

## **Coordinator's Corner**

Maxine Yoon, Master Gardener Coordinator

Hey everyone,

We have three meetings this month: the GI-EI meeting, SERC Tour, and the Urban Farm Ice Cream Social. All three can be counted towards continuing education hours. After our August monthly meeting, which will be the twilight crop tour, we will be returning to our usual virtual meetings in the evenings. Keep up the great work out there! And thank you for collecting demographics for our direct and indirect events. Don't forget to stay safe and hydrated out there!

### **GI-EI Meeting July 9th: 9:30am - 2:30pm**

Thank you for registering for our summer Grow It Eat It Meeting next week, July 9th, at the Anne Arundel County Extension Office (97 Dairy Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054). Check in will be from 9:30-10:00 AM at the outdoor pavilion which is right in front of the parking lot. Depending on the weather, we will spend a lot of time outdoors, so please be prepared.

If you are giving your county update and have a PowerPoint to share, please send it to Kaityln Baligus, [kbaligus@umd.edu](mailto:kbaligus@umd.edu), and she will have them all ready. These are not required, but some folks enjoy making them, and we love seeing pictures of your projects!

### **SERC Tour July 10th: 9am - 11am**

Thanks to Lise Crafton, we were able to organize a tour of SERC! The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) provides science-based knowledge to meet the environmental challenges of the 21st century. SERC leads research on coastal ecosystems—where the land meets the sea—to inform real-world decisions for wise policies, best business practices, and a sustainable planet.



There is a max limit of 24 attendees. (15 have signed up so far). We will be divided into (2) groups of (12)/group. Each group will be assigned a lead docent and an assistant. Parking is limited so it is necessary for us to carpool as much as possible.

Their docent-led tours usually start at 9:00am-9:30am during mid-summer months. The tour will be approximately 90 minutes in length and will involve a moderate hike through the woods along SERC's waterfront trail. There will be five discussion stops along the way: one at the dock, followed by stops at the woods, the seining beach, the marsh boardwalk and a creek. Bathrooms/water fountains are available prior to the tour start.

If you would like to attend, please register

here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A9AA2FA4FDCF8-50197774-serc>

## Urban Farm Twilight Tour & Ice Cream Social

July 17th: 5pm - 7:30pm  
Anne Arundel Extension Office, 97 Dairy Lane, Gambrills, MD.



You are invited to the AAUFRC Urban Farm Tour Ice Cream Social at the Anne Arundel Extension Office located at 97 Dairy Lane Gambrills, MD 21054 on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM.

Ice cream will be served at 5:00 pm followed by a walking farm tour that begins at 6:00 pm. This year the Anne Arundel County Extension Urban Farming Research Clinic will highlight: hops, wine grapes, apples, peaches, blackberries, sweet corn and flour corn varieties, pumpkins, gourds, high tunnel vegetables and herbs, cut flowers, market gardening, and bee keeping.

Ice Cream Served at 5:00 PM and Walking Farm Tour begins at 6:00 PM. This event is free. However, a reserved meal ticket is required. If you need special assistance to participate, please contact the Anne Arundel County Extension office at 301-226-7470 by July 15th.

Please reserve a spot at <https://go.umd.edu/2024UrbanfarmIcecreamsocial>

## Howard EcoWorks Every Monday from 9am - 12pm.

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer at Howard EcoWorks, the NPO native plant nursery, please register using their sign up genius posting. They meet every Monday from 9am - 12pm.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A9A82FA7FFC07-50212836-howard>

## Evaluation Reports

The EAB and I would like to share with you the results of our End of Year Satisfaction Survey and an Evaluation Report. Thank you for participating in the survey and we are being mindful of all responses and comments to further improve the master gardener program in Anne Arundel County. If you'd like to take a look, please click on the link below.

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## Production Garden

I am currently getting inundated by weeds and finding minimal time to manage them. Harvesting takes up too much time. If anyone out there is interested in learning how to grow leafy greens and manage a market garden effectively, please let me know. Happy to work with your schedule as well. I have currently set up a partnership with the Anne Arundel County Food Bank and our donations of fresh greens will be distributed throughout the county using their mobile pantry. I have donated about 50 lbs. of greens so far, and with better planning and execution, there is potential for much more.

Stay classy Anne Arundel,

Maxine Y

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## Linthicum Walks

### Educational Outreach Activities

We created a "What's in bloom?" section on the on-site bulletin

board and will update this educational outreach with plant photos and descriptions throughout the seasons. We added a QR code sticker to the Master Garden sign in the garden, directing people to the project website, which we updated and added an inventory of native and non-native species:

[www.extension.umd.edu/resource/linthicum-walks/](http://www.extension.umd.edu/resource/linthicum-walks/) .

### Volunteer Opportunities

With spring tasks wrapped up and the workload easing, Linthicum Walks project co-chairs (Ingrid Watson and Anne Muecke) are not scheduling additional group workdays at this time. However, we will regularly stop by the garden to check soil moisture and do some weeding, labelling, and designing for next year. All interns are warmly invited to email Ingrid ([ingridwatson@outlook.com](mailto:ingridwatson@outlook.com)) or Anne ([abiz@ma84.com](mailto:abiz@ma84.com)) to schedule visits to the Linthicum Walks project and earn some volunteer hours.



### Accomplishments and Challenges

We expanded the garden bed area by about 100 square feet.

Native and non-native plants are now labelled with weather-resistant metal labels, the bed is mulched, and we installed a circular walking path within the garden using path stone pavers so the public can learn about pollinator-friendly plants up-close.

The Linthicum Walks Historical Committee is undergoing some turnover in their membership; the head of the committee plans to reach out to us in the near future to discuss plans for the future of the Linthicum Walks grounds.

Our “wish list” of plants we’d like to add later this year or next year includes:

- Northern maidenhair fern *Adiantum pedatum* Native
- Swamp milkweed *Asclepias incarnata* Native
- Common milkweed *Asclepias syriaca* Native
- Butterfly weed *Asclepias tuberosa* Native
- Lady fern *Athyrium asplenoides* Native
- Hay-scented fern *Dennstaedtia punctilobula* Native
- Wood fern *Dryopteris marginalis* Native
- Alumroot (Heuchera, or Coral bells) *Heuchera americana* Native
- Cardinal flower *Lobelia cardinalis* Native
- Ostrich fern *Matteuccia struthiopteris* Native
- Sensitive fern *Onoclea sensibilis* Native
- Cinnamon fern *Osmunda cinnamomea* Native
- Royal fern *Osmunda regalis* Native
- Resurrection fern *Polypodium polypodioides* Native
- Christmas fern *Polystichum acrostichoides* Native
- Culver's root *Veronicastrum virginicum* Native
- Autumn fern *Dryopteris erythrosora* Non
- Joe pye weed (various species) *Eutrochium* spp. Native
- False blue indigo *Baptisia australis* Native
- Foxglove beardtongue *Penstemon digitalis* Native



## Apprentice Gardens

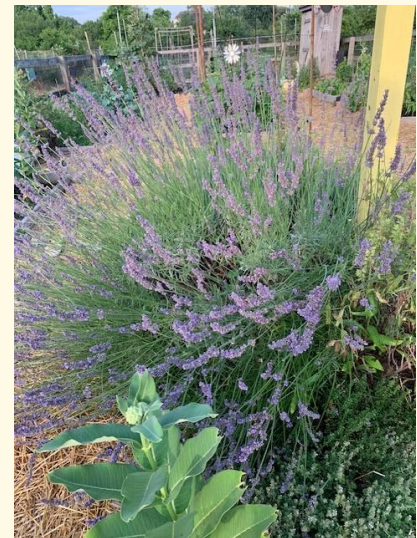
Apprentice Garden meets at the Kinder Farm Park community garden #105 in Millersville, every Wednesday at 6:30PM, from April through September. You can join us for the Wednesday meetings, and/or do other-day garden checks and extra watering. There is a sign-in sheet in the garden mailbox for noting your presence and recording your hours.

### Educational Outreach Activities

- Meetings with the families to answer questions, and to work with them and offer advice regarding weeding, watering, debugging, fertilizing, pruning and harvesting their crops

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Working with project families to answer questions about their garden spaces, to offer advice and to work with them on garden chores.
- Tending, maintaining and watering the common spaces in the Apprentice Garden, shared by all gardeners.
- Tending, maintaining and watering the pollinator gardens along the outside of the Apprentice Garden fence.
- Providing other-day garden checks and extra watering during dry spells.
- Occasional work parties for specific tasks (none scheduled at this time).



### Accomplishments and Challenges

The Apprentice Garden spaces are fully planted, and plants which started as seeds, or were planted as sets, are growing well. To a wonderful mix of spring greens, and early root vegetables (onions, potatoes, radishes, carrots and beets), peapods and string beans, the summer crops have been added: tomatoes, peppers, okra, basil, cucumber and squash. In June, the families picked all kinds of greens: lettuces, spinach, kale, chard, plus radishes, beets and basil. The children picked strawberries and started to dig

potatoes, pulling a few out from under the growing plants.

The perennial flower gardens planted by the Master Gardener volunteers are growing well, especially the milkweed, which is blooming now and is wonderfully fragrant. The Mediterranean herb garden is full and beautiful - the lavender is blooming beautifully; the sage blooms were pruned and it is now re-blooming; the new rosemary is coming along; the oregano and thyme are spreading.

All is well in the Apprentice Garden.

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## The Dairy Farm Demonstration Gardens

Greetings from the Dairy Farm Project,

Our great crew of MG's has been working hard and moving forward with the refreshing of our gardens. If you are not familiar with this project, there are several sections of gardens to care for. The main garden area has been thinned, replanted, weeded and mulched and looks great.

Our wonderful volunteers are concentrating on the area around the Firehouse. This building was a real fire department back when this was a working farm, with a brass pole, it's own water silo and everything. So, the usual work, removing weeds like pokeweed, wire grass etc., and doing some pruning and thinning.

Our watering crew has been keeping up with the hot weather and plants are thriving. A local garden club toured the grounds and were shown around by Maxine, Sue Owens, Sandy Dale and Pat Shema. We are always available for tours.

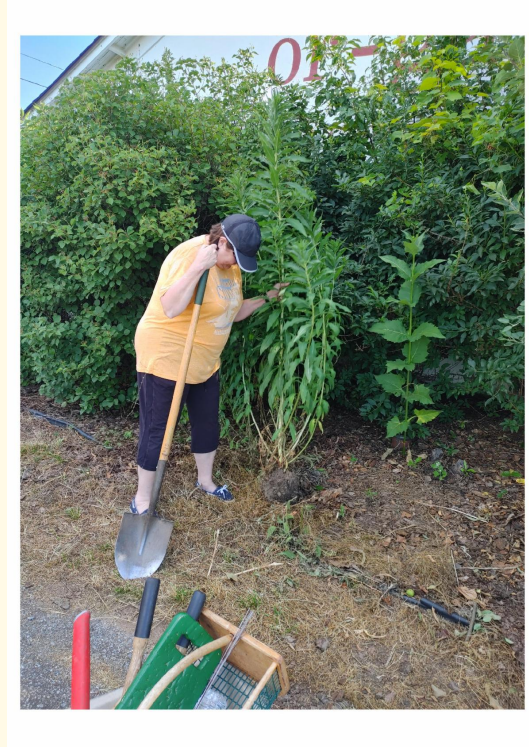
The annual Grow-it-eat-it conference will be held at the Dairy Farm on July 9. We will be giving some tours at that time.

Thanks to all who have stepped up to help.

Our next scheduled work parties are Saturday, July 13, and Thursday, July 25.

NOTE: WE ARE CHANGING TO OUR SUMMER HOURS OF 8:00 – 11:00 TO AVOID THE HEAT. We have made great progress in our efforts to REORGANIZE, RENEW, REPLANT AND REFRESH our gardens. There is still a lot to do, so if you are interested, please join us. All are welcome. Our regular work parties are the second Saturday and Fourth Thursday of each month. We have tools, but please bring your own favorites, gloves, water, etc. Large clippers or loppers will be helpful for this.

If you have any questions, please contact Malcolm Doying at [oldcelt100@aol.com](mailto:oldcelt100@aol.com) or Sandy Dale at [sndale55@verizon.net](mailto:sndale55@verizon.net).



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## Hancock's Resolution

### Educational Outreach Activities

- Public visitation Sundays on July 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 1:00-4:00. AAMG volunteers will provide garden tours, answer questions with a focus on native and deer resistant plants. Gardening tasks are performed (weeding and watering.) Often produce and plants are shared with visitors. Location: 2795 Bayside Beach Road Pasadena
- Demonstrate garlic and onion braiding previously harvested.
- Provide Spotted Lantern Fly education since they have been seen at the site.

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Mondays, July 1 and July 15 from 9:30-noon and public visitation Sundays July 7, 14, 21, and 28 1:00-4:00 . This month we will harvest remaining lavender and weed and water as needed.

### Accomplishments and Challenges

- Held a successful lavender Event on Sunday, June 9 with 160 attendees with the help of five MGs, four community volunteers and Friends of Hancock's Resolution members. Harvested lavender for drying on AAMG workday Monday June 17 . See photo below: On left: student volunteer and her father Julia and Jared Beville; center: Intern Julie Sorenson; and on right, MG Ruth Ann Emmerich. Missing from the photo was MG Loretta Gerbrick who was watering at the time the photo was taken. Additional lavender was harvested on Monday, July 1. See photo of the Bevin family and their visiting Wisconsin friends.

- Hosted A.A.Co. Rec and Parks Golden Age Hikers, separate groups on June 13 (sixteen attendees and Park Ranger) and on June 14 (twelve attendees and Park Ranger). Hikes introduced the site and its historic and agricultural past.
- Presented talk about Hancock's Resolution at a local assisted living facility on June 26 Introduced the site and its historic and agricultural past residents made lavender sachets. 12 Residents and a few family members and staff attended.
- Main challenge for the project was excessive heat and drought. The park modified operation on Sundays, June 23 and June 30 with grounds and historic buildings closed and just the barn/visitor center open to the public. There was no visitation on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. One family of four visited on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

The link to register to volunteer is [Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners: Volunteer Sign Up Hancock's Resolution \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

Email me at [willnancy3@verizon.net](mailto:willnancy3@verizon.net) or call/text 410-952-9554.

Nancy Allred, Project Chair Hancock's Resolution



## Re-Pollinate Anne Arundel

### Educational Outreach Activities

- Every Tuesday 3-6 and many Saturdays 10-2

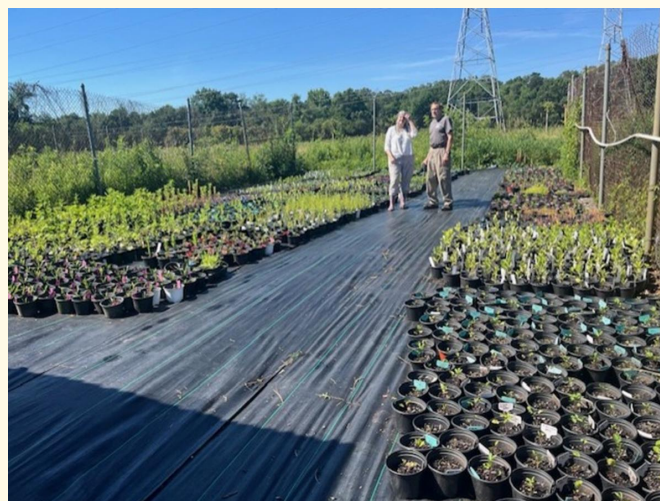
### Volunteer Opportunities

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### Accomplishments and Challenges:

RePollinate AACO is in its third season and have established a wonderful volunteer

cadre that has accomplished an immense amount of work. Just this morning the RePollinate team counted roughly two-thirds of our inventory. I project there will be roughly 3,500 full-size native plants ready to be distributed to support many collaborative efforts within AACO. You are welcome to join us at the Bee Lab and if you want more information and to get on the email list please contact Lauren



## Tawes Garden

June has been a fairly quiet month. We have invested time in the removal of invasives in different areas of the garden. It has been awhile since we dedicated time to this task so English ivy, poison ivy and various other invasive weeds have gone a bit wild. It is a never-ending battle. The streamside pond in the Garden received a new fountain whose role is to aerate the pond and prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Kudos to Bill Rappaport who donned his own waders to help clear out phragmites and to assist the fountain company in its servicing of the fountain. In addition, Frank Phillips and Bill have spent hours of heavy labor, digging out non-native grasses and clearing an area of the Plant Mural destined for a fall installation of native grasses.

The Plant Mural is in full bloom. It has totally bounced back from its hard pruning last fall. Especially stunning are the liatris and the coneflowers but the monarda is also impressive, as is the recently-planted mountain mint. Birds and butterflies abound. Many thanks to ALL the volunteers who have shown up this month to keep the garden looking its best. We are so grateful!

### Next up:

**Tawes Butterfly and Bumblebee Habitat Stewards program -- Thursday, July 18th, 9:30am - noon**  
**"Beneficial Predators and Parasitoids"**

**Maxine Yoon, UMD Coordinator for AACo.**

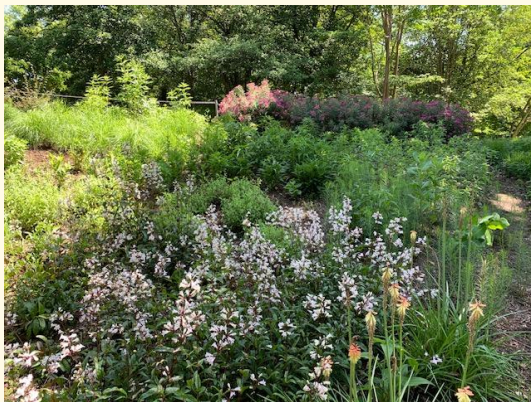
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This is the next not-to-be-missed presentation in this series. Our very own Maxine will be the presenter. The event is free and open to the public but we do ask for an RSVP to provide adequate space and seating. If you are interested in attending, please contact Suzanne Weber, Tawes Horticulturist, via email: [suzanne.weber@maryland.gov](mailto:suzanne.weber@maryland.gov) or via phone: 410-260-8185 (leave a message).

### Project Co-Chairs:

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## Vegetable Gardening at the Dairy Farm

Greetings all MG's.

We had a great turnout of veggie garden workers for all our meetings in June

Thanks to everyone who makes this both light work and a lot of fun.

### CROP REPORT:

GOOD: We harvested a very nice crop of lettuce, Kale, kohlrabi and are now getting nice heads of broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage. Also, some nice spring onions. The garlic crop was exceptional. We picked some very nice beets.



NOT SO GOOD: The peas were dismal. We have a groundhog who, I think may be helping itself. Tomatoes and peppers are stunted, alive but struggling. We have fruit, but we are picking them off right now to give the plants a chance to grow. This is climate stress.

COMING ALONG: Our beans are doing well and we just planted summer squash where the cold weather crops were harvested. We seem to be able to avoid Squash Borer if we plant at the end of June.

Carrots, celery, Basil, eggplant onions and corn growing well. We should dig white and red potatoes maybe the end of this month. The sweet potatoes seem a bit behind schedule.

The annual Grow-it-eat-it conference will be held at the Dairy Farm Extension Office on July 9. We will be giving a tour of our project. We also gave a tour to a local garden club with a special interest in vegetable gardening.

We are always available for tours.

So please join in if you have an interest in growing food for your family. Come and learn with us.

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Our regular schedule is the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of the month.

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If you would like to added to or deleted from my mailing list, please let me know.  
For continuing information, please read your newsletters and Friday Flashes.

Looking forward to another great year,  
Pat Shema, Chair [pshema@aol.com](mailto:pshema@aol.com) 410-721-7610

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## Compost Demonstration Garden @ Quiet Waters Park

During the summer months the Compost Project gives hour long compost demonstrations to the public one Saturday a month. Our scheduled demos are 10am July 20th and Aug. 15th. Twice a month demos resume in September.

If you are interested in helping out at the compost and native gardens site at Quiet Waters Park, our twice monthly work sessions are 9am-noon on July 3, July 20, Aug. 7 and Aug. 17.

If you volunteer on a Saturday, you'll be able to attend the demonstration as well.

Pam Dennison, project chair, [pamdennisonmg@aol.com](mailto:pamdennisonmg@aol.com)



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## Ask-a-Master Gardener Plant Clinics

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Figure 1 Severna Park Native Mascot

In addition to the Plant Clinics at the Farmer's Markets at Riva Road in Annapolis and the Severna Park Park and Ride and the Crofton Library, many tabling events have been held at school fairs, libraries, and home shows. Interns have been invited and many have attended, enjoying the camaraderie, socializing with visitors, sharing information, and of course, learning from each other. The Farmer's Markets and Crofton sites meet every week on Saturdays with rotating teams.

Each week, we try to have a new "theme" such as native ground covers posters and sample plants to share. We've given away stress flowers, tattoos, and botanical themed coloring pages for the kiddos. The Friday Flash frequently announces organizations requesting a Master Gardener for Plant Clinics at different locations, including those outside the Saturday morning events.

We appreciate volunteers to act as substitutes when regulars are unable to participate on their scheduled date or when an outside organization wants to add a plant clinic to their program. Contact [Robin Costas](#), [Brenda Darr](#), or [Pam Hanna](#) if you'd like to participate in any way.

Robin keeps count of our visitors at all plant clinics. In spite of rainstorms and intense heat, we've interacted with 1,310 Anne Arundel County Citizens in 2024. See graph below:



Figure 2 Severna Park



Figure 3 Severna Park



Figure 4 Riva Road

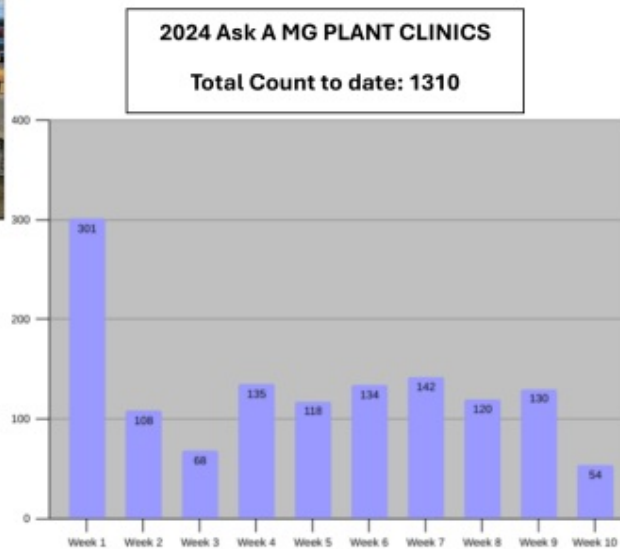



Figure 5 Visual Representation of Attendance


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