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Coordinator's Corner



You're Invited: Volunteer Appreciation Celebration!

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time and dedication. Enjoy delicious catering, exciting raffle prizes, and gift bags as a token of our gratitude. It's our way of recognizing the impact you make every day. It's a chance to relax, connect, and celebrate everything we've accomplished together. Please RSVP using the link below so I know how much food to order. We hope to see you there!

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Marketing / Social Media Team

Any volunteers interested in joining a marketing/social media team for our programs in Anne Arundel County? Duties would include creating a social media posting schedule, posting on our social media platforms like instagram and facebook, and visiting our master gardener projects throughout the county. This would be a great way for us to spread awareness about our wonderful projects and the master gardener program! Please let me know if you are interested by sending me an email at maxyoon@umd.edu.

New Partnership: Joy Grows



Joy Grows' nonprofit mission is to help people grow plants. They facilitate community gardens and distribute plants & soil to the local community. Their current focus is facilitating a community garden at Harbor House, a 300 unit affordable housing

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to 6pm at 1100 President Street, Annapolis, MD.

Maryland Native Plant Society: Native Orchid Walk at SERC

On Saturday, May 10th, we were able to walk in the old growth forests of SERC, the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, in Edgewater and check out some native orchid hot spots. Dennis Whigham, our tour guide and scientist emeritus, has many years of research experience related to forests, fields, and wetlands around the world. His explorations have lead to studies of woodland herbs including orchids, vines, wetland species, and invasive species, and studies fo forests in the tropics, temperate, and boreal zones. His current passion is to establish the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC), an initiative of the Smithsonian and the United States Botanic garden. You can click the link below to learn more!

We were joined by Judy Fulton, the vice president of the Maryland Native Plant Society, and members of the MNPS. Our timing wasn't the most ideal due to heavy rains the week before, but we were still able to see some Showy Orchid inflorescences and two other orchids, the Rattlesnake Plantain and the Small Whorled Pogonia. Still worth the trip!

Keep your eye out on newsletters and the friday flash for any upcoming field trips!

NAOCC

Showy Orchid (*Galearis spectabilis* (L.) Rafinesque)



U.S. Forest Service - Showy Orchid

Small Whorled Pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*) Rattlesnake Plantain (*Goodyera oblongifolia*)



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Whorled Pogonia](#)[U.S. Forest Service -
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EAB Corner

The 2025 Master Gardener season is well underway, and I hope that you are enjoying your efforts to educate the public on sustainable gardening practices, beautify your county, and enjoy the company of other Master Gardeners. The Plant Swap was a huge success! Thanks, Marilyn Kinkel, and all who brought plants to share. Your Executive Advisory Board is very pleased regarding our Orchid Walk in May, with the collaboration of SERC and the Maryland Native Plant society. The native plant garden at the Severna Park Farmers Market, a project of AAMG, the Watershed Stewards Academy and the market, is progressing.

Lauren Toomey, Co-chair of Re-Pollinate Anne Arundel, was our guest at the May EAB meeting, and shared plans for the relocation of the project from the Bee Lab property to the Dairy Farm due to decisions taken by the current Federal Administration. We also welcomed Beth Shoults, who wanted to learn more about the workings of the EAB. All MGs and interns are welcome to meetings; just let Maxine or myself know in advance, so we can send the agenda and Zoom link.

The current EAB internal initiative is to conduct a policy review over the next several months. We have formed a taskforce and begun this effort. We plan to keep the big picture in mind as we do this work. Where are we now and where would we like to be in five years? Please share your thoughts with the EAB representatives.

Catherine M. Salam
EAB Chair

Apprentice Garden



Apprentice Garden meets at the Kinder Farm Park community garden #105 in Millersville, every Wednesday at 6:30PM, from April through September. The project is opening this month!

Educational Outreach Activities (upcoming, monthly)

- During June, we will continue to join the families and volunteers in the Apprentice Garden to work with our families to plan their 8' by 3.5' garden spaces. All the crimson clover cover crop has been removed and composted in the garden compost bin, which has been packed to overflowing. Families have planted their summer crops.

Volunteer Opportunities (upcoming, monthly)

- Volunteers are welcome every Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Apprentice Garden to tend the common spaces and to work with our family gardeners, answering their questions, and demonstrating how-to's. Occasional work parties are scheduled to continue tending and maintaining the common garden spaces, the native plant and pollinator gardens, and the garden pathways.

Accomplishments and Challenges

- Deb Fritz and volunteers did an amazing job rebuilding the information kiosk at the Apprentice Garden gate. From top to bottom, new roof structure and shingles; new plexiglass doors and information poster; new paint – looks fabulous!

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with planting summer crops, and tended the common areas both inside and outside the fence.

- Apprentice Garden has planted three mounds of the Three Sisters. Corn seeds were planted first, followed by beans and squash. The corn was given a head start so the bean vines can use them for support, and the squash will shade the roots from the summer sun. The seeds have sprouted, and progress updates will be forthcoming.
- Potatoes are growing in a “potato bucket” as well as in ground; the lettuces and kale are abundant; sage is blooming; strawberries are ripening; and the native flowers are thriving on the outside of the fence.
- Many thanks to our volunteers; Kathy Albers, Wendy Boardman, Kathy Enderle, Deb Fritz, Lourdes Hergenroeder, Justin Bedard, and Heather Crampton.

All is well with the Apprentice Garden project. Janet Clauson and Kristin Silva, Co-chairs





Tawes Garden



Hancock Resolution's hosted a Mother's Day Tea on May 11th, a plowing demonstration using draft horses on the 18th and on May 25th Memorial Day was celebrated. I offered an *Introduction to Herbs* presentation and Garden Walk on May 18. I had six attendees with varying garden experience. All expressed interest in the topic and appreciated the firsthand garden tour.

Intern Sheila Carol pruned the spirea shrubs on May 18. On May 25th interns

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along with veteran MGs Betsy Beck and Opie Owen weeded the kitchen garden's paths and applied a fresh layer of wood chips. Intern Sheila Carol pruned the spirea shrubs on May 18. On May 25th interns Johanna Espey and Carmel Snow along with veteran MGs Betsy Beck and Opie Owen weeded the kitchen garden's paths and applied a fresh layer of wood chips. Intern Joan Livingston and I cleared an area in the field garden and broadcast broomcorn seed. We also interacted with visitors, provided garden tours and potted up plants for guests to take home.

Hancock's Resolution will host Lavender Day on Sunday, June 8 from 1:00-4:00. There will be live entertainment in the barn/visitor center and lavender related activities. Visitors will be able to cut lavender with guidance from Master Gardeners. We will have dried lavender available for making sachets and I will demonstrate making lavender wands. Lavender iced tea will be served and lavender shortbread cookies can be purchased. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Hancock's Resolution (FOHR).

The park grounds will be open on the other Sundays in June without special programming. FOHR will host a senior group on Tuesday, June 5 and a sailing club on Tuesday, June 12.

The lavender field is coming into bloom and with volunteer support the kitchen and dooryard gardens look well-tended.

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