

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION



June 2025 Newsletter

Pollinator Picnic For Grownups

Help us kick off pollinator week and celebrate with a picnic at New Germany State Park. See the below flyer for details.

A poster for a "Pollinator Picnic for Grownups" event. The background is a close-up of a monarch butterfly on orange flowers. A semi-transparent white box contains the event details. At the top left is a circular logo for "Pollinator Week" with the dates "June 16-22, 2025" and the website "pollinator.org". The main title "June 16, 2025 Pollinator Picnic for Grownups" is in large, bold, black font. Below the title, it says "Join University of Maryland Extension and Maryland Native Plant Society for a kick-off to National Pollinator Week!". The schedule includes: "11:00 am - Pollinator Power!" with a description of the importance of pollinators and speaker Ashley Bodkins; "12:00 noon - Picnic Lunch Break (provided by participant)"; and "12:30 pm - Native Plants for Birds and Pollinators" with a description of native plants and speaker Liz McDowell. The location is "Where: Tall Oaks Pavilion at New Germany State Park". A disclaimer at the bottom left states the program is free and open to the public. A logo for "University of Maryland Extension Master Gardener" is at the bottom right.

June 16-22, 2025
Pollinator WEEK
pollinator.org

June 16, 2025 Pollinator Picnic for Grownups

Join University of Maryland Extension and Maryland Native Plant Society
for a kick-off to National Pollinator Week!

11:00 am - Pollinator Power!
Learn more about the importance of pollinators and how everyone can get involved
in protecting and creating an environment that is friendly and full of pollinator
friends! Speaker: Ashley Bodkins- UME - Garrett County

12:00 noon - Picnic Lunch Break (provided by participant)

12:30 pm - Native Plants for Birds and Pollinators
Learn the importance of planting the right native in the right place, and discover
some of the best native plants to add to your landscape for the benefit of birds and
pollinators in western Maryland. Speaker: Liz McDowell, MNPS

Where: Tall Oaks Pavilion at New Germany State Park
This program is free and open to the public. Bring a picnic lunch and a water bottle. This
activity will be held rain or shine. No registration required.

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identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or
mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other
legally protected class. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please
contact University of Maryland Extension @ 301-334-6960 by June 1, 2025.

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Vegetable Garden Apprentice Program

Here is your chance to learn hands-on how to grow more of your own vegetables!

Growing your own vegetables is a rewarding journey that promotes self-sufficiency. Guided by a Master Gardener Mentor, you'll learn vital gardening skills, from seed selection to soil health and harvesting. With all materials provided, this program supports both novices and experienced gardeners in achieving sustainable living and enjoying fresh produce from your backyard.

To apply, contact Ashley Bodkins, Master Gardener Coordinator at 301-334-6960.



Master Gardener Basic Training Wrap Up

Master Gardener Basic Training wrapped up on May 16th after a weeklong training with 5 participants. These folks learned more about soil science, botany, plant pathology, entomology, and ecology— along with several Master Gardeners sharing their passion on a wide variety of topics! If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener a Fall hybrid class will be offered in Garrett County and it's not too early to sign up! More details to follow.



Strawberries--- DNA and Planting @ Accident Elementary

Master Gardeners visited Accident Elementary for Camp Read-A Lot and provided a hands-on activity to isolate strawberry DNA and let families plant a strawberry to take home. More than 200 people came out to enjoy the evening and learn more and promote reading!



Friend Or Foe Display @ Native Plant Festival

Master Gardeners were able to provide education and outreach at the 10th Annual Native Plant Festival at New Germany State Park on May 10th.



Master Gardener Minute

The Master Gardener Minute was recently hosted by our program assistant, Cambria Snyder, who shared information about tissue culture. Every Monday on the Allegany County Facebook page



(reshared to Garrett County Master Gardener page) catch a one minute video to learn more about some topic related to gardening education.

More on tissue culture here:

<https://homegarden.cahnر.uconn.edu/.../02/01/tissue-culture/>

View the entire clip by clicking below.

Master Gardener Minute

Maryland Naturalist Program To Be Offered

Applications are open for the next Master Naturalist program at Deep Creek Lake State Park. The next program is slated for September 10 – November 12th .

According to Program Coordinator Ranger Cricket Smith, Maryland Master Naturalists are interested, ecologically aware people who have successfully completed a fun but rigorous natural history training program, and who “pay it forward” with volunteer work annually. They participate in community science efforts, teach classes, lead field trips, and continue to learn and share their enthusiasm for Maryland’s natural areas and the life forms that occupy them.

Classes are held on Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm at the Discovery Center. Cost is \$250. Once accepted into the Master Naturalist volunteer training program, individuals receive 52 hours of classroom instruction and 8 hours of hands-on experience outdoors.

After this initial training, participants provide a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service to Deep Creek Lake State Park in the first year to receive Master Naturalist certification. The 2024 Master Naturalist class was the program’s largest ever in Western Maryland. The program is similar to the Master Gardener program.

The program is run in partnership with the University of Maryland Extension and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, please contact Cricket Smith at 301-387-5563.

Deep Creek Lake
State Park



Become a **MARYLAND MASTER NATURALIST**



Building a stronger community in the natural world, together.

TO BECOME A MASTER NATURALIST

- Complete 52 hrs of class/field study
- Enjoy 8 hrs in the field with a naturalist
- Pass a final exam
- Give back by volunteering 40 hrs to Deep Creek or Sang Run State Parks
- Course fee: \$250




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COURSE DETAILS:

September 10 - November 12
 Wednesdays 9 AM- 3:30 PM
 Discovery Center
 969 State Park Rd, Swanton MD 21561

TOPICS COVERED:
 Ornithology, Botany, Reptiles and Amphibians, Bears and Mammals, Freshwater Ecosystems, Fungi, and MORE!

PROGRAM FACILITATOR

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Spring Weigh-In & Western MD District Show

Livestock projects continue to be popular in Garrett County 4-H. In fact, we have the largest number of youth participants among all counties in the state. This year was no exception with record-breaking numbers attending the spring weigh-in and tagging event on May 9th which included the following market animals:

- Goats-62
- Sheep-81
- Swine-172

On Saturday, May 10, the 4-H District Livestock Show was held at the fairgrounds. 4-H members from Garrett, Allegany and Washington Counties are eligible for the show. This event serves as a "practice show" giving young people an opportunity to learn more about showmanship and practice working with their animals.

2025 WMD District Show



Educating Youth On The Spotted Lanternfly

Garrett County 4-H had fun educating youth about the Spotted Lanternfly at the Ruth Enlow Library Student Discovery Series in Oakland and Grantsville. 4-H STEM Educator, Karen Wood discussed how to identify these invasive pests and what to do when you find them. The youth were encouraged to become citizen scientists reporting all sightings they may encounter. Additionally, the youth were able to create a 3D model of their own invented insect combining art and design with technology using 3Doodler Pens. To report a sighting visit mda.maryland.gov/spottedlanternfly.



Garrett County 4-H
Educating Youth using 3D Design
SPOTTED LANTERNFLY
Presented at

Ruth Enlow Library Student Discovery Series



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2025 Garrett County Agricultural Fair

It's that time of year again! The Garrett County Agriculture Fair will be held from July 26 to August 2, 2025, at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, MD! Enjoy 4-H showmanship, concessions, exhibits, rides, concerts, and so much more! This is where we shine. We'll see you there!



GARRETT COUNTY 4-H

Come See Us Shine!

SATURDAY JULY 26

10AM-4PM Entering ALL 4-H Indoor Exhibits & Rabbits

SUNDAY JULY 27

9AM-4PM Market Animal Weigh-In
1PM 4-H Indoor Exhibit Judging

MONDAY JULY 28

9AM Rabbit Show
12PM Livestock Skillathon
4PM Sheep Showmanship
5PM Horsemanship Contest
6PM 4-H Fashion Revue
7PM Market Lamb Show

TUESDAY JULY 29

1PM Breeding Goat Show
2:30PM 4-H Robotics Challenge
4PM Goat Showmanship
5PM Robotics Demonstrations
7PM Market Goat Show

WEDNESDAY JULY 30

9AM Dairy Show
11:45AM Horse Showmanship
12:30PM Horse Show
3:30PM Swine Showmanship
7PM Market Swine Show

THURSDAY JULY 31

9AM Dairy Breeding Goat Show
1PM Beef Breeding Show
2PM Beef Showmanship
6:30PM Market Beef Show

FRIDAY AUGUST 1

8AM Master Showman Competition
9AM 4-H Engineering Events
2PM Lead Contest
5PM 4-H Engineering Awards
6PM Costume Animal Parade

SATURDAY AUGUST 2

2PM Youth Awards Program
3PM 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale

SUNDAY AUGUST 3

11-1PM Indoor Exhibits will be released



2025 Garrett County Agriculture Fair

Ketterman Offers Information at GC Benefit & Health Fair



Dr. Jesse Ketterman, Extension Educator along with Roberta Cvetnick, Program Management Specialist, recently attended the annual Garrett County Benefit & Health Fair to provide educational material from University of Maryland Extension focusing on financial wellness. 240 Garrett County employees benefited from various vendors during this event.

Flood Recovery Resources

During this time of recovery from the flash flooding and Governor Wes Moore declaring a State of Emergency in Western Maryland due to the historic flooding in our area, please check out these resources from EDEN - Extension Disaster Education

Network: <https://extensiondisaster.net/.../naturally.../flood/...>

**Additional flood recovery resources:**

- [Extension Disaster Education Network Flood Resources](#)
- [Cleaning Up After a Flood \(University of Minnesota Extension\)](#)
- [Food Safety After A Flood \(Kansas State Research and Extension\)](#)
- [Extension and Mental Health Resiliency During Times of Disaster and Recovery: A Seven-Part Series](#) PDF Download from EDEN (Extension Disaster Education Network Flood Resources)

If you have more questions and would like more information, please contact our local extension office at 301-334-6960

Update AG Client Contact Information



Are you receiving our monthly AG Newsletter? If not, please [click here](#) to update your contact information and to stay updated on everything agriculture-related in Garrett County and the tri-state area.

Keeping Connected

We are here to serve you in person, by phone, email, or by Zoom. If you have questions, contact one of our experts to provide solutions.



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Roberta Cvetnick

Roberta is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters