Greetings! Enclosed are the Advanced Training opportunities available this summer.

When
Thursday, June 4th, 2015
8:00am-4:30pm

Where
University of Maryland College Park campus
Stamp Student Union & Plant Sciences Building

Conference Highlights:
- Opportunities to connect with over 800 Master Gardeners and 100 Master Naturalists
- Keynote Speaker William Woyys Weaver, Ph.D. will be presenting *The Kitchen Garden for Culinary and Cultural Research: The Roughwood Seed Collection and Baker Creek Alliance*
- 40 presentation options from engaging and knowlegable speakers
- New this year: The Master Gardener Expo — see displays of interactive techniques to share and teach horticulture in your own community
- Over 25 Trade Show exhibits
- Continental breakfast
- Varied lunch options: roast beef wrap, turkey wrap, gluten-free salad, or vegan box lunch
- Free parking in Lot 1b — less than a five minute walk to the Stamp Student Union

Registration Details:
Quick and easy online registration is available at [https://mgatc2015.eventbrite.com](https://mgatc2015.eventbrite.com). You can alternatively click [here](https://mgatc2015.eventbrite.com) to download the brochure and mail in the registration. Here is a direct link to information about the conference (e.g., schedule, presentations, speakers) on the MG website.

The early registration deadline is approaching fast!

Register before 11:59pm on Thursday, May 7th and pay $74.00. OR If you register between May 8th and May 15th the registration cost is $84.00.

Contact Alicia Bembenek with any questions: aliciafb@umd.edu or 410-531-1754
Annual Training Conference: The Email Confirmation and Ticket

The registration process is different this year, but it is very user friendly.

If you have already registered for the conference, you would have received a confirmation email that looks similar to what you see to the right.

The confirmation email has an attachment -- the ticket -- but the email also has a link to the exact same ticket.

If you would like to download your paper ticket, just click on the words Paper Summary.

We will be resending the confirmation emails the last week of May. This email will provide you with a revised ticket -- one that has your room locations listed right on it!

We are asking attendees to print the ticket and bring it to the conference for check-in. However, we will also be able to check people in who happen to have forgotten their ticket.

The most useful ticket to have with you on the day of will be the one that you receive with that final confirmation email at the end of May.

Thanks Eventbrite! What a Useful Ticket!

Payment Status lets you know if your payment has been received.

Your presentation selections are listed right on your ticket -- AND your final ticket will have all of your room locations listed on it too!

This ticket is a mockup of what you will see when you download your ticket from the final confirmation email.

For Session 1, presentation 1.1 has been selected. The room location of SU (Stamp Union) 1107 is listed alongside the title of the presentation.

According to the ticket, Session 2.9 is in room SU 2212, and Session 3.3 in PS (Plant Sciences Building) 1113.

The lunch selection is on the ticket as well.
I need your help! To make sure that the conference runs as smoothly as possible, I need to enlist some enthusiastic assistants for various responsibilities. I am using a website (www.volunteerspot.com) to coordinate these details.

Over 40 different volunteer positions have been identified and about half of those have been filled as of this writing.

Below is an overview of all of the positions, with an indication of the number of people signed up / number of people required for the position.

A. Electronic check-in (6/6 filled)
B. Answer questions during check-in (4/4 filled)
C. Ushers in Grand Ballroom (1/4 filled)
D. Trade Show Coordinator (1/1 filled)
E. Trade Show Assistants (2/3 filled)
F. MG Expo Coordinator (1/1 filled)
G. MG Expo Assistants (1/2 filled)
H. Lunch Assistants (1/4 filled)
I. Personal Driver for Dr. Weaver (0/1 filled)
J. Coordinator of Room Moderators (1/1 filled)
K. Room Moderators (previously called “Room Host”) for Stamp Union (4/11 filled)
L. Moderator for IPM Walk (1/1 filled)
M. Moderator for Tree Walk (1/1 filled)
N. Moderator for Turfgrass Presentation (0/1 filled)
O. Room Moderators (previously called “Room Host”) for Plant Sciences (1/5 filled)

To read the descriptions for the other positions, and/or to sign up for a position, go to the Volunteer Spot sign up form at: http://vols.pt/iuDb9y

If you have already registered for the conference, paid $74.00, but are signing up for a position that would enable a discounted rate, that is no problem. I’ll be able to re-register you with the discount and refund your extra payment.

Educational Resources for Master Gardeners

http://www.extension.umd.edu/hgic

All home horticulture and pest management questions directed to the University of Maryland Extension are answered by our staff of Certified Professional Horticulturists at the Home and Garden Information Center (HGIC). This state-wide resource will provide you with free information and consultation services that will help solve your garden, landscape, and pest problems. You can:

- Send pictures and questions through the Ask Maryland’s Garden Experts link
- Download and view dozens of factsheets, tips, videos and archived newsletters by clicking on the Information Library tab on the HGIC home page.

- Diagnose your plant and pest problems by clicking the Problems tab on the HGIC home page

If you have not done so yet, be sure to sign up for the HGIC electronic newsletter that is sent out monthly to keep you informed of important events, topics, and breaking news. This e-newsletter will alert you to plant problems and pests, new gardening techniques and ideas, and direct you to great sources of information on the HGIC website and other related websites.

In order to prevent anti-spam software from blocking the e-newsletter, be sure to add hgicnewsletter@umd.edu to your address book or to your “safe senders” folder. Do not send replies to hgicnewsletter@umd.edu. Send comments and/or inquires to danadler@umd.edu.

Grow It Eat It LISTSERV

If you would like to receive the internal MG GIEI news, send Alicia an email (aliciafb@umd.edu) and you will be added to the LISTSERV. You may receive approximately two posts per month.

Grow It Eat It Blog

You can receive GIEI posts by entering your email address in the FOLLOW BY EMAIL textbox once you are on the on the Grow It Eat It blog page. First go to http://extension.umd.edu/growit then click on the blog.

This blog has many interesting posts from various authors. Gardeners just like yourself who are sharing their successes and failures and interesting experiments. Consider signing up today if you haven’t already. If you would like to write for the blog, please contact Jon Traunfeld at jont@umd.edu.
The Maryland Master Gardener Program leads the nation in Advanced Training opportunities for Master Gardeners. This summer there are 13 classes offered, covering a variety of topics:

- Ornamenal Plant Diseases
- Entomology-Ecological IPM
- Ask a MG Practicum
- Organic Vegetable Gardening
- Native Plant Essentials
- Native Ferns
- Vegetable Plant and Pest Diagnosis
- Plant ID / Taxonomy

All of these courses will help satisfy the 10 hours of required Advanced Training / continuing education necessary to maintain a status of Active Master Gardener.

### Advanced Training Certificates
There are six options:

- Native Plants
- Woody Plants / 200 Common Landscape Plants
- Plant Diagnostics
- Advanced Vegetable Gardening
- Master Composter
- Landscape Design for Water Management

### Certificate Details
Any classes that you had previously taken as part of a certificate will still count towards your certificate.

### Registration Details
In the pages that follow you will see that each class has its own Eventbrite link that you can use to register yourself for the class.

In this newsletter I will be providing the information for the thirteen Summer 2015 Advanced Training courses that have been scheduled. I will also post this same information on the MG Advanced Training webpage.

Specific information about Fall and Winter 2015 Advanced Training classes will be available on the MG website and also in a State Master Gardener e-newsletter in August.

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## Summer 2015 Advanced Training Classes

To obtain more information about the class and/or to register for it, use the Eventbrite link listed with the class.

### May

#### Ornamenal Plant Diseases
Register at: [http://ornamentalplantdiseaslaplata.eventbrite.com](http://ornamentalplantdiseaslaplata.eventbrite.com)

**Instructor:** Dr. David Clement  
**Location:** College of Southern Maryland (Charles County)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27  
**Time:** 10:00am-3:00pm  
**Cost:** $35.00  
**Class Description:** This is a one-day workshop for Master Gardeners. Learn all about the bacteria, fungi and viruses that cause plant problems.  
**Certificate Details:** This class counts towards the Plant Diagnostics certificate.

### June

#### Entomology-Ecological IPM
Register at: [http://entipmmo.eventbrite.com](http://entipmmo.eventbrite.com)

**Instructor:** Dr. Mike Rauppo  
**Location:** Montgomery County Extension Office  
**Date:** (Two-day class) June 8 & June 9  
**Time:** 10:00am-4:00pm  
**Cost:** $50.00  
**Class description:** Bugs are fascinating. Learn how to recognize them, how they work, and how to safely deal with them as you see how they fit into the ecology of the garden.  
**Certificate Details:** This class counts towards the Plant Diagnostics certificate.

#### Ask a Master Gardener Practicum
Register at: [http://aamgwmhc.eventbrite.com](http://aamgwmhc.eventbrite.com)

**Instructors:** Dr. David Clement and Ms. Mary Kay Malinoski  
**Location:** Western Maryland Hospital Center (Washington County)  
**Date:** Friday, June 26  
**Time:** 10:00am-3:00pm  
**Cost:** $40.00  
**Class Description:** Learn how to become a better plant diagnostician.  
**Certificate Details:** This class counts towards the Plant Diagnostics certificate.

### July

#### Native Plant Essentials
Register at: [http://npemoco.eventbrite.com](http://npemoco.eventbrite.com)

**Instructor:** Dr. Sara Tangren  
**Location:** Montgomery County Extension office  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 24  
**Time:** 10:00am-4:00pm  
**Cost:** $40.00  
**Class Description:** This class is an introduction to native plants and plant communities and is the prerequisite for all other Native Plant classes taught by Dr. Tangren.  
**Certificate Details:** This class counts towards the Native Plants certificate.

#### Organic Vegetable Gardening
Register at: [http://ovgce.eventbrite.com](http://ovgce.eventbrite.com)

**Instructor:** Mr. Jon Traunfeld  
**Location:** Carroll County Extension office and Demonstration Garden  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 1  
**Time:** 9:00am-4:15pm  
**Cost:** $45.00  
**Class description:** This class will delve into some of the critical principles and techniques of organic vegetable gardening such as fertilizers, organic IPM, weed control, pollinators, and season extension. There will be some engaging pre-class assignments, classroom discussion, and lots of hands-on learning.  
**Certificate details:** This class counts towards the Vegetable Gardening certificate.

#### Ask a Master Gardener Practicum
Register at: [http://aamgcsm.eventbrite.com](http://aamgcsm.eventbrite.com)

**Instructors:** Dr. David Clement and Ms. Mary Kay Malinoski  
**Location:** College of Southern Maryland (Charles County)  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 16  
**Time:** 10:00am-3:00pm  
**Cost:** $40.00  
**Class Description:** Learn how to become a better plant diagnostician.  
**Certificate Details:** This class counts towards the Plant Diagnostics certificate.

#### Vegetable Plant and Pest Diagnosis
Register at: [http://vppdbco.eventbrite.com](http://vppdbco.eventbrite.com)

**Instructor:** Mr. Jon Traunfeld  
**Location:** Baltimore County Extension office and Demonstration Garden  
**Date:** Monday, July 20  
**Time:** 9:00am-3:30pm  
**Cost:** $40.00  
**Class description:** Sharpen your plant diagnostic, pest ID and control strategy skills in the vegetable garden in this one-day intensive hands-on class.  
**Certificate Details:** This class counts towards the Vegetable Gardening certificate.

#### Vegetable Plant and Pest Diagnosis
Register at: [http://vppdfco.eventbrite.com](http://vppdfco.eventbrite.com)

**Instructor:** Mr. Jon Traunfeld  
**Location:** Frederick County Extension office and Demonstration Garden  
**Date:** Saturday, July 25  
**Time:** 9:00am-3:30pm  
**Cost:** $40.00  
**Class description:** Sharpen your plant diagnostic, pest ID and control strategy skills in the vegetable garden in this one-day intensive hands-on class.  
**Certificate Details:** This class counts towards the Vegetable Gardening certificate.
**Vegetable Plant and Pest Diagnosis**
Register at: TBD
Instructor: Mr. Jon Traunfeld
Location: TBD (Shore County Location)
Date: TBD (July)
Time: 9:00am-3:30pm
Cost: $40.00
Class Description: Sharpen your plant diagnostic, pest ID and control strategy skills in the vegetable garden in this one-day intensive hands-on class.
Certificate Details: This class counts towards the Vegetable Gardening certificate.

**Plant ID / Taxonomy**
Register at: http://plantidchl.eventbrite.com
Instructor: Ms. Wanda MacLachlan
Location: Charlotte Hall Library (St. Mary’s County)
Date: (Three-day class) July 23, 30, & August 6
Time: 9:30am-12:30pm
Cost: $35.00 (plus book)
Class Description: This course covers the basics needed to identify native woody plants in the landscape. Morphology, nomenclature, taxonomy, and keying will be covered.
Certificate Details: This class counts towards the Woody Plants certificate.
Additional Information: It is recommended that this course is taken before any of the four Landscape Horticulture: 200 Common Landscape Plants courses.

**Ornamental Plant Diseases**
Register at: http://opdatwmc.eventbrite.com
Instructor: Dr. David Clement
Location: Western Maryland Hospital Center (Washington County)
Date: Wednesday, August 12
Time: 10:00am-3:00pm
Cost: $35.00
Class Description: This is a one-day workshop for Master Gardeners. Learn all about the bacteria, fungi and viruses that cause plant problems.
Certificate Details: This class counts towards the Plant Diagnostics certificate.

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**Course Name** | **Location** | **Date & Time** | **Presenter** | **Registration Fee & Deadline**
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Ornamental Plant Diseases | College of Southern Maryland (Charles County) | Wednesday, May 27 10:00am-3:00pm | Dr. David Clement | $35.00 Reg. Deadline: 5/20
Entomology-Ecological IPM | UME Montgomery Co (Derwood) | Mon, June 8 & June 9 10:00am-4:00pm | Dr. Mike Raupp | $50.00 Reg. Deadline: 6/1
Ask a MG Practicum | College of Southern Maryland (Charles County) | Tuesday, June 16 10:00am-3:00pm | Dr. David Clement Ms. Mary Kay Malinoski | $40.00 Reg. Deadline: 6/9
Native Plant Essentials | UME Montgomery Co (Derwood) | Wednesday, June 24 10:00am-4:00pm | Dr. Sara Tangren | $40.00 Reg. Deadline 6/17
Ask a MG Practicum | Western Maryland Hospital Center (Washington County) | Friday, June 26 10:00am-3:00pm | Dr. David Clement Ms. Mary Kay Malinoski | $40.00 Reg. Deadline 6/19
Organic Vegetable Gardening | UME Carroll Co (Westminster) | Wednesday, July 1 9:00am-4:15pm | Mr. Jon Traunfeld | $45.00 Reg. Deadline 6/24
Native Ferns | Tawes Garden (Anne Arundel Co) | Thursday, July 16 9:00am-12:00pm | Dr. Sara Tangren | $20.00 Reg. Deadline 7/9
Vegetable Plant & Pest Diagnosis | UME Baltimore Co (Cockeysville) | Monday, July 20 9:00am-3:30pm | Mr. Jon Traunfeld | $40.00 Reg. Deadline 7/13
Vegetable Plant & Pest Diagnosis | UME Frederick Co (Frederick) | Saturday, July 25 9:00am-3:30pm | Mr. Jon Traunfeld | $40.00 Reg. Deadline 7/18
Vegetable Plant & Pest Diagnosis | Shore Location | TBD 9:00am-3:30pm | Mr. Jon Traunfeld | $40.00 Reg. Deadline TBD
Plant ID/Taxonomy | UME Baltimore Co (Cockeysville) | July 21, 28, August 4 9:30am-12:30pm | Ms. Wanda MacLachlan | $35.00 (plus book) Reg. Deadline 7/14
Plant ID/Taxonomy | Charlotte Hall Library (St. Mary’s County) | July 23, 30, August 6 9:30am-12:30pm | Ms. Wanda MacLachlan | $35.00 (plus book) Reg. Deadline 7/16
Ornamental Plant Diseases | Western Maryland Hospital Center (Washington County) | Wednesday, August 12 10:00am-3:00pm | Dr. David Clement | $35.00 Reg. Deadline 8/5