Cool Season Potager Planters

Limited on growing space in your garden? Are your gardening days becoming limited? Think again… and consider an edible and seasonal Fall container kitchen garden!

**Vegetables**

- beets, turnips, parsnips, and radishes
- broccoli, Brussel sprouts, and kohlrabi
- cabbage, collards, and kale
- garlic, green onions, and mustards
- leaf lettuces, spinach, and Swiss chard

**Herbs**

- parsley and sage
- dill and fennel
- thyme and oregano
- lemon balm and tarragon
- rosemary and lavender

**Fall Ornamentals**

- pansies and violas
- moss verbena and perennials

Source: oakstreetgardenshop.com
**FALL MEETINGS:**

*September 16th - Community Open Spaces: Gardens, Parks, and Trails*
Nancy Scozzari, Parks and Resources Planner
Queen Anne’s County Department of Parks

*October 21st - Gardening Successfully and Sustainably in a Changing Climate*
Dr. Sara Via, Professor
University of Maryland Department of Biology and Entomology

*November 18th -*
Deborah Landau, Ph. D, Conservation Ecologist
The Nature Conservancy

**MASTER GARDENER TRAINING 2016:**
February 11th—April 9th
Thursday evenings 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Saturday mornings 9:00am to 12:00pm
Eastern Shore Higher Education Center, Wye Mills (Chesapeake College Campus)
*If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Master Gardener please encourage them to sign-up!*
Contact: mgarrett@umd.edu or call 410-758-0166

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:**
It's becoming that time of year where hours need to be added and checked. Please do not wait to the last minute and start entering them now! If you have not signed up to log your hours online and would like to just send me an email for your username and password.

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**COORDINATOR’S CORNER**

Meet Dorchester MG, Kathy Burtman’s constant garden buddy Quincy! Whenever Kathy throws an overgrown squash or zucchini into the adjacent field, Quincy thinks it is her Labrador-bound duty to retrieve it. She once spent considerable time searching out at least a dozen and carefully lined them up for me to admire. She usually eats at least one!

Anyone else capture their pet out in the yard keeping them company?
Send me your favorite shot!
LOCAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION!

Are you a beekeeper? Would you like to become a beekeeper? Mike Embrey and Dick Crane are trying to set up a beekeepers association for Kent, QA and Cecil County!

An exploratory meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30pm** at the Kent County Library

Please contact Dick if you plan to attend or for more info: 410-778-8183 or 410-507-9539, rcranessr@gmail.com

ORPHAN PLANTS LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

Nancy O’Conner needs to thin out some things from her garden and she would love to find new homes for them. The following plants will be available:

- Pink Turtlehead
- Daffodils (mostly tall yellow Alfred’s and tall white snowdrops)
- Orange-red Asiatic lilies
- Irises
- Black-eyed Susan’s
- Daylilies
- Strawberries
- Joe Pye Weed

These plants will be available after Aug. 20th—

Please contact Nancy O’Connor, 443-249-0646

Sabine Harvey would also like to share

- Black-eyed Susan
- Winter Jasmine
- Beebalm
- Sumac ‘Grow-low’

And much more…

Please contact Sabine at greenbien@hotmail.com
**Kent Island Plant Clinic**
The Farmers Market is at Christ Church, 830 Romancoke Road (aka Route 8). We set the booth tables up at 3 to 3:15 pm to be ready for bugs, citizens, and damaged plants by 3:30 pm. We start knocking down the booth around 6 pm. Bring a beverage bottle to stay hydrated.

**Next Plant Clinic: Thursday, September 10th**
Please consider volunteering at YOUR MG table ONE day this year!
Nick Stoer 301-219-9098 nickstoer@gmail.com
Cathy Tengwall 443-994-2523 cathy1542@gmail.com

**Victory Garden Summer Maintenance**
EVERY Monday morning. Around 8:45! Help weed, water and harvest. This is a great opportunity to learn about vegetable gardening and take some produce home! The majority of the produce will be donated to food pantries.

It is amazing how much work a group of Master Gardeners can get done in just 1 hour! For more info and/or to help, please contact Sabine Harvey, greenbien@hotmail.com

**Corsica River Awareness Day**
Saturday September 19th noon to 4:00pm at Bloomfield Farm
2-3 Volunteers needed to represent the Master Gardeners at our booth with a special focus on Fall natives for pollinators! Contact if interested in volunteering your time and knowledge! mgarret1@umd.edu

**Community Gardening + GIEI**
- GRASONVILLE-  
- DENTON-  
- SRUDLERSVILLE-
This month at our monthly meeting we will focus on how these community gardens will function and be supported by our Master Gardener program. If you are interested in edible gardens and/or pollinator gardening as well as working with youth groups please consider being a part of this committee. This fall and winter will be an active time for us to layout the plans in hopes of breaking ground come Spring 2016. If you cannot attend the September MG monthly meeting, but are interesting in being an integral part of this effort please let me know! mgarret1@umd.edu

**Young Gardeners Series**
Kent Island Library for Grades 1-3
Wednesday, August 26th 4:30-5:15pm Fall Planting
Wednesday, September 23rd 4:30-5:15pm Fall Flowers
Wednesday, October 28th 4:30-5:15pm Corn
To help on any of these days, contact Nancy O’Connor nanmart201@verizon.net
ADVANCED MG TRAINING—FALL 2015

Master Composter -- Montgomery County Extension office: (two-day class)
September 3 (9:30am-3:00pm) and September 10 (9:30am-4:00pm)
- Cost: $45.00 plus textbook(s)
- Register at: http://mcmco.eventbrite.com

Community Garden Training for MGs – Center for Educational Partnership
(Prince George's County)
September 12 (9:00am-4:00pm)
- Cost: $40.00
- Register at: http://cgtmgcep.eventbrite.com

Ask a MG Practicum – Western Maryland Hospital Center (Washington County)
September 15 (10:00am-3:00pm)
- Cost: $40.00
- Register at: http://askamgwaco.eventbrite.com

What can MGs Learn from Terp Farm? – Terp Farm (Prince George's County)
October 1 (9:00am-12:00pm)
- Cost: $20.00
- Register at: http://wcmgltf.eventbrite.com

Bay-Wise Advanced Training —Wye Research & Education Center (three-day class)
Wednesdays, November 4, 11 & 18, 2015 (9:30am—3:30pm)
All Master Gardeners are welcome, including those already certified (but would like to attend for a refresher). Previously certified Bay-Wise Master Gardeners do not have to pay the registration fee but must register.
- Cost: $50.00
To register: contact: Molly Garrett mgarrett1@umd.edu

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Other Educational Opportunities

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN FREE WORKSHOPS
FOR HOMEOWNERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

NATIVE PLANTS FOR CLEANER WATER
September 12, 2015 from 10:00-11:00am

Discover the basics of native plant selection to bayscape your lawn and clean the bay. Participants will learn how to plant and maintain native plants in their landscape. Recommendations will be made for native plants that are best suited for stormwater management and for attracting songbirds and butterflies to your garden. Visit our Native Plant Sale afterwards to purchase plants for your yard. This program is brought to you by Environmental Concern, the Town of St. Michaels, and the St. Michaels Flood and Stormwater Task Force.

MILKWEEDS FOR MONARCHS: CREATING MONARCH HABITAT
September 12, 2015 from 11:00am-12:00pm

The Mid-Atlantic Monarch Consortium, a partnership led by Environmental Concern (EC), is pleased to present the first of a series of educational workshops on Monarch butterflies. This series will offer homeowners an opportunity to learn more about this important North American “Near Threatened” Species. Participants will learn about the Monarch butterfly, and the dependence of the Monarch caterpillars on native milkweed for survival. Tips for plant selection and habitat creation techniques will be discussed. These important tips will support the creation of Monarch habitat restoration projects on the Eastern Shore. Participants will tour EC’s Fall Native Plant sale where milkweed and other pollinator-friendly plants will be available for purchase. Plant Native Milkweed – create Monarch habitat in your own backyard!

Pre-registration is encouraged. Participation is limited. Please call 410-745-9620 or visit www.wetland.org to register today.

TURNING A NEW LEAF CONFERENCE 2015
The Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council annual conference will feature some outstanding up speakers this year. This keynote speaker Larry Weaner, is the founder of New Directions in the American Landscape. He’ll discuss how to use ecological restoration techniques in home landscape design. The plenary speaker, Lauren Wheeler, is a professor with George Washington University’s Sustainable Landscaping Program. She’ll discuss rating systems for residential landscapes - and what can go wrong. With four tracks, there are twelve other great talks to choose from. The conference will be November 13th in Towson Maryland. For more info visit http://www.chesapeakelandscape.org/our-programs/turning-a-new-leaf-conference/
CUCUMBER RECIPES

Jim’s Relish (Yield 5-6 pints Half pints make a nice gift.)

Ingredients
Using the coarse blade on the grinder, or food processor:
- 4 C ground unpeeled cucumbers
- ½ C ground sweet red peppers I use a combination of various colors to make 1 ½ C total.
- 1 C ground green peppers
- 3 C ground onions Red ones make it look pretty.
- 3 C finely diced celery
- ¼ C salt, Kosher or pickling
- 3 ½ C sugar
- 2 C white vinegar
- 1 T mustard seed
- 1 T celery seed

Directions
Combine all of the vegetables in a large bowl, sprinkle with salt. Cover with cold water, let stand 4 hours. Drain thoroughly in a colander, press out all excess liquid.

Combine sugar, vinegar, celery and mustard seed. Bring to a boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Stir in drained vegetables, simmer 10 minutes. Pack into jars to within ½ inch of the top. Cap, Process in boiling water bath 10 minutes.

Barb’s Sour Gerkin Pickles

Ingredients
Sour Gerkins
- 1 gallon vinegar
- 1 C sugar
- Pinch alum
- 1 C dry mustard
- 1 C salt, not iodized

Directions
Wash cucumbers with a rough cloth. Pack into pint jars and pour mixture over them. Close tightly. Shake frequently: then weekly. Let them cure for at least a month before using.

Enjoy,
Karen Wimsatt
Outside the Garden Gate…

**Adkins Arboretum Programs & Events Calendar**

https://adkinsarboretum.org.presencehost.net/programs_events/event_calendar.html

Native Plant Nursery Fall Open House & Plant Sale
September 12th and 13th
http://www.adkinsplants.com/

**Ladew Topiary Gardens Butterfly House**

Open until October 2nd
http://www.ladewgardens.com/EVENT-CALENDAR/Butterfly-House
For more information, call (410) 557-9570

**Longwood Gardens Nightscape**

Open until October 31st
http://longwoodgardens.org/gardens
For more information, call (610) 388-1000

**Mt. Cuba Center Classes & Lectures**

http://www.mtcubacenter.org/education/continuing-education/

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**Many many thanks…**

To **Barb Flook, Gary Long, Pam McClean, Connie Metcalf, Vida Morley and Louise Shearer** for helping out at the Victory Garden at the Kent County Middle School, despite often sweltering temperatures

To **Dick Crane** for teaching Kent County Summer School students about beekeeping

To **Connie Metcalf** and **Shane Brill** for giving presentations at the Kent County Fair

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To **Pat Gannon, Debbie Pusey, and Linda Doub** for helping weed the flagpole garden before the fair.

To **Linda** and **Jack Doub** for helping set-up, break down, and volunteer at the fair.

To all those who volunteered at the fair: **Jim Persels, Jack Doub, Linda Doub, Gayle Jane, Liz Hammond, Carol Romano, Judy Conley, Robin Van Meter, David Taylor, Betty McAtee, Lisa Spears, Jane Smith, Sue D’Camera, Cindy Riegel, Connie Metcalf, Carol Jelich, Joe Jelich, Judy Geggis, Lorna Dutch, Laura Klinger.**
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September 18, 2015

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