



The Colonial Master Gardener

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY SUE LIDDELL

Sometimes a program turns out better than you have a right to expect. This month at the Respite Care Center therapeutic gardening meeting at the United Methodist Church, the topic was summer fruits and vegetables. I had hoped to have a guest speaker complete with vegetables from his garden. Said speaker had tomato blight, critter damage, and a generally failed garden. My revised plan was to talk about the pizza garden we had planted two months ago at Respite, but what about an activity? Then in Sunday's *Parade* there was an article about the value of coloring for adults complete with some pages to download, one of which was of a butterfly. My MG partner, John Johnson, pointed out that it was National Moth Week and volunteered to talk about moths and pollination before distributing the pages to color.

At 7:30 am on the day in question I arrived at the George Reid Garden in Colonial Williamsburg for the weekly vegetable work day and was inspired. I collected a red cabbage, St. Vallery carrot, curly and flat parsley, celery, lovage, red onion, Welsh bunching onion, Swiss chard, and basil. That afternoon the clients at Respite were happy to see and smell the familiar vegetables and herbs. Staff and volunteers joined in reporting on the progress of the tomatoes, peppers, chives, and oregano in the pizza garden. MG Wilma Sharp brought in a whole book of moth pictures which can be used as patterns in the future. It was truly a team effort to create a meaningful afternoon for the clients.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 6

Program:

Dan Summers

"Plant Communities of Mid- Atlantic
Tidal Salt Marshes"

Come and Get Um

Attention all MGs! I have a TON of daffodils and bearded iris around my cottage at Brookdale, and I will have to dig and thin them early this fall—when the weather gets better. The iris are mostly blue/white plicata, and the daffodils are mixed. If you'd like to take any of them off my hands, let me know! Call me at 229-2822.

—Ailene Bartlett



Harvesting basil in the Reid garden

2015
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THE 2015 MILESTONE AWARDS

BY DIANE HARE

The 2015 Milestone Awards for volunteer hours donated by James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardeners were presented at the awards ceremony at the 28th Annual Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener College. Thank you for the gift of your time and talents!

A Message from Virginia Tech:

As I compiled these milestones, sent in from all across our beautiful State, I often found myself scrolling through the spreadsheet, and just thinking. Over 800 names, more than 700,000 volunteer hours, and a value over 16 million dollars....those numbers are very impressive and I share them every opportunity I get. However, more than the numbers, this is the thing that strikes me when I look at this Mile Stone Program: Those totals are comprised of many names, and those names are people; individuals. That grand total was created by each individual working on a project or program, dedicating his or her time to those projects and people, in service. That each person on that list gave their time to their local program, helping his or her community, region and State, impresses me more than the total of numbers.

I would like to take this moment to express a sincere thank you from the state Master Gardener's Office, and all of us here..... Congratulations, and thank you, to everyone in this program, and to everyone who contributes time and passion to the Extension Master Gardener Program.

Sincerely,
John Freeborn
Assistant Master Gardener Coordinator
Virginia Tech University

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

9,000 Hours
Kari Abbott
Sue Liddell

7,000 Hours
Barbara Gustafson

5,000 Hours
Angela Cingale
John Giffin

3,000 Hours
Linda Lucas

2,000 Hours
Dee Albright
Barbara Floyd
Chere' Harper

1,000 Hours
Patricia Abraham
Janet Giffin
Iris Grant
Margene Hartsough
Patricia Janot
Kimberly League
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500 Hours
Ken Caro
Judy Casone
Carol Cavanaugh
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Nancy Greene
Deborah Griesinger
Jean Johnston
Bruce Klein
Patsy McGrady
Mary Mills
Kathleen Wilhide

250 Hours
Hazel Braxton, Kathy Bush,
Nancy Cassano, Leanne Conrad,
Stacy DeMeo, Diane Hare, Jim
Henry, Ann Hobson, Toni Johnson,
Lucy Oakleaf, Becky Palmore, Avril
Purvis, Phyllis Putnam, Patricia
Ridgeway, Janice Rockoff, Joanna
Sanford, Carolyn Stringer, Donna
Thibeault



The MG Board meets on the third Friday of each month, at 9:30 am, at the James City County Health and Human Services Building, on Olde Towne Road.

The Board meetings are open to all Master Gardeners, and all are encouraged to attend.

ADMINISTRATION

BY DIANE HARE

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work in order to prepare a slate of officers for our unit. We will elect the positions of president-elect, secretary, and treasurer later this year, and they will take office beginning January 1, 2016. Thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee (Marty Oakes, Hope Yelich, Debby Griesinger, Diane Hare, and Margene Hartsough) for their fine work and long-range planning on behalf of our unit!

Our unit recently formed a committee to mentor transferring Master Gardeners. Thanks so much to Kendra Swann and Ginny Cranford (both of whom are transfers) for co-chairing this new committee, which is formed in order to help make the process of transferring into or out of our unit a better experience. See their article in this newsletter. The committee (Kendra Swann, Ginny Cranford, Debby Griesinger, and Diane Hare) met twice in July and have developed the following standard operating procedure to facilitate the transfer process:

**James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardeners
Standard Operating Procedure for Receiving Transfer Master Gardeners
Prepared as of July 16, 2015
Prepared by the Committee for Master Gardener Transfers**

As soon as we become aware of an MG who desires to transfer into our unit
the membership chair should be notified.
the Committee for Master Gardener Transfers should be notified .

The membership chair will

- welcome the transfer MG into the unit.
- help facilitate the extension office transfer process (as outlined in the Extension Office SOP for transferring members, attached).
- review the projects that our unit offers with the transferee.
- review the administrative forms that our unit requires and assist in obtaining these forms from the transferee.
- update the roster once the transfer process is complete.
- prepare a newsletter article, welcoming the new member into the unit and sharing a brief biography and photo of the new member.
- Coordinate with the Committee for Master Gardener Transfers .

The Committee to Mentor Transfers will

Assign a Mentor

- The mentor will contact the transfer member as soon as possible and meet with the incoming member.
- Welcome them to our unit and help to identify projects that are most active at the time the MG transfer is entering our unit.
- Help to introduce the MG transfer to our unit at our general monthly meeting.
- Award the transferee our unit's lanyard and an apron.
- Invite the MG transfer to participate in all activities (as soon as the transfer process is completed).
- Provide the MG transfer with "Day Release" forms to authorize their participation in projects until the transfer process is complete. MG transfers will need to complete a "Day Release" form each time they participate in a project, but just until the transfer process is completed.
- Ask the MG transfer how we can best help them join our unit.
- Include the MG transfer in MG outings (lunch, etc.....).
- Follow up with the MG transfer periodically to ascertain how she or he is assimilating into our unit, and what we can do to assist them.

INTERNAL EDUCATION

BY KATHY BUSH

Have you had the opportunity to visit the Virginia Living Museum yet? On a recent trip, I discovered it is full of animals and vegetation native to Virginia. They display an Appalachian Mountain Cove, a Cypress Swamp, the Piedmont and Mountain region, and the Coastal Plain. Outside there is a ¾ mile raised boardwalk where you can see fox, wolves, coyotes, bald eagles, bobcat, beaver, and otter.

They have a see-through bee hive where you can see bees loaded with pollen enter the hive and deposit it in the honeycomb. They have an environmentally “green” technology house, a native plant teaching garden, and lots of ideas for rain water conservation and treatment. For our August meeting we are pleased to welcome Dan Summers from the Virginia Living Museum to talk about “Plant Communities of the Mid-Atlantic Tidal Salt Marshes”. He is the Educational Director of the VLM. He will bring some plant samples and literature telling us more about the museum located just down the interstate in Newport News. You may find it so interesting you would like to volunteer there!



SUMMER READING

BY AILENE BARTLETT

I really enjoyed Kathy Bush's column on reading about gardening in the July newsletter, and thought I would add to it.

As a retired librarian, not only do I have lots of books, but I spend time reading them! Here are a few books I have enjoyed recently, and they're not too big, so they won't take you weeks to read:

- ◆ *Gardener to Gardener: 1,001 Greatest Gardening Tips* (Emmaus, Pa.: Rodale, 2002). Full of great tips for gardening. Buy a copy and mark things you need to remember!
- ◆ Lorraine Harrison, *The Shaker Book of the Garden, with a Facsimile of the Original Gardener's Manual of 1843* (Hauppauge, N.Y.: Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 2004). Fun to read, and great illustrations.
- ◆ Charles Elliott, *The Quotable Gardener* (Guilford, Conn: Globe Pequot Press, 2002). The quotations are all over the place - scholarly, comedic, practical... Try this one from Ruth Stout: "No poet I've ever heard of has written an ode to a load of manure."
- ◆ Mara Grey, *The Lazy Gardener* (N.Y.: Gramercy Books, 1998). All sorts of ideas...
- ◆ Roberta M. Coughlin, *The Gardener's Companion: A Book of Lists and Lore* (N.Y.: Harper Collins, c1991). Over 350 lists of plants, seed sources, gardens to visit, etc. Something for everybody!

And this is just the tip of the iceberg, so pour yourselves glasses of iced tea, kick off your shoes, and READ!



Mary Cassatt, *Woman Reading in a Garden*,
(Wikimedia Commons)

E2 NEWS

BY KARI ABBOTT

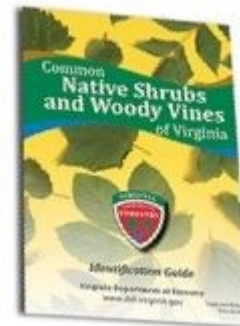


E1 had a lovely thank-you breakfast in June. We talked about the good things, things we could do better, and ideas that would improve the project. Two books from the Virginia Department of Forestry, *Common Native Trees of Virginia Identification Guide*, and *Common Native Shrubs and Woody Vines of Virginia Identification Guide* were passed out.

Many volunteers from the E2 project were at Master Gardener College in June; we all learned lots of different things to bring back and share with our community.

Behind the scenes E2 is gearing up for another successful year in WJCC schools. Anyone who has thought over the summer they would like to join in the fun, we would love to help you feel comfortable before the school starts. Please email bearsbaskets@cox.net.

Thank you to everyone in our unit for your kind words and encouraging comments. E2 appreciates your supporting our participation in International Master Gardener College. IMGC is a paperless conference, and any documents we would use in our presentation have to be sent to Iowa this month. We are currently preparing our presentation and the supporting documents.



Reminder: At least eight continuing education hours are required to be a member in good standing. Hours are reported January—December.

—Kathy Bush
VP, Internal Education

UPCOMING FARMERS MARKET DATES

July 25	Barrels and Bins
August 8	Trees and Shrubs
August 22	Pruning
September 5	Therapeutic Gardening
September 19	Composting

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND UPCOMING PLANT SALES

BY KATHY BUSH

August 1-2 (Botanical Garden, Freedom Park), 9-5.
Butterfly Festival. Sponsored by the Williamsburg Botanical Garden and Virginia Master Naturalists Historic Rivers Chapter. A butterfly tent, educational programs, and activities for children. Suggested donation \$5.

August 15 (Freedom Park Interpretive Center), 10:00.
James Pressly, one of our MGs, will discuss the basics of **orchid growing** in the home. Also included is a demonstration of repotting orchids. Suggested donation \$5.

September 11-12 (Charlottesville). **9th Annual Heritage Harvest Festival at Monticello.** Sponsored by Southern Exposure Seed Exchange and Monticello. Lectures, vendors, demonstrations, and food. Groupon has 1/2 price tickets. More information at www.heritageharvestfestival.com.

September 11-12 (Richmond). Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-3.
Fall plant sale at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Sponsored by garden volunteers. No admission for the sale, regular admission for the garden.

September 18 (Waynesboro), 10-4. **Waynesboro Tree Workshop: Reveling in the Magnificence of Trees.**

Speakers and lectures are:

- ◆ Reveling in the Magnificence of Trees (Bryce Lane)
- ◆ Trees and Turf: An Antagonistic Relationship (Joe Murray)
- ◆ Climate Changing Our Landscapes—Believe It or Else! (Neil Hendrickson)
- ◆ Root Explosion! Missouri Gravel Beds (Eric Kuehler)

The afternoon session includes these stations:

- ◆ Station 1: Lichens 101 (Joe Murray)
- ◆ Station 2: American Chestnut—Bringing Back a Mighty Giant (Matt Brinckman)
- ◆ Station 3: Missouri Gravel Bed Demonstration (Eric Kuehler)
- ◆ Station 4: A Closer Look at Soils (Neil Hendrickson)

Mr. Rip Tompkins will conduct an all-day session, ArborMaster Tree Training and demonstrate climbing and the latest techniques in cutting.

There is a discount for tree stewards! Register at this site: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e9s4c260e83d2568&oseq=&c=dd0aa290-9d25-11e4-bc73-d4ae52710c75&ch=dd0ec140-9d25-11e4-bc73-d4ae52710c75>

September 19-20 and 26-27. (Newport News). **Plant Sale at the Virginia Living Museum.** In an effort to educate our visitors about the benefits of gardening with native plants, the Museum holds native plant sales the last two weekends in April and September, offering high quality, nursery propagated native plant species that are often difficult to find in the commercial nursery trade.

September 21-22 (Cary, N.C.) **NCEMGVA** (North Carolina Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association) **2015 Conference: Stewards of the Environment.** Dr. Damon Waitt, Director of the North Carolina Botanical Garden, will be the opening speaker. The keynote speaker will be Paul James, the star of HGTV's *Gardening by the Yard*.

To know more and to register, click on <http://ncmgva.camp8.org/>

January 18, 2016 (Virginia Beach, the Founder's Inn and Spa). **2016 Home Gardener Day.**

Registration for the event opens in September; includes hot lunch, free parking, and a gardener's dream day of fellowship and knowledge! Has our world changed? Is your garden prepared? Speakers invited to this event include Thomas Rainer, Doug Tallamy, Vincent Simeone, Karen Bussolini,



WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2015

BY HELEN HAMILTON

PAST PRESIDENT, JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

SPANISH NEEDLES

Bidens bipinnata

This native late-summer plant is called Spanish Needles because the needle-like dry fruits will stick to anything passing by. In summer the plant has small yellow flowers at the ends of slender stems, growing one-four feet high, depending on growing conditions. Bright green leaves are fern-like, divided many times and sit opposite each other on the stem.

By early fall the flower head is replaced by a round seed head, with the dry fruits radiating out in every direction. Each seed ends with a backward-pointing barb that clings to the fur, pants, shoestrings, and skin. An annual, it blooms for only one season, but the plant will reappear the next year as the seeds are distributed by the wind, animals, and people.

The rays and disc flowers identify this plant as a member of the Aster Family. All asters attract many types of bees, wasps, and flies, feeding on nectar in the disc flowers and transferring pollen. Honeybees, leaf-cutting bees, and the cabbage white butterfly are frequent visitors to Spanish Needles. Blooming from August through October, the nectar and pollen feeds insects that are active late in the season.

While it likes a fertile, loamy soil, somewhat moist, this plant can adapt to a wide range of environmental conditions, as long as there is dappled sunlight – it wilts in full sun. Other members of the genus *Bidens* prefer wetter habitats, and the leaves and flowers are different, the fruits broad, not needle-like. These plants are common throughout Virginia, but not usually available in garden centers. Seeds can be ordered from nurseries in the prairie states.

Native Americans found uses for this plant. The Cherokee chewed the leaves for sore throat and used a leaf tea to expel worms.

The genus name *Bidens* means “two teeth,” referring to the barbed points on the fruits that will stick into anything passing by, fur of animals and clothing of people. “Sticktight” is another common name.

For more information about native plants visit www.vnps.org.



Photo by Helen Hamilton

ADVANCED TREE STEWARD TRAINING

BY JEANNE MILLIN AND LARRY GASKINS



Laurie Fox, Ed Bradley, and Tree Stewards under a ginkgo tree in 2013

On Friday, July 17, the Peninsula Tree Stewards were invited to attend training organized by the Regional Tree Stewards of Hampton Roads.

The session was held at the Virginia Tech/ Hampton Roads AREC in Virginia Beach. Our first speaker was Alex Niemiera from the Department of Horticulture at Virginia Tech. He talked about the pros and cons of thirty native trees that could be used in our landscapes. We learned about height, spread, multi-stemmed varieties, resistance to disease, and which trees needed both male and female species to flower. We heard that two species in particular are beginning to exhibit disease problems: *Chionanthus virginicus* - white fringe tree (host to the emerald ash borer, which is coming this way and will threaten this species,) and *Fagus grandiflora* - American beech (bark scale infestation similar to the Dutch elm disease). We discussed which trees might do better in zone 8, and since there were only four of us from zone 7b, we will have to guess which trees are best in our landscapes. Alex is a good speaker; we have heard him at MG College, and he is always informative and worth the travel.

Our second speaker was a Chesapeake Master Gardener/Tree Steward and Urban Tree Trail Blazer, Ed Bradley. He was one of Bonnie Appleton's graduate students and shares her love of plants. Ed discussed the synergy of the plant and animal kingdoms as well as various studies which support the social and physical benefit of exposure to plants and urban landscaping. As a former probation officer overseeing at-risk young people, he observed the therapeutic benefits of working outdoors. One of the many pieces of information we learned was the need for diversity in our gardens. Ed referred to local areas of noteworthy arboriculture and the vast diversity of tree species. The formula he shared was, "No more than 30% of our plantings should be from the same family, 20% from the same genus, and 10% from the same species; also, healthy environments are considered to require at least 48% canopy cover. Several related programs were discussed, including "HELP" (Horticultural Enrichment and Learning Program), "ATP" (Arborist Training Program), and "SAFER" (Social, Aesthetic, Economic, Functional, and Recreational). Ed Bradley is an enthusiastic and interesting speaker who would be a good choice for a future program.



Ed Bradley and Laurie Fox offer instruction in 2013



A sweetgum tree bearing no fruit

CALLING ALL TRANSFERS!

We are searching for our transfers, old and new, to help advise us. We are setting up plans for a new subcommittee to welcome and mentor new transfers coming in to our JCC/W Master Gardener program. We are inviting all transfers to **join us for lunch** at Sal's by Victor after the September meeting on September 3. Whether or not you are interested in participating in the committee, we would like to hear your suggestions to make each transfer MG's experience welcoming and encouraging as we guide him or her through the transfer process.

You can contact: Kendra Swann 903-4783 kendraR179@aol.com

OR

Ginny Cranford 220-0585 gcranford42@gmail.com

Please join us to give us your thoughts!

LANDSCAPE LOVE BY GARY STREB



The Landscape Love project has recently completed another solid and successful season. Far from a record number of homeowner visits, but a much more comfortable level for all of the extension Master Gardener/Intern volunteers. Seventy-four homeowner visits were completed by fifty-four returning extension Master Gardeners and twelve Interns from the Class of 2015.

Internally we are in a rebuilding season. Team leaders John Giffin and Toni Johnson have allowed others the challenge of the scheduling and monitoring the homeowner visits of two of the five geographically designated teams. And the number of involved Interns was lower than normal. This made the scheduling more challenging, and the ops tempo more demanding for some of the team members. But results speak for themselves. Evaluations have been enthusiastic, mentioning the professionalism, experience level, and quality of the advice/education given to the homeowners. The homeowners now have our advice and suggestions on smart, sustainable landscaping that will aid how they approach their individual properties and how their collective actions affect the environmental health of the region.

Sincere thanks go out to each member of the Landscape Love team. Returning team leaders Anne Nielsen and Barbara Floyd and new Upper County leader Mary Wool provided essential leadership. And a special shout out for the years of leadership that John and Toni have provided to the project. Everyone stepped up to the demanding weather conditions and challenging schedule and secured outstanding results. Each one of us represents the extension office, the Master Gardener Association, and the Landscape Love project in dealing with the public---and you could not be doing a better job.

As we finish the spring season it is hard to believe that we will shortly be starting all over again. Summer can't be over yet! The fall season opens with homeowner registration commencing on August 15 and continuing through September 15. Organizational/training meeting for returning and newly interested Master Gardeners and Interns are scheduled for Thursday, September 17 and Monday September 21. Please put a "save the date" on your calendar for one of the two meetings. More details to follow.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and happy gardening.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

BY DIANE HARE

The 28th Annual VCE Master Gardener College was held June 25-28 in Blacksburg, Virginia, on the Virginia Tech campus. Our unit was very well represented by: Sue Liddell, Gary Streb, Kathy Hill, Kari Abbot, Jeanne Millin, Kendra Swann, Ginny Cranford, Diane Hare, Carol Fryer, and Ann Nielsen. We attended lots of great classes, went on field trips, learned about cutting-edge planting methods, and best of all: we had such a good time as a unit!

Please also see the list of Milestone Awards that were given to our unit's members during Master Gardener College. The list is published in this month's newsletter. And thanks to all of our members for the generous gift of their time and talents to help make our community an even better place to call home.

Master Gardener College is for any member who wants to learn more, hear great speakers, and get to spend time with others who share our passion for gardening! So, **SAVE THE DATE for next year: JUNE 23 THROUGH JUNE 26, 2016** and plan to attend.

MORE SCENES FROM MASTER GARDENER COLLEGE



Ginny Cranford gets into it!



Sue Liddell, Gary Streb, Kari Abbott, and Diane Hare display their milestone awards.



EVEN MORE SCENES FROM MASTER GARDENER COLLEGE



Thanks to the following for their basket donations for the VMGA silent auction: Carol Fryer, Diane Hare, Cathy Johnson, Jeanne Millin, Anne Nielsen, Marilyn Riddle, Gary Streb, Becky Sutton, Kendra Swann, and Jean and John Winters.



Photo courtesy of Dwight Sipler, *Wikimedia Commons*

Somebody's sad he didn't get to go to Master Gardener College this year.



A field trip to Andre' Viette's garden in Fishersville



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FREE!

2015 SUPER TURF SATURDAY



STEPS TO A BETTER LAWN!

Featuring the Virginia Tech Turf Research Team

Saturday, August 15, 2015 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(Registration and displays open at 8:30 a.m.)

James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road



**Pre-register by Aug 14
757-564-2179 (leave name, phone,
number attending)**



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Sandra Kee (757-564-2170/TDD*) during business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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Important Dates

- 7/23 1st Annual MG Picnic
- 7/25 Farmers Market: Barrels and Bins
- 7/25 Plant Walk in Ford's Colony
- 8/1-2 Butterfly Festival
- 8/6 MG Monthly Meeting
- 8/8 Farmers Market: Trees and Shrubs
- 8/15 Orchid Growing
- 8/15 Super Turf Saturday
- 8/22 Farmers Market: Pruning
- 9/5 Farmers Market: Therapeutic Gardening
- 9/11-12 Heritage Harvest Festival
- 9/11-12 Fall Plant Sale, Ginter
- 9/18 Waynesboro Tree Workshop
- 9/19 Farmers Market: Composting
- 9/19-20 Native Plant Sale, VLM
- 9/21-22 NCEMGVA Conference
- 9/26-27 Native Plant Sale, VLM
- 1/18/16 Home Gardener Day

SUNSHINE NOTES



In the past month we sent a card to:

Susan Neidlinger: Spouse medical
Mary Ann Kimminau: Spouse medical
Patti Ridgeway: Spouse medical

We received a thank you note from **Karen Jamison** in appreciation of the MG donation to the Williamsburg Botanical Garden.

We also received a note of appreciation from **Angela Cingale** for the support and sympathy from MGs during a recent family death.

The organization would like to send cards to members with difficult medical issues or who have experienced a death in the immediate family. Please provide names to the MG secretary, Patsy McGrady, 258-1181, patsymcgrady@cox.net.

JCC/W Master Gardener Mission Statement

The purpose of the James City County/ Williamsburg Master Gardener is to learn, educate, and communicate environmentally sound horticultural practices to the community.

Trained by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener volunteers are committed to offering information to the public through sustainable landscape management educational programs.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the September newsletter will be Monday, August 21.

Please send any submissions to Hope Yelich, newsletter editor, at hopeyelich@gmail.com

ABOUT THE VIRGINIA MASTER GARDENERS AND VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Virginia Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education and training. As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Master Gardeners bring the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the commonwealth.