Happy New Year 2014

The Northern Bayberry (pictured above) is a native semi-evergreen shrub found growing among our coastal landscapes. Its small gray-blue wax covered nuts are favored by a wide variety of feathered friends from Yellow-Rumped Warblers, Bluebirds, Chickadees, Mockingbirds, Red-bellied Woodpeckers to Quail and Wild Turkey. It is also a good plant selection to help control soil erosion as well helps to enrich the soil with nitrogen fixing bacteria.

According to history, clusters of these berries were collected by Colonial Americans and boiled down leaving a fragrant wax from which they made bayberry candles. These candles were then given as gifts to wish prosperity and friendship in the New Year. There are many different beliefs and legends behind burning a bayberry candle around this time of year, below is just one poem to accompany this gift from nature. May we all welcome the new year to good health, wealth, and prosperity!

“This bayberry candle comes from a friend,  
so on New Year’s Eve burn it to the end.  
For a bayberry candle burned to the socket,  
will bring joy to the heart, and gold to the pocket.”

MG Monthly Meeting  
January 15th  
9:30 to 11:30 am  
Tilghman Terrace

“Backyard Chickens”  
Speaker: Jennifer Rhodes  
Senior Agent, Agriculture & Natural Resources
Coordinator’s Corner

Once again I want to thank all of those around me for the warm welcome and patience while I was able to get my first month as the new Coordinator under my belt. I am continually amazed and excited with all that our volunteers have accomplished and all the efforts they continue to pursue in order to fulfill the role as a volunteer community educator. With the winter holidays having passed and spring around the corner, this next month will be busy planning for an exciting year of new and growing projects, training opportunities, and community programs. As always my door is open so please stop by!

Reminders:
- Please keep up with reporting your monthly hours to myself or Pat Bowell. Also stay tuned for next month we will transitioning to offer you the ability of entering your own hours online.
- Committee Chairs, over the next few weeks I might be asking for your assistance in gathering highlights and data from the past years activities in order to help compile information for the annual reports. I’d appreciate it immensely.
- With the new year comes new opportunities. Do not miss your chance to sign up for the many training courses and workshops offered both locally and across the state. This newsletter has many listed and I will continue to keep you informed via our google group. If you have not signed up to receive emails within the google group and would like to, please let me know.

A drop of water to feed the mind...

Get to know
C. Colston Burrell
Interview: http://www.ecobeneficial.com/videos/interview-c-colston-burrell/

Go see
High Line Park, Manhattan Founded in 1999

Suggested read
Principles of Ecological Landscape Design
by Travis Beck
The Food Lover’s Garden, Amazing Edibles You Will Love to Grow & Eat
by Mark Diacono

Many thanks
I would like to give a special thanks to Sandy Simonson for helping organize the Holiday Luncheon with the Kitty Knight House and Linda & Jack Doub for helping with the award presentations. Also a big thanks to Carol Jelich, Sabine Harvey, Sheila Shorter, Sue Wolff, Francis Breeding, and Aly Valentine for their help getting me acquainted in the office.

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 me know and it shall be acknowledged in the next newsletter.
The Queen Anne's County Master Gardeners celebrated 2013 with the annual Holiday Luncheon overlooking the Sassafras River from the Kitty Knight House on Wednesday, December 11th. With a thin fresh layer of snow on the ground, nearly 40 volunteers gathered to recognize the 2013 Master Gardener of the Year, Jim Persels and the 2013 Master Garden Interns of the Year, Valynda Kingsley and Cathy Tengwall. We also welcomed three new Master Gardeners into the program, Ellen Filer, Valynda Kingsley, and Cathy Tengwall.

2013 Marked the 15th Anniversary for the Queen Anne's County Master Gardener program. 15 Year pins were awarded to the four active Master Gardeners from that class of 1998: Margaret Carter, Jane Chambers, Linda Doub, and Carol Jelich.

Other pin recipients went as follows:

**10 Year Master Gardeners:** Sabine Harvey and Joyce Woodford

**5 Year Master Gardeners:** Judy Cahall-Conley, Bonnie Connor, Jack Doub, Margaret Gardner, Kate Greer, John Ittu, Edith Lewis, Betty McAtee, Cassandra Smith, and Nick Stoer

**3 Year Master Gardeners:** Dick Crane, Billie Gibson, Carolyne Grotsky, Joseph Jelich, Susan McRae, Jim Persels, Louise Shearer, Stephanie Simpson, Lynn Wait

Congratulations to all of those awarded for your dedication and hard work!

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**Mid-Atlantic Nursery and Trade Show**

January 8th—10th 9-5:00pm
Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD
$20.00 Register on-line at mants.com

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**An Afternoon with Author Doug Tallamy**

Sunday March 2nd 2-5:30pm
Presented by Unity Gardens at The Key School, Annapolis MD
$45 through January 31st; $50 thereafter
Register on-line at unitygardens.org

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**Bringing Nature Home**
How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants
Douglas W. Tallamy
Companion to Rick Darke
On Nov. 22, 2013, the TTR Planning Committee had a tour of the TTR campus and completed volunteer training at the site. This was followed by the initial committee planning meeting. We are quite excited about the projects that we will be involved with at TTR in 2014. Future planning committee meetings will be scheduled on the third Thursday of the month and be held at the Little Talisman building at the Talisman Farm. Subcommittees will be as follows:

**Veteran’s Retreat Cottage Grounds:** Chairman Sue Goward
   - Committee Members are Dean Horowitz, Barb Flook, Carol Praugh, Laura Klinger, Gerry Phillips, Cathy Tengwall, Jane Smith, and Stephanie Simpson

**Bay Wise Information and Certification:** Chairman Jane Smith

**Tree Identification Trail:** Co-chairmen are Carol Praugh and Carol Jelich
   - Committee Members are Jane Chambers and Laura Klinger

**GIEI:** Chairman Barb Flook
   - Committee Members are Gerry Phillips and Margaret Gardener

**Therapeutic Horticulture:** Chairman Margaret Gardener
   - Committee Members are Barb Flook, Laura Klinger, Stephanie Simpson, and Jane Smith

**Next TTR Planning Committee Meeting:**
   Jan. 16 at 9:30am at Little Talisman conference room

Other Master Gardeners are invited to join the subcommittees by contacting the chairman and contacting Scarlett at TTR at 973-945-4486 to arrange for TTR volunteer training.
This advanced training is perfect for anyone wanting to learn more or refresh their memory about Bay-Wise practice. The training will be held at the Wye Research and Education Center on Thursdays, February 13 and 20 (inclement weather day is Feb. 27).

**Participants will also hold a hands-on Bay-Wise Certification on a later date.**

Cost: $50 if this is your FIRST time taking this training.
To register please contact: Pat Gannon at gannpd@verizon.net or 410-827-8179

All participants will receive a FREE copy of the new Green Book for the Buffer!
Ask a MG (Plant Clinic) Statewide Meeting — Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 at the MD Dept. of Agriculture in Annapolis, 10am-1pm. This is not a class. This is a meeting to which all folks who take leadership roles at Ask a MG plant clinics are invited. We will share what works and what doesn’t, tips on how to get trained, have a successful event, and attract clients. Please let Robin know if you want to attend (rmhessey@umd.edu).

Grow It Eat It 2014 – Train the Trainer
Learn all the ways you can educate about vegetable gardening. While powerpoint presentations and classes are important, we can also teach through school and community gardens, creating demos and demo gardens and more. Learn about different types of gardens, where to find resources, proven teaching methods, and answers to the most common questions and issues. We'll share a new GIEI training presentation for the public as well as a new 2014 cucurbits presentation.
Presenter: Jon Traunfeld; Registration Fee: $15

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Native Plant Essentials
This course will serve as the basic introductory course to ALL of the MG Advanced Training native plant classes. Our presenter, Sara Tangren, Ph.D., will consider what’s native and why, soils, ecology, climate and the concept of native plant communities. Why are native plants important and what does their preservation and success mean for all of us. We will also have a hands-on component at the end of the day with either identification exercises or a field walk.
Presenter: Sara Tangren, Ph.D.; Registration Fee: $35

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Organic Vegetable Gardening
You too can have a successful organic vegetable garden! In this program we will define the terms "organic" and "sustainable" and teach you about the products and techniques that will help you succeed. We'll also discuss contaminants, safety, climate change, reading labels, soils and fertilizers. This is an intensive, interactive class! We will be doing pre-class assignments on-line so that we can spend more class time doing hands-on activities. Participants will need to make arrangements to have computer access to complete pre-class learning assignments.

UME Montgomery Co. (Derwood) | Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9am-4pm | Registration Deadline: 3/18/14
Presenter: Jon Traunfeld    Registration Fee: $35

Registration Form Click Here
or visit (https://www.extension.umd.edu/mg/advanced-training)
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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.
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- Valentines Day
February Newsletter Deadline: January 21, 2014

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