All Master Gardeners Wanted and Needed

Untold amounts of money and energy can be spent on publicity to get people to the Centreville Library on May 4th for the only Master Gardeners fundraiser of the year.

There is a better, cheaper, more inclusive way to populate this wonderful annual Garden Affair and it involves YOU!

The Master Gardener Program needs YOU to join us between 10 and 2 with your neighbors, family and friends. If you can’t volunteer to assist or staff a booth, have no guilt....

You are still needed to appreciate the food, children’s activities, white elephant finds and tons of lovingly-nourished plants, all reasonable priced for your pleasure. Even if you have not kept up with “your hours” or don’t attend the monthly meetings, come to the Garden Affair, make your name known and expect to build community with a great group of fellow Master Gardeners.

**Needed** is your attendance on May 4th - and if you would like to contribute or learn more about this great event, please call Hilary Ennis, 410-758-0166.

- Vida
Coordinator’s Corner

I want to send out a big ‘thank you’ to everyone who helped with the display for the Exploration Center at Kent Narrows for the month of March. It looks great and will now be featured on QACTV!

The Garden Affair is quickly approaching—less than two months away! Co-chairs Carol and Jim, as well as others, have submitted articles to keep everyone informed. Please try to do your part. Green Elephant items should be priced, plant sale plants should not be priced.

Please note that the April meeting will be held at Tilghman Terrace as usual (not the Wye). The interns will be speaking on garden safety.

Thanks To:

Hilary Ennis

We take this opportunity to thank: the members of the Steering Committee; Julie Tompkins for assisting Karen Wimsatt with the KI library window; Sue D’Camera and Madeline Berger for being the February meeting’s hostesses; Pete Gerdom for helping Karen Wimsatt at the KI farmers market booth; Cathy Tengwall for painting the beautiful poster and helping Kate Greer, Karen Wimsatt, Jack and Linda Doub to set up the MG display at the Exploration Center!

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 Hilary know and it shall be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

Herbalist

Henriette den Ouden, Habanera Farm
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Henriette den Ouden is the cofounder of Habanera Farm, LLC in Wicomico County near Salisbury, MD. Habanera Farm offers herbal medicine consultations, health, wellness and spiritual coaching, grief recovery outreach programs and courses on cooking and how to grow herbs. Henriette has a Masters degree in Herbal Medicine from Tai Sophia Institute in Laurel, MD. She uses modern, science based herbalism, traditional Western and Native American herbalism. Habanera Farms is the only licensed tea processor in the state!

Henriette den Ouden will be the speaker at our March 20th meeting.
Planning for A Garden Affair continues, and we are looking forward to a very successful event this year! The Committee will meet on the following dates at 9:30 a.m. in the meeting room at the extension office:

Monday, March 11
Monday April 8
Monday, May 13 (post-event recap)

MG interns are especially encouraged to participate as a means of logging required hours and getting to understand the MG organization. We have many volunteers already signed up for various activities, but additional volunteers are needed for the children's activities. For example, Joe Jelich is preparing wood medallions for necklaces, and we will need volunteers to staff a station and help children decorate them. We will also need everyone's support for the bake sale, plant sale, and Green Elephant sale. See Jane Smith's article to help you plan for the plant sale.

If you have questions or want to volunteer, contact one of the co-chairs, Jim Persels or Carol Jelich, or simply come to the next Garden Affair Committee meeting. We look forward to working with you to make this year's Garden Affair the best yet.

--Submitted by Jim Persels and Carol Jelich

See “Green Elephant” info on page 4

Garden Affair Plant Sale

Spring and the Garden Affair are coming and it’s time to be thinking of our upcoming plant sale. The plant sale is a wonderful opportunity to share our garden’s bounty with the public and with fellow Master Gardeners while raising much needed funds for our program. It is also an occasion to share gardening information with interested gardeners in a very hands-on fashion.

The success of the plant sale depends on each of our Master Gardeners taking the time to divide and pot plants from their garden or their house. The sale also needs plants that you have grown from seed. We are looking for healthy, attractive, pruned, well-labeled plants to attract experienced and brand new gardeners alike. Plants on the invasive plant list are discouraged. Please make plans now to make your contribution to this important event.

Healthy plants should be labeled with the Latin and common names of the plant on an easily visible label, which extends above the plant. Tabs can be made by cutting milk cartons or clear soft drink bottles up into short lengths with a pointed bottom. Use a permanent marker or Sharpie to write on them. Popsicle sticks or tongue depressors also work well. More information about the color of the bloom, bloom time, growing conditions, size, sun/shade requirements, etc. can be written on a label or masking tape which can be attached to the side of the pot. Provide as much information as possible. It is helpful to the plant sale volunteers and to the gardener who purchases the plant. Last year, there were a number of plants that simply could not be identified at all.

If you have an excess of pots at home, please bring them to the March Master Gardener meeting to share. We will also need plant trays on the day of the sale for plant display and customer use.

Do not put prices on your plants. We will price the plant items.

Thank you for your support of the Garden Affair plant sale. Master Gardeners and Garden Affair visitors look forward to shopping at the event. Many visitors say they mark their calendar for the event each year.

- Jane Smith, Chairman of the Garden Affair Plant Sale
WANTED... items for the Green Elephant table at the Garden Affair in May... gently used garden tools, decorative pots, vases, gadgets, gloves, books, magazines, etc. PLEASE no plastic pots (the ones that plants come in from the nursery or local market) they don’t sell, give them to MGs who are growing plants for the sale or use hanging pots to make a nice grouping to sell at the plant table. Please price your items. Thanks, Karen

Attention - Anyone who needs a Garden Affair t-shirt:
Please let Hilary know your size ASAP so an order can be placed!
hennis@umd.edu  410-758-0166

We will be starting up our monthly demonstration garden workdays in March, weather permitting. Our March workday will be Thursday, March 21. We will meet at the Centreville Library Rain Garden at 9:30am. We will only have two workdays, at best, to get the library rain garden ready for our Garden Affair on May 4, so we could use as much help as possible.
- Debbie

Come to the National Arboretum for the 27th annual Lahr Native Symposium. This year’s special emphasis is on conservation, cultivation, and creativity with native plants. While you’re here, get early admission to the plant sale, see the special kusamono exhibit, and get an early peak at spring in the collections.

**Lahr Native Plant Symposium: Native Plants: Conserve, Cultivate, Create**
**Saturday, March 23, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm**
Get up-to-date on native plant topics, including bold new conservation initiatives, creative landscape design projects, innovative regulatory efforts, traditional art forms, inspired garden planning, and more at the 27th Annual Lahr Symposium. Professionals and homeowners alike will enjoy presentations, workshops, and a special exhibit that all highlight current topics presented by six leading figures in the world of native plants.
www.usna.usda.gov/education/events  Fee: $89 ($71 FONA). **Registration required.**
(Thanks for the information Carol!)
## Events/Volunteering

### Master Gardener Annual Training Day
**May 22, 2013**
University of Maryland - College Park

Day full of professional speakers, workshops and learning.
More details to come!

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To increase the knowledge and capacity of Master Gardeners so that they can effectively conduct water management outreach in their communities and provide assistance to other organizations and individuals who may wish to undertake a water management project, but do not have the horticultural knowledge or critical understanding required for a successful project.

These classes have been revised for each county’s particular circumstances and have been developed by the state MG office, Sea Grant Extension, and our pain presenter, Jack Leonard, RLA, Principal, JGL Design Associates and is being supported by grant funding from the University of Maryland Extension.

### Montgomery Co.
UME office in Derwood and DEP office in Rockville:
Wed. 4/17, 4/24, and 5/1 9:30-3:30 plus optional field trips and exercises

*Queen Anne’s Co.*—Wye Research and Education Center in Queenstown*:
Wed. 5/8, 5/15, 5/29 9:30-3:30 plus optional field trips and exercises

### St. Mary’s Co.
Soil Conservation office in Leonardtown:
Wed. 6/5, 6/12, and 6/19 9:30-3:30 plus optional field trips and exercises

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**Volunteer opportunity...Kent Island Federation of Arts Garden Tour**  
**June 8 and 9, 2013**

As in years past KIFA welcomes Master Gardeners to volunteer...either as part of the tour or as docents at the gardens. They are planning to have about ten gardens on the tour.  
The tour is very well attended and worth our effort.

*If you are interested in having your garden in the tour...*given travel/routing considerations, they are interested in finding one or two gardens in the Prospect Bay, Grasonville, Bennett Point area, preferably on the water...contact Diana Coslick  
decoslick@atlanticbb.net or (443) 249-3338.  
If you want to know what is involved...last year Julie Tompkins and Nick Stoer had their gardens in the tour...

*Or if you would like to represent MGs in a garden...*there will be two shifts each day 10-1 and 1-4.  
This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet people who are interested in gardens, give out materials, answer questions and promote our programs.  
You will receive a free ticket for both days and an invitation to the After Party.  
The contact is Ronnie Marousek.  
secretary890@hotmail.com or (410) 643-3792.  
- Karen Wimsatt

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**Queen Anne’s Co.** Master Gardeners have been invited to participate in the **Chestertown Farmers Market as part of Washington College’s “Earth Week” celebration.**  
This will take place on Friday, April 19, 2013.  
Tentative times are currently noon to 4:30.  
On this day the farmers market will strive to feature local foods, educational booths and home goods/crafts with environmental themes.  
The market will be set up on campus behind the dining hall.  
Visitors are welcome and the event is free.
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Please contact Hilary if you have any suggestions for speakers or have a topic you are interested in hearing about. 
hennis@umd.edu or 410-758-0166 ext. 19
**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**
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

**Kent Island Federation of Arts Garden Tour**
Please see page 5 for information and contact Hilary and Karen!

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

The Kraft family of Saalfeld, Germany has been decorating the tree in their front lawn for Easter for more than 40 years. Shown here is their tree from 2012, which held more than 10,000 eggs!
QAC MG News:

Members of the Steering Committee will continue to assist new MG Coordinator Hilary Ennis as she becomes acquainted with our programs and activities.

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

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3rd Thursday Centreville Demonstration Garden Cleanups will resume in the spring. Debbie Pusey will advise as to time and location 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: Karen Wimsatt, jimandkaren.wimsatt@gmail.com

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 or Hilary Ennis, hennis@umd.edu

Kent Island Farmers Market: QAC Ask A MG is on the second Thursday of each month. The focus in April will be “rain gardens” and May will be “native plants”. Contact Karen to sign up to help!

The plant clinic in Chestertown is held in Fountain Park during the Farmer's Market from 8 till noon, every other Saturday, starting at the end of April. Our first plant clinic will be during the Earth Day/Mutt Strutt event on Saturday, April 20 (mentioned on page 5). Contact Sabine to help!

- Grow It Eat It Blog: www.groweat.blogspot.com
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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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**Tilghman Terrace**

Directions to the monthly meeting!

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**All MG Monthly Meetings start at 9:30am and run through 11:30am**
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- **April 1, 2013**
  - **Garden Affair**
  - **May 4**

- **April 4**
  - **Earth Day**
  - **Heritage Day**
  - **Kent Island (Tourism Office)**

- **April 5**
  - **Training on Bay-Wise Presentations**
  - **Extension Office 9–noon**

- **April 6**
  - **Garden Affair and Steering Committee Meeting 9:30 am**
  - **Garden Insects at the Stevensville Library 6:30 pm**

- **April 7**
  - **Monthly Meeting at Tilghman Terrace 9:30 am**

- **April 8**
  - **Weeds in the Garden at the Stevensville Library 6:30 pm**

- **April 9**
  - **Training on Bay-Wise Presentations**
  - **Extension Office 9–noon**

- **April 10**
  - **Garden Insects at the Centreville Library 6:30 pm**

- **April 11**
  - **Monthly Meeting at Tilghman Terrace 9:30 am**

- **April 12**
  - **Garden Insects at the Centreville Library 6:30 pm**

- **April 13**
  - **First Annual Queen Anne's County Heritage Day (Tourism Office Kent Island)**

- **April 20**
  - **Garden Affair at the Centreville Library 6:30 pm**

- **April 21**
  - **Garden Affair at the Stevensville Library 6:30 pm**

- **April 22**
  - **Garden Affair at the Stevensville Library 6:30 pm**

- **April 23**
  - **Garden Affair at the Stevensville Library 6:30 pm**

- **April 29**
  - **Garden Affair at the Stevensville Library 6:30 pm**

- **May 4**
  - **Garden Affair at the Stevensville Library 6:30 pm**
From the State MG Office:

Master Gardener Annual Training Day – Wed. 5/22/13 - UMCP

Keynote speaker: Rick Darke. (google him!) His keynote address: Design Ethics for the Nature of Today’s Gardens; he’ll also be doing a break-out session on “The New Wild Garden: Dynamic, Livable, Ecological”. Rick is currently working on a book with Doug Tallamy and will explore some of the same themes.

We will be having about 35 great speakers including Diane Ott Whealy, founder of the Seed Savers Exchange, Joan Maloof, Founder of the Old Growth Network, and Lynn R. Batdorf, Curator of the National Boxwood Collection at the U.S. National Arboretum. Some other presentations include: 3 campus walks, tools, tropical plants, plant diagnostics, scouting for pests, vegetable pests, tomatoes, 2 plant disease labs, pollinators, horticultural therapy, weeds, Aquaponics, Genetic Engineering, Edible Landscape Design, fruit, pruning, honey bees, wildflowers, shade trees, reducing turf, many different aspects of native plants, cut flowers, seed starting, bouquet gardens, and more.

This year we will be joined by the Master Naturalists who will be attending classes in a different building, but joining us for the keynote and meals.

This will be a great day so look for registration flyer to come to you in early March or keep checking the state MG website. Many classes fill quickly.

A call for volunteers to help out with this day will come out soon. We will need folks to help with registration, meals, set up, merchandise sales and people to help in advance of the event with mailings and merchandise packing.

Vida made us a fun newsletter quiz:
What type of tree do you see here with these almost transparent leaves?
April Newsletter Deadline:  
March 31, 2013

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QACMG Website:  
http://queenannes.umd.edu/QACMG/  
index.cfm

National Cherry Blossom Festival  
Washington D.C.  
March 20-April 14  
www.nps.gov/cherry

Hilary Ennis  
Master Gardener Coordinator  
University of Maryland Extension  
Queen Anne's County

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