2014 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

By Anne Abend

It’s August, that time of sun-drenched skies, tomatoes, corn and the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, August 8-16. The nine-day fair, now in its 65th year and the largest annual event in Montgomery County, is organized and run by more than 600 volunteers, among them the Master Gardeners who design and maintain our Fairground Gardens. In actuality, the Fairground Gardens consist of three separate areas: the Triangle MG Garden (located at the corner of Poplar and Hickory Avenues, across from Old McDonald’s Barn), the 4-H building, and the beds surrounding the 4-H and Heritage Buildings.

See You at the Fair; It’s Corny But True

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A Primer on Boxwood Blight

By Claudia Sherman and Betsey Haddid

What is it? Boxwood Blight (BB) is a relatively new, aggressive disease that causes severe defoliation of all cultivars of boxwood (American, English and Korean), and may infect ornamentals in the boxwood family (Buxaceae), including sweet box and pachysandra. There are no curative treatments, although research is ongoing.

English Boxwood (B. sempervirens ‘Suffruiticosa’) is thought to be especially susceptible because of its dense habit. Sweet box (Sarcococa) has been infected under experimental conditions. The disease was confirmed on Japanese pachysandra (another ornamental in the boxwood family) in a Connecticut landscape in 2012. The pachysandra infections appear to have originated from adjacent infected boxwood.

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Thank you Nancy; Passing the Baton

In May 2011, Nancy Moses Greenblatt made her debut as Editor-in-Chief of the premier issue of the new and improved Master Gardener newsletter. This followed five months of her editorial and graphic development and recruitment of her volunteer staff, “The Seed Team.” I remember her first issue as Editor-in-Chief well. It featured a photo of my entire intern class on the front page with a big “Welcome” headline. As new editors will do, Nancy introduced a few new things to our humble paper. OK, maybe more than just a few.

MG Pat Lynch suggested to the Board in 2010 that it was time our newsletter went exclusively electronic to be delivered by email. She recommended Nancy (then our publicity chairperson and fellow board member), who created newsletters for most of her 35-year career in public relations. The goal was to improve communications with members and save money. Nancy and MG Christa Carignan (the Seed’s first production editor) undertook a total visual and format overhaul and name change.

Most importantly, the content changed. Nancy created timely features with photos. New columns included Stumped, Ask and Answer and Photo of the Week. Continuing Education listings were expanded. Feature and news articles focused on members’ contributions. The end result was a polished, modern, and professional product still full of useful information.

When Nancy first told me of her desire to retire as editor-in-chief, I remember saying something along the lines of, “NO!” And said something like that the second time, too. By the third time I realized she meant it, and needed a well-deserved break from this leadership role. I am of course sad, but also immensely grateful for the extraordinary dedication to our newsletter that she has made for more than three years. On behalf of all our Master Gardeners I want to say a sincere and heartfelt “thank you” for your leadership, Nancy. It has been quite an adventure!

The current members of The Seed Team are unanimous in agreeing to continue the work they have been doing. MG Sherry Marshall, another newsletter professional, has generously agreed to be Acting Editor-in-Chief for September while we find a Master Gardener to assume this role. If you think you might be interested please contact me. We know we cannot replace Nancy, but yes, the news will continue to be heard!

Comments from Nancy

I am flattered and embarrassed by Janet’s column. So many members devote themselves to fulfilling the organization’s education mission. Through The Seed, we merely praise them and build common spirit and organizational pride.

In addition to Janet, I want to thank all the past presidents (Gary, Sheryl, and Julia), board members, and Linda Waters for their support. I thank those Master Gardeners who have submitted articles, news, and information to make The Seed an enjoyable and informative publication. And I appreciate Steve Dubik for his trust that what we published would be top quality and show off MGs’ work to the state.

Most of all, I would like to thank all the Seed Team members who have worked diligently and creatively. While I edit every newsletter and write most headlines, I do not create the newsletter by myself. I write some,
Comments from Nancy

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plan the front-page and major story ideas, and keep everyone pointed forward. I must express my appreciation for the dedication shown by the best people I have ever worked with in my career. From the beginning, Christa Carignan, Betty Cochran, Michele Fain, Diyan Rahaman, Katie Mcle, Lauren Rubinstein, Darlene Nicholson, and Faye Miner. We’ve been joined by Julie Super, Debbie Petro, Julie Mangin, Anne Abend, Claudia Sherman, Sherry Marshall, Julia Horman, Pam Hosiner, Linda Waters, and Rachel Shaw.

For the future, I offer my full support to the skilled Sherry Marshall as acting Editor-in-Chief and hope to submit an occasional story or two. And one never knows what new technology may provide new formats for our organization’s membership communication needs.

It’s been amazing, creative fun to present a top-notch newsletter. My decision to enter my second retirement (first was 13 years ago) has been difficult. Nevertheless, the needs for enjoying a REAL retirement, to say nothing of uncluttering our closets, are calling me once more.

Nancy

Photo of the Month

Amazing garden art at the Paper Moon Diner in Baltimore, Maryland.

Photo by Julie Mangin

Thanks for the memories
Nancy. We will miss working with you.

Julie & Debbie
Winter Demolished Demo Garden

This year’s terrible winter wreaked havoc on the gardens, especially in the Triangle. **Co-leader Marion Mistrik** said, “Mother Nature has not been our friend. The demo garden was a shambles.” She explained, “The Straw Wall caved in on the garden. It was supposed to be a sound barrier [to dampen the noise] when our neighboring tree-trunk sculptors, The Chainsaw Chicks, worked.”

Even into June, MGs were attempting to salvage what they could from the damaged beds, identify plants whose markers were lost, and relocate others to more advantageous locations. Changing patterns of shade and light forced some areas to be redesigned as well. It is, agreed Marion and **co-chair Michael Parizer**, a “year for clean up” and retrenching. Their motto, they say with a resilient smile, is, “our plants don’t have roots, they have wheels.”

Nor did the late arrival of spring bring much comfort—the long, cold, wet weeks hindered efforts to speed up improvements, and it will be a sprint to the finish as the MGs complete the vision they hold for the gardens by the time the fair arrives. And yet, we all know that an unforeseen garden makeover often yields unexpectedly pleasing designs and outcomes.

A Showcase Garden Attracts Thousands

The Fairground Garden has a different emphasis than its larger, “flashier” cousin at Derwood. “We’re not an experimental site, we don’t have as many volunteers, and we serve a different purpose, namely showing what can be done in a suburban garden,” said Michael. For their outstanding efforts, the MGs have received multiple “Awards of Excellence” from the ‘Keep Montgomery County Beautiful’ contest for maintaining beautiful gardens that enhance the community.

“We are more than just planters,” said Michael, and in that they have succeeded admirably. He added that we are educators for thousands of visitors who wander through, staffing the garden from 9 am–9 pm daily and answering guests’ many questions.

**MG Margie Stancill** replanted the salad table, demonstrating the ease of growing multiple greens, while **MG Lacey Ann Gude** oversaw the addition of vegetables scattered among the flowerbeds and planted in containers. This year, for the first time, **GIEI** will have its expert presence in response to the public’s interest in vegetable gardening.

Making her annual appearance is **MG “Dirty Gerty,”** an old and beloved creation to capture everyone’s eye. A children’s scavenger hunt is planned, too. Several plants, selected with an eye to amusing our next generation of gardeners, will be sprinkled throughout the Triangle including sneezeweed, white turtle head, fishnet stockings, “blue my mind” (evolvulus), and megillah plant (a purple daylily).

Come out to the fair, then. Pass the midway, skirt the craft exhibits, bypass the barns and head straight to the Fairground Gardens. MGs will welcome you into their landscape—there’s always something new and evolving.
A Primer on Boxwood Blight

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Where is it? Boxwood Blight appeared first in Europe in the late 1990s and in 2011 has spread to at least 12 states, including Maryland.

Conditions. The BB pathogen, *Cylindrocladium pseudonaviculatum*, flourishes in shady, warm and humid conditions. The disease occurs when humidity and precipitation are high. Growth stops at temperatures above 86 F and the fungus mycelium is killed above 95 F. However, the cushion-like spores can live on in fallen infected leaves, which can serve as a source for infection for at least five subsequent years.

Symptoms. All aboveground portions of the plant can be infected. Symptoms on boxwood begin as dark leaf spots, which rapidly form into brown blotches, often with black streaks (cankers) forming along twigs and stems. Infected leaves fall from the twigs, resulting in defoliation that starts on lower branches and moves up the plant. Boxwood Blight on pachysandra appears as numerous small lesions with yellow haloes around a circular leaf spot.

Detection. BB should be differentiated from another fungal disease known as Volutella Blight (Volutella buxi) or Boxwood Decline, which can infect stressed boxwood. Boxwood Blight produces white fungal spores, whereas the spores of Volutella Blight are salmon to pink in color. The black streaks along twigs and branches of plants infected with BB also distinguish the disease from Volutella Blight.

Reporting. Because Boxwood Blight is aggressive and presently without a cure, promptly consult with a horticulturist at the HGIC, 1-800-342-2507, and send samples of twigs and foliage (wrapped in dry paper towels enclosed in double Ziplocs) to the University of Maryland Plant Diagnostic Laboratory for diagnosis. See www.plantclinic.umd.edu for submission information.

Prevention and Management. As there is no cure and the complete disease cycle, from infection to spore production, takes as little as seven days, early detection is critical.

Follow best management practices. Regularly inspect your plants. Sanitize your tools and shoes with bleach or isopropyl alcohol. Never water boxwoods from above. Prune to promote air circulation, taking care not to let leaves accumulate in the branch crotches, but never prune when the plant is wet. Remove and destroy diseased plants and any boxwood within 10 feet of affected plants. Remove and destroy all leaf litter and debris. Do not compost!

For University of Maryland Extension publications on this disease, see:
https://extension.umd.edu/learn/boxwood-blight
Stumped

Here are some home-gardener questions that came to the MG Extension office, plant clinics and to HGIC recently. Some questions we answered and some had us -- STUMPED!

Tree Trouble Is Coming Our Way

When home gardeners find the trees in their garden are under attack, the Derwood Extension Office gets many samples of strange looking twigs and leaves for identification of their problems. Below are two examples of oak galls that look like strange acorns and tupelo leaves that have large blotches with holes.

Oak Galls

A resident of Silver Spring found her swamp oak (Quercus bicolor) "adorned" with interesting "acorn-like" galls where the individual pieces seemed like plant tissue that was growing right on the end of the branch at the bud.

Experts at the Derwood Extension Office were quickly able to identify these as galls that are caused by a cynipid gall wasp, Adleria strobilana. The galls develop after the wasps hatch and begin feeding along the stem. The galls start out yellow, then pink to red and eventually turn brown.

Control measures are not necessary.

Tupelo Leafminer

The Tupelo Leafminer, Antispila nysaefoliella, is a leaf-mining moth that specializes on the leaves of black gum, or tupelo (Nyssa sylvatica).

Mines appear in late August and larvae feed for approximately 3-4 weeks. The mines are blotch-shaped and tend to expand radially. While feeding, the larvae can be seen clearly within their mines because they eat all of the mesophyll of the leaf, leaving behind just a clear window of leaf epidermis.

At the final instar, when feeding ceases, the larva positions itself at the mine periphery and forms an oval-shaped, double-sided shield by encasing itself with silk between the upper and lower mine layers.

While sandwiched inside, the larva cuts the shield away from the leaf, and then, falls into the leaf litter for pupation while remaining inside the enclosed shield. At this point, the leaf is left with an empty mine and a very distinctive “punch hole” shaped by the shield that was once there.
Announcements

August’s Open Garden Reveals Full Variety of Plantings and Practices; Tours, Treats, and Tastings

By Julie Fortin and Kathy Eighmey

WHAT: Open Garden–Sandy Spring Friends House Retirement Community
WHEN: Tuesday, August 19, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*
Rain date is Wednesday, August 20
WHERE: 17340 Quaker Lane, Sandy Spring, Md. 20860
Parking two-tenths of a mile away

Master Gardener volunteers who work at the Sandy Spring Friends House Retirement Community proudly invite you to their annual “Open Garden.”

The Friends House community garden started in 1974 on several acres on former Quaker farmland to provide produce and flowers for the residents. The beautiful garden site overlooks a small orchard and a lovely pond. Residents and MGs maintain the vegetable, fruit, herb and flower gardens along with an apiary and compost areas. They use organic practices with an emphasis on sustainability and land stewardship.

Master Gardener volunteers and residents recently completed the design and planting of a Shakespeare garden that features a selection of plants and matching quotations. In full bloom, the Shakespeare garden serves as a focal point, a meeting place, and a quiet space for contemplation. The workers are now developing a demonstration plot for new varieties of crops as well as a native plant bed.

Along with tours of the gardens, visitors will enjoy a tomato taste-off and a variety of garden-related refreshments and treats. Handcrafted natural soaps made with products from the garden’s apiary will be available for sale. Proceeds from the sales are used to support garden expenses. The gardens will remain open past 11:30 a.m. but gardeners may not be available to offer tours or information.

Online MG Tracking-System Training

When: Thursday, August 7, 2014, immediately following the general membership meeting
Where: Derwood

What: There will be an informal training session on the new, online Master Gardener Tracking System immediately following the general membership meeting on August 7 at Derwood. Anyone who is having problems accessing or using the system should think about attending this training session. Anyone with questions is also welcome.

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Get Close with 4,000 4th Graders

By Barbara Waite-Jaques

Close Encounters is an October program developed by Extension and staffed by Master Gardeners as a way to introduce 4th graders to farming, food and the environment. The program will be held each weekday from October 13 through October 30. Four thousand students and their teachers and chaperones will participate during the 14 days of the program.

If you need more volunteer hours, this is your chance.

Using games and interactive demonstrations, the children learn important facts: How much sugar is in that can of soda? What do those squirming insects in the streams tell us about our water? What state has the most horse farms? (Answer: Maryland!)

Master Gardeners are part of a team of volunteers who staff the program. Scripts for each of the activities will be provided, and a training session conducted by Extension personnel will be scheduled in late September or early October. After the activities of the day, volunteers are treated to a wonderful lunch provided by Extension and desserts provided by MGs.

Sign Up to Run Family Activities at Harvest Festival—Oct. 4

By Barbara Waite-Jaques

Volunteers are needed for the annual fall Harvest Festival, sponsored by the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission and held at Derwood (Agricultural History Park). If you are into “cute” and pure pleasure, this is your spot. It is a wonderful family outing featuring many fun farming and gardening activities for all ages.
Harvest Festival

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This year, the festival will be held on October 4 from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Master Gardener volunteers culminate a year in the garden by running the following fun and popular activities for kids and their parents:

1. Mr. McGregor’s Garden, a children’s garden
2. Terra Cotta Pot Painting
3. Tussie Mussies (little bouquets/nosegays)
4. Plant Clinic
5. Let’s Make a Butterfly
6. The Bug Game
7. Herbal Teas and Gardening
8. Demonstration Garden Tours

In addition, we need volunteers to help with setup and logistics.

Volunteer Details

There will be three shifts, Shift A 8–10 a.m. (just for setup); Shift B 10 a.m.—1:30 p.m. and Shift C 1:30—5 p.m. for staffing the activities. Those volunteering for the Shift A 10 a.m. shift may also wish to sign up to help with setting up the activities. Those volunteering for the Shift C 1:30 shift will assist in the cleanup at the end of the day. While the signup sheets indicate three separate shifts, please feel free to sign up for the entire day if you wish. (See web link below.)

This is a great opportunity to interact with the public and with other MGs. A bonus is the wonderful sandwich and cookie lunch prepared by Elsie Sullivan.

Parking Pass Deadline due Sept. 13

Since admission is charged, those volunteering for the first shift will not need parking passes as long as they arrive before 10:30. Those volunteering for the second shift will need parking passes. The request for parking passes is due on September 13, so please plan on signing up soon.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn’t work) to go to the Harvest Festival signup sheet: https://www.volunteersignup.org/DQKJX

To sign up, follow the instructions on the page. It takes only a few seconds.
Offering Our Clientele Appropriate Information

Become Familiar with University of Maryland Master Gardener Policies and Guidelines

By Steve Dubik

As Master Gardener volunteers, you are representatives of the University of Maryland and should be only disseminating accurate information. This procedure is reinforced with recently approved changes to the University of Maryland Master Gardener Policies and Guidelines: “While serving as a UME Master Gardener Volunteer you will use and disseminate only UME recommendations and information or science-based information from other land-grant universities. Practices that are not science-based should not be mentioned.”

To learn more about current gardening topics and other salient issues that impact the Master Gardener program, I encourage you to attend continuing education programs like the Annual Maryland Master Gardener Training program at College Park, our fall conference program and our monthly membership meetings. The Program Educational Committee is committed to bringing speakers to the monthly membership meetings to update us on various topics.

If in doubt about statements or claims on various topics—controversial or not—please contact me at 301-590-2838; sdubik@umd.edu.

Send Us Your Nominations for the Annual Outstanding Service Award

Do you know Master Gardeners who you think have done an outstanding job in the past year? Want to see that their contributions to the group and community are recognized? Then please nominate them for the Outstanding Service Award by October 1, 2014. Winners are announced at the December Holiday Luncheon.

Criteria and instructions for submitting a nomination can be found on the “For Master Gardener” portion of the MG website, listed under Lifetime Service Award Guidelines (page 2).

http://extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/lifetime-service-award-guidelines

Membership discussions about the causes of declining bee populations prompted Steve Dubik, MG Coordinator and Horticulturist, to remind us of University of Maryland policies on appropriate communications with the public. Here’s a busy bee.

Photo by Julie Mangin
Native Plants Can Put Us in the Thick of Things

Q. Several years ago I decided to go native and have been selecting plants identified as native to Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic area. Recently I’ve noticed that some of them are taking over. Is that supposed to happen?

A. Gardening is all about making choices. As we begin any new garden project, we look at our property and try to visualize what we want to achieve. Do we have great empty spaces to fill, or a small lot with close proximity to neighbors? Are our existing plantings overgrown? Are we having trouble with a bare slope? A bit of analysis will help us decide whether we want to invite a gang of aggressive plants in, or look for those that will be comfortable in a smaller garden, gently seeding around. There will be choices about maintenance, too. If we choose native plants as a no-maintenance option, we may be disappointed.

Many sources indicate that “native” is not necessarily synonymous with “trouble-free, no maintenance required.” We are reminded that not all native plants will be welcome in every garden. An extreme example might be *Toxiodendron radicans*, aka poison ivy, which is not unattractive, has nice fall color and food for the birds, but has a rampant growth habit, to say nothing of the year-round risk of serious dermatitis from contact with all parts of the plant.

Of course, you wouldn’t choose poison ivy for your garden, but it might choose you. Other native vines that may be problematic are *Campsis radicans* (trumpet vine) and *Passiflora incarnata* (maypops), which can fill more that their allotted space in short order. They could be beautiful additions if you have loads of room, but a less worrisome choice might be *Lonicera sempervirens* (coral honeysuckle), which is known for its good behavior.

One of my favorite native trees is *Sassafras albinum*. Sadly, a lovely specimen in my back garden was demolished by winter storms a few years ago. Since then, a myriad of saplings have sprouted from its roots. I didn’t want my back garden to turn into an expanding Sassafras thicket so I chose to allow only two saplings to grow up as replacements. I’ve now removed over 100 saplings and find more every week. Sometimes nature overrides our choices – in my back garden it looks like the Sassafras is winning!
Demo Garden Creates a Wheel of Good Fortune for Weed ID

By Nancy Moses Greenblatt

Master Gardeners who have seen a new resource called Common Garden Weeds—compiled by our own Derwood Demo Garden volunteers—have flipped about how unique and helpful it is in both format and content. The resource is a weed pinwheel, introduced to the MG organization after a yearlong effort.

Darlene Nicholson, Demo Garden co-chair and prolific photographer, conceived the idea in 2013. The goal was to create a resource that Demo Garden leads would share with both interns and veteran volunteers to help them distinguish between common weeds to be removed and plants to be maintained.

The project took off as a team effort. Then-intern Diane Svenonius did all the initial research on the weeds. Maria Wortman, Demo Garden co-chair, fact-checked and edited the text. Darlene took most of the photographs, and Julie Mangin and Diane took a few as well. Over the course of the season, one weed was featured in each of the Demo Garden’s weekly reports, in a section soon nicknamed the Weekly Weeder.

The weed descriptions, including practical advice on dealing with them, were turned into 27 laminated 4x6-inch cards. Each card has a close-up photo of a weed on the front and a detailed description on the back. The cards are bound together by a metal ring through an upper corner—hence the pinwheel—which provides the flexibility to delete cards and to add more. The lamination keeps the card waterproof and able to be positioned next to a weed growing in the ground to verify its identity.

Darlene said, “The good ideas just kept getting better when our composting champion, Susan Eisendrath, added composting advice to each weed card. That addressed the need to know whether a weed should go in the compost pile or not.” The cards have a red-box designation for weeds that should be kept out of the compost.

“The effort thus gradually rolled its way—since it is a wheel—into a hand-held resource,” Darlene added.

Rockville Printing and Graphics have produced 250 of the weed pinwheels for Steve Dubik to distribute.

Where does the weed team go from here with this format? To a bug wheel, of course! Stay tuned.

The Weed Wheel is available for $6 from Steve Dubik. Supplies limited

Photo by Darlene Nicholson
Continuing Education Corner

Editors’ note: Want to find the web link for an organization offering a class, to get more information, or to register? See the green column at the side of this page headed, “Visit Website for More Classes,” and click on the organization’s link to go directly to its website.

August 2, 10 am or 1 pm and August 3, 10 am or 1 pm (each session covers the same content). Your Edible Garden: Planting for Fall Crops. Find out what you should be doing in the garden in August to get the most from your edibles. Behnke’s Beltsville. FREE.

August 9 and 10, 9:30 am-4:30 pm. 2014 Orchid Diagnostic and Re-Potting Clinic. Bring a plant you are concerned about for diagnostics and advice. Behnke’s Beltsville. FREE.

August 16, 11 am or 2 pm. Tall Fescue Lawn Care: Start Now & Find Out How. Learn about controlling weeds, seeding and fertilizing properly. Behnke’s Beltsville. FREE.

August 23, 11 am or 2 pm. Making the Most of Your Fresh Vegetables & Fruits: Canning and Freezing. Discover how to save delicious summer flavors and save money by making the most of your harvest. Behnke’s Beltsville. FREE

STATE MG ADVANCED TRAINING

September 4, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Plant Diseases. Learn about bacteria, fungi and viruses that cause plant problems, their symptoms, cycles and controls. This class includes hands-on training using samples and counts as the Plant Disease requirement for the Plant Diagnostics certificate. UME Frederick Co. $35; preregistration by August 28 required.

Youth Vegetable Gardening (two different dates and locations below). This course will focus on effective ways to work with kids in the garden and instruct on the nuts and bolts of school guidelines, building a garden team, and starting and maintaining a school program. This class counts as one day towards the Advanced Vegetables Certificate.

September 24, 9 am-4 pm. UME Montgomery Co. (Derwood). $35; registration by September 17 required.

September 27, 9 am-4 pm. UME Anne Arundel Co. (Dairy Farm-Gambrills). $35; registration by September 19 required.

September 30, October 7 and 14. Native Landscaping for Maryland Shade Gardens: Coastal Plain (Southern MD). Learn how the ecology and history of Maryland’s flora can inform native landscape design decisions; learn the most useful shade garden plants for your area, including identification, cultural requirements, wildlife use, and basic research skills that will enable you to expand your plant palette in the future. Includes field trips to observe native gardens and practice shade garden design and plant selection. UME Calvert Co. (Prince Frederick). $59; preregistration required by September 23.

MORE WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

Environmental Concern, Inc. in St. Michael’s offers courses on wetlands.

The USDA Graduate School offers a Natural History Field Studies Certificate Program.

The University of Maryland Extension sponsors the Maryland Naturalist Program. Sessions are held in different areas of the State. http://extension.umd.edu/masternaturalist

The Center for Environmental Research & Conservation of Columbia University has online classes for its Certificate in Conservation & Environmental Sustainability. http://www.cerc.columbia.edu/

NC State Permaculture Classes (free): http://mediasite.online.ncsu.edu/online/Catalog/pages/catalog.aspx?catalgId=f5a893e7-4b7c-4b79-80fd-52dcd1ced715. Classes to choose from include Site Analysis & Design, Soil Ecology, BioDynamic Agriculture, Garden Ponds, and more.

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