QA MG Spring Plant Sale Re-cap
Thanks again to all of those that helped pull together a successful May Plant Sale held at Wrights Chance in May. It turned out to be a gorgeous day and nearly all plants were gone by 12:30pm. I hope next year we can expand our resources and more of our Master Gardeners can contribute to increasing the variety of plants offered.

Adkins Native Garden Tour of QA County
Congratulations to all of our Master Gardeners whose own gardens were featured on the tour as well as all of those that volunteered at each Ask a Master Gardener table. They all did a fantastic job, truly representing the knowledge and role of the Master Gardener Program!
Coordinator’s Corner

After a frigid winter and wet spring, summer has certainly brought on the heat. We have seen quite a bit of winter damage showing up in the landscape especially on our mature trees and shrubs as they try to catch up from the stress brought on by the moisture and colder than normal temperatures.

The first case of downy mildew has been reported in Caroline County on cucumbers. While the strain only attacks cucumbers and not other cucurbits, you should keep your eye out and apply fungicide to protect your crop. For more information and pictures visit: [http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/450/450-707/450-707.html](http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/450/450-707/450-707.html)

Be sure to also check out the HortTips Newsletter from the Home & Garden Information Center for updates on the most current issues in the landscape and garden. The latest features pictures of prevalent weeds, hungry insects, and active diseases you may be encountering. Find it here: [http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/programs/hgic/HGIC_Pubs/horttips/HortTips_vol2_no2.pdf](http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/programs/hgic/HGIC_Pubs/horttips/HortTips_vol2_no2.pdf)

Many Thanks,
Molly

A drop of water to feed the mind...

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**Links to Know**

**University of Maryland Extension**

**Home & Garden Information Center**

1-800-342-2507

[http://www.extension.umd.edu/hgic](http://www.extension.umd.edu/hgic)

They answer gardening and pest questions!

Specialists available Monday through Friday, 8am to 1pm

**University of Maryland Extension**

**Sea Grant Extension Watershed Educators**

[http://www.extension.umd.edu/watershed](http://www.extension.umd.edu/watershed)
Talisman Therapeutic Riding Vegetable Garden

After a lot of hard work by an energetic group of Master Gardeners, Interns, a future Intern, and veterans, the garden is planted and growing. It will be used therapeutically, as well as educationally with many groups of TTR clients - riding clients, summer camp participants, TT Riders (teenagers), and veterans. The veterans will be maintaining the garden throughout the season.

Thank you to Margaret Gardner, John Murphy, Linda Domb, Marty Appel, Jack Domb, Jane Smith, Sue Goward, Carol Prange, Gerry Phillips, Deane Horowitz, Laura Klinger, and Cindy Riegel who worked on site preparation and planting over three months. A fenced in garden with a raised bed garden, straw bale gardens, container gardens, and rows of in-ground garden were created and enriched with the very available horse manure. A tremendous variety of mostly donated plants and seed were planted and the veterans are working to label all plants.

The garden was featured in an article on the Hero’s Retreat in last week’s Evening Capital Home Section. We should be proud of the support that we provided to the TTR program and know that it will touch many lives.

Jane Smith

Library Rain Garden

Thanks to MG’s Judy Conley, Judy Geggis, Jackie Kelly and Vida Morley for coming out in May to help get the Library rain garden in great shape for the Adkins Garden Tour. We had weeding to do and we worked on plant ID and signage. We also appreciate the help provided by Dave MacGlashan and County workers in getting the garden mulched and edged. This garden is always a work in progress and needs our attention monthly. Please join us on the morning of the third Thursday each month to help keep the garden in great shape. The garden gets lots of traffic and we get lots of positive feedback from our work there.

Susan Seth

Enviroscape Watershed Model

We now have our very own Watershed Model to help in our efforts of educating residents about how water pollution occurs and what we can all do to help prevent or mitigate it through Best Management Practices and more. I will be providing a demonstration/training with the model at one of our upcoming monthly meeting for those interested in utilizing this excellent hands on teaching tool for different events that lend to our efforts with the Bay-Wise program.

Find MG’s on Facebook!

- Queen Anne’s County Master Gardeners
- School and Community Gardens in Kent County
- UMD: Home and Garden Information Center
- UME: Grow It Eat It
Cecil County Watershed Stewards Academy
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL JULY 18TH
(OPEN TO CECIL, KENT, & QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY RESIDENTS FIRST)

Cecil County Press Release:
http://www.ccgov.org/news/mcsorley.cfm

More Information and Application:
http://extension.umd.edu/watershed/watershed-stewards-academy/
cecil-county-watershed-stewards-academy

Want to improve local water quality?

- Is there a drainage problem in your neighborhood that you want to fix?
- Want to be a leader in your community?
- Want to get off the sidelines and make a real change?

You don’t have to be an expert, we’ll show you the way! The Watershed Stewards Academy is a great opportunity to learn how to solve water quality problems in your community and join a local network of energized leaders. This program will begin in Cecil County in Fall 2014 and run through Fall 2015. For more information, contact the Cecil County Sediment and Stormwater Branch (410.996.5267) or your local UMD Sea Grant Extension Watershed Educator (240.393.7915).

Master Watershed Stewards work with your communities to:

Assess Watersheds—help communities identify pollution sources.
Educate Communities—help neighbors understand the most pressing water quality problems in their area.
Reduce Pollutants—work with communities to target pollution sources such as pet waste, fertilizer, pesticides, and illicit discharges.
Take Action—help communities to reduce polluted runoff by engaging them in installation of Best Management Practices.
Measure Success—track and demonstrate measurable impacts.
Continue Efforts—continue education beyond the program and ensure practices are maintained.
**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Each shift should have 2-3 people to staff the booth. We will also need 3 to 4 volunteers for the set-up Monday morning and pack up on Saturday evening.


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Connie Metcalf
Susan Seth
Bonnie Conner

At our next meeting will discuss what topics and possible presentations we would like to focus on for each day. David Taylor has offered to bring his bees again and I would also like to feature our hands on watershed model. Thanks again in advance for all your help!
University of Maryland Extension
Queen Anne’s County

Presents

Grow It, Eat It, Preserve It Workshops
Preserving Your Garden’s Bounty!

QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY 4-H PARK
100 DULIN CLARK RD., CENTREVILLE, MD 21617

The following Workshop will be held on July 18th:
9:00 am to 12:30- Hot Water Bath-Jams and Jellies
Lunch (provided)
1:00 to 4:30 pm- Hot Water Bath– Tomatoes or Pickles

The following Workshop will be held on August 1st:

Registration cost is $65.00 for the whole workshop, or $35.00 for each class.
Advance registration and payment are required.
You can make checks out to QAC EAC and send to:
UMEQAC, 505 Railroad Ave, Suite 4, Centreville, MD 21617
Don’t wait, sign up now, all classes are limited to first 15 paid registrations.
Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 1st at 4:00 pm for July 18th.
Registration deadline is Friday, July 28th at 4:00 pm for August 1st.
Youth must be accompanied by an adult.

No refunds after registration deadline.
Register by calling 410-758-0166
or visit http://qacecanningworkshop.eventbrite.com/?s=26018273
From Jerry Brust, University of MD IPM Vegetable Specialist

**Organic Vegetable Twilight Tour — 8/14/14**

**What:** Tours of University of Maryland organic research plots
- The effect of cover crops, plastic and other parameters on soil CO2 emissions
- Weed control in organic systems
- How climate change can effect vegetable production practices
- Cover crop effects on pests and natural enemies
- Speakers include organic growers and University of Maryland researchers

**Where:** Upper Marlboro Research and Education Center - 2005 Largo Rd Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

**When:** August 14, 2014. Dinner served from 5-6pm; Wagon tours start at 6pm

**Who:** All organic vegetable growers or those interested in organic vegetable production

There is no charge for the meeting, but registration is requested to help with meal planning. To register or request special accommodations, send an email to Jerry Brust jbrust@umd.edu; 301.627.8440.

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From Terri Valenti:

**Grow It Eat It Open House and Tomato Tasting 7/26 — Montgomery Co. (Derwood)**

On the following page is the July 26th GIEI event schedule! Besides the wonderful classes, plant clinic, demonstration garden demos etc. we will be having an Everything Tomatoes room. The Everything Tomatoes room will have a tomato tasting, tomato seed exchange, tomato recipe exchange, tomato cooking demonstrations, and tomato seed saving demonstrations! Bring your tomatoes - prizes will be given for the tastiest, most beautiful, and ugliest tomatoes! All counties are welcome :)

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**Next GIEI Statewide Meeting-** Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 at UME Montgomery Co. (Derwood)

18410 Muncaster Rd., Derwood, MD 20855 Get Directions

Save the date. More details to follow.
**Summer Open House**

**Maryland's Food Gardening Network**

Hosted by Montgomery County Master Gardeners

**University of Maryland Extension**

at the Agricultural History Farm Park

18410 Meaux Road Derwood, MD 20855

**July 26th, 2014 8:30 am till 1 pm**

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**Everything Tomatoes!**

8:30am - 1:00pm in the Multi-purpose room

- **Tomato Welcome Table**: Drop off your samples, seeds and recipes to share.
- **Tomato Tasting**: Starts at 10:30
- **Tickle your tastebuds and see which tomato variety you think tastes the best.**
- **Sample different tomato types from all over the county.**

- **Diagnose Your Tomato Issues**
  - See examples of common tomato problems.
  - **Recipe Exchange**
  - Gather delicious tomato recipes.
- **Seed Saving**
  - Learn to save seeds from your harvest.
- **Demonstrations at 10:30 and 12:00.**

- **Delicious Demonstrations**
  - 10:00 Green Tomato Salsa
  - 11:00 Gazpacho & Tomato Sorbet
  - 11:30 Tomato & Fruit/Vegetable Carving
  - 12:30 Tomato Jam

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**At the MG Demo Garden**

8:30am - 12:30pm

- **Small Fruit in the Garden**
  - Which fruit grows well here? Come and see!
- **Container Gardens**
  - No space? Learn container gardening techniques.
- **Garden Pond**
  - Visit our garden pond and learn who lives there.
- **Fall Planting**
  - Grow veggies this fall! Learn what, when and how.
- **Low Tunnels**
  - See how to extend your growing season.

- **Children's Garden**
  - An enchanting space to delight every child.
- **Herbs in the Garden**
  - How do our garden herbs grow? Take a look!
- **Composting**
  - Learn about how to compost and why you should.
- **Pollinators**
  - Learn why and how to attract bees and butterflies.
- **Master Gardener Plant Clinic**
  - Have any questions about any plants? Ask here.

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**Speakers**

9:00am - 1:00pm

- **9:00 - 10:00 in the Conference Room**
  - "Keeping Animals Out of YOUR Garden"
  - Speakers: Master Gardeners Erica Smith & Terry Valenti
  - We'll discuss options available in this battle including fencing, repellants, trapping, plant placement, plant selection and more!

- **10:15 - 11:15 in the Demo Garden**
  - "Low Tunnels- How to Build and Use"
  - Speaker: Master Gardener Gordon Clark
  - Every wish you could make the vegetable garden season last longer? This talk will give you the tools needed to have a vegetable garden year round!

- **11:30 - 12:30 start in the Conference Room**
  - "Pests and Diseases"
  - Speaker: Patt Lynch, Master Gardener and Community Garden Coordinator
  - **M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks**
  - Come learn about the major pests and diseases of the vegetable garden and what to do about them. We will start inside the classroom and then move to the demonstration garden to see samples and good garden management firsthand.

- **11:30 - 1:00 in the Garage**
  - "The Wonderful World of Food Preservation"
  - Speaker: Kasey Bisling, Faculty Extension Assistant, Family & Consumer Sciences Howard County
  - Do you know what to do with the wonderful bounty from your home garden or farmer’s markets? Come to "The Wonderful World of Food Preservation" class to explore easy economical ways to preserve food (canning, freezing and drying) for the winter months. Each participant will receive a copy of “It’s So Easy to Preserve” which includes tested recipes. This resource is designed for both the new and experienced food preserver.

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**Source:**

http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/programs/grow_it_eat_it/2014%207%2026%20schedule%20final.pdf
Why We Need Bees

UMD Researcher Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Ph.D. gave an inspiring, awesome and truly fascinating keynote address at MG Annual Training Day last May 29 on Why We Need Bees. He gave us permission to post the address on YouTube, but not to put links to it anywhere. There are a couple borrowed photos in the presentation, so he can’t give it out or post it everywhere. But he does want all MGs to have it, watch it, re-watch it and work to make our landscapes as bee-friendly as possible. Consider using this for one of your educational monthly meetings perhaps showing it with a local bee expert. Or, just watch it and use it the best way you can. It’s about an hour long.

Here is the unlisted link http://youtu.be/ahrdHvPEOUM

Only those given this link can view the address, it will not show up on the HGIC channel or be searchable.

Robin Hessey is Retiring

My last official day with HGIC and the state MG program will be August 31, 2014. After that I’ll be officially retired. Please change my email address in your records or add rmhessey@verizon.net. The rmhessey@umd.edu address will cease to exist after 9/1/14.

I have been most privileged to work for the MG program for the last 17 years and look forward to continuing in a volunteer capacity as a Howard Co. MG.

Working with the MGs has been a true privilege because
-MGs are inspirational. I’m constantly amazed at your wonderful ideas, creativity, resourcefulness.

-MGs are hard working. You get a vision, you get a job and you do it with all of your heart.

-MGs always want to help. Whatever, whenever, however. Whatever I’ve needed, there’s a willing, wonderful and skilled MG answering the call for help. And we in my office have needed a lot -whether it’s been for speakers, brainstormers, organizers, data entry, mailings, committee heads, researchers, communicators, writers or helpers on hundreds of varied projects. It’s a constant source of amazement to me that there are so many ultra-smart, knowledgeable, talented, skilled folks out there who want to help the program and the environment and who accomplish so much.

-MGs care about the earth and constantly strive to do what is right by it. This gives me great satisfaction because I have the hope that I’ve helped you along the way in your mission, which is also my mission. MGs are one of the best parts of the U. of MD Extension. We are the ones out in the community, assessing the needs, education ourselves and offering the best advice we can give, always striving for a better community and environment.

Working with the MG program has also allowed me the great pleasure of working with Jon Traunfeld (best boss ever!) and the wonderful HGIC staff and to surround myself with plant and bug issues on a daily basis – to experience and learn about parts of the natural world that I might never have noticed or known about.

If you are interested in my job, please let Jon Traunfeld (jont@umd.edu) know. There will be an official job posting notice sent out sometime fairly soon, but I don’t know if everyone will end up seeing it.

Wishing everyone lots of success in their MG endeavors and in eliminating urban use of pesticides and herbicides. See you in the garden. - Robin Hessey, MG State Advanced Training Coordinator
Upcoming Advanced Trainings

**Vegetable Plant and Pest Diagnosis with Jon Traunfeld**

Sharpen your plant diagnostic, pest identification and control strategy skills in the vegetable garden. We plan a collaborative, hands-on learning experience with troubleshooting in a vegetable garden, examination and diagnosis of samples, and discussion and effective prevention, monitoring, and control strategies. We'll take a close look at non-chemical controls and the effectiveness of available organic pesticides. There will be some pre-class online assignments so we can maximize our hands-on learning time in class.

How come I'm not getting any squash this year? What's killing my tomato vines? Are there any good organic controls for stink bugs? The gardening public looks to us for answers to thousands of food garden questions each year. Now we'll be better able to answer all of them!

This course will count as one of the units you will need to get the advanced vegetable gardening certificate.

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**Plant Diseases**

UME Frederick Co. – Thursday, Sept 4, 9:30-3:30  
Registration Fee: $35   Registration Deadline: Aug 28  
**Presenter;** Dave Clement, Ph.D. Extension Specialist in Plant Pathology

Plant diseases often seem like exotic mysteries left up to the experts to solve. Well, guess what- we MG’s can now begin to unravel some of these mysteries ourselves. In this course you’ll learn all about the bacteria, fungi and viruses that cause plant problems. You’ll also learn about their symptoms, cycles and controls. In addition to the lecture and handouts you will get hands-on training using samples. We hope that you’ll feel comfortable enough with the basics of plant diseases to be able to recognize problems in your own gardens and to use the information to competently help clients at plant clinics.

This class counts as your Plant Disease requirement for your Plant Diagnostics certificate.

**Native Landscaping to MD Shade Gardens** (Coastal Plain)  
Calvert Co. Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14 (almost full)
**More Upcoming Advanced Trainings**

**Youth Vegetable Gardening**

Presenters: Jon Traunfeld, UME Specialist in Vegetables and Fruit; Heather Buritsch, UME Associate Agent, FSNE Gardening for Nutrition Coordinator, Lisa Gonzalez (FNSE) and others.

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Youth and school vegetable gardening are hot topics right now with many schools and organizations requesting MG help. You can be an effective, active part of this effort!

This course will help build your confidence as you learn effective ways to work with kids in the garden. Learn the nuts and bolts about school guidelines, building a gardening team, and starting and maintaining a school program. Our panelists will inspire you with lots of fun and thrifty curriculum ideas. Focus will be on elementary school and shoulder seasons.

This class counts as 1 day towards your Advanced Vegetables Certificate.

**Registration Form**

**Native Grasses**

UME Harford Co. (Forest Hill)
Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 9:30-3pm
Reg. Fee: $30; Reg. Deadline: 10/14
Field Trip: TBA

**Presenter:** Sara Tangren, Ph.D., MG Trainer and Asso. Agent in Native Plants and Sustainable Horticulture

Fall is the time that our native grasses strut their stuff! Join us for a fun, non-technical class: light on grass taxonomy and heavy on work with fresh specimens of indiangrass, little bluestem, switchgrass, purpletop, bushy beardgrass, purple lovegrass, and more. For each species we will discuss

- design/aesthetic considerations for use in garden beds,
- use in native meadows,
- soil and light requirements,
- availability, establishment, and
- maintenance techniques.

By the end of class you will be able to recognize the most popular native grasses for Harford Co. and include them in your garden/meadow designs with confidence.

***Highly recommended: Native Plant Essentials class (in person or on-line)***

**Registration Form**

Information about all MG Advanced Training Classes can be found at:
http://extension.umd.edu/mg/advanced-training
Outside the Garden Gate...

Longwood Gardens’ Meadow Garden Now Open
http://longwoodgardens.org/gardens/meadow-garden
For more information, call (610) 388-1000

College of AGNR Monument UM Magazine:
https://agnr.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/newsletters/WebSpring2014MomentUM.pdf

Master Gardener Wildlife Control Manuals for the Northeast
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Cornell University have collaborated to develop these manuals which provide effective and complete wildlife control information designed for the MG audience. They are now available (for sale) at: http://nebraskamaps.unl.edu/productcart/pc/viewPrd.asp?idproduct=13152&idcategory=0

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy Lotus Blossom Paddle
Saturday July 26th 8am-10:30am
http://www.eslc.org/event-registration/?ee=21
For more information, call Carin Starr 410-827-9756 x171

Adkins Arboretum Programs & Events Calendar
https://adkinsarboretum.org.presencehost.net/programs_events/event_calendar.html

Mt. Cuba Center July Events
http://www.mtcubacenter.org/calendar/

As always if anyone has anything they would like to share—photographs, recipes, book reviews, good resources, recommendations for products, plant varieties, or places they have visited- I would love to include them in the next newsletter so please send them my way at mgarret1@umd.edu
Become a Master Gardener

New times and dates for 2015 Basic Training!
February 12th - April 4th 2015
Thursday evenings 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Saturday mornings 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Chesapeake College Campus

For more information contact:
QAC Master Gardener Coordinator, Molly Garrett
mgarrett1@umd.edu
(410) 758-0166

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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.
August Newsletter Deadline:
July 23, 2014

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