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Happy New Year and Thank You For A Successful 2011

As the 2011 Chairperson for the Charles County Master Gardener Program, I want to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. I am proud to be a part of a team of volunteers that have made a difference in all corners of Charles County.

As I look back on 2011 it occurs to me that the Charles County Master Gardener program has “Grown” in many ways. We started out with a Steering Committee ready to provide the “Seeds” for a successful year, our annual training class educated 22 Master Gardener Interns, and our projects must have received the proper “Fertilizer” as they were bigger and better than ever. But most of all my memories are centered around the people who have made a difference in Charles County through the Master Gardener Program.

I look forward to our continued success in 2012!

Thank you friends,

Carol Teets
**MG STATEWIDE ADVANCED TRAINING**

**February and March 2012**

**Youth Gardening Education**

Program will run from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m and will be repeated in 3 locations:

- **Baltimore County Extension** - Saturday February 25, 2012
- **Washington County Extension** - Friday, March 2, 2012
- **Sheridan Street Garden (PG County)** - Saturday, March 3, 2012

Registration fee: $30. For a complete description of the program and to register, go to the MG State website at: [http://mastergardener.umd.edu/AdvancedTraining/YouthGard.cfm](http://mastergardener.umd.edu/AdvancedTraining/YouthGard.cfm)

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**Master Composter**

Location: University of Maryland Extension, Montgomery County (Derwood)

Date: Wednesdays, March 14 and April 4; 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (includes field trip)

Registration Fee: $45 (plus any texts) **Registration Deadline:** March 7, 2012 **Class Limit:** 25

For a complete description, go to: [http://mastergardener.umd.edu/AdvancedTraining/MasterComposter2012.cfm](http://mastergardener.umd.edu/AdvancedTraining/MasterComposter2012.cfm)

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**Holiday Meeting With VIPs Wraps Up 2011**

By Sue Brewer, Class of 2008

December 6 marked the date of our annual Master Gardener holiday meeting and advanced training at the Hampshire Neighborhood Center in St. Charles. The center is decorated each year for Christmas with trees and beautiful white lights everywhere. The MG elves transformed the inside of the center with colorful tablecloths and beautiful centerpieces. Everyone signed up to bring their favorite holiday dish and the buffet table was truly a gourmet delight.

What set this meeting off from previous years were the invited guests who came to represent community groups with whom we had partnered in the previous year. The attendees included Craig Renner, ACPT; Emily Ferren, Director, CC Libraries; Judy Thomason, Herb Lady; Marcia Wakefield, CC Extension Administrative Assistant; Karol Dyson, Extension Director; Cynthia Thornley, PD Brown Librarian; and Chuck Goodrich, who made the salad boxes for sale.

Commissioners President Candice Quinn Kelly stopped by to show her support, although she was unable to join us for the evening due to several other commitments.

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Maryland Native Plant Society Conference

By Jessica Milstead, Class of 2002

Our state wildflower society is the Maryland Native Plant Society (MNPS - at www.mdflora.org). In September 2011 the society’s annual conference was held at the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata, and several Master Gardeners attended the events. To my mind, MNPS had the right balance of activities at its conferences: a social on Friday evening, two excellent speakers on Saturday morning, a field trip Saturday afternoon, and another field trip Sunday morning. In other words, if you go to this conference you can spend most of your time on field trips!

The presentations on Saturday morning were also events not to be missed. Jim Long of the Mattawoman Watershed Society talked about the Mattawoman watershed, of course, but he built his presentation in the context of Captain John Smith’s expeditions up the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River, comparing what Smith saw (about which we know quite a lot!) with what would be seen today. Definitely not your usual “save-the-river” presentation. Katharine McCarthy described the natural communities and some of the rare species in our area. I wish we could have made these two presentations part of our training class!

On Saturday afternoon I was fortunate to be asked to lead a field trip. After giving up on Gilbert Run because of the mess after Lee’s rains, I chose to take the group to Piscataway Park, where we explored both the marsh/swamp boardwalk and the living shoreline. Thanks to the presence of several people whose knowledge of native and wild plants is greater than mine, we all came away with a better understanding of both habitats, and I compiled a list of plants that we found. It’s too long to publish here, but I’ll be happy to share it via email upon request.

Editor’s note:

On Sunday, December 18 another MNPS Field Trip: Winter Solstice Walk and Hooley in Chapman Forest was held and in the next issue of the newsletter we will have a report on this field trip. 2012 is MNPS’s Year of the Oak.

Carol has always been on the newsletter committee, and I can always count on her to give me an article or suggestion for whom to tap for an article. ~ Cindi Barnhart

Two years ago, I resigned as Co-Chair but Carol continued alone. The program has blossomed and grown under her leadership. Her ability to see people’s strengths and her unique ability to have them volunteer to use these assets for our program has caused the program to flourish. Although I am sure Carol will continue to be heavily involved in the program, her presence as a leader will be missed.
Thank You Carol For A Job Very Well Done

By Linda Lockhart, Class of 2001
Retiring Chair Carol Teets has long been a fantastic asset to the Charles County Master Gardener Program. Carol and I took over the reins of the program many years ago. At the time, Jessica Milstead had resigned her “tour of duty” and a new leader was needed. After much deliberation, Carol and I decided that although neither of us wanted the sole duty of leading the program, we would be Co-Chairwomen. Thus began a wonderful experience in my life.

Working with Carol was a real joy. She always had many wonderful ideas of how the program should grow and she had the leadership to carry out her plans. I often sat in awe watching her enthusiasm, hard work and grace as she presented our program to not only the Master Gardeners and Interns but also to the County Commissioners, the Extension Advisory Committee (EAC) and to many others in our community.

Under Carol’s leadership the Master Gardener Program reached out to Civista Hospital and undertook the design of a very difficult garden in front of the Emergency Room. This garden is under a roof where it gets no rain (but a sprinkler system that works off and on), cement sidewalks and a cinderblock building. All this made it very difficult to find plants that would survive. It was quite a difficult task but Carol and her team made it work.

Carol was also responsible for our involvement in the Christmas in April program. When we first began working with this program they considered our task to “just (Continued on page 21)

Greening Up & Beautifying Through Plantings

By Brenda Elmore, Intern
I have some news to share, as well as an “Oops!” I previously reported that the Children’s Aid Society had received a grant from Chaney Enterprises in order to update and beautify their facility after the completion of their building renovations, with the MG consultation beginning this past fall.

Unfortunately, the grant fell through, and due to myriad delays, building permits are only now being issued, with construction scheduled to begin in late spring, hoping for a completion date in late summer of 2012. Once the construction is complete, MGs Pauline Spurlock, Esther Reaves, and I will consult on the landscape design and make recommendations for suitable plantings.

Since the Children’s Aid Society must fund their beautification project with grant money, I would like to offer them some suggestions of where they could apply. I am going to recommend the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, but I would like to give them some other resources should they need to try elsewhere. If you know of any conservation, government, or commercial sources of grants or possible donations for greening up and beautifying through planting, please email your suggestions to me. Thank you!
Help Us Maintain a Historic County Treasure

By Beth Bonifant, Class of 2003

Our small but dedicated group of Master Gardeners just closed another season of tending the herb garden at the Dr. Mudd House in Waldorf. Although the herb garden is our primary responsibility, we tend to tidy up the foundation areas and the perimeter plantings as well. There are expansive iris beds installed by a Mudd family member along the front fences. The boxwoods that embrace the front steps keep company with a couple of truly spectacular peonies, bleeding heart and black-eyed susans that add color during our Southern Maryland summers. The temptation is always to do more; we gardeners are like that! Keeping in mind historical accuracy, perhaps it’s best to maintain a level of restraint.

We meet at the house on the first Wednesday of each month, April through October or November. When weather is cool we meet at 10 a.m. During the hot summer months we try to arrive by 9 a.m. to beat the heat. Anyone desirous of a pleasant way to achieve MG hours is encouraged to join us.

Moving On to Other Master Gardener Projects

By Nardine Daniels, Class of 2003

As of the end of the year I will no longer be heading up the Mt. Zion Church garden project. I’ve enjoyed my horticultural outreach for nine years, but feel that I would like to move on to other MG projects.

The “Herb Lady” Brightened Our Gloomy Day

By Brenda Elmore, Intern

November 22 was a gloomy, grey morning with wet brown leaves on the ground. Bare branches were everywhere, relieved only by the occasional evergreen trees and shrubs. Master Gardeners at our meeting looked on in curiosity while Neal Johnson and our guest speaker, Judy Tomason, carried in boxes and sheaves of dried plants. Judy had come to tell us about herbs.

Judy has been a self-styled “amateur gardener” for over twenty years. Her knowledge and love of plants began on the farm where she grew up. Meeting her and listening to her share her knowledge about herbs really brightened our day! She shared her love of container gardening, showing pictures of her garden in bloom, offering resources for us to read, demonstrating how to use bunches of aromatic dried herbs, and even treating us to a sample of her lavender cake and lemon balm-mint tea.

Many of us also grow herbs, and we were delighted to hear about new ways to grow and use old favorites, as well as being introduced to herbs we’d never encountered before. Judy not only has a green thumb, but she grows a green garden, avoiding use of chemical fertilizers or pest control products. She had tips for using natural methods to get fabulous results. She shared her preferences about herbs to use in canned, frozen, and bottled foods such as salsa, pesto, and home-made “V-8”.

Judy left us wanting to know more. Carol Teets not only gave her an invitation to our holiday pot-luck, but also invited her to become a Master Gardener, class of 2012. Altogether, we had a delightful time.

Thanks, Neal, for asking her to come and present for us. It was a treat!

For a list of herbs and suggestions on their uses go to the University of Maryland Extension website:
http://environmentalhorticulture.umd.edu/Herbs/index.cfm
School Garden in La Plata Only Cost Me Time

By Pam Garwood, Intern

At a time when most of us are waiting for the UPS man to bring packages to our door for Christmas, I too am waiting for a present. But the present’s not for me. It’s for a humble school garden. My email confirmed that the plant identification signs I ordered are on their way. Yes! I fist-pump the air. I want to high-five someone. But who would share my nerdy enthusiasm about plant identification signs? I listen for the sound of the truck, a thunk of a package hitting the stoop and the ding-dong that comes with a delivery.

While I wait for the signs, I savor the best part of this purchase. The Grace Lutheran school garden in La Plata upgrade didn’t cost me anything but time. I didn’t have to host a bake sale or beg the PTL for money. The money was bestowed upon me by the generous town of La Plata. I filled out an application for a grant* and it was actually awarded to my school. On the first try... without ever taking a grant-writing course. Kind of like winning the lottery. Soon children, parents, and teachers will know names and characteristics of plants in the school garden. They can read that those purple flowers are called Echinacea purpurea, they attract butterflies and goldfinches and enjoy full sun.

I picture myself pounding all 20 signs into the earth. When spring comes, I see people walking through the garden looking for traces of spring. My mission will be complete when I hear someone read the sign aloud and then proclaim “I didn’t know that”.

*If you are interested in applying for a grant of up to $500 for your project, please contact www.townoflaplata.org and click on Conservation Corner. There is the La Verde Mini Grant or the Beautification Grant Program.

Some general examples for kinds of projects:
- Landscapes and gardens for schools, working with students
- Christmas in April: plantings
- Demonstration gardens
- Exhibits at the Charles County Fair and elsewhere
- Help the organization run more efficiently (print handouts, reference book selection, etc.)

County Commissioners’ Bay-Wise Resolution

By Ronda Goldman, Bay-Wise Coordinator

In the previous issue of The Compost I described the presentation of Bay-Wise certification to the County Commissioners. In addition to the county’s adoption of policies that made the government building qualify for certification, the Commissioners decided to support our program more generally, and to encourage residents to take the Bay-Wise challenge by passing the following resolution:

Whereas, the Potomac River and the entire Chesapeake Bay watershed are vital treasures to residents of Charles County, treasures now threatened, but significantly impacted by the choices made by landowners;

Whereas, the Bay-Wise Residential Landscape Management Program is an education program conducted by Master Gardeners and developed by University of Maryland Extension with the purpose of providing environmentally sound information and guidance;

Whereas, the Bay-Wise Program is a volunteer-led program offering information on how to save time and money while developing sustainable, healthy landscapes that support local waterways;

Whereas, the Bay-Wise Program includes certification of property based on successful scores on the Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick, a scorecard of options to encourage wildlife retention, fertilizing wisely, protecting waterfronts, using water efficiently, recycling yard wastes, controlling storm water runoff, managing yard pests through Integrated Pest Management, mulching appropriately and planting wisely;

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the Charles County Commissioners support the Bay-Wise Residential Landscape Management Program and encourage residents to “Take the Bay-Wise Challenge” with the Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick and the Charles County Master Gardeners.
2012 Master Gardener Training Is “Best Ever”

By Barbie Walter, Class of 2006

The syllabus for the 2012 training is approaching completion. Three or four advanced trainings will be included in the program. I have added two weeks to the program, so that it will run from February 21 to March 29. This addition allows time for a few more topics to be covered; makes the program less rushed as we try to get in both training and administration, such as interviews, paperwork, etc.; and builds in more contact time between students, Interns, and MGs. There is one Friday class, on February 24, which will be a full day’s advanced training presented by Dr. Raupp. If you haven’t heard him, you should.

Feeling a bit lost and not sure what comes next after completing the training has always been an issue for the new Interns, so this time more opportunities for interaction between MGs and students are built into the program. The buddy system tried last year turned out to be iffy, at best. Hopefully this year our students will feel right at home by the time they complete training.

My right-hand help as Facilitators this time is Co-Coordinators Terry Thir and Mary Grant. They deserve a big THANK YOU for taking on the demanding task of facilitating the program. Unless you have done it you can’t imagine how valuable they are to keeping the training going smoothly.

Now that the speakers are lined up I am looking forward to getting to know and training a new class of future MGs. And I hope to see all of the MGs at the advanced trainings, where they can meet and greet the new class.

Editor’s note

Janet McGrane has secured, on behalf of the Master Gardeners, the library window inside La Plata Library on Garrett Avenue for March of 2012. Last year’s display was marvelous and a credit to our organization. Please come and view what I know will be a outstanding display.

International Master Gardener’s Conference

By Marian Bruemmer, Class of 2008

Attending the 2011 International Master Gardeners “Color it Green in a Wild and Wonderful Way” conference in Charleston, West Virginia, was one of the highlights of my gardening year. The three-day conference began with a catered reception featuring some of West Virginia’s top chefs as well as mountain dulcimer and guitar entertainment.

There were optional day tours to historical, cultural, and garden sites in and around Charleston. Of course, the keynote speakers and seminars were the reason I was there and were well worth the trip. I attended seminars on new and great old plants; landscaping with native trees and shrubs; native wildflowers for eastern gardens; and tough plants for tough places. Due to my own experience in gardening, I also attended my now third presentation on supposedly weedless gardening! There were some really good keynote speakers including Anna Ball, Ball Horticultural Company; and Rick Darke, featured in “Garden Design” and “Gardens Illustrated”; and Joe Lamp’l, host of the TV shows “Fresh from the Garden” and “GardenSMART”.

I always learn something new from attending classes and seminars and this conference was no exception. My only disappointment was that there was no session or opportunity to hear from the Master Gardeners from other states about their successes. I would encourage attendance at another International MG Conference, especially when there is another one close!

2011 INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE
SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE—SPECIAL NEEDS AUDIENCES AWARD WINNER
1ST PLACE

Chain O’Lakes Department of Correction Landscape & Horticultural Classes—Noble County, Indiana

This program is like our Charles County Detention Center Horticultural Education Program, but gave the students an 80 hour course based on the Master Gardener training program with an emphasis on landscape design and installation, greenhouse production, rain gardens, and other horticulture skills to help get them jobs when they got out.
During the meeting Carol Teets announced her plans to step down as the MG Steering Committee Chair and contact person. Gale Kladitis will be taking on the responsibilities. Carol did a fine job of leading us these past several years. She was very organized, disseminated information in a timely manner, and kept her meetings upbeat and positive. Thank you, Carol, for a job well done!

The speaker, Ann Bodling of Thistlebrook Natives, who is also on staff at the Alice Ferguson Foundation in Accokeek, shared her lifelong love of native plants. She gave a PowerPoint presentation which showed how, over the course of many years, she transformed her yard from a typical “lawn in front” property to one which encourages wildlife to visit. She stressed that her goal was to select natives so that her property would not only be attractive to wildlife but also require the smallest amount of water, labor and pesticides. Ann also shared a number of pamphlets and books which are readily available and helpful to anyone wanting more information on the subject. She invited anyone with a question to contact her at: Thistlebrooknatives@gmail.com

For Native Plants of Maryland, What, Where and When go to:

Take this 24 page UME publication booklet with you when buying plants so that you’ll know if plant is suited to your conditions

This list of Maryland Native Plants is useful in a variety of ways:

- Plant listings by type of plant (organized by plant type like ground cover, low shrub, short tree, etc.)
- Plant listings by preferred conditions (see what plants like dry sunny spots, partly sunny and dry, moist shade, etc.)
- Plant listings by Common Name

Detention Center Garden Begins Again in May

By Gale Kladitis, Class of 2008

The last session for the fall Detention Center program was to close the garden for the winter. Many of us picked the old okra plants for fall arrangements and harvested peppers and carrots. Plans are under way for the preparation of the garden for spring planting.

The Ninth Annual Christmas in April for MGs

By Carol Teets, Class of 2003

In the Spring issue of The Compost I will be sharing more information on how you can participate in this annual endeavor, scheduled for the week of April 28, 2012.

Experienced Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Interns will again partner with the Christmas in April organization.

Christmas in April, a chapter of a national organization, is dedicated to rebuilding and repairing homes of elderly, disabled, and low-income residents.
**Green School Project**

**Thomas Stone High School**

**Ongoing**

**Contact**: Gale Kladitis

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The Green School Project at Thomas Stone High School has thrived since it began in 2006 and will continue to thrive through the assistance of community groups. Charles County Master Gardeners have been invited to lend our expertise in all aspects of this project. Barbie Walter and I recently toured the campus and were introduced to the project by Tim Chase, a biology teacher, and Chris Rooney, a science teacher. The tour included the raised beds in the interior courtyards and the beginning of the greenhouse, as well as the start of a hydroponic garden made from plastic bottles and PVC piping. Both of these teachers are dedicated to making this dream come true for the current student population as well as future students.

On November 17, Ronda Goldman and I attended the first meeting with community groups and representatives, such as the Accokeek Foundation, Tom Russ from the College of Southern Maryland, and the Korean Center for Cultural Arts. We were introduced to the general plan through aerial photos of the campus and areas of concentration. The wish list includes maze gardens, outdoor classrooms, performance areas, green roofs, literary gardens, farmers’ markets, sky art, habitat restoration, orchards, vegetable gardens, and obstacle courses. This year’s focus will be determined by the group and will be implemented with planning and supplies as weather permits.

Our next meeting was on Tuesday, December 15. I invited several Master Gardeners who have expressed interest in the project. Additional information will be supplied at the monthly Master Gardener meetings, or you can email me for information.

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**The Nature Walks Will Continue with Jessica**

By Jessica Milstead, Class of 2002

It’s winter now, but my plant walks will start up again in April. Check the calendar for tentative dates. These morning walks focus on plant identification. Newcomb’s *Wildflower Guide* is back in print, and the May walk will be dedicated to learning to use its identification keys.

Weather permitting, I may lead a winter walk in January or February. This walk will be announced by email on short notice when decent weather is predicted.

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**Editor’s note:**

Nature Walks with Jessica do count as Advanced Training for Master Gardeners and are open to all Interns. See Calendar for dates.

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**MALLOW'S BAY** (Continued from page 14) aren’t supposed to overlap very much in distribution – but they do here. There are detailed botanical differences, of course, but the obvious difference to a lay person is that *V. alternifolia* has alternate leaves (DUH!) while those of *V. occidentalis* are opposite. *V. occidentalis* doesn’t appear in most of our field guides, but according to the PLANTS database (http://plants.usda.gov) they are separate species.
Mallows Bay:
Late Summer Flowers & Ghost Ships

By Jessica Milstead, Class of 2002

On an autumn day in early October a group of Master Gardeners took a plant walk in the new Mallows Bay Park, checking out late summer wildflowers, trees, and the ghost ships. Agalinis formerly known as Gerardia) was in full purple/pink flower along the roadside. It’s hard to believe that this lovely flower is partly parasitic on the roots of other plants, but it is. There are as many ways of making a living in the plant world as there are in the animal world, and living off other plants is one of them.

Another conspicuous plant was Wingstem (Verbesina alternifolia). This is a tall autumn “daisy” with rather ragged-looking yellow flowers. It likes to grow in dense stands in fields or at the edge of woods. Some fleabanes (Erigeron) were around, and assorted other flowers here and there. In the woods we saw Netted Chain Fern (Woodwardia areolata) with new-looking fronds that were much smaller than I would expect - and some nibbled-looking bare stems. Deer theoretically don’t bother ferns, but I think the deer at Mallows Bay don’t know about that rule.

And what about the ghost ships? The full version of this fascinating story would be too long for this article. Near the end of World War I the U.S. Navy built a fleet of wooden ships that were never used. After being sold for scrap, many of them were scuttled in Mallows Bay, off the Potomac River. Today they’re just hulks, and are actually best seen from the water (with caution!) rather than land. In the process, of course, they have become the basis of whole ecosystems. For a good write-up of the story, see: www.dnr.state.md.us/naturalresource/winter2001/ghostship.html. There’s also a book of this and other tales by Donald Shomette, available on Amazon.

A Side Note about Wingstem

Two plants of our area, now known as Verbesina, used to be known as Actinomeris. Common names are Wingstem and Crownbeard. They are V. alternifolia and V. occidentalis. The experts on my Maryland Native Plant Society field trip in September were surprised to learn that we have both species nearby. Apparently they

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Thomas Stone HS Going Green in a Big Way!

Brenda Elmore, Intern

Something wonderful is going on at Thomas Stone High School. Teachers Tim Chase, Chris Rooney, and Bonita Adeeb have begun an interactive Green School Initiative plan for the building and campus of Thomas Stone High School. Student participation in the beginning phase is enthusiastic. So far, three, five, and ten year plans for the program have been mapped out, and community partners have been selected to help with every thing from funding to expertise; Charles County Master Gardeners are on the list. To get the program up and running, grants from Coca-Cola, Wal-Mart, and Comcast have provided funding.

Already the courtyards have been turned into growing areas, some with raised beds, a thriving compost program, and an innovative “hot box” experiment is underway to determine how best to keep the growing going all year long. Experimental hydroponic gardens and the construction of a green house are already underway.

A natural spring on the property will provide a courtyard water feature, as well as different types of wetland and riparian growing areas outside. Plans are underway to store water from this spring in a rain barrel system which will hold the water for drip irrigation.

Future plans include making use of the natural woodlands, streams, and meadows on the campus. Eventually a farmers’ market will sell produce, seeds, herbs, and other items that students produce. A community garden area, green roofs, roof-top garden areas for student use, a green wall, and themed gardens will provide green rooms, and give almost every department within the school an opportunity to help in the development of the program.

On December 15, Gale Kladitis, Pam Van Tassel, Marty Eldredge, and I attended a meeting after school. We were shown a PowerPoint presentation of the program, and then were taken on a tour of the courtyards, finishing up with a walk through the areas where future outdoor gardens will be created. We were very impressed with the passion, the program projection, and the scope of the concept. Master Gardeners will be helping out with some classes set to begin in January,
Winter / Spring Events

**January**

14  Saturday, 11 a.m.; Plant Sale Organizational Meeting, Towne Mouse Café, La Plata, contact Gale Kladitis or Terry Thir for more information

24  Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Membership Meeting, Extension Office, Open to all MGs

**February**

21-28  Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Master Gardener 2012 Training Class, Extension Office, contact Barbie Walter for more information  See page 8

28  Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Membership Meeting, Extension Office, Open to all MGs

**March**

1-27  Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Master Gardener 2012 Training Class, Extension Office,

27  Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Membership Meeting and **Project Day**, Location TBD, Open to all MGs, Interns and Students

29  Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Intern Graduation, MG Pinning, Potluck and Advanced Training, Hampshire Neighborhood Center, Waldorf  **Advanced Training 1 p.m.**

**April**

14  Saturday, Plant Walk with Jessica, Time and Location TBA; **Rain date April 21**, contact Jessica Milstead

24  Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Membership Meeting, Extension Office, Open to all MGs

28  Saturday, Christmas in April, contact Carol Teets

**May**

5  Saturday, MG Annual Plant Sale, more information to follow

9  Wednesday, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; CC Detention Center classes begin, contact Gale Kladitis

15  Tuesday, Newcomb’s Wild Flower Identification and Key Walk, Time and Location TBA, contact Jessica Milstead  **Rain date May 22**

16  Wednesday, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; CC Detention Center class

22  Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Membership Meeting, Extension Office, Open to all MGs

23  Wednesday, MG Annual Training Day in College Park, Maryland,  **Save the Date**

23  Wednesday, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; CC Detention Center class

30  Wednesday, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; CC Detention Center class

**June**

6  Wednesday, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; CC Detention Center class

9  Wednesday, Plant Walk, Time and Location TBA, contact Jessica Milstead  **Rain date June 13**

13  Wednesday, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; CC Detention Center class

20  Wednesday, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; CC Detention Center class

26  Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Membership Meeting, Extension Office, Open to all MGs

**SAVE THE DATES**

MG Annual Training Day 2012 will be on Wednesday, May 23

And

Charles County Master Gardener Training Class 2012
February 21 to March 29
Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks with Project Day built in