Queen Anne’s County Master Gardener Newsletter

The Watering Can

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15th Anniversary Celebration
June 19th, 2013, 3 – 6 pm
Jack and Linda Doub’s backyard!

QAC Master Gardeners Please Join Us for

A Celebration of Our Fifteenth Year Anniversary

Date:  Wednesday, June 19th, 2013
Time:  3:00pm to 6:00pm
Program at 5:00pm
Where:  Linda and Jack Doub
320 Overlook Drive
Queenstown

Please bring a dish as follows:
A to H:  Side Dish or Salad
I to Q:  Dessert
R to Z:  Appetizer
Chicken Entrée provided by MG Program

Please bring your own lawn chair

RSVP by Friday, June 7th. 410-758-0166

Directions to 320 Overlook Drive (410-827-8613): Going east on 50, turn right onto Carmichael rd. proceed 2.3 miles to overlook dr - turn right and drive to end [cul de sac] - follow the rd along the tree line on right to the top of the hill. Park in field by horse corral.
Coordinator’s Corner

Presentations by MG Coordinator Candidates

Monday, June 17 and June 24
QAC Commissioners’ Office, 2nd floor

Monday, June 17th Candidate A – 10:00 am
Monday, June 17th Candidate B – 10:30 am
Monday, June 24th Candidate C – 10:00 am
Monday, June 24th Candidate D – 10:30 am

107 North Liberty St.
Park behind building or behind Fire House

Well, just about everyone for helping out with the Garden Affair! In addition, Madeline Berger and Stephanie Simpson for helping Karen Wimsatt at the KI farmers market booth; Julie Tompkins for arranging the tour of Inn at Perry Cabin. Sue D’Camera for being a hostess at the meeting; Susan Seth and Kathy and Jim Persels for helping out with the demonstration gardens; Pat Gannon, Carol Romano, Susan McRae, Elizabeth Riffe and Margaret Carter for helping out with the KIFA Garden Tour. 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.

Save the Date

⇒ 15th Anniversary Celebration, June 19
⇒ MG Coordinator Candidates presentation, June 24
⇒ Queen Anne’s County Fair, Aug. 12—18
⇒ September Monthly Meeting changed to Thursday, September 19, Wye Research, 11 am until….
I wanted to take a moment to express my sincerest thanks to the Master Gardener volunteers who worked tirelessly in support of the Garden Affair. I appreciate the many hours of time given in the months leading up to the event as well as the time volunteered on Saturday, May 4th. The day was a real beauty – sunny and pleasant. Our numbers indicate that we had over 200 visitors that day and we raised $1000.00!

I want to extend a special thank you to Carol Jelich and Jim Persels for their leadership of this event. Kudos to you both!

As always, I am in awe of your dedication and commitment to the Master Gardener program. Thank you for ALL that you do.

With gratitude,

Aly J. Valentine
Hard working Master Gardener volunteers, joined by community members, made our sixth annual A Garden Affair a rousing success! The displays seemed especially beautiful and educational this year. The plant sale, bake sale and green elephant sale were profitable, and the children’s activities, were diverse and absorbing. Our invited exhibitors interacted well with the crowd – Adkins Arboretum, Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, Chester River Association, Corsica River Association, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, QAC Health Department, and two Talbot County MG interns Robin Page and Pam Keeton who brought an interesting and informative display that they developed in their training.

Many thanks to...

Jim Persels for coordination of the event. Shelia Shorter for the endless administrative support from start (printing, organizing) to finish (sending letters of thanks), as well as arranging for the food vending. Former Chairs Susan Seth and Jane Smith for their help in coordination and making sure everything got done. Kate Greer for coordinating the Greeters tables, and Ellen Filer, Carol Romano, Judy Geggis and Marty Appel for greeting the visitors. Thanks also to Ellen for coordinating the door prizes. Sabine Harvey and Susan McRae for bringing and staffing the “Ask a Master Gardener” table. Sue D’Camera, Joe Jelich and Kit Foster for staffing the Bake Sale, and all the MGs who contributed yummy baked goods. Pete Gerdom and Connie Metcalf for the Birds, Butterflies & Beneficial Insects display. Pat Gannon for coordinating the raffle items, staffing the display, and bringing her granddaughter to assist. Cathy Tengwall and Vida Morley for the Bay-Wise display; Betty McAtee, Edie Lewis, Valynda Kingsley and Jackie Kelly for the Children’s Crafts (thanks also to Valynda for arranging for our photographer and face painters, and for providing chairs and tables). John Ittu for Composting and Rain Barrel displays. Lynn Wait for Container Gardening. Genie Fitzgerald for coordinating Face Painting. Karen Wimsatt, Paula Bounds and Joyce Woodford for Green Elephant Sale. Jack Doub and Linda Doub for Grow It Eat It, and Uma Borkar for bringing a display as well. Gayle Jayne for Herb display. Cass Smith and Nick Stoer for the native plant table (Cass put together a particularly appealing display this year). Jane Smith, Sandy Simonson, Carole Colavito, Jane Chambers for Plant Sale. Debbie Pusey and Margaret Gardner for Rain Garden Display (thanks also to Debbie for putting together the Passport for children to use when visiting the displays).

I hope I remembered everyone; if not, please let me know. As I wrote these names, I could visualize all the effort and talent that went into this year’s A Garden Affair. What a challenge it was, but the results were spectacular. Jim and I agreed that as we walked the grounds, looking at the beautiful displays and watching the interactions with the crowds, it was a privilege to behold the talented and educated QAC MGs pull it off one more time.

Submitted by MG Carol Jelich
# 2013 Master Gardener Basic Training Schedule

## Wye Research and Education Center

### Sept. 12
- **9-11:30** Orientation and UMD Policy Training-Christine Johnston
- **11:30-12** Lunch
- **12-3** Botony-Wanda MacLachan

### Sept. 19: Instead of our Monthly Meeting. All QAC MG’s are invited!
- **9-10** Grow it eat it-Rachel Melvin
- **10-11** Nevin Dawson-Tree ID
- **11-1** Lunch with State wide GIEI MG’s
- **1-3** Hayride and scavenger hunt

### Sept. 26
- **9-12** Entomology-Mike Raupp
- **12-12:30** Lunch
- **12:30-2** Native Plants-Margaret Carter
- **2-3:30** Composting-John Ittu

### Oct. 3
- **9-10** Discuss Presentations
- **10-12:30** IPM-Stanton Gill
- **12:30-1** Lunch
- **1-3:30** Soils-Jim Brewer

### Oct. 10
- **9-10:30** Pesticides-Jenny Rhodes
- **10:30-11:30** Pruning
- **11:30-12** Lunch
- **12-1** Work on Presentations
- **1-2** Plant Clinics-Sabine Harvey
- **2-3** Bay Wise-Carol Jelich

### Oct. 17
- **9-12** Plant Pathology-Dave Clement
- **12-12:30** Lunch
- **12:30-3:30** Abiotic Disease-Bob Stewart

### Oct. 31
- **9-12** Ecology-Ginny Rosenkranz
- **12-12:30** Lunch
- **12:30-1:30** Invasive Plants-Ginny Rosenkranz
- **1:30-3:30** Plant Nutrition-Andrew Ristvey

### Nov. 7: Talbot Ag Center. All QAC MG’s are invited
- **9-12** Final Exam
- **12-1** Lunch with all MG’s
- **1-3** Presentations while waiting for test results

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**Hostess needed for Sept. 12. Contact Linda Doub, lindadoub@gmail.com**
Rain Garden Clean-up
Submitted by Debbie Pusey

Thank you to Susan Seth and Kathy and Jim Persels for helping out with both the Centreville Library rain garden and the 4-H Park raised bed garden in May. Kathy and Jim took care of the 4-H park garden, weeding and turning over and rearranging the mulch. The plants are doing well there and the garden looks good. We will need to weed it and neaten it up before the County Fair in August, but other than that, the garden is pretty self-sustaining.

Susan and I worked at the library rain garden. We did a little bit of weeding but mainly cut back the *Oenothera fruticosa* (narrow-leaved sundrops) which are starting to take over both sides of the river walk stone bed. **Our next scheduled work day is Thursday, June 20 at 9am at the Centreville Library. This garden will not only need weeding (always!), but many plants will have to be cut back to open up the walkway. We will need many helping hands for this because . . . .**

The library has lunch time talks on Thursday twice a month. These talks have had anywhere from 7 to over 25 people attend. **On Thursday, June 27th, Carol Jelich and I will be giving a talk on the development of this rain garden, how it has evolved and why storm water management is important. It will be a two part talk, with the first half being inside and the second half walking through the garden, explaining what is in there and answering questions. The library staff expects that we will probably have over 20 people attending as they get questions all the time about the garden.** **We really need this garden to look its best!**

Landscaping for Water Management Class

Many QAC and Talbot County Master Gardeners took advantage of this advanced training class being offered in our area.

One of the requirements for the Certificate of Completion is volunteering 5 hours in educating others about this topic. In addition to Bay-Wise consultations, one way in which those not on that committee can achieve these hours is by developing an exhibit specifically about storm water landscaping (Bay-Wise is more general). This exhibit could be used at our annual Garden Affair, the County Fair, and Corsica Watershed Awareness Day, as well as at other places such as the tourism center. If anyone is interested in this project, please contact Debbie Pusey at debbiepusey@verizon.net.

Corsica Watershed Awareness Day is Saturday, September 21, 2013. It runs from noon to 4:00pm at Bloomfield Farm. QAC Master Gardeners have had an exhibit there for the past several years giving a general overview of our program. This is the perfect venue for a specific exhibit on storm water. Developing the exhibit and/or staffing it at events will get you your 5 hours required for completing the course.
Below is the schedule for the QAC Fair. Please select your time from the chart below, and let Sabine Harvey know when you would be able to help out, greenbien@hotmail.com, 410-810-3890. Hope to see you at the Fair!

**COUNTY FAIR — SIGN UP NOW!**

MG BOOTH AT Queen Anne’s County Fair
August 12th – 18th

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Gardening for Geeks by Christy Wilhelmi packs a big punch of great practical organic information, ideas, projects, and philosophy into a lot of small, easily digestible pieces. Bright and informative without being preachy, the book includes a huge range of stuff in a relatively small space. It runs the gamut from how to create a sustainable ecology to building soil, compost bins, materials, gadgets, fertilizers, native plants, pollinators, making a worm bin, a bee box, raised beds, storing saved seeds, vertical gardening, using either a compass or the internet to decide how to situate your garden, canning and (PHEW!) water catchment, among other things. It also touches on French Intensive, bio-intensive and square-foot gardening, (each of which have had whole books written about them) – all distilled into very clear, understandable prose.

Gardening for Geeks includes succinct reasons why you would do something (create compost, check to see if the redwood you plan to use to make raised beds has been chemically treated or kilndried, for example) – all for the average person who doesn’t have the luxury of turning growing some food from part-time pleasure into a fulltime job. As a result, it will be a book that you can keep with you, draw from and enjoy over the course of years of gardening.

The first chapter focuses on what (habitats, for example), why (because you need a balance of all the creatures that make the whole system – food for you, food for pollinators, food for pests, which are food for pollinators and other beneficial creatures in the garden – it’s a complete circle) and how you achieve that. It finishes with some recipes and a few seed sources.

I really like the format of this book. Well organized with plenty of illustrations both photo and drawing, it offers great little break-out tips that catch your eye as you flip through. This is a book you could give to a novice gardener without making them feel overwhelmed, to your favorite gardening friend without insulting them, since there is bound to be something inside that even he or she hasn’t come across or imaged yet, or to yourself since it’s like a terrific crib sheet of a host of gardening courses. Gardening for Geeks by Christy Wilhelmi (Adams Media, $15.95)
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

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
Chestertown: 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.

Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge—Butterfly Garden
Alice Macnow is looking for volunteers to help cleanup at the Butterfly Garden at Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge, south of Rock Hall. The group of volunteers meets on Thursday mornings. Call (410) 639-7056 for information.

Educational Opportunities

Would you like to attend this class on the Eastern Shore?

Intensive Techniques and Small Space Vegetable Gardening
Get more out of your vegetable gardens with less work and expense. Find out how to increase production per square foot using sustainable and cost-effective practices.

We’ll share, discuss and evaluate specific approaches, such as bio-intensive (John Jeavons) and square foot (Mel Bartholomew), and specific practices, such as interplanting, succession planting, vertical gardening, drip irrigation, and season extension.

If this sound interesting to you, please let Karen Wimsatt and Robin Hessey know.
News from the State MG Office

PLANT ID TAXONOMY
If there is one class MG’s should take this is it. All MGs need to know how to use a key to identify woody plants in the landscape. This Plant ID class is being offered in 2 locations.

This course is a very important basic tool for Master Gardeners in that it teaches all of the basics needed to identify woody plants in the landscape. Being able to identify plants is the first step in knowing how to diagnose problems or give growing advice. Whether you want to learn 200 plants, 20 plants, or just want to learn techniques to identify plants in the field, this is the course for you. The course will be made up of approximately 9 hours of class work with lots of hands-on practice with dichotomous keys. You will also receive a specially prepared booklet of course materials.


Certificate Information: This course helps fulfill the requirements for both the MG Plant Diagnostics Certificate and the MG Woody Plants Certificate.

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PLANT DISEASES
UME Howard County (Ellicott City), Thursday 9/5 9:30-3:30pm

Presenter: Dave Clement, Ph.D., Plant Pathologist, University of MD Extension
Registration Fee: $35; Reg Deadline: one week before class (6/4 or 8/29)

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.

VEGETABLE GARDENING CLASSES:

| Vegetable Plant and Pest Diagnosis | Charles Co. -La Plata (Library and Detention Facility) | Th. 7/18 9am-3:30pm | Jon Traunfeld | $35 Reg. Deadline 7/9 |

For full detail about each class and for registration forms, go to http://extension.umd.edu/mg/advanced-training. Questions? Contact Robin Hessey at rmhessey@umd.edu or 410-531-1754.
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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
Send a card to Kate Greer

While Kate is recovering from her accident, perhaps you would like to send her a card or go for a visit. Here is her contact info:

Pines Genesis Health Care
610 Dutchmans Lane
Easton, MD 21660
Room: 416

Kate’s phone number is 410-822-8642. She can receive incoming calls, but cannot make any outgoing calls.
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Vision Statement: A healthier world through environmental stewardship