October Tree Tips

The dryness and heat of the summer had an effect on many trees in our area in landscapes and in the wild. Prolonged heat and drought will cause premature fall leaf drop with many tree species, and their leaves may turn brown with no fall coloration. It is generally not necessary to fertilize established trees and shrubs. If you do, wait to fertilize until late October or early November. Early fertilization may produce a flush of late, weak growth that will not harden off properly, predisposing it to winter injury. October is a good time to plant trees. However, dogwood, tulip poplar, pin oak, and evergreens should not be dug up and moved (transplanted) in the fall; these species will usually fail to establish a root system in the fall. Be sure to keep all newly planted or transplanted trees and shrubs watered during dry periods this fall. If you plan to plant new trees this fall select slow growing species and avoid fast-growing trees such as Bradford pear, silver maple and Lombardy poplar, which tend to produce weak branches that break or split in storms. If you buy container grown trees be sure to spread the roots out in the planting hole. With balled and burlap stock cut the twine around the ball and cut away the nylon or burlap wrapping. Do not spread the roots of balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Never carry a tree by its trunk, this can damage the roots. Instead always carry them by their root ball or by the container. Tree and shrub branches should be pruned at this time only if they are dead or damaged. Wait until after all the leaves have dropped for all other corrective and cosmetic pruning. Flower buds are forming or are already formed on spring flowering shrubs. To prevent reducing next year’s bloom, don’t prune spring-flowering shrubs until after they bloom next spring. You may notice older leaves dropping from rhododendrons and other evergreen shrubs. This is normal for this time of year.
Hello Everyone!

Well the first day of fall has come and gone. As we look ahead, the next few months we will be working on several things.

⇒ We have a trip scheduled to Crow Vineyards on Saturday, October 14th. Please register by Friday, October 6th.
⇒ Our October meeting will be in the morning at the Centreville Library. Our speaker will be UME Agent Associate, Eric Buehl with the Sea Grant Program. Eric will be speaking about the State of the Bay.
⇒ Directory updates are due by Friday, October 6th
⇒ We will have a mentor / intern meeting on Monday, October 23rd at 6 P.M. at the Extension Office.

Best,

Rachel

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We added a new “Master Gardener” to the team, meet Reba. You may find her eating the office plants or chewing on my shoes when you stop by. She likes belly rubs and balls.

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Recording volunteer hours is extremely important for the continuation of our Master Gardener program. All MG hours must be turned in to Rachel by Friday, December 15th. Volunteer hours can be submitted by logging into the MG database: http://extension.umd.edu/mg/program-management/tracking-volunteer-hours If you need help entering your hours please contact Rachel
October Monthly Meeting-State of the Bay

Our monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18th at 9:30 A.M. Our speaker will be UME Agent Associate, Eric Buehl with the Sea Grant Program. Eric will be speaking about the State of the Bay.

2018 Meeting Schedule

It has been suggested that in addition to a June picnic that we also have a meeting and that we have a meeting following our week at the QAC 4-H Fair. I have created a survey monkey that will allow you to vote on these two suggested changes. Here is the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWJLHC8 This link will be open until Tuesday, October 17th and I will report the findings at our October meeting.

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Master Gardener Weekend Trip

Crow Vineyard

12441 Vansants Corner Rd.
Kennedyville, MD 21645
www.crowvineyardandwinery.com

When: Saturday, October 14th  Time: 3 P.M.
Cost: $15 per person all checks should be made payable to Q.A.C. E.A.C.
(Queen Anne’s County Extension Advisory Council) and mailed to
505 Railroad Ave, Suite 4 Centreville, MD 21617

***If you would like to stay after the tour to do a wine tasting there will be an additional charge of $8 paid directly to Crow Vineyards. This will not be included as a Master Gardener Activity.

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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
For More Information Contact-
Queen Anne’s County Master Gardener Coordinator
Rachel Rhodes
(410) 758-0166
rjrhodes@umd.edu

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Volunteer Opportunities

⇒ **Centreville Library Demo Garden:** If you would like to participate in any of the times please remember to bring your gardening tools, gloves, and water. All are welcome!!!
   **October:** Thursday, September 19th

⇒ **Ask a Master Gardener:**
   **Kent Island:** Please come out and join us from 3:30-6:30 at 830 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville, MD 21666. The plant clinic booth is usually located inside. To sign up contact: Liz Hammond 410-758-2992 er93hammon@aol.com or Deane Horowitz 410-604-0969 deanoch@yahoo.com
   Thursday, October 12 (2 people needed)
   Thursday, November 9 (2 people needed)
   Thursday, December 14 (2 people needed)

⇒ **Holiday Luncheon:** Our holiday luncheon is slated for Wednesday, December 13th. If you would like to help plan this event please contact Rachel rjrhodes@umd.edu

⇒ **2018 Monthly Speakers:** I am on the hunt for speakers for our 2018 meetings if you have any special requests please let me know!

⇒ **Demo garden at the 4-H Park:** We will be setting up a day in Mid-October to redo this garden please stay tuned for details.

⇒ **Graphic Designers:** Do we have any graphic designers that are MG’s??? If so, I’d love some help with the 20th Anniversary and 2018 Plant Sale.

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**Dig Day at the Jelich’s**

Submitted by: MG Carol Jelich

The Jelich’s are opening up there property one more time! On Monday, October 16th, between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon, Master Gardeners are invited to dig and take plants from my garden. I have many plants that have seeded throughout the garden that are out of place and need to be removed, as well as clumps that need thinning. I need to tame my exuberant gardens before putting the house up for sale in the spring. I would rather you come and give the plants a new home, than consign them to the compost pile. Plants include tall coneflower, mountain mint, verbena, bee balm, cup plant and other perennials; strawberry; woodies - sassafras, shrub dogwood, pines, red cedar, sumac, jasmine vine. I have many plastic pots. Come if you can and bring a trowel or shovel.
Galilee Garden
Submitted by: MG Nancy O’Conner

The garden year is coming to an end. It has been a great 1st year with production of all kinds of vegetables, herbs, flowers, and friendships. It has been an interesting year with so much rain, but the gardeners have done well and have taken home much food that they have produced. Our pollinator garden and herb garden have taken off and the plants have lots of bees and butterflies as well as gardeners being able to pick some herbs to use in their cooking. We have learned to deal with successes and failures and are finding we have lots to think about for next year. This summer’s rain has helped on the watering, but also caused dampness problems in our one low bed set aside as a teaching/misc. bed. We found that deer know where we are, and that they like most of what we have planted. Fortunately, it was only for a short time and the rest of the summer went well. The latest addition to the garden is a new 8 foot wide bridge across the ditch separating the garden from the parking lot by Boy Scout Hadyn Blanchard of Troop 495. We are hoping our shed being built by QA High School will arrive soon. This past week we have done a major clean up and will have our final clean up in November when we put the beds to rest for the winter. Our next garden meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 6, followed by a final clean-up of the beds and a pot luck lunch. (Time has not been set yet.) The advisory committee has chosen to continue meeting on the first Thursday of the month for next year. The tentative schedule for our 2018 year will be announced later. We will have several openings for beds and are now taking names. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested please contact Nancy O’Connor (nanmart201@verizon.net) Master Gardener help and support has been much appreciated. Thank you Dean Horowitz, Karen Wimsatt, Jane Chambers, Elizabeth Riffe and intern Rudy Lukacovic for all your help.
The September Kent Island Plant Clinic featured a display about “Good Bug vs. Bad Bug”. We had a display board of the various kinds of insects that enjoy attacking pests that enjoy attacking your garden. Deane again brought his set of magnifying containers with various insects inside them and the matching game for visiting children to check out. We also had a “What Is This” display of stinging nettle and the eggs of a lacewing. In addition to our display, we also had the usual handouts for September garden tips. We had lots of help this month with Lois Noonan, Barbara Graham, Jackie Kelly, and Christy Little who joined us, plus Joyce Woodford stopped by to chat with us. The October plant clinic will be held Thursday, October 12, and will feature a fall display with bats, spiders, pumpkins and other interesting enticements for the Halloween season! We welcome all master gardeners and interns who would like to help out and have some fun with us – so please join us! For further information contact: Liz Hammond 410-758-2992 er93hammon@aol.com Deane Horowitz 410-604-0969 deanoch@yahoo.com

Kent Island Farmers Market “Ask a MG” Schedule:
Thursday, October 12 (Need 2 People)
Thursday, November 9 (Need 2 People)
Thursday, December 14 (Need 2 People)
Bay-Wise Committee Updates
Submitted by: MG Debbie Pusey

Now that we are finally entering the Fall season and cooler weather we will try to schedule our backlog of requests before the weather turns wintry. We have a number of interns interested in having their yards certified as well as sign-ups from the fair and the Farmers Market at Kent Island. That should keep us busy for the rest of 2017. Deane Horowitz has worked with Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) to set up a certification there. It is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th at 4:00pm. This will make our fourth public space to be certified this year. We have one more to go to reach our goal of five. We are hoping to schedule Wilmer Park in Chestertown to accomplish that goal. Our next Bay-Wise meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 1:30pm at the Extension Office. All are welcome to attend.

Centreville Library Demo Garden Updates
Submitted by: MG Debbie Pusey

Thank you to Jackie Kelly, Laura Klingler, Susan Seth and Liz Sipala for helping out with the Centreville Library rain garden this month. Having two work parties a month has made a huge difference in weed control. In September, we started to cut back some of the plants that were no longer in bloom. We accomplished a lot this month, but there is still a lot more to be done in October. County employees stopped by while we were there and informed us that they would be removing the river rock from the dry river bed in the center, clearing out the drainage pipe opening at the walkway end, and replacing the river rock properly. We also requested that mulch be put down as soon as possible as most has washed away. Thursday, October 19th will most likely be our last day working in the garden for 2017. We’ll deadhead and prune a lot of the plants so the garden is in reasonable shape for the winter and following spring. November is often too cold to plan ahead for a work day. We’ll resume maintenance in March, weather permitting.

Advanced Training Certificates

Did you know that you can earn Advanced Training Certificates? Here’s a complete list of Certificates that you can earn as a UME Master Gardener:

- Landscape Design for Water Management Certification
- Master Composter Certification
- Native Plants Certification
- Plant Diagnostics Certification
- Vegetable Gardening Certification
- Woody Plants Certification

To receive a certificate, a Master Gardener must have attended at least 75% of the required classes, and also completed any of the assigned coursework. For more information visit: http://extension.umd.edu/mg/training/advanced-training-certificates
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- 9th: KI Plant Clinic, 3:30-6:30pm
- 10th: UME Office Closed
- 11th: UME Office Closed
- 15th: MG Meeting Centreville Library 9:30 A.M.
Corsica River Day was hot with record turn outs. Thanks to MG’s: Bernie Sullivan, Joyce Anderson, Leona Dalton, Judy Geggis, Fred Kurst, and Barbara Graham (not pictured) for volunteering.