Master Gardeners Celebrate 2017

This year our annual Holiday Luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 13th at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club in Chester-town, MD. Master Gardeners enjoyed taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season to relish in each other’s company. Over 40 Master Gardeners and spouses came together to celebrate the achievements of QAC MG’s throughout the past year. Those being recognized were:

**15 Year Master Gardeners (2002)**
- Nancy O’Conner
- Carol Romano
- Fred Kurst

**10 Year Master Gardeners (2007)**
- Alice Macnow
- Susan Seth
- Jane Smith
- Colleen Raudenbush
- Gail Ruppe

**5 Year Master Gardeners (2012)**
- Valynda Kingsley
- Cathy Tengwall

MG Nancy O’Conner Class of 2002 was recognized for her 15 year service as a Master Gardener and as the Honorable Mention MG of the Year.
Hello Everyone!

First and foremost, I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season surrounded by family and friends. Thank each and every one of you for volunteering this year. As a whole, the Queen Anne’s County Master Gardeners volunteered over 3,300 hours and had over 800 hours in continuing education! As we look ahead, the next few months we will be working on several things.

⇒ Master Gardener Intern Training starts on February 22nd. To sign up to be a hostess go to this link http://signup.com/go/HdCEymv or send me an email.
⇒ Planning for our plant sale and 20th Anniversary
⇒ Mentoring our newest Interns

Best,

Rachel

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**Committee Meeting Dates**

**Pollinator Committee Meeting**

The Pollinator Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 3rd at 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Office

**“Ask A Master Gardener” Plant Clinic**

Our “Ask A Master Gardener” team has scheduled a planning meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd at 10 a.m. at the Extension Office. We will be discussing our activities for the upcoming year.

**Mentoring Committee Meeting**

Our Mentoring Committee team has scheduled a planning meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd at 2 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will be discussing our activities for the upcoming year.
Master Gardener of the Year…
Liz Hammond

This year thanks to everyone casting their votes we recognized MG Liz Hammond as our Master Gardener of the Year. Liz joined the Master Gardeners in 2013. She has cumulatively logged more than 400 volunteer hours. Along with MG Deane Horowitz, Liz has zealously worked to improve our outreach at our monthly “Ask A Master Gardener” Plant Clinic held at the Kent Island Farmers Market. Each month Deane and Liz put together timely horticultural displays geared at educating all ages. Liz also is instrumental in planning Corsica Awareness Day with the Corsica River Conservancy. Thank you Liz for all of your hard work, we are so lucky to have you as a Master Gardener!

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10 Year Master Gardeners (2007)

MG’s Jane Smith (L) and Susan Seth (R), Class of 2007, were recognized for 10 years of service. Both Susan and Jane have been incredibly involved with the program from volunteering as mentors to helping with the Demonstration garden at the Centreville Library.

5 Year Master Gardener (2007)

MG Cathy Tengwall Class of 2012, was recognized for 5 years of service. Since joining the Master Gardener program Cathy has been very involved in helping with the Plant Sale.
Special thanks to the MG State Office for working tirelessly to get us our new logo’s by the end of the year. Our main logo has changed and we will no longer use our QAC MG logo for our programs. Each subprogram will have it’s own logo as well check them all out here:
Yes, it’s that time of the year again...that dreadful, wonderful, agonizing, delightful time of the year: seed catalog time!! Although to non-gardeners this may make no sense at all, I am 100% confident that every gardener reading this article knows exactly what I am talking about. I always enjoy the first catalog. I look through it again and again musing “what should I grow this year...purple beans...giant corn...6 varieties of basil?” Even the second catalog grabs my attention with delight. As I look through the beautiful pictures I dream about the wonderful things I will (try to) grow next year. After receiving the third and fourth catalogs I’m almost afraid to go to the mailbox. By December I have usually received about 8 seed catalogs... by January maybe 12. By February I practically have to bring the wheelbarrow into the house to move the stack of catalogs around and out of the way. I have even considered starting a petition to have seed catalogs added to the invasive species list. I can barely stand the late winter seed catalog clutter, not to mention the choices. The choices are almost paralyzing... should I buy these wonderful seeds or those wonderful seeds or the other wonderful seeds? Just imagine 20 catalogs each with 40 tomato seed choices ... that’s 800 tomato seeds to choose from, yet alone the lettuce, squash, peppers, carrots and beans which have equally as many seed choices!!! That is literally thousands of seeds to choose from. Any mere mortal gardener would crumble under the pressure. I feel no guilt nor shame as I strap on wrist splints to prepare to carry the giant pile to the recycle bin. And just as I gather them into a manageable pile, oh wait...what’s that? I hadn’t noticed that one before; that seed catalog. My husband must have tossed it into the pile when I wasn’t looking. Hmmm. Maybe I’ll just take a minute to see what they have to offer. Maybe I’ll just sit down for a few minutes and remove these weight lifters wrist splints so I can comfortably peek at a few Pages. Maybe I’ll just make a warm cup of tea and look at all of the fantastic vegetables I might be able to grow with these wonderful seeds... and maybe I’ll hang onto my pile of happiness a little longer and dream about my lovely spring garden and spend some quality time with my winter seed catalogs.
The December, “Ask a Master Gardener” table, at the Kent Island Farmers Market featured a display about “Holiday Hazards – What’s Safe and Not Safe for your Pets.” Our display board featured a section on Toxic Plants and Safe Plants with words of wisdom for keeping your pets safe during the holidays. We also had a handout from the Humane Society about toxic plants and the parts of the plant that could give Fluffy or Fido an upset tummy. An unfortunate field cricket found itself hopping across my kitchen floor just before I was to leave for the plant clinic, so I took advantage of a new “critter keeper” I received, and the unsuspecting cricket became a “show and tell” exhibit for the afternoon. I did let him go as soon as I got home! All of the vendors are now inside the building, and all of the tables were piled high with all sorts of enticing products. Again, this month, it did seem like there were less visitors to the Farmers Market and some of the vendors were thinking this was due to the way people were shopping nowadays – online – even for food! We still had a nice time chatting with those folks who stopped by, however. Helping out this month with Deane and me were Cindy Riegel, Jackie Kelly, Merry Gruben, and Barbara Graham. Stopping by to visit were Nick Stoer, Karen Wimsatt, and Suzanne Eaton. The January plant clinic will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and we will have information on how to melt ice and snow safely along with other winter gardening tips. Start to get next year’s hours early and come out and join us!

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Deane Horowitz  410-604-0969  deanoch@yahoo.com
## Committee Meeting Dates

### 2018 Bay-Wise Meeting Schedule

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<td>Topic: Dishing the facts on Delmarva Poultry Speaker: Jenny Rhodes and Jon Moyle, UME</td>
<td>9:30-11:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>February 21, 2018</td>
<td>Lisa Winters, Unity Landscaping- Native Perennials</td>
<td>9:30-11:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>Advanced Training Day- Details to Follow</td>
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<td>April 18, 2018</td>
<td>Dr. Sara Via, UMD- Healthy Soil</td>
<td>9:30-11:30 a.m.</td>
<td>WYE Research and Education Center</td>
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<td>May 16, 2018</td>
<td>Topic: Native Foraging Speaker: MG Shane Brill</td>
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<td>Picnic</td>
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<td>2019 Planning Meeting</td>
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<td>Trip to Longwood Gardens</td>
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<td>Soil Science</td>
<td>Jim Brewer- NRCS</td>
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<td>Entomology *Room 210</td>
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<td>Plant Nutrition &amp; Pruning</td>
<td>Andrew Ristvey</td>
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<td>Grow It, Eat It/Bay-Wise/Plant Clinics</td>
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Grow With Us

Become a Master Gardener

Interested in improving the Environment?
Avid Gardener or wishing you had a green thumb?
Dedicated Volunteer?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, you should consider becoming a University of Maryland Extension Master Gardener volunteer and joining the next class of enthusiastic horticulturalists! This rigorous 40+ hour course is designed to give you the basic information in preparation for volunteering as a University of Maryland Extension Master Gardener Volunteer. Topics will include: ecology, botany, soils, propagation, diseases, insect pests and control measures, among others. This program emphasizes community involvement and outreach as well as environmental stewardship. A fee of $200 is charged to cover all costs including the University of Maryland Master Gardener Handbook. This class is held in conjunction with the University of Maryland Extension in Dorchester, Talbot and Queen Anne’s Counties.

Classes are held: February 22 - April 21, 2018
Thursday Evenings 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.
Saturday Mornings 9:00 to Noon
Location: Eastern Shore Higher Education Center, Wye Mills

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20th Anniversary Planning

MG History – MG Linda Doub will be collecting antidotes on these past years being a Master Gardener to put into our past 20 years portfolio. It can be funny experiences-messages that got across to people to change their way of gardening- or just what has being an MG done for you. Send to: lindadoub@gmail.com

Social Event – Margaret Gardener and Jane Smith will be helping plan this portion of our 20th celebration. Our social event will be in October and will be in place of our Holiday event.

2018
20th Anniversary Meeting Schedule

- January 17th at noon
- March 21th at noon
- April 11th at 1 P.M.
- June 20th at 1:30 P.M.
- October 3rd at 1 P.M.

***ALL Meetings will be held at the UME Extension Office unless otherwise noted

Save the Date
for the 20TH ANNIVERSARY of the Queen Anne’s County Master Gardeners
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 2018
Prospect Bay Country Club
GROW SPROUTS & MICROGREENS

Just because it’s winter doesn't mean you can't grow fresh, healthy food. Gregory Rohman describes how to grow microgreens and sprouts for sandwiches and salads. These tasty, crunchy seedlings are packed with vitamins and can be grown indoors!

Date/Time:
Saturday, January 6, 11 a.m.

Location:
Easton Branch, Talbot County Free Library
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