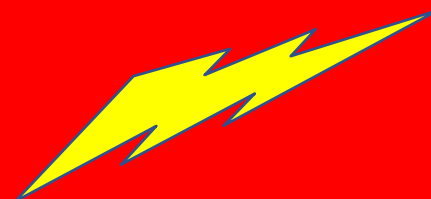




**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
*Friday Flash*



## July Meeting

### Topic

Native Plants,  
Plant ID

### Host

Lisa Kuder, Native  
Plants and  
Landscape  
Specialist, UME

### Date

Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

### Time

6:00-8:00 PM

### Location

Dairy Farm  
(University of MD  
Extension)

## Continuing Education

Lisa Kuder is our new Native Plants & Landscapes Specialist. She is a UMD alum with an MS in Entomology and a 2nd MS from Hood College in Environmental Biology. While at UMD, she worked with the Maryland Department of Transportation on Integrated Vegetation Management strategies that support pollinating insects via natural regeneration of native wildflowers. She also partnered with the UK company Wildflower Turf, Ltd. leading efforts to grow Maryland natives using their rapid meadow technology. This partnership included exploring the market potential for native wildflower sod in the Mid-Atlantic through 100+ customer discovery interviews with growers, retailers, and landscape professionals. Lisa has also served as a high school teacher in Frederick, MD teaching all levels of chemistry and Advanced Placement environmental science. In her spare time, she loves going to concerts with her kids, helping her daughter at regional dressage shows, reading, and exploring the world. She is thrilled to be a part of our amazing UME team and looks forward to spreading her passion for native landscapes. Lisa's major responsibilities will align closely with the recently legislated Maryland Native Plants Program (MNPP). The Program, designed to increase the understanding of the importance and supply of native plants in Maryland is the result of a state legislatively approved bill and will involve several partners including the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Maryland Native Plant Society (MNPS). More information on the MNPP Bill can be found at this link.



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 Address: 2295 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills/Crofton, next to Crofton Middle School  
 The UMD Extension HGIC posted a video about our project last week: [www.instagram.com/p/DK2RzHQvdK9/](https://www.instagram.com/p/DK2RzHQvdK9/)  
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...We may shut our eyes,  
 But we cannot help knowing  
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Excerpt from *What Is So Rare As a Day in June*  
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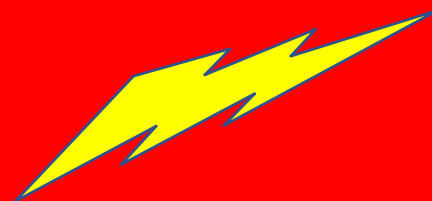
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July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Planting

### Host

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### Date

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### Time

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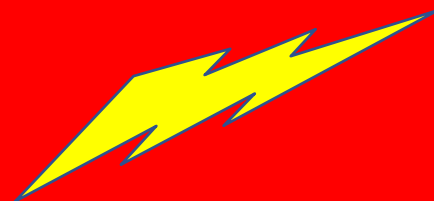
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July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Planting

### Host

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### Date

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### Reducing Runoff at the **Severna Park Farmer's Market Plant Clinic Garden** *Slow it down, spread it out, soak it in\**

\*Using this mantra and the principles it supports, it is necessary to redirect the water from torrential downpours to prevent erosion of the property. Kim Forry has dug a trench around the perimeter to direct the rain. She has instructed us to either step in the trench to deepen it or over it, but not on the berm itself. The northwest corner is the worse spot due to the sandy soil in that area. We will improve the sandy soil with potting mix.

- In every garden, the weeds will grow! Black locust seedlings have begun to appear in addition to other troublesome volunteers. We invite all Plant Clinic volunteers to help keep the area clean of anything that may become troublesome.
- Our lovely dogwoods are showing signs of stress. We have contacted the Home and Garden [Ask Extension](#) with pictures and are waiting to hear back from them.
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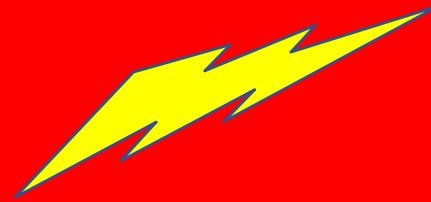
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### Anne Arundel County Fair Flower Department

Greetings all Master Gardeners and interns.  
It is time to start thinking about the County Fair in September and make room on your calendar for a fun experience. The Fair for us begins on September 6, when we clean up and prepare our booth and ends on September 15, when entries are released.  
All are invited to participate and get your last- minute hours. No need for experience.  
We will have a training class on August 19, from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at the Fairground office. There you will learn how to take in entries, assist the judge and release entries to exhibitors. Even if you have done this before, you **MUST** attend this class if you wish to volunteer during Entry Days since the Fair is now accepting online entries and there will be some changes. The training class will begin at 6:30 with a light supper and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00  
If you would like to join us, please contact [Claudia Ploor](#) or [Pat Shema](#)  
We continue to have a great turnout of MG's for this event and we are so grateful. Without you, this project could not continue.  
Hope to see you there!

### Anne Arundel County Fair Flower Show 2025

September 6 - September 15, 2025  
Saturday 9/6-- 9-12 Set up booth  
Sunday 9/7-- 2-5 Entry Day  
Monday 9/8-- 2-7 Main Entry Day  
Tuesday 9/9 --9-12 Judging  
Wednesday 9/10 Fair opens  
Thursday 9/11 Seniors and Disabled Day  
Friday 9/12 Children's Day  
Saturday 9/13 Open to all  
Sunday 9/14 Open to all  
Monday 9/15-- 2-7 Entries released



### [Tree Trooper Program](#) **Clean Water Grows On Trees**

Tree Troopers are trained volunteers who are passionate about planting trees in their communities! Their dedication to the mission of RePlant Anne Arundel and RePlant Annapolis is a primary driver of increasing tree canopy throughout the area. The trees they plant will reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay for years to come, which is why we here at RePlant like to say "clean water grows on trees!"

**Become a Tree Trooper.** For more information, go to: [Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy | Restoring Local Waterways About](#)

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**MG volunteers needed!** The Make a Plate 4 Annapolis, in concert with Joy Grows, is creating edible gardens at a housing project in Eastport (Harbor House and East Terrace). The focus is to help people grow plants in rewarding and sustainable ways and according to the needs of the community. The volunteers meet on Sundays in the time range of 4-7 depending on weather. The location is 1100 President St. Maxine has approved this project for credit hours under "Grow it Eat it". To learn more, you can contact Joygrows.us or MG [Kristin Silva](#), or [Erik Berg](#).



## **For Your Information**

If you missed a monthly meeting, go to the

link: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/anne-arundel-county/master-gardener-program/aamg-and-eab-monthly-meetings/>

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Unity Gardens will be accepting applications for Fall 2025 grants from June 15 – August 1, 2025. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to Anne Arundel County community organizations for the installation of native plant gardens. Super grants of up to \$3,000 will also be awarded for projects which are comprised of at least 75% native trees and shrubs. Eligible organizations include:

- ☐ Homeowners Associations
- ☐ Faith-based Organizations
- ☐ Schools; Scout Groups
- ☐ Public Parks; Properties
- ☐ Garden Clubs
- ☐ Other Qualified Nonprofits located in Anne Arundel County

Visit our website at [www.UnityGardens.org](http://www.UnityGardens.org) for more information and to apply. Questions can be sent to [unitygardensaa@gmail.com](mailto:unitygardensaa@gmail.com).

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Did you know that steamy, hot days can feel even hotter due to "Corn Sweat?" Learn more about this phenomenon by going to this link from the [Weather Channel](#)

## **FRIDAY FUNSHINE**

What did the tree say when summer finally arrived?

*What a re-leaf!*



## **EVENTS**

Disclaimer: Event details are subject to change. We are not responsible for any changes to event times, dates, locations, or cancellations made by the event organizers. Please verify event information with the official source before attending.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>Monthly Meeting-</b>	Tuesday, Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> ; 7-9:00 PM (regular meeting) zoom	Extension office pavilion  Zoom	<a href="#">Maxine Yoo</a>
<b>EAB</b>	Wednesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup> 9-10:00 AM	<a href="#">Zoom Link</a>	<a href="#">Catherine Salam</a>

<b>Dairy Farm Native Plants Gardens</b>	Second Saturday/Fourth Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM	97 Dairy Lane Gambrills	<a href="#">Sandy Dale</a>
<b>Dairy Farm Veggie Garden</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, Beginning at 9 AM	97 Dairy Farm Lane Gambrills	<a href="#">Kim Stringer</a>
<b>Tawes Gardens 2025 work schedule</b>	1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays monthly 8 AM-12 PM	580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis	<a href="#">Kathy Devine</a> <a href="#">Cindy Well</a>
<b>South County Senior Center</b>	Saturday, Aug 16, 10 A -12 PM	27 Stepney Lane Edgewater, 21037	<a href="#">Linda Fennell</a> <a href="mailto:elenadcorbett@gmail.com">elenadcorbett@gmail.com</a>
<b>Severna Park Farmer's Market Team 3, Becky Peterson's team</b>	Saturday, July 25th 8 AM-12 PM	Jones Station Rd. and Ritchie Hwy. Park and Ride	<a href="#">(20) Facebook</a>
<b>Unity Gardens Grant timeline</b>	June 15 <sup>th</sup> - Aug. 1st	2295 Davidsonville Rd. Gambrills/Crofton	<a href="#">Unity Gardens</a>
<b>Eastport Community Gardens</b>	Sundays 4-7 PM	1100 President Street Eastport Terrace and Harbor House	<a href="#">Kristin Silva, or Erik Berg</a>



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