“Meet our NEW MG Coordinator and Annual review/preview Meeting”
November 20, 9:30—11:30am

This will be our first meeting with our NEW MG Coordinator, Molly Garrett.

What better way to introduce Molly to all the MG projects than to hold a review of the past year and present plans for 2014? While preparing for this meeting, here are some points to keep in mind:

- What projects did you do this year?
- What worked, what didn’t?

- Will you be in charge again next year or is it time for someone else to take over?
- Should we continue with that particular project or not?
- How can other MGs be involved in that project?

Please let Sabine know what you would like to discuss, greenbien@hotmail.com

Tilghman Terrace (Directions on page 6)

Lunch with new MG Interns
Thursday, November 7, 11am—2pm

On Thursday, Nov. 7 the interns will take their final exam AND they will make their presentations that they have been working on for the past 8 weeks.

Needed: MGs to grade the exams

Come for lunch and meet the new interns. For more info contact Linda Doub
Volunteer Opportunities!

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Save the Date

Jack + Linda Doub, Joe Jelich and Jim Persels for dismantling the overgrown compost site; Jack and Linda Doub for successfully running a challenging intern training program; Julie Tompkins, Stephanie Simpson and Jane Chambers for helping at KI market; Kit Foster, Jackie Kelly, Margaret Gardner and Susan Seth for helping at the Centreville Library Rain Garden; Linda Doub, Joyce Woodford, Valynda Kingsley for helping at Camp Wright. 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.

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Holiday Lunch
The Kitty Knight House, Georgetown, MD
Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MAIN DISH, please choose one:
- Single Crab Cake
- Chicken Beurre Blanc with capers
- Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)

SIDE DISHES AND DESSERT:
Plated tossed salad, vinaigrette dressing
Vegetable medley
Roasted potato
Rolls and butter
Coffee and Ice Tea
Vanilla ice cream - Holiday Cookie

Cost: $25.44 (Includes gratuity and Maryland sales tax)
Cash Bar: 11:00
Lunch served at 12:00

Sign up DEADLINE: Monday, December 2, 2013
Please send payment and menu choice (crab, chicken, or vegetarian) to the QA Extension Office, 505 Railroad Ave, Suite 4, Centreville, MD 21617
Checks should be made out to QAC Master Gardeners.

Directions to the Kitty Knight House: Take Rt. 213 North to Galena (in Galena Rt. 213 will turn left at the stoplight). A few miles after Galena, you will see the Kitty Knight House on your left, just as the road starts to slope down. If you cross the bridge over the Sassafras, you will have gone too far.

If traveling north via Rt. 301, take exit for Rt. 313N/Galena Rd (you will have to do one of those fun U turns!) Continue onto Rt. 313 until you get to the traffic lights in Galena. At the lights, go straight; you are now on Rt. 213. After a few miles, you will see the Kitty Knight House on your left, just as the road starts to slope down. If you cross the bridge over the Sassafras, you will have gone too far.
**KI Farmer’s Market Plant Clinic**

Did you know... that the Kent Island Farmer’s market has an e-mail that they send out weekly? The e-mail contains information on who will be at the market that week and any special events. Diane Bedling, the director of the Farmer’s Market, is very generous in allowing Master Gardeners to post information about our events. If you would like to receive the e-mail, contact Diane at: dianebedlin@gmail.com

The Farmer’s Market has a facebook page with information about events occurring not only at the Farmer’s market but also all around Queen Anne’s county and the state. Go to Facebook: Kent Island Farmers’ Market

The KI Farmer’s Market is held every Thursday from 3:30 - 6:30 at 830 Romancoke Rd., Stevensville (Christ Church). The market is held inside from October to March. Master Gardeners hold a plant clinic at the market the 2nd Thursday of each month. We will be present on November 14th; however, we will NOT be attending in December.

If you have ideas for programs at the Farmer’s Market or would like to get in some volunteer hours, contact Karen Wimsatt at jimandkaren.wimsatt@gmail.com.

Submitted by Valynda Kingsley

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**Demonstration Gardens**

Thank you to Kit Foster, Jackie Kelly, Margaret Gardner and Susan Seth for helping to finish up the pruning and get the Centreville Library Rain Garden settled in for winter. We discussed various areas that may need some work to help make this garden look its best for the Adkins Native Garden Tour next spring. I reported these concerns in my report to the QAC Department of Public Works.

As a result of our concerns, I met with Dave MacLashan from QAC Department of Public Works, our new liaison for this garden. Much to my surprise and delight, they have already pruned the ilex glabra and started to put the mulch down – a huge relief since that will help control the weeds. We discussed the various areas that need major work including the dry river bed, replacing plants in areas where they didn’t come back this year, and repairing the brick edging along the walk, among other things. Dave and his department understand the importance of the publicity this garden will generate during the garden tour and I feel confident that they will give us the support we need.

We are now done for the winter – Yeah!!! We’ll meet again in March, weather permitting. Thank you to the many Master Gardeners who helped out at various times during the year. Library patrons often stop when we are working there to tell us how much they like the garden and appreciate what we do – makes it all worthwhile!

Thank you all for your support. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Debbie Pusey
Grow It Eat It
Meeting: December 10
Year of the Cucurbit

On Tuesday, December 10, GIEI will hold a State-wide meeting (College Park, 4-H Office, 10am). Items for discussion include 2014 initiatives:

- the 100 square foot garden challenge
- The Year of the Cucurbit Family
- GIEI garden signs
- video clip opportunities
- advanced training
- Review of Jon’s new ppt on Cucurbits: http://extension.umd.edu/mg/giei-powerpoint-presentations

Anyone who is interested in GIEI is encouraged to attend.

Outdoor Classroom
KCMS Victory Garden

A year ago, St. Brigid’s Farm donated $5000 to the Victory Garden at Kent County Middle School. After consulting with the teachers, we decided that what the garden really needed was an outdoor classroom.

“Rebuilding Together, Kent County” took on the actually construction with help from the town of Chestertown. It took a team of volunteers (mostly in their 60s and 70s) only a week to built this beautiful pavilion!

Although teachers and students will use this classroom during the school year, we are already planning to hold the first Advanced MG training at the Victory Garden in June 2014.
The MGs are starting a new project with the Talisman Therapeutic Riding (TTR) program on Perry Corner Rd. in Grasonville. TTR is located on Talisman Farm, a 1,000 acre farm managed by the Chesapeake Wildlife Foundation. It has forest, extensive wetlands, 1,000 ft. of waterfront, and 350 ft. of Eastern Bay beach.

TTR is a Queen Anne’s County 501(c) non-profit charity that serves local people with physical, cognitive, social, emotional and behavioral conditions, including disabled children, adults, and veterans, as well as at-risk teens referred by the courts and the schools. TTR provides equine-assisted activities and other nature-related experiences. Executive Director, Anne Joyner also hopes to develop a horticulture therapy program. The TTR program is supported by over 100 volunteers.

Susan Goward (intern) and I have volunteered to chair the TTR committee and we are looking for other MGs to join our planning committee. Anne Joyner is very enthusiastic and has expressed interest in education and consultation in the areas of Bay Wise planning, storm water management, shoreline restoration, tree identification/mapping, sensory trail development, horticulture therapy, vegetable gardening, and grapevine cultivation. We would provide training and assist in planning for projects involving her clients and volunteers.

If you are interested in serving on our planning committee or helping out with our TTR projects, please let me know at janebsmith@verizon.net. We have scheduled a tour and TTR volunteer training at 9:30am on Nov. 22, 2013 at the Talisman Barn. Our first TTR planning committee meeting will follow. Volunteer application forms are available at www.TalismanTherapeuticRiding.org. Sue Goward and I will be sharing more information about the TTR project at the Nov. 20 MG meeting.

We hope that you are as excited as we are about this opportunity right here in Queen Anne’s County.

**Therapeutic Horticulture Field Trip, Dec. 4**

We have arranged a trip to Melwood in Upper Marlboro to observe and learn about their therapeutic horticulture program. Sheila Gallagher, a Prince George’s MG is delighted to host our visit. Anne Joyner and two TTR staff members will be joining us. We are inviting all of you to join us on Dec. 4, 2013 from 10 am-noon at Melwood. We can set up carpooling to the campus. More information about Melwood is available at www.melwood.org. Please let me know via email at janebsmith@verizon.net if you plan to join us. The deadline to sign up will be Nov. 22, 2013.
Partnership with “Rebuilding Together”  
(TTR continued from previous page)

Several interns, Cathy Tengwall, Sue Gow- 
ard, and Jane Smith have already started on a project with “Rebuilding Together” to help plan landscaping for the Hero’s House on Talisman Farm. Hero’s House is a re- treat cottage for short term get-away use by wounded warriors and first responders who have been injured on the job. Cathy is working on a design for accessible Bay Wise landscaping, including a deck and fire pit. The landscape will be maintained by TTR staff, volunteers and clients.

We want to help make the post construc- tion site attractive for the Veteran’s Day dedication on Nov. 11 at 9:00 am so we will be working with TTR volunteers, Boy Scouts, and other volunteers who will be helping to beautify the site on Nov. 4 at 10:00. The rain date is Nov. 8. All hands are welcome.

Pumpkin Bread Pudding

Adapted from Gourmet Magazine, October 2007  
Submitted by Karen Wimsatt

I made a few of my own adaptations to this, using only milk and no cream (to me, it makes no difference in dishes like this, so I figure I’ll give my arteries a break), and doubling almost all of the spices. Oh, and I added bourbon, but you probably anticipated that. I used my own frozen pumpkin and toasted bread until crisp. Then I did as suggested below. Once I had combined all the ingredients, I let it sit until the liquid was mostly absorbed before putting it into the oven. This is a good dessert and great warmed up for breakfast. Enjoy, Karen

1 1/2 cups whole milk (Or 1 cup heavy cream plus 1/2 cup whole milk)
3/4 cup canned solid-pack pumpkin
1/2 cup sugar
2 large eggs plus 1 yolk
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/8 tsp ground allspice
Pinch of ground cloves
2 tablespoons bourbon (optional)
5 cups cubed (1-inch) day-old baguette or crusty bread
3/4 stick unsalted butter, melted* (skip this step if using 2nd set of instructions)

Preheat oven to 350°F with rack in middle.

Gourmet’s Instructions: Whisk together pumpkin, cream, milk, sugar, eggs, yolk, salt, spices and bourbon, if using, in a bowl.
Toss bread cubes with butter in another bowl, then add pumpkin mixture and toss to coat. Transfer to an ungreased 8- inch square baking dish and bake until custard is set, 25 to 30 minutes.

Alternate, Come On, Be Lazy With Me, instructions: While preheating oven to 350°F with rack in middle, melt butter in bot- tom of a 8-inch square baking dish. Once it is melted, take it out of the oven and toss bread cubes with butter, coating thoroughly. In a separate bowl, whisk together all the remaining ingredients. Pour them over buttered bread cubes in baking dish, stir- ring to make sure all pieces are evenly coated. Bake until custard is set, 25 to 30 minutes.
Source: Smitten Kitchen
On Saturday, May 17, 2014, Adkins Arboretum will sponsor “Celebrating Natives: A Garden Tour of Queen Anne’s County.” We are very excited to announce that the Master Gardeners have partnered with Adkins Arboretum for this event! The Master Gardeners will be present in the gardens and will have the opportunity to present information on sustainable gardening practices at each garden.

This will be the 2nd year for the garden tour. In May of 2013, the tour was located in Caroline county and had over 200 attendees which made it a successful event by any standards. Next year, we are expecting even more attendees and look forward to being a part of this event.

So far, there are 7 gardens on the tour in the Centreville/Queenstown area. The first garden on the tour is our very own Rain Garden located at the Centreville Library. This will provide the Master Gardeners an excellent opportunity to let the garden tour attendees know who we are and what we are doing within our community.

The other 6 gardens on the tour represent a wide variety of gardens. One of the gardens is a densely forested area full of over 200 rhododendrons and 16 varieties of azaleas. Another garden is home to a Grand Champion Black Walnut tree. Some of the gardens are well established and some are new and just beginning to take shape. Several of the gardens have rain gardens allowing the attendees to see very diverse examples of a common concept. A few of the gardens are on the water and show different methods of protecting the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Each garden on the tour presents new and unique gardening ideas which you will enjoy seeing and want to copy in your own home garden.

Carol Jelich is on Adkins’ planning committee, and Valynda Kingsley has joined the committee as MG liaison. The committee was able to tour all 7 gardens in October. During the tour we begin identifying garden practices that the Master Gardeners will want to highlight on the tour. On the day of the tour, over 50 volunteers will be needed to be in the gardens helping to direct visitors and answer questions about the plants and practices. We will need volunteers in two shifts. Volunteers will be assigned to one shift and will be able to visit the rest of the gardens, for free, during the other shift. We hope to fill as many slots as possible with MGs, although Adkins has a volunteer contingent to call on also.

Tentatively, the tour will take place from 10am to 4pm. At this time, the fee has been set at $20 in advance and $30 at the door. The starting point for the tour will be located at the Centreville Library. There will be plenty of opportunities for all of us to help with this project and sign-ups will begin in January. Please add this date to your calendar for 2014; even if you are unable to volunteer, you will want to take this garden tour!
## 2013 Monthly Meetings

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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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