We are volunteers who love gardening and have been specially trained to help other gardeners. Our mission is to educate Maryland residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. Most of our services are FREE.

2015 Master Gardener Seminar Series Starts January 17!
Learn about vegetable gardening basics, attracting birds and pollinators to your yard, creating terrariums, and much more. See page 2 for details.

Become a Master Gardener: Enroll for 2015 Training Now!
Frederick County Master Gardeners are trained by University of Maryland faculty and other experts. We share our knowledge through our demonstration garden, seminars and workshops, responding to garden questions, therapeutic horticulture programs, promoting practices that preserve the environment, youth gardening projects, and many other activities. We invite you to join us!

Reserve your space now in the 2015 Basic MG Training. The classroom portion runs from March 5 to May 28, Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm. The course is open only to Frederick County residents until February 15 or until it is full. To register, contact Lisa Strong at 301-600-1596 or lstrong@umd.edu

Ag Week at the FSK Mall, February 16-21
Children’s Activities Mon & Sat, 10am - 6 pm
Visit our booth at this annual celebration of Frederick agriculture. We’ll have information on vegetable gardens, enhancing your landscape, native plants, composting, practices that promote the health of the Bay, youth gardening, and more. We will have live plants and demonstrations of row covers, lasagna gardening, and grow lights.

Green Neighbor Forum at Hood College
Saturday, February 28, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Free ‘Make & Take’ Activity for Youngsters Offered by Master Gardeners, 10 am - noon
Sponsored by Friends of Baker Park, this event will focus on practical steps we can take now to improve our local environment, reduce storm water runoff, make our backyards more hospitable to local fauna, and more. To register (free for children under 12 years): www.friendsofbakerpark.org/events/frederick-green-neighbor-forum/

Annual Master Gardener Plant Sale
Saturday, April 25, 9 am - 4 pm
Frederick News Post Building
Shop and learn! We’ll have hundreds of plants, including many that are native to our area. Find shrubs, vegetables, annual and perennial flowers, vines, and hanging baskets. Master Gardeners will assist with your gardening questions and offer demonstrations, displays and educational activities for children and adults.

For more information: Susan Trice, MG Coordinator, 301-600-1596, strice@umd.edu, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702. Also visit us at http://www.facebook.com/mastergardenersfrederickcountymaryland and http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening.
2015 Winter & Spring Master Gardener Seminars

Join us for exciting and educational FREE seminars for beginning and advanced gardeners alike. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the start times. Seminars are held at the UME Extension office, 330 Montevue Lane (off Rosemont Avenue), Frederick, MD, unless otherwise noted. Register online using the links below or find links on our website (http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening/mg-happenings); or call Lisa at 301-600-1595. Walk-ins are welcome if there is room.

Saturday, January 17, 1 - 3 pm
Basic Vegetable Gardening and Seed Starting
We will discuss the basic information and techniques necessary to create a vegetable garden, as well as to start seeds. Learn when to plant seeds, which seeds you can successfully start indoors, how to give them a healthy start, and when to transplant your seedlings. https://2015fcmg-seminar-jan17th.eventbrite.com

Saturday, January 24, 1 - 3 pm
Plant Wisely, Control Storm Water Runoff, and Encourage Wildlife
Find out how to create a BayWise garden that will attract wildlife and help keep our streams, rivers and the Bay healthy. We'll discuss best practices including using native plants, controlling storm water following the steps one local homeowner used on her creek-side property, and dealing with garden pests through integrated pest management (IPM). http://2015fcmg-seminar-jan24th.eventbrite.com

Saturday, February 7, 1 - 3 pm
How to Create Terrariums
 Beautify your home with a low-maintenance garden under glass. Learn about choosing plants, creative ideas for containers, and assembling and maintaining your own terrarium. https://2015fcmg-seminar-feb7th.eventbrite.com

Saturday, February 28, 10 am – noon
Early Spring Planting, Succession and Planting Fruits and Berries
Find out when and how to get your cool weather crops in for the spring season. We will also discuss tricks to planting and maintaining fruits and berries. https://2015fcmg-seminar-feb28th.eventbrite.com

Saturday, March 7, 10 am - noon
Attracting Pollinators and Birds with Native Plants
It's surprisingly easy to create outdoor spaces, large or small, that use native plants to attract and sustain bees, butterflies and birds. Fill your yard with sound, movement and beauty. https://2015fcmg-seminar-mar7th.eventbrite.com

Saturday, March 28, 10 am – noon
Practical Structures in the Garden
You can build your own structures to enhance the productivity and attractiveness of your yard and garden. Learn about making raised beds, row covers, arbors and trellises. http://2015fcmg-seminar-mar28th.eventbrite.com

Saturday, April 11, 10 am – noon
Beginning Vegetable Gardening and IPM (Integrated Pest Management)
For people new to vegetable gardening, we will provide basic guidelines, including information on starting with seeds and transplants. You will also learn about managing problems with insects, plant pathogens and weeds through IPM. See our advice in action during a demonstration in the garden. http://2015fcmg-seminar-apr11th.eventbrite.com

Saturday, May 23, 10 am – noon
Container and Small-Space Gardening
Learn how to create a thriving garden even in limited spaces—from your window sill, porch, or balcony to a small yard. See how to go beyond flower pots by using a variety of containers and raised beds to grow vegetables, herbs, flowers (both annuals and perennials), and native plants. http://2015fcmg-seminar-may23rd.eventbrite.com

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ALSO ON SATURDAYS THIS SPRING:
Ask a Master Gardener Plant Clinics
11 am - 1 pm, beginning April 11 at 330 Montevue Lane

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