After months of planning, the MG Urban Gardening group is all set to begin their outreach to urban dwellers. On the first Saturday of the month, they will have a booth at the Fenton Street Market, an urban park in downtown Silver Spring that attracts hundreds of shoppers and neighbors. MG volunteers, including interns, are welcome, and are needed to answer questions, offer information, and assist with demonstrations on a variety of topics related to gardening in small spaces. To sign up, go to [http://goo.gl/6n2xkt](http://goo.gl/6n2xkt). If you have questions, contact Rani Parker at rparker@BCSynergies.com.

Here’s what you need to know:

**When:** First Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Where:** Fenton Street Market at Veterans Plaza, 889 Ellsworth Drive, Silver Spring

**What:**

- May 2: Self-Watering Containers
- June 6: Herbs for Flavor and Fragrance
- July 11: Pests and Beneficial Insects
- August 1: Houseplants
- September 5: Lawns and Groundcovers
- October 3: Bulbs and Winter Gardening

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**It’s Time to Open Your Garden**

*By Taffy Turner*

After another seemingly endless winter, we’re eagerly returning to our gardens. As you tend to your spring gardening chores, also think about hosting an Open Garden. By definition we are an organization of gardeners. Most of us were gardening long before we took the class and became “Master Gardeners.” There are probably as many different types of gardens as there are Master Gardeners.

Since the Open Garden program started in 2008, we have been invited to visit the gardens of 38 Master Gardeners, some more than once. In addition to personal gardens, we’ve seen the wonderful community vegetable gardens of the Friends House and Leisure World retirement communities and the Blair Native Plant Garden at the Audubon Naturalist Society.

The Open Garden program is a great opportunity to see gardening in Montgomery County by people who really know how to garden here. It allows us to share our gardens with our colleagues.

Please note – we’re not expecting your garden to be a weed-free showplace. This is not competitive gardening, folks! It’s an opportunity to get ideas, ask questions, and expand our knowledge both as hosts and as attendees.

Attendees can log one hour of continuing education time, while hosts can count up to three service hours for preparation of their gardens, such as plant lists and presentation.

Please consider sharing your garden with your fellow Master Gardeners. In addition to the benefits mentioned above, it also is a great incentive to get to gardening projects you’ve been meaning to finish or to just give your garden a good sprucing up. Please contact [MG Taffy Turner](taffyt@verizon.net) and get on the schedule for 2015: 301-681-9133.