reach the blue bridge, you have gone too far!
Garden Affair

What will you be doing on Saturday May 4th? Please look for your name in the list below.

Don’t see your name? Contact Jim Persels or Carol Jelich. There is still plenty left to be done!

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## Composting
- John Ittu
- Edie Lewis has worms

## Container Gardening
- Lynn Wait, Edie Lewis, Carol Romano

## Door Prize Donations
- 2 volunteers needed to solicit Eastridge, Unity Gardens, others for donation for 2 or 3 good door prizes.

## Face Painting
- Genie Fitzgerald
- Need two more volunteers – confirm Jessica Dixon, Hanna Kingsley

## Green Elephant Sale
- Karen Wimsatt, Julie Tompkins, Susan McRae, Paula Bounds, Joyce Woodford
- Susan M may also do Ask a MG.

## Grow It Eat It
- Jack Doub, Linda Doub

## Herb Display
- Gayle Jayne, Vida Morley

## Native Plants
- Carol Jelich will help coordinate, Cass Smith, Nick Stoer

## Photography
- Julie Tompkins
- Anyone who can should bring a camera and take pictures during the day. Photo release forms will be on site if any good photos of visitors are taken that could be used in media.

## Plant Sale
- Jane Smith, Sandy Simonson, Vida Morley, Connie Metcalf, Carole Colavito, Jane Chambers
- All plants should be on site by 8 am for arranging display. Plants should be labeled before bringing.

## Rain Garden Display
- Debbie Pusey, Margaret Gardner

## Rain Barrel Display
- John Ittu

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**More Information on Page 5**

- Plant sale: Jane Smith, janebsmith@verizon.net
- Bake Sale: Sue D’Camera, ruthsburg@hotmail.com
- Green Elephant Sale: Karen Wimsatt, Jimandkaren.wimsatt@gmail.com
Garden Affair

Bake Sale Information

Health Department Rules regarding bake sales:
- No products with cream or custard
- All products need to be individually wrapped and labeled
- All ingredients need to be listed to avoid allergic reactions

Guidelines for packaging baked goods:
- 3 large cookies or 4 small cookies per “bag”
- Brownies: 3 large or 4 small bars per “bag”
- Please wrap entire loaf cake or bread

Any baked goods are welcome!! Thank you so much for your help. If you have any other questions, please contact Sue D’Camera, ruthsburg@hotmail.com

Plant Sale Information

Please consider contributing to the plant sale!! Here are some tips:
- Please bring only healthy plants
- Plants can be divided or grown from seed
- Please avoid plants on the invasive plant list
- Label plant with Latin AND common name
- Do not put prices on your plants. We will price the plant items.
- Bring excess pots and trays to the April MG Meeting

Tips for labeling plants:
- Cut labels out of milk cartons of clear soft drink bottles
- Use popsicle sticks or tongue depressors
- Use a permanent marker or Sharpie
- Include additional info (on label or masking tape) such as color, bloom time, growing conditions, size, sun/shade requirements, etc. This is helpful for both the MG volunteer as well as the person who is buying the plant.

For more information contact: Jane Smith, janebsmith@verizon.net
March weather was not very cooperative as far as working in the library rain garden. A huge thank you to Judy Cahall-Conley and Jim Persels for showing up in 35 degree weather. We were only able to work for a short time as it was just too cold! Consequently, not much was done. The garden was full of weeds with very little mulch cover and most of the perennials were still hibernating. The county has been contacted about mulching the garden and cleaning up the dry stone river bed and outfall pipe.

Our next scheduled workday will be Thursday, April 18th at 9:00. Sure hope the spring weather has arrived by then!

We will have a lot of work to do to get the garden ready for our ‘Garden Affair’ on May 4 so we really need to have a lot of helping hands. The county will be providing a truck for the debris which by then should be considerable. Not only will we have weeding, but we will also need to cut back last year’s growth to make the garden presentable. We need your help!!!

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**Rain Garden Clean-up**
Submitted by Debbie Pusey

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**Fig Bars from Pat Gannon**

At our last Monthly Meeting, Pat Gannon brought fabulous fig bars. Her is the recipe:

**Ingredients**
- 16oz. fresh figs
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- 1/3 c granulated sugar *(I omit this sugar)*
- ¼ cup orange juice or rum
- 2 Tbsp hot water
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ cup all purpose flour
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 1 ¼ cup old fashioned rolled oats

**Orange Glaze**
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 3-4 tsp orange juice or rum

Remove stems & coarsely chop fresh figs. Combine with nuts, granulated sugar, juice & water. Set aside. *(I cook the figs with orange juice only & freeze for off season use.)*

Beat butter & brown sugar until creamy. Add egg and mix well. Stir in flour, baking soda and then oats. *(You may reserve 1 cup of dough for a drop topping or use for larger bottom crust depending on how much filling you made.)*

With floured fingers press a thin layer of dough over pan *(use cookie sheet with ½” sides).* Firmly pat fig mixture over dough *(Spread with spoon if using cooked filling & sprinkle walnuts on top).* Drop the reserved dough by teaspoon over top.

Bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool and then drizzle with orange glaze.
So much for seeming to snooze in December, January, and February, the Bay-Wise committee is off to a quick spring start. Within the past couple of weeks, we have certified three yards and awarded signs in the southern tier. Jane Chambers, Stephanie Simpson, Carol Jelich, Kit Foster, and Kate Greer were involved in the certifying. In the northern tier, Vida Morley and Louise Shearer certified two properties and presented a program at the Chester River Association that resulted in further requests for certification.

The division of north/south Bay-Wise events is working well for the committee and is minimizing the amount of driving (and gasoline consumption).

The updated Bay-Wise tri-fold display (kinda heavy) is to be removed this week from the Kent Island Tourism Center where it’s been part of the month-long MG exhibit Karen Wimsatt arranged. It will travel on to a Kent Island event Jane Chambers is conducting. The display is available then for other events as well. Meanwhile, Stephanie and Karen have been holding forth at the KI Farmers Market on a monthly basis, distributing Bay-Wise and Master Gardener information as well as Green Books.

Stephanie and Louise S. will be conducting a "Yardstick" class at Chesapeake College on April 23 and on April 30, Kate G. and Cathy Tengwall will conduct Bay-Wise landscaping. The courses also cover other Master Gardener information.

We’re excited about a busy season coming up! We are inviting any other MGs who have an interest in the Bay-Wise program and activities to contact Jane Chambers on Kent Island or Vida Morley in Chestertown. If you have had Advanced Bay-Wise Training, super. If not, we’ll help you along with the program and treasure your participation. Maybe we will even inspire you to take the Advanced B-W training the next time it is offered.
Educational Opportunities

Annual MG Training Day
Wednesday, May 22, 2013, College Park

Keynote speaker: Rick Darke
“Design Ethics for the Nature of Today’s Gardens.” Rick will also be doing a breakout session on “The New Wild Garden: Dynamic, Livable, Ecological”.

For a complete list of all the 35 speakers, the schedule and the registration form, please go to http://extension.umd.edu/mg/annual-training-day

Deadlines:
4/26/13 for MG Identity Items.
4/30/13 for Registration at the $69 rate.
Fee after April 30:

Are you interested in CARPOOLLING?
Please let Sabine know,
greenbien@hotmail.com

Advanced MG Trainings on the Eastern Shore!
Wye Research Center in Queenstown

Landscape Design for Water Management
Wed. 5/8, 5/15, 5/29 9:30-3:30 plus optional field trips and exercises

In this course, you'll gain some very specific skills:

Specific information about plants used for conservation landscaping so that you can advise clients on plant selection and placement.
How to install rain barrels
How to assess a site

You'll also learn to design techniques that help manage water in the best possible way.

- Learn how to make good design decisions including resource protections, microclimates, amount and type of hardscapes, material selections, maintenance requirements and best management practices (best design principles) for water management.
- Learn in-depth about and take field trips to both rain-gardens and riparian buffers.
- Understand the scale of the problem and the role of the Master Gardener in the solutions.

Entomology-Ecological IPM with Mike Raupp

Thursdays, June 6 and June 13; 9:30am-3:30pm

In addition to some fascinating insect CSI, this year’s expanded 2-day course will include the fundamental concepts of population biology, community ecology, ecosystem functions and services as they relate to urban ecosystems and IPM. Some topics to be highlighted:

- Role of of native plants.
- Planting to conserve diversity and attract pollinators and other beneficial insects.
- Managing water and soil resources for maximum benefit of insect populations and ecosystem function.
- Changing public perception of what constitutes a healthy attractive landscape.

This class will satisfy the Entomology requirement for all of you going for your Plant Diagnostics certificate and will be of great help to those of you working at Ask a MG events.

Registration Fee: $49
Registration Deadline: May 30, 2013
Volunteer Opportunities

Bay-Wise
Help with certifications and publicity. Contact Jane Chambers, Earljane@atlanticbb.net, Kate Greer, Kway2bay@aol.com or Vida Morley, vidamorley@verizon.net

Demonstration Gardens
Help maintain some beautiful gardens in Centreville. Contact Debby Pusey, debbiepusey@verizon.net

Garden Affair
Saturday, May 4th 2013. Lots and lots of help is needed. Contact Jim Persels, jpersels@yahoo.com

Grow It Eat It
So many opportunities! Give talks, go to schools, make presentations at plant clinics etc. Contact Linda & Jack Doub lindadoub@gmail.com or jkdoub@gmail.com or Sabine Harvey greenbien@hotmail.com

Plant Clinics
Chester town: Contact Sabine Harvey, greenbien@hotmail.com
Kent Island Farmers Market: Karen Wimsatt, jimandkaren.wimsatt@gmail.com

School Gardens
Help maintain the gardens or work with students. Contact Sabine Harvey, greenbien@hotmail.com

Reminder: Hours volunteered at Adkins Arboretum do count towards Master Gardener program hours.

Kent Island Federation of Arts Garden Tour
June 8 and 9, 2013
Looking for two gardens to be part of the tour in the area of Prospect Bay, Grasonville or Bennett Point. Please contact Diana Coslick dcoslick@atlanticbb.net or (443) 249-3338 for more information.

Looking for docents! Two shifts: 10 –1 and 1-4 on both days. This is a great opportunity to answer questions and promote our programs. You will receive a free ticket for both days and an invitation to the After Party. Please contact Ronnie Marousek secretary890@hotmail.com or (410) 643-3792
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**Tilghman Terrace**

104 Tilghman Ave
Centreville, Md. 21617

**From South of Centreville**
Follow 213 N. into town. Turn right at first light onto Water street and ** pass the PNC bank on your right. Tilghman Ave will be the next street on your right. Turn right onto Tilghman Ave. **

**From North of Centreville**
Follow 213 S. into town. Turn Left on E. Water St. Follow ** directions above.

Parking on street and in the rear of building.
**QAC MG News:** The following Master Gardeners have accepted responsibilities to keep the program going until a new coordinator is hired. Please contact them if you have questions/info about these areas and keep dialog flowing!

**MG Meetings:** Monthly meetings will continue to be in Centreville at Tilghman Terrace in 2013.

**Publicity:** Each committee’s chair(s) will be responsible for their own publicity.
- Bay-Wise: Kate Greer, Jane Chambers, and Vida Morley
- Grow It Eat It: Linda Doub
- MG Interns: Karen Wimsatt and Linda Doub
- A Garden Affair: Carol Jelich and Jim Persels

**Volunteer Hours Entry:** Pat Bowell. Volunteer hour forms can be sent to the Extension Office or directly to Pat at bowell74@verizon.net

**Directory Changes:** Please send any updates to Sabine Harvey, greenbien@hotmail.com

**Extension Advisory Council** (lets Extension office know what MG program needs are): Linda & Jack Doub, Jim Persels, and Sue D’Camera

**3rd Thursday Centreville Demonstration Garden Cleanups have started!** Contact Debbie Pusey for more information, debbiepusey@verizon.net 410 758-8623

**Plant Clinics**
Alternate Saturdays at Chestertown Farmers Market: Sabine Harvey greenbien@hotmail.com 410-810-3890
Kent Island Farmers Market, 2nd Thursday of each month, 3—6:30 pm. Karen Wimsatt, jimandkaren.wimsatt@gmail.com

**Newsletters:** Please send anything you would like to see in the newsletter to Sabine Harvey, greenbien@hotmail.com

**2013 Training Coordination:** will be at WREC on Thursdays from September 12th-November 7th from 9-3. Linda Doub is the contact: lindadoub@gmail.com, 410 827-8613

**ANYONE MAY SEND MESSAGES TO THE WHOLE GROUP BY SENDING TO QACMG@googlegroups.com. Please direct questions or email address changes to Marty Appel, list serve manager. kittraveler@yahoo.com, 410-643-4351**
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**Save the Date**

- MG Monthly Meeting  
  *Wednesday, April 17, Tilghman Terrace*

- Rain Garden Clean-up, Thursday, April 18, 9am

- Plant Clinic Refresher, Friday, April 19, 9am

- Garden Affair, Saturday, May 4

- Landscape Design for Water Management, Wye Research Institute, May 8, 15, 29

- Annual MG Training Day, College Park, May 22

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**Key Dates**

- 10am - 3pm Plant Clinic
- 25 Tea Party
- 22 Annual MG Meeting
- 9am Garden Cleanup
- 9am Native Plant Design Day
- 9am KC Farmer's Market, 3-6:30pm
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May Newsletter Deadline:
April 22, 2013

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http://extension.umd.edu/queen-annes-county/about

QACMG Website:
http://extension.umd.edu/queen-annes-county/home-gardening

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