Online Master Gardener Tracking System

Very shortly we will be using an Online Master Gardener Tracking System for our volunteer and education hours. Master Gardeners—You will be able to do your own data entry and input your own volunteer and education hours into the system.

One of the features of the online system will be a verification step where I, as the Record Keeper, will verify the data entered by the MG before it is official. Your hours will not “count” unless I have verified it.

Included will be a description field for the MGs to fill in for each event you enter. This will make it easier for me to know what event you are entering.

I know that some will prefer to use the system we are doing now, and if so, you will still be able to submit your hours to me for entering.

An advantage to the online system will be that you can enter your hours into the online system as soon as you earn them. Even so, you will still have to meet the same deadline to submit hours, whether it be online or submitting your volunteer logs to the Extension Office.

As soon as the new system has been implemented, I will be scheduling some hands-on individual training. You will also be given some handouts to use.

I would like to encourage all of you to at least try this.

Your hours for the 1st quarter 2014 (Jan – March) will be due April 4th, whether you enter the hours yourself or turn in your logs to the Extension Office.

Article by
MG Pauline Spurlock

Charles County Master Gardener of the Year

Congratulations to Gale Kladitis, who was named our 2013 Master Gardener of the Year at our December Holiday Party!! Well deserved!
Charles County Master Gardeners are pleased to welcome Luke Gustafson to serve as their new Master Gardener Coordinator, effective Feb 10, 2014.

Luke grew up in the woods and lake country of north central Minnesota. His undergraduate studies at the University of Minnesota Duluth earned him Bachelor’s degrees in Biology and Spanish. After college, Luke taught English in Spain and traveled to Bangladesh to study the language and volunteer with a local non-profit agricultural organization. There, he worked on projects growing edible, ornamental and medicinal plants.

Luke has a Master’s of Science in Horticulture and a Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture from Washington State University. His thesis research examined the effects of soil nutrients on the nutritional quality of tomatoes. After relocating to Maryland several years ago, he worked with a small company on installation and maintenance of high-end residential gardens in the Balt-Washington area.

Luke and his wife Ellen, a physical therapist, reside in Bowie, Maryland. They enjoy vegetable gardening together as well as exploring state parks.

Article by Chris Seubert, Southern Area Extension Director

Spring Plant Sale and Clinic

Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 8 am to 1 pm

Two locations:
- La Plata Farmers’ Market at the Courthouse parking lot
- Waldorf West Branch Library parking lot at 10405 O’Donnell Place

Plant clinics held with gardening experts and we encourage the public to bring in samples. The sale features heirloom varieties, native plants, perennials, vegetables & herbs.

Proceeds will be used to support Charles County Master Gardener educational outreach projects
Charles County Master Gardeners logged over 5000 volunteer hours in 2014…. almost 25% more than in 2012!!

Master Gardener “Go Bags”

Everyone should know that we have pre-prepared go-bags with materials that you can take if you are representing the MGs at an event. Gale Kladitis gets credit for the idea and for getting it all started. I have taken responsibility for making sure they are topped up and available.

There are two go-bags. They live in the MGs’ metal cupboard in the office hallway. You can help me keep them topped up if you let me know when you bring one back after use (and which one) and give me an idea of supplies you used. That way someone should be able to grab a go-bag with confidence there is a good supply of generic materials. If you need a red table cover, let me know and I’ll get one to you. Also, if you use a signup sheet for people who need contacts, please notify me ASAP.

MG Jessica Milstead

November Election Results:
Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, & Treasurer

With no nominations, our 2013 officers graciously agreed to remain in their offices, but stated that if anyone became interested in one of the positions during the year, they would be glad to step aside and let someone with new ideas and energy help lead the group. Gale Kladitis remains Chairman, Cindi Barnhart remains Vice-Chairman Terry Thir remains Secretary, and Debbie Sindt remains Treasurer.

Charles County Master Gardener Website

The Charles County Master Gardener PASSWORD SENSITIVE website is here. I’ve taken the information from the old site, so if there are updates that need to be done, please feel free to make changes…It’s your website!! I strongly urge you all to join this site!

To join the group, click on https://agnrgroups.umd.edu/charles-county-master-gardeners# and request an account. Permission will need to go through the University and then me.

Once you request permission to the site and the permission is granted, you will be able to contribute to the site, make changes to the pages, etc., or just be able to keep up with all the activities and news of your group. Attachments are defaulted to show up at the bottom of the page that you need to click on to open—not mixed in with the text. Links are mixed in anywhere you want. For more information on how to make changes and contribute to the site, click on https://agnrgroups.umd.edu/website-manual. I know there are a handful of you that will be actively adding to the site, and I can give you quick lessons if you like. Just let me know.

Elizabeth Solis-McGarry, Administrative Assistant
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**2014 CC MG Projects and CC Bay-Wise Programs Prepared by MG Terry Thir.**
Any changes or additions please send to thirccmg@aol.com

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### Publications associated with the Bay-Wise program include*:

#### Yardstick Publications
- BW 1 – Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick – for Landscapes
- BW 3 – Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick – for Vegetable Gardens
- BW 4 – Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick Application

#### Other Publications
- FS 701 – Landscapes that Help the Chesapeake Bay
- FS 702 – Lawns and the Chesapeake Bay
- FS 703 – Pet Waste and Water Quality
- FS 704 – Saving Your Soil and the Chesapeake Bay
- FS 707 – Melting Ice Safely
- HG 62 – IPM: A Common Sense Approach
- How to Fertilize Your Lawn Responsibly
- HG 306 – How to Measure Your Yard
- HomeWork Notebook
- Home*A*Syst/Healthy Home Program
Master Gardener Holiday Party

Master Gardener’s (MG), VIPs and guests decked the halls at our annual holiday party that was held on December 3, 2014 at the Hampshire Neighborhood Community Center. More than 80 people attended our holiday buffet gathering.

Each of the MG’s who invited a VIP community guest briefly introduced their guest and explained how they have contributed to our overall success.

List of our VIP guests:

Marcia Wakefield, retired ext. office administrative assistant and Honorary Master Gardener
Charlie Gardiner, President of the Charles Co. Fair Board
Janet Salazar, Manager of the Waldorf West Library
Emily Ferren, Director for the Charles Co Libraries and her husband Bert Ferren
Chris Rooney, TS High School and Project Leader for the Green Schools Project
Bonetta Adeeb, TS High School and Director of the Green School Project
Sam Graves, President of the Christmas in April Project
Linda Riggs, Cobb Island Butterfly Festival
Deanne Wheeler, JC Parks Science Teacher and Wetlands project Leader

A note card was given to each VIP asking for their thoughts on “What would you like to see the Master Gardeners do in 2014—either for the county or for your organization?” Some responses:

♦ I would like to learn how to start a composting program at the Waldorf West Library
♦ You have done so much for us with providing program, Bay wise certification and welcoming entrances to our public library buildings. Let us help you by distributing information about the Master Gardeners. Thanks a million!
♦ Continued support of schools through: planning projects
  - Installation of projects/support, advice for maintenance, presenters for special events, assistance with the hands on integration of Junior Master Gardener Native-Wildlife Program
  - Let's get our 3rd graders certified as Junior Master Gardeners
  - Let's restore some more grassland into something better
  - Grant writing for funds for projects
♦ I would like to see you work toward creating some community gardens throughout the county. For two reasons: to teach children and adults about raising their own food and to hopefully produce an over abundance that could be donated to a food pantry
Master Gardener Holiday Party

After feasting on the fabulous food and desserts donated by our talented members, we were trained on the benefits of vermi-composting. MG Esther Reaves shared her knowledge of how to set-up a vermi-composting bin, how to select and care for the worms, and how to utilize the rich compost produced by the worms. Esther kindly donated the entire vermi-composting materials and worms as part of our fund raising activities. However, after brief discussion among a few MG officers, it was obvious to present this gift to our guest, Deanna Wheeler, a science teacher at JC Parks Elementary School. This gift would be a teaching aid for her to share with her students as part of their interest in the Junior Wildlife Master Gardener program.

Three years ago, Ms. Wheeler contacted the Extension Office requesting assistance with a water problem area on the school property. As a result, several Bay-Wise MG’s, Tom Russ, Environmental Concern, and JC Parks and Mathew Henson Elementary School personnel developed an outdoor wetland classroom. Students and MG’s planted over 2,000 native plants to create a riparian buffer zone of a pond, meadowland and forest. We are very proud to be part of the first recognized School-Shed in Maryland.

Neal Johnson won the holiday gift basket and Dianne Goodrich won the hand-made quilted table centerpiece created by MG Debbie Sindt. A special thanks to the holiday party planning committee, all the volunteers who helped with set-up/clean-up, and the donated beautiful holiday floral arrangements created by Jan Lakey-Waters.

Article and Photographs by MG Terry S. Thir
### Invasive Species of Concern in Maryland: Terrestrial Plants

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#### Key Code

1. Currently Regulated by state and/or federal law
2. Widely recognized by biologists and natural resource managers to degrade natural resources and/or negatively impact native species
3. Known to have a negative economic impact on agricultural or natural resources
4. Known or potential negative impacts on human (or animal) health

Information courtesy of The Maryland Invasive Species Council (MISC)  
http://www.mdinvasivesp.org/invasive_species_md.html

Another invasive to watch out for: **Wavyleaf basketgrass**, *Oplismenus hirtellus* ssp. *Undulatifolius*—**highly invasive** grass discovered in Maryland. The seeds are very sticky and moved around easily. Information and photo courtesy of HGIC website.
February Gardening

- Keep bird feeders stocked this month. Natural sources of food are at their lowest point.
- Plant bareroot stock as weather and soil conditions permit.
- Prune flowering deciduous trees/shrubs that bloom later in the season (June and later). These trees produce flowers from wood produced in current season (Butterfly bush, Rose of Sharon).
- Early blooming plants can be pruned to clean out dead wood and suckers. Other types of pruning now may remove flower buds. Eg. Barberries, magnolias, mountain ash, dogwoods, redbuds.
- Prune narrow leafed evergreens to improve shape and clean out winter damaged branches. e.g. yews, junipers and arborvitae.
- Now is the time for dormant oil sprays on fruiting trees like apples, cherries, and pears. Smother egg masses and overwintering pests like aphids, thrips and scales.
- Sow seeds indoors or in hotbed: celery, asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, and rhubarb; and herbs like fennel, parsley, chives.

March Gardening

- Get your soil tested in your home landscape and add appropriate fertilizers.
- Set out natural slug bait. You will start to see more slug activity this month.
- Get a jump on weeds. Pull weeds like shot weed before they finish seeding.
- Increase fertilization and water of indoor plants to coincide with increase in light levels.
- Repot root bound plants. If water drains through the plant before it can absorb the water it is time to transplant. Move up 2 inches in pot size. Pinch and prune houseplants.
- Early in the month is the last chance for dormant pruning fruit trees. You still have some time to prune back diseased wood, suckers, and crossing limbs.
- Mid-month start planting warm weather vegetables like eggplant, tomatoes, peppers, potatoes.
- Transplant fruit trees from your favorite grower now as dormant bare root plants.
- Sow seeds outdoors when soil temperatures at or above: lettuce, peas, carrots, swiss chard and beets (40F), leeks, onion, and spinach (45F), turnips, radishes and Asian greens (50F).

April Gardening

- Plant perennials, flowering shrubs and vines now.
- There is still time to plant summer flowering bulbs like gladiolus, iris and crocosmia.
- Trees, shrubs and vines may be planted but avoid bareroot stock now. Stick with container grown plants.
- Lawn mowing will begin. Keep lawns between 1-2 inches in the spring and don’t allow to get higher than 3 inches if possible.
- Increase fertilization and water of indoor plants as light levels increase causing increased growth.
- Prepare plants for their trip outdoors. Do not leave them overnight until two weeks after the last frost date.
- Keep your eye out for the arrival of aphids. Ants usually bring aphids out early from their nests where they overwinter.
- Apples are blossoming now so if you have had problems with Codling Moth larvae now is the time to set out traps. Watch out for peach tree borers in peach, plums, cherries, apricots.

http://www.horticultureguy.com/garden-calendar-planner
Calendar

February
25 Tuesday, 10 am; Membership Meeting, Location TBA, Open to all MGs

March
25 Tuesday, 10 am; Membership Meeting and Project Day, Social Services Building, Open to all MGs
27 Thursday, 9 am - 12 pm; advanced training “Ferns in the Landscape,” Dr. Carl Taylor; 12 pm - 3 pm; Potluck/MG Training Class Graduation, Social Services Building, contact Barbie Walter

April
4 Friday, Volunteer and Training Hours due for 1st quarter 2014 (Jan – March)
15 Tuesday, Submissions for Spring Compost due
22 Tuesday, 10 am; Membership Meeting, Extension Office, Open to all MGs
26 Saturday, Christmas in April, contact Carol Teets

May
7 Wednesday, 9 am; Preliminary vegetable garden preparation, Detention Center, La Plata, contact Gale Kladitis or Dave Lewis
9 Friday, 10 am; Plant Sale prep, Barbie Walters, contact Louise Kearns
10 Saturday, 8 am – 1 pm, Plant Sale, La Plata Farmers Market and Waldorf West Library, contact Gale Kladitis and Terry Thir
14, 21, 28 Wednesday, 9 am- 12:00 pm, Detention Center Training, La Plata, contact Gale Kladitis or Dave Lewis
27 Tuesday, 10 am; Membership Meeting, Extension Office, Open to all MGs

Training Calendar

“Charles County Master Gardener Training Class,” Registration Fee: $175
Feb 18 - Mar 27 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-3pm, Extension Office, Registration by Feb 8

“Grow It Eat It 2014 – Train the Trainer” Presenter: Jon Traunfeld; Registration Fee: $15
25 Tuesday, 9:30-12:30, UME Washington (Boonsboro) Registration by Feb 18
26 Wednesday, 6-9pm, Cylburn Arboretum (Baltimore) Registration by Feb 19
Training Calendar (continued)

March

“Landscape for Life” Registration Fee: $85 members, $110 non-members
1 Saturday, 1-4pm, Adkins Arboretum

“Grow It Eat It 2014 – Train the Trainer” Presenter: Jon Traunfeld; Registration Fee: $15
5 Wednesday, 5:30-8:30pm, UME Calvert Co (Prince Frederick) Registration by Feb 26

“Native Plant Essentials” Presenter Sara Tangren, PhD; Registration Fee $35
15 Saturday, 9:30-3:30, Cylburn Arboretum (Baltimore) Registration by Mar 7
18 Tuesday, 9:30-3:30, UME Washington (Boonsboro) Registration by Mar 11
20 Thursday, 9:30-3:3, Anne Arundel Co Dairy Farm (Gambrills) Registration by Mar 13

“Organic Vegetable Gardening” Presenter: Jon Traunfeld; Registration Fee $35
25 Tuesday, 9:00-4:00, UME Montgomery Co (Derwood) Registration by Mar 18

“Ferns in the Landscape” Presenter: Dr, Carl Taylor
27 Thursday, 9 am - 12 pm followed by potluck and MG Training Class Graduation, Social Services Building, contact Barbie Walter

“Landscape Design Workshop” Registration Fee: $95 members, $120 non-members.
29 Saturday, 8:30am-4:30pm, Adkins Arboretum

April

“Bay-Wise Training” Contact: Ronda Goldman; Registration Fee $50
1, 3, 4 Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm, Extension Office; Friday certification practicum time and location TBA

May

“Native Landscaping for MD Shade Gardens” Registration $59
22, 29, May 6 Tuesdays, Howard County

“MG Annual Training Day”
29 Thursday, 8am-4:30pm, University of Maryland College Park
Bay-Wise Certifications and Training

April 1, 3 & 4: Bay-Wise Training, contact Ronda Goldman, cost $50

Tuesday/Thursday Extension Office
Friday practicum, time and location TBA

MG Neal Johnson, MG Mary Beth Chandler, MG Janet McGrane, MG Denise Bauman

MG Maggie Tieger, MG Jessica Milstead

MG Sharon Zimmer, MG Jessica Milstead

Photographs provided by Caridad Vicente
Ten of our 2013 interns achieved their 40 volunteer hours by the end of Dec
and can begin earning volunteer and training hours for 2014 now!

Other interns still have until March 27th to earn their hours.

Way to go, interns!!

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Master Gardener Training

By the time you read this article we will know the answer to the above question. However, as I write this on Jan 22nd, there are only three, as in 3, people registered, so I have to start thinking about what to do. I’ve only had this situation one other time in the years I’ve handled the training program, and that time I opted to go ahead with the training for 8 students. We had a fun class, but when a presenter has driven a long way, or arranged their busy schedule to come to teach us, it was embarrassing to introduce them to an audience of 8. And it doesn’t help if I try to get them back again. That’s when I promised myself I would not run a training class for less than 10 students.

The good news, I hope, is that I will still have the classes that fall under advanced training. One such class is a Forum, consisting of a panel of experts on various topics, and you, the audience, can ask about anything you want to (within the parameters of MG). They can’t help you with a cranky Mother-in-law or divorce!

At this time it is still work in progress; I am still putting together a panel, and if you have a suggestion, please email me, and I’ll contact them. This will give us an opportunity to learn from each other’s questions.

Another advanced training class is lined up for graduation. It is a presentation on Ferns in the Landscape by Dr. Carl Taylor. If the training is canceled, instead of graduation we will still have the awards ceremony. And I’m proud to note that three of our Interns have already exceeded 100 hours of service!! More black lanyards with bugs and flower!

Mary Grant and Terry Thir are back at work helping to make the training a great program. As before, they are indispensable

The training is ready to go. All we need now is a class...........

MG Barbie Walters
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Spring is right around the corner!!