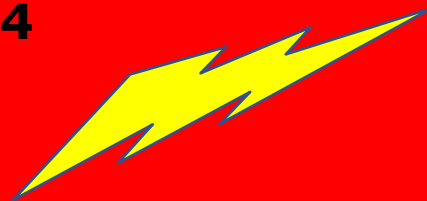




**February 9, 2024**

**Friday Flash**



### Continuing Education

#### Projects on Parade at the 2024 Showcase!



#### **February Meeting**

##### **Topic:**

*Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners Project Showcase*

##### **Speaker**

Project Chairs

##### **Date**

Thursday,  
February 15

##### **Time**

6:00-8:00

##### **Location**

Trinity Methodist Church  
1300 West St.  
Annapolis, 21401

- Anne Arundel County Fair Flower Show
- Apprentice Gardens at Kinder Farm Park
- Ask a Master Gardener
- Bates Middle School Gardens
- Bay Wise
- Beekeeping and Production Garden
- Composting and Native Gardens at Quiet Waters Park
- Dairy Farm Demonstration Gardens
- Dairy Farm Demonstration Vegetable Gardens
- Hancock's Resolution
- Linthicum Walks Native Gardens
- Native Pollinators Project
- Production Garden at the Dairy Farm
- Public Garden Project
- Re-Pollinate Anne Arundel Partnership Project
- Seed Swap
- Severn River Middle School Gardens
- South county Senior Center
- Tawes Demonstration Garden
- Woodland Gardens at Kinder Farm Park

**Chat** with Project Leaders and learn about what each project has to offer. Doors will open at **6 PM** providing time for meandering and chatting with Project Chairs. This will be followed by the regular meeting.



We will have another opportunity to meet with **Jamie Pullein** from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center's **BiodiversiTREE Project** on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. This is also the week of our Master Gardener Projects Showcase at Trinity Church at 6 PM. Because the church could not accommodate us on Tues., it freed up our regular meeting night for us to reschedule with Jamie. This meeting will count as one hour of Advanced Training.

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**ATTENTION ALL MASTER GARDENERS**

If you are interested in an in-depth class on vegetable gardening, please sign up with Pat Shema ASAP as there is limited seating. This class will be held on Saturday, February 17, from 9-12, at the Dairy Farm extension office. Contact [Pat Shema](#) or call 410-721-7610

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**Mt. Cuba**

I am very excited to be able to take many of you to my first educational field trip that the EAB and I have organized! Please join us for an exciting in-person event at Mt. Cuba Center (<https://mtcubacenter.org>) in Hockessin, DE. The Mt. Cuba Center is a botanic garden that highlights the beauty and value of native plants to inspire conservation. It features captivating blooms along garden pathways in formal and woodland settings, picturesque meadows and ponds with stunning vistas, and three miles of scenic trails. We will be meeting at the AAC Extension Office on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and taking a UMD coach bus to Mt. Cuba! There we will take a garden enthusiast tour, have lunch together, and have some extra time to explore Mt. Cuba. More information and registration can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/803118136967?aff=oddtcreator>. Act fast before they sell out! Tickets are \$60 before Eventbrite fees.



**Pruning with Kim Forry (in-person)**

Kim Forry and I will be hosting a pruning workshop on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. At the Chase Lloyd House, we will demonstrate proper pruning practices and techniques on boxwoods, yews, roses, and aucubas. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please sign up [here!](#)

**Diagnosing Plant Problems – Watch Party (in-person)**

The Ask a MG Plant Clinic project and I will be hosting a watch party on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm – 4pm. We will be watching the Ask A MG Plant Clinic Fall Training recording at the AAC Extension Office. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Ask A MG Plant Clinic team and/or would like a refresher on plant diagnostics, please sign up [here!](#) There will be snacks and beverages for us to enjoy.


**Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Update (virtual)**

I have created a Spotted Lanternfly presentation that overviews the past, present, and potential future of this pest. Presentation will include insider insights from recent research into managing the SLF and future potential of SLF's expansion. It will take place virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8PM. If you are interested, please sign up [here!](#)

**MG Spring Training: 2/7 – 5/8 (hybrid)**

I am very excited to host and help organize my very first Master Gardener training! The statewide Master Gardener Spring Training will take place from February 7<sup>th</sup> until May 8<sup>th</sup>, every Wednesday night. It will be hybrid in-person and virtual, depending on the trainee's preferences. We have about 30 new trainees that are very motivated and excited to be a part of our wonderful program. Let's do our best to make them feel welcome. ^^

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**Volunteer Opportunities**



Welcome to 2024 and a New Year for the **Dairy Farm Project!** We have great plans to REORGANIZE, **RENEW, REPLANT** and **REFRESH** our gardens. We are seeking any Master Gardeners who would be interested in designing and implementing some changes so our gardens can continue to be the best they can be.

Keep watching your newsletters and Friday Flashes for updated information. And be sure to visit us and our sister project, Vegetable Gardening at the Dairy Farm at the **Project Showcase Meeting** on February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact [Malcom Doying](#) or 410-721-7610



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**BAY INVADERS**  
 An invasive species removal project in Anne Arundel County



**Bay Invaders** is an innovative county partnership that supports 9th grade students in learning about and actively removing invasive plant species from county community and regional parks.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers commit to providing 15 hours to the project between the months of February and April and must attend an in-person training on Feb 20, from 4:30pm - 7:30 pm at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, refreshments provided!

**INTERESTED?** Scan this QR code or visit [www.tinyurl.com/BayInvaders2024](http://www.tinyurl.com/BayInvaders2024)



**Restore Park Retreat**

Work continues in the forest conservation area in the Park Retreat Community in Millersville (volunteer hours are given for this project). Winter weather is not conducive to scheduling in advance, which makes getting announcements in the Friday Flash difficult. Please contact [Andrea Weir](#) if you want to be on a group email for events. Right now, the main projects are bagging debris, spreading wood chips and, of course, pulling English Ivy; I promise it is not as bad as it sounds --no worse than cleaning house!

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[Annapolis Homeowners Expo](#)  
**Ask-a-Master Gardener Pop-Up Plant Clinic**  
**Saturday, Feb 24**

**Time Slots:** 10:00 AM-2:00 PM *We can close our booth down for Hilton's Presentation.*  
 2:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, Feb 25**

**Time Slots:** 12:00-2:30 PM  
 2:30-5:00 PM

**Hilton Carter** will speak at noon on Saturday. You can buy one of his books (or like me bring your book collection in to get signed). You will enjoy his work as much as I do! For more information, contact [Sharon V. Smith](#)

<b>Project/Activity</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>Project Chairs Meeting</b>	Saturday, Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> 10 AM-12 PM	<b>Extension Office</b> 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a>
<b>Jamie Pullien BiodiversiTree Project</b>	Tuesday, Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00- 8 PM	<a href="#">Zoom Link</a>  <b>Meeting ID: 994 3990 0369 --- NO PASS CODE; Waiting Room for admission to meeting</b>	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a>
<b>Monthly Meeting</b> Project Showcase	6-8:00 PM Thursday, Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Trinity Methodist Church</b> 1300 West St., Annapolis 21401	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a>
<b>In Depth Vegetable Gardening</b>	Saturday, Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup> 9 AM-12 PM	<b>Extension Office</b> 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	<a href="#">Pat Shema</a>
<b>Diagnosing Plant Problems Watch Party</b>	Saturday, Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 1-4 PM	<b>Extension Office</b> 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a> sign up <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Update (virtual)</b>	Tuesday, Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 7-8 PM	<b>Virtual</b>	sign up <a href="#">here</a>
<b>EAB</b>	9-10:00 AM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly	<a href="#">Zoom Link</a>	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a>
<b>Philadelphia Flower Show</b>	Wednesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> 10 AM-8 PM	Meet the bus at the Naval Academy Stadium Parking Lot, Gate #6	410-570-4465 for reservations
<b>Mt. Cuba Trip</b>	Thursday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30 AM	Meet the bus at the <b>Extension Office</b> 97 Dairy Farm Rd. Gambrills, 21054	<a href="#">Maxine Yoon</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/803118">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/803118</a>

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