

# Gardening with 20/20 Vision Focus on the Future



## Montgomery County Master Gardeners • 20th Annual Spring Conference Saturday, February 22, 2020 • 8:30am-2:30pm

Agricultural History Farm Park • 18410 Muncaster Road • Derwood, MD 20855

**Deer: Scoping Out the Future of Deer and Your Landscape – *Eric Wenger*** A long-range look - up-close - at the impact deer have on our environment and our landscapes and what the future holds for people, plants and animals.

**To Weed or Not To Weed! – *Lauren Hubbard*** That's a weed!?! Did you know that many common ornamental landscape plants are actually invasive? Lauren will help you identify, control, remove, and replace them with garden-appropriate native species that will provide food and shelter for butterflies and birds.

**Please Don't Eat the Daisies! – *Melissa Siegel*** Many flowers are not edible. In fact, some are downright poisonous. Flowers that are edible grow on flowering plants, vegetable and herb plants, and shrubs and trees, including fruit-bearing trees. This presentation will discuss edible flowers and how to infuse them in your beverages and meals. Your dinner table will never be the same!

**Make a SPECTACLE in the Garden! – *Marie Rojas*** Learn about the best natives and guilt-free non-natives that will add spice to your garden, without the need for a lot of maintenance from you.

**Vegetable Garden--In the Future! – *Erica Smith*** Food gardening is more popular all the time, but an increasingly urban landscape and a warming planet mean rethinking the veggie plot. Over the coming decades, edible gardens will be smaller and more efficient, making use of innovations in equipment and technology, environmentally friendly growing methods, and a greater selection of disease-resistant and space-saving cultivars. See how you can get started on the garden of tomorrow.

**Salvias for the Pollinator Landscape – *Pat Kenny*** Save our bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds with the genus that has salvation in its name. Although best known for its valuable culinary and medicinal uses, the genus *Salvia* offers a diversity of flower colors, leaf textures, scents, and plant forms that make it outstanding for the garden and landscape. With over 900 species, to say nothing of the dozens of cultivars produced by plant breeders, the genus includes shrubs, herbaceous perennials of all heights, ground covers, and easy-to-grow bedding plants, many of which are deer resistant.

**Understand How To Properly Maintain Your Turf with Our New Regulations – *Chuck Schuster*** Chuck will review suggested methods to grow and maintain your turf within the recently updated Montgomery County regulations. In addition, he will review reading and understanding labels to get the best results and have the lawn you desire.

**Planning a Wildlife Friendly Garden – *Susan Bell*** Natural habitats are shrinking, replaced by new housing and urban sprawl. You can rebuild wildlife habitats and become a "partner with nature." Feeding birds already attracts a lot of homeowners because birds are beautiful, entertaining and educational - an added benefit is that they will eat pest insects. From attaching a hummingbird feeder with a suction cup to a window to growing pollinator container gardens to using fallen leaves, logs and branches, almost anyone with any size garden can attract wildlife. Susan will discuss the four basic needs to help attract a variety of wildlife--food, water, cover, and nesting sites, as well as discuss how to protect wildlife with good gardening practices that promote a healthy environment.

**Growing Your Own Herb Container Garden Workshop – *Heather Whirley*** This hands-on workshop will send participants home with a completed container herb garden. Mix your own potting medium, learn about and select available herbs, and learn how to care for potted herbs throughout the season. \*An additional \$15 materials fee is required for this workshop. Participation is limited to the first 20 registrants.