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Coordinator's Corner

MG Monthly Meeting - Native Plants Identification Workshop

Lisa Kuder has nearly a decade of experience working with various stakeholders, including the Maryland Department of Transportation, on creating pollinator habitats. Her passion for native landscapes extends to the commercial industry where she's done extensive marketing and production development on sustainable lawn alternatives using indigenous grasses and wildflowers. As UMD's new Native Plants & Landscapes Extension Specialist, she's excited to work with both industry and the general public on increasing the availability and use of native plants. She holds masters degrees in entomology and environmental biology. A fun fact about Lisa is that before joining UME, she was a HS chemistry teacher.

Maryland has an amazingly diverse flora with over 2,900 established taxa, of which 72% are native and 28% are introduced. To learn every species would be an incredible feat, likely

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of the world's 8 prominent plant families. In this workshop, we'll consider basic botanical terminology, plant ID resources, and the distinctive characteristics of the 8 plant families. Then, we'll get some practice using these ID tips and apps on the plants at the Anne Arundel Extension Office. If it's raining, we'll go to Plan B, and ID photos of mystery plants. We hope that you'll join us for this interactive workshop. IDing plants using the pattern method is fun, and will give you a new way to discover the world of plants.

July 8th, 6 - 8pm: in-person at the Dairy Farm
97 Dairy Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054

Maryland Native Plants Program (MNPP)

Bay Wise

Apologies, but we are finally getting the bay wise program back up and running. I have just sent out introductory emails to homeowners that have expressed interest in becoming certified. Hopefully we will have many new bay wise certified landscapes this year!

Check out the new bay wise webpage on our master gardener website by clicking the button below. I transferred over most of the content from the original weebly website and will upload the rest soon. Please refer to this webpage when recommending bay wise certification to the general public.

AAC - Bay Wise

New Partnership: Joy Grows

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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 neighborhood in Eastport. If you are interested in volunteering with Joy Grows, please contact MG Kristin Silva at ka_silva@verizon.net. They regularly meet every Sunday from 2 to 6pm at 1100 President Street, Annapolis, MD.

EAB Corner

Another Maryland summer has arrived! Heat, humidity and thunderstorms! It's a jungle out there! But Master Gardeners persevere.

The EAB is engaging speakers for monthly meetings who will support us in our learning about horticultural topics. Each week, the Friday Flash publishes the bio and topic for our upcoming speaker. We pass along this knowledge, both practically and educationally, through contact with the public by our projects in the community.

Our Policy Review Task Force consists of Catherine Salam, Chair, Neva Leigh, Marilyn Kinkel, Sophie Sterling, Trish Hennessey-Webb and Maxine Yoon, AAMG Coordinator. We are working on clarifying language and updating descriptions of key roles to reflect the current needs of the organization. We plan to have a draft to the full board by our July 18th meeting.

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finished plan will guide our decisions and actions over the next five years. More information on the goals and objectives will be shared once the draft is finalized.

Catherine M. Salam
EAB Chair

RePollinate Anne Arundel

Pollinator Pathway Article

Apprentice Garden

Apprentice Garden meets at the Kinder Farm Park community garden #105 in Millersville, every Wednesday at 6:30PM, from April through September.

Educational Outreach Activities

- During July, 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. Summer crops have been planted. Master Gardeners continue to work with our family gardeners, answering their questions, and the inquiries from passing gardeners and Park visitors.

Volunteer Opportunities

- 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

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with planting summer crops, and tended the common areas both inside and outside the fence. Storms on Wednesdays have reduced attendance, but families do tend their spaces on their own schedules. On June 18, a rainbow was spotted after a brief drizzly spell.

- Apprentice Garden has three mounds of Three Sisters. The corn plants are now 3' to 4' tall; the bean vines are long enough to begin wrapping around the corn stalks; the squash is growing well. We are delighted with the growth of the Sisters.
- Potatoes were harvested by the children from the "potato bucket"; families continued to take lettuces and kale for their dinner tables; herbs in the Mediterranean garden are flourishing; strawberries were few, but tasty; and the native flowers are thriving both inside and outside of the fence.
- One family grew turnips from seed, and enjoyed a bountiful harvest.
- A strawberry festival was hosted for the families and the volunteers with shortcakes, delicious strawberries, and lots of whipped cream.
- A succulent garden is happening in a bird bath outside our Garden gate; our families and Park visitors enjoy the "fairies" and other objets d'art that mysteriously find their way into the bird bath garden.
- A Garden family made an insect house, and it now has a place of honor on an inside garden post.
- A former Apprentice Garden young gardener has chosen the Garden for his Eagle Scout project, and he has the wonderful idea to build houses for overwintering insects with different types of winter "houses" that we can install in our Garden. We are very excited about his project.
- Many thanks to our volunteers; Kathy Albers, Wendy Boardman, Kathy Enderle, Deb Fritz, Lourdes Hergenroeder, and Heather Crampton.

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





Tawes Garden

Cindy Wells & Kathy Devine, co-chairs

Tawes is entering full-summer glory, with lots in bloom in the Plant Mural, some native and some not – lots of coneflowers, butterfly weed, spirea, abelia, yucca, with blue mist

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helianthus and heliopsis. Elsewhere, we have Joe Pye weed and various ferns in containers in the shady areas of the garden.

We have had a busy month, keeping weeds in check in various areas of the garden but also removing invasives such as pachysandra, liriope, bindweed and ivy. In addition, thanks to Claire Stackhouse, a MG intern, we have two new American Hornbeam trees planted on the DNR patio to replace two others that failed.

Tawes celebrated National Pollinator Week by joining volunteers from the Maryland Conservation Corps to plant new native plants in the garden, ending with a garden tour by Suzanne Weber, Tawes Horticulturist. We can attest to the success of native plantings, as the gardens are busy with a variety of bees and butterflies.

Workdays are first and third Wednesdays of each month and second and fourth Tuesdays. We welcome all new and veteran MG's. We are very lucky this year to have a half dozen new MG interns, who are fast becoming pros and who have already helped tremendously. We appreciate everyone who comes out and spends a few hours in the garden. Please come join us.



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Hancock's
RESOLUTION



Hancock Resolution's hosted a Lavender Day on Sunday, June 9. Despite a dismal weather forecast, and rainfall did occur, over one hundred visitors braved the elements to tour the lavender field, sample lavender cookies, take in live entertainment and visit the kitchen and door yard gardens. Howard County Master Gardener Ann Coren made a visit to Hancock's. I attended her fiber garden demonstration and tour held at Freetown Farm - Community Ecology Institute in Columbia. I expressed interest in growing flax at Hancock's for future demonstrations at our site as well as sharing with others in the Chesapeake Watershed fiber system.

The following Sunday provided another opportunity for visitors to take in the lavender and craft wands as the long-stemmed variety peaked a bit later.

FOHR hosted a senior group on Tuesday, June 5 and a sailing club on Tuesday, June 12. FOHR also hosted a group from AACC on Monday June 23. This group focused on the architecture and historic furnishings on site but also expressed interest in the traditional uses of various plants. Unfortunately, it was ungodly hot, so students were encouraged to come back to visit when conditions were better.

Long-stemmed lavender was harvested and shared with a local flower vendor. (Photo) Garlic planted in November was harvested and is now curing. Garlic will be used in a

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The County (Rec & Parks) found grant money to install an accessible pathway from the Barn/Visitor Center to the two new Gazebos (dedicated to Friends of Hancock's Resolution Founding Fathers R.I.P. - Henry Schmidt and James Morrison) and to the historic buildings. (photo)

I am recruiting volunteers from 1:00-4:00 on Sunday afternoons through October. The Sign-up Genius Link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA5A828AAFE8CF8-47950525-volunteer#/>

If you are not available to make scheduled volunteer events, let me know and I can find alternative tasks that can support the project.

Email me at willnancy3@verizon.net

or call/text 410-952-9554.

Nancy Allred, Project Chair Hancock's Resolution



Linthicum Walks



They've arrived in Maryland! Spotted our first monarch butterfly, feeding on a common milkweed in our Certified Monarch Waystation on June 24th. We were thrilled to host the UMD HGIC team on a workday in May; here's their social media post featuring our volunteers: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DK2RzHQvdK9/>!

Since last year, we've more than doubled the size of our garden beds from 600 square feet to over 1,500 and are creating maps of the plant species in all three beds. For public outreach, we updated our website:

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/linthicum-walks/> and maintain a "What's in Bloom" bulletin board to help visitors identify plants they could grow at home. Additional workdays will be announced soon.

Come visit **Historic Linthicum Walks**: 2295 Davidsonville Road, Crofton, MD.

Ingrid Watson (Project Chair)

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Severna Park Plant Clinic Garden

The Severna Park Plant Clinic Garden has been a community effort from the onset. We have been gifted many times over. These gifts have kept the momentum of the garden in high spirits.

Our most recent donation happens to be 2 Rain Barrels which will be used to store water for use in the Garden. The Plant Clinic on average has 70 folks stop by the booth and ask questions and we have the garden to also help answer questions about native plants and sustainable practices for home gardeners.

Currently we have 2 Dogwood Trees, donated by WSA. Our network of Master Gardeners donated a total of 120 native perennials and 2 shrubs. We purchased through the UMD Master Gardener budget 5 shrubs and 20 perennials. A plant grant from Bona Terra was received and 300 seedlings are being nurtured for giving to the community through the Plant Clinics. A portion of the plants will be used in the Plant Clinic Garden and shared with other gardeners. The vendors at the market have been very receptive to having a garden to beautify their market space. Thanks everyone for coming together as a community to make this happen! The Severna Park Farmer's Market Plant Clinic has been sharing instructions on building "Mosquito Buckets of Doom." Folks have been picking up instruction packets from the table. We modified the bucket a bit to include a mesh cover

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fact cards with information about specialist and generalist pollinators. The photos on the fact cards are beautiful! Note the posters created by a friend of the Market!



Ask A MG - Crofton Library

Nilah Magruder designed and created this amazing sign for the Crofton Library Ask A MG location. We share a parking lot with the Crofton Farmer's Market so we wanted to welcome them in. It's working well!

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Anne Arundel County Fair - Flower Department

EXCITING NEWS!

The Anne Arundel County Fair is coming soon and the Flower Department would love to have any MG who would like to participate.

The dates for this Project are September 6, through September 15. There are plenty of opportunities to join in and get some last minute hours.

We begin with cleaning and setting up our booth. Entries are accepted for two days, then Judging. We have a Children's Day project every year where the kids make and take a craft item. This year we are making Lady Bugs (beetles for you purists) out of clam shells. See the photo.

We need volunteers at the booth during Public days to answer questions and keep the booth clean.

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We will have a training class in August to explain all the details (calendar provided). If you are interested, please Save TheDate(s) and contact Chairperson Claudia Floor at cploor@aol.com or Pat Shema at pshema@aol.com

Don't miss out on this fun project!



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