



The Colonial Master Gardener

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY GARY STREB

Change, renewal, and continuity. This seems to be my signature theme.

Our new vice president for projects, Janet Smith, in collaboration with Kate Robbins and the current project leaders, is reviewing the mission and community impact of each of our VCE projects.

First impression: we are in need of several new project leaders to carry on the services that we now provide to the citizens of James City County and the City of Williamsburg. This is a personal opportunity to learn and grow in a project area that interests you the most. Projects evolve and leaders move on. Our dynamic group now has the opportunity to expand and grow the projects to better suit the needs of the community. Interested in a new challenge? We may have the perfect job for you!



The Graphics Fairy

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 4

**THERE IS NO MEETING IN JULY,
BUT DON'T MISS OUR 2ND ANNUAL
PICNIC ON JULY 21!**

Angela Cingale, our vice president for administration, is putting together the nominating committee for the upcoming election of our 2017 Master Gardener Association board. The positions of president-elect, vice president administration, and vice president internal education will be opening up. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions early! No experience needed! Job descriptions are on the member's only webpage: <http://jccwmg.org/wordpress/>

Gentle reminder: Reservations for the Easy Living Picnic are still available. Just mail your reservation (and check) to Joan Burke, 129 Mahogany Run, Williamsburg, VA 23188. The picnic is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, from 3:00-7:00pm at the Interpretive Center at Freedom Park. Cost is \$8 per person for the Pierce's BBQ catered fare. See details on the Master Gardener website or the email blast of June 22. We hope to see you all there!

We are off to Master Gardener College at Virginia Tech tomorrow. Next month we will share some of the first-timers' experiences and impressions of the "regulars."

"When all the chores are done, the avid gardener will invent some new ones." —author unknown

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A WORD FROM KATHY BUSH, VP INTERNAL EDUCATION

It has been a pleasure to serve our EMG unit, but my term runs out the end of 2016. Here is an opportunity to “Pay It Forward” and do your part to make the JCCW Extension Master Gardeners a vibrant group. Do you care about horticultural education? Do you like to meet interesting garden speakers from around the state? Do you enjoy writing about and researching relevant topics? The position of Vice President Internal Education might be the job for you!

For more information, contact me at kathykbush@verizon.net.



A typical EMG thinking about what to volunteer for next....

...AND ONE FROM JANET SMITH, VP PROJECTS: OPPORTUNITIES, GROWTH, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN MG PROJECTS

As the new Vice President Projects, I am in a discovery mode. One of my first necessities is to review our existing EMG projects.

I am updating the contact information for each EMG project. As part of that effort, I realize we have some opportunity for new leadership. As Gary Streb stated in his president’s message, projects change over time, and leaders move on to new challenges. New leadership can bring new ideas and different ways to move existing projects forward to provide additional educational opportunities for the community we serve.

The following EMG projects have openings in either the project lead and/or the co-lead roles.

Landscape Love	Pruning Clinics	Plant Sale
Youth Environment Education	School Gardens	

If you would like to find out more about the opportunities, please contact me at smithpmp@aol.com

The MG Board meets on the third Friday of each month at 9:30 am at the Williamsburg Regional Library, Room B, on Scotland Street, Williamsburg.

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

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND PLACES TO EXPLORE

BY KATHY BUSH

Since there will not be a general meeting in July, be on the lookout for opportunities to expand your garden knowledge while enjoying your travels, visiting with family, or relaxing at home. Some suggestions for local garden viewing and good day trips are:

Charles City and West Point- Berkeley Plantation, Belle Air Plantation, Westover Plantation, and Chelsea Plantation

Thru the Tunnel- Norfolk Botanical Garden and the Virginia Zoo

Richmond- Maymont, Agecroft Hall, Virginia House, Tuckahoe Plantation, and Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Shenandoah Valley-Monticello, Montpelier, State Arboretum of Virginia (Boyce), Carrier Arboretum and Botanical Gardens (Harrisonburg)

Northern Virginia- Mount Vernon, River Farm, Oatlands (Leesburg), Woodlawn Plantation, Meadowlark Botanical Garden (Vienna)

For more information, visit <http://www.virginia.org/viriniagardens/>

July 16 (Freedom Park Interpretive Center).
Sunflowers, A Native American Beauty. 10:00am. Andy Bradshaw will talk about the history, cultivation, and beauty of the sunflower. Andy is a native of James City County, an avid gardener, and is passionate about sunflowers. He has grown over twenty-eight varieties of sunflowers in his garden throughout the years! Suggested donation \$5.00.



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July 21 (Newport News Main St. Library, 110 Main St., 23601). **Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home.** 6:45-8:30pm. Presented by the John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society, this is a ninety-minute environmental, education documentary focused on showing how and why native plants are critical to the survival and vitality of local ecosystems. Seating is limited. Contact is Judith Kator (757) 229-0714.

September 10 (Monticello, Charlottesville).
Heritage Harvest Festival. Speakers, workshops, tastings and tours- A day of fun and learning. <http://www.heritageharvestfestival.com/>



September 10 (Brittingham Mid-town Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive, Newport News 23601). 10:00am-3:00pm. **Go Green Expo 2016** is sponsored by the VCE and Peninsula Master Gardeners. This year's event theme is "Eat Local, Grow Local, Live Local." <http://www.nngogreenexpo.org/>



September 17 (Somerset, Orange County). **From Your Backyard to the Blue Ridge.** 9:00am-12:00noon. Presented by the Rapidan River EMGs. Email questions to rapidanrivermg@gmail.com. Or leave a message at the Culpeper Extension office phone: 540-727-3435. <http://vcemastergardener.blogspot.com/2016/06/from-your-backyard-to-blue-ridge.html>

Throughout the summer. Colonial Williamsburg Gardens and Tours. There are more than 100 gardens and green spaces in Colonial Williamsburg. Have you explored them all yet? Many of our EMGs work in or give tours of these delightful and interesting places. For more tours and ticket information, see <http://www.history.org/history/>

PICK-A-DAY TO FIGHT-THE-BITE

BY KATHY BUSH

I'd like to pass on this information from Patty Townsend, VCE program assistant in New Kent County.

Facts about the Asian tiger mosquito that can transmit the ZIKA VIRUS:

- ◆ They breed in standing water that has collected in containers and other man-made items
- ◆ They don't breed in ponds or puddles of water over soil
- ◆ They live throughout Virginia
- ◆ They tend to bite during the day rather than at night
- ◆ The usual pesticide spraying is not effective against them
- ◆ They typically spend their entire lives within a 200-yard area
- ◆ They develop into adults in about ten days



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / Wikimedia Commons

Therefore..... From May through October PICK ONE DAY A WEEK to check for breeding sites on your property! Empty or change the water in these possible mosquito breeding sites:

Bird Baths Rain Barrels & Cisterns Boat & Cover Recycling Bins Buckets/Tarps
Swimming Pools Drain Pipes Artificial Fish Ponds Tires/Tire Swings
Flower Pots & Trays Toys Items behind your shed Trash Cans
Items under your deck Watering Cans Pet Food & Water Bowls Wheelbarrows
Rain Gutters Utility Carts Any other man-made items that hold water

Protect yourself from mosquito bites:

- ◆ Use mosquito repellent
- ◆ Carefully follow the directions
- ◆ Approved active ingredients include: DEET, Picaridin, IR3535
- ◆ Wear long sleeves, pants, socks and shoes while outside
- ◆ Use undamaged screens on windows and doors

For more information, please google Centers for Disease Control Zika OR Virginia Department of Health Zika

THE ENVIRONMENTALLY BENEFICIAL LANDSCAPE: SOUND DESIGN AND NATIVE PLANTS

BY GARY STREB

“Life begins the day you start to garden.” -----Chinese proverb

As I mentioned last month, over the next several months I will review the eight essential elements of conservation landscaping from the Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council’s *Conservation Landscaping Guidelines*.

Our Master Gardener educational efforts have expounded the benefits of creating and maintaining a sustainable landscape. The community has gone further in a concerted effort by working with nature to reduce the ill effects on the environments brought by human intervention. Conservation landscaping incorporates environmentally focused design, low-impact future development, as well as use of native non-invasive and beneficial plants and integrated pest management to create a landscape to protect our clean air and water, support wildlife, and improve the human condition.

The first of the eight elements defines the need for sound design—both benefitting the environment as well as functioning efficiently and aesthetically for human use and well-being. Design should be viewed in the overall context of nature and should attempt to preserve, enhance, and reduce human impact upon the natural state. The authors believe that people should use the given landscape rather than drastically try to transform or alter the site.

Advice to those attempting a garden design: initially analyze the site and determine your goals for the site—what you want the landscape to do while considering the impact on the natural state. Determine what you need to do to fulfill those needs or goals. Preserve the existing features to the greatest degree to fit your objectives but realize you might have to eliminate current degraded environmental issues, such as ridding the site of invasive or exotic plants. Creation of new environmental features may benefit both nature/wildlife as well as the human aesthetic. The creation of a water feature is an example. Who doesn’t love the sight and sound of a natural- looking pond that can support a multitude of wildlife? Link new features with natural areas or transition into them. Mirror nature—avoid massive lawns—think curvilinear and not straight lines. Design can be simple or quite complex. Think in workable phases, which might depend on time, physical effort, or finances.

Secondly, a conservation landscape uses locally native plants that are appropriate for the conditions of the site. Ever hear of “right plant right place?” But this is not as easy as it sounds. What is “native?” Definitions vary, but generally alien/introduced/exotic plants have been brought into the region by human intervention. Natives have flourished in the region since historical records have been written. Cultivars or navitars add to the complexity of what is native to the region. The extended use of genetically modified plants may influence the interaction that wildlife has with the plant. For example, a different color flower from the native species might cause birds/pollinators to avoid the once-loved plant.

Balanced communities of regionally native plants support the local wildlife. Both have co-evolved to form independent communities. Natives in the right place generally need less water, fertilizer, or pesticides. Climate change, however, adds another element to the mix. Don’t harvest native plants from the forest—many may be naturalized, introduced alien plants, or even invasive. Buy from reputable sources with recommendation from the Virginia Native Plant Society.

Creating and maintaining a sustainable and conservation landscape is obviously not simply falling in love with a cute plant at the garden center and then trying to find a place to put it in your yard and hope for the best.

Photo of silky dogwood by Fritzflohreynolds/wikimedia commons

JULY MASTER GARDENER ACTIVITIES IN NEW KENT

BY SUSAN VOIGHT

Carole's Garden continues to flourish. We harvested the final strawberries, carrots, lettuce, and spinach in early June, and we've recently harvested garlic, onions, beets, turnips, and chard. Green beans, summer squash, and tomatoes are thriving. Our newest crop, peanuts, will be harvested in early fall, we hope! Extension Master Gardeners and interns are welcome to join us to weed and harvest each Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:00am in the garden near the Virginia Cooperative Extension office in New Kent.

The annual NK VCE sponsored **Taking Root Farm Tour** will be Sunday, July 24 (1:00-5:00pm) and will feature two farm sites: Poplar Springs Farm and Hockaday Sheep Farm near



Providence Forge. This is the thirteenth year that the NK VCE has invited the public to visit local farms; four family farms this year. EMGs are needed to serve as hosts, parking directors, and helpers.

Poplar Springs Farm, on Emmaus Church Road, has been in the Talley family for over one hundred years and features field crops and cattle and a few chickens. Jimmy and Regina's son, Richard, and his wife Kendra have the adjacent Oak Grove Farm with vegetable production as well as meat products. A VCE food preparation truck and bee keepers will also be on site.

The Hockaday family has fields of corn across Carriage Road from Dennis and Debbie Hockaday's Sheep Farm, family vineyard, and National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat just off US 60. Debbie will demonstrate spinning wool from her own sheep, and Dennis will describe wine making techniques using grapes he grows. Extension Master Gardeners will have a help desk and exhibits along with Smokey Bear from the Department of Forestry.

We will offer a pre-tour of this year's farm sites in early July for EMGs and interns interested in volunteering at one of the farm tour sites on July 24. Interested volunteers should contact John Allison, VCE Agriculture agent in New Kent County by July 10 (john.allison@vt.edu) or (804) 966-9645.

SUMMER PLANT WALKS

BY HELEN HAMILTON

These walks are free and open to the public. Sponsored by the John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society. For details on these walks, see June's *The Colonial Master Gardener*, page 6.

A Cool Ravine Bottom in Freedom Park. Saturday, July 23, 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Greenhouse and Herbarium Tour, College of William and Mary, Saturday, July 30, 10:00 am.

Flowers of Late Summer, Newport News Park, Saturday, August 13, 10:00 am

TAKE A DEEP BREATH NOW AND THEN

Ailene Bartlett passed along these inspiring reminders from Marcie Clark, the parish nurse at St. Stephen Lutheran Church. (From *The Quill*, the newsletter of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, May 2016). Used here with permission.

Want to improve your mood, lower your blood pressure, and burn calories?!? Try gardening!

Gardening is moderate-to high-intensity exercise that can burn up to 330 calories in just an hour.

Want to reduce stress and calm a busy mind, try meditating while you work. Listen to the birds, feel the breeze and the soil on your fingers as you dig.

Light yard work like digging in the dirt or cutting back flowers for 30 minutes at a time, a couple of times a week, can lower blood pressure.

Just seeing flowers can boost your mood, and even reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety!

Working in your yard and garden is also an opportunity for prayer. Regular prayer has been shown in numerous scientific studies to be an important factor in living longer and staying healthy.

So take time in your garden to promote feelings of tranquility and peace of mind.

A Garden of Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No Garden Without Turnips:

1. Turnip for church
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience
Cultivate with love
There is much fruit in your garden
Because you reap what you sow.

—Author Unknown



Both, The Graphics Fairy



A WALK IN WET WOODS

BY HELEN HAMILTON

The forecast was not promising for the weekend, so I called Pat Rathke for advice. A JCCW Master Gardener, she saw no problem with a little rain, so I decided not to cancel.

Pouring rain when I met a small group of plant walkers at the Lightfoot Post Office on May 21 at 8:30 am. Pat Rathke and Pat Hultberg and their husbands drove themselves to Richmond, since they had other plans after our visit to Eden Woods.



Photo by Norie Burnet

Since Sylvia Sterling grew up in Richmond, she volunteered to drive me and Susan Holler all the way to southwestern Richmond, in North Chesterfield, Bon Air. Never stopped raining.

We met Norie Burnet at her lovely home and were joined by Shirley Ferguson and Eunice Hyer, who live in Richmond. Inside it was dry, and Norie gave us the history of her gardening experience. She is a charming speaker and told us when she bought the property over thirty years ago she tried to grow grass, but one of her sons encouraged her to give up and let the mosses grow. And they have done so – all the pathways are mossy, bordered by trees, shrubs, and perennials, in artistic arrangements.



Photo of Helen Hamilton and Norie Burnet by Randy Hultberg

The rain stopped, at least to a light drizzle, and with raincoats and boots Norie led us through her garden, stopping to point out a favorite group of plants or to identify a moss. It is indeed an “eden,” which is the name Norie gave the garden as she worked on it, section by section, turning a jungle into groups of plants lined with neat mossy pathways, some with stone stepping stones.

Norie cautioned us that a moss garden requires just as much work as any other garden. She had just used a blower to clear away leaves and debris from some of the paths. And there are always pine cones and magnolia leaves, which she told us should never be planted near mosses, because the leaves are so large and profuse.

Some of the little spring wildflowers that grow up through the mosses are allowed to remain, some are removed.

Much information is available about Norie and her gardens, since she has been featured in numerous publications and talk shows. Along with the photos she mailed to me was one of her cards, “Moss and Shade Gardening, Slide Lectures and Garden Tours.” At eighty-six, she said she does all the maintenance in her garden, treating herself to a glass of wine after several hours of especially hard gardening. And she shows no signs of slowing down - inspiration for us all!



Photo by Norie Burnet

WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH JULY 2016

BY HELEN HAMILTON

PAST PRESIDENT, JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

WILD HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea arborescens

Hydrangeas are a popular garden plant, especially the old-fashioned snowball, or 'Annabelle' hydrangea, which is a naturally occurring variant of the wild or smooth hydrangea. This species is native to nearly every county in Virginia, growing in ravines, wooded slopes, and stream banks from New York to Florida and west to Iowa, Missouri, and Louisiana.

Wild hydrangea is a widely branched shrub with gray-brown stems covered with dark green, rounded leaves with small, sharp teeth along the edges. Easily grown in well-drained, moist soils, the plant is low maintenance and will tolerate clay or rocky soils. Groups of this shrub make a nice addition to a woodland garden in part shade, or as a perennial border background. The leaves turn yellow in the fall, and while the whole plant may die to the ground in a harsh winter, it comes back in the spring.

Flower heads appear in May as flattened spheres, first greenish, then creamy white, six-inches across. Blooming continues through July, with scattered flowering until fall. Since the plants make flowers on new wood, the stems can be pruned back close to the ground in late winter to encourage vital new growth. The flowers on 'Annabelle' hydrangea are larger, eight-twelve inches across, on strong, straight stems.

These plants are often confused with the Chinese snowball viburnum (*Viburnum macrocephalum*), another deciduous shrub with ball-shaped white flower heads, five-eight inches wide. Both shrubs have dark green, toothed leaves, opposite on the stem. The viburnum is a larger shrub, growing to twenty feet in height, in full sun; the blooming period is shorter, and it is not as cold tolerant.

Many cultivars of hydrangea species are available in nurseries and garden centers, and are popular with gardeners. The mopheads and lacecaps (*Hydrangea macrophylla*), native to Japan, come in pink or blue varieties, depending on the composition of soils. Another eastern Asian species, "PeeGee" hydrangea (*H. paniculata*), often forms flower heads somewhat pyramidal in shape. They require full sun and can be pruned to form a full tree.

Oakleaf hydrangea (*H. quercifolia*) is native to southeastern U.S., growing best in Georgia and Louisiana. This deciduous shrub is smaller, less than eight feet tall, and forms large panicles of white flowers in summer. The dark green leaves have three-seven lobes, resembling those of oak trees.

But many cultivars and non-native hydrangeas have no flowers for wildlife. The native wild hydrangea provides food for a variety of bees, beetles, ants, and flies that also provide pollinating services for gardens.



Photo: Wild Hydrangea 'Annabelle' (*Hydrangea arborescens*) taken by Phillip Merritt

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

HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE!

I couldn't figure out how to ease these pictures into the text, but here are some I found while working on the newsletter this month. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do. They're all from the copyright-free, cost-free site pixabay. —Hope



THIS AND THAT

Picnic. Don't forget to sign up for our spectacular (and yet relaxing) second annual picnic, "Summertime and the Living is Easy." It will be on Thursday, July 21, from 3:00-7:00pm at Freedom Park. You'll find the invitation and reservation form at the end of this newsletter. Hurry and fill out the reservation form, include a check to JCCWMGA, and mail to Joan Burke, 129 Mahogany Run, Williamsburg, VA 23188 as soon as possible. We hope to see you there!



UPCOMING FARMERS' MARKET DATES

July 2—Plant Propagation
July 16—Veggies
July 30—Pruning
August 13—Trees & Shrubs
August 27—Composting
September 10—Therapeutic Gardening

Coaches Needed for the Help Desk. The help desk needs more coaches for the interns during the July/August/September months. It's likely to be a very busy time, and the coordinators desperately need your participation.

If you can give some hours for this important activity, please contact Avril Purvis at 869-5639.



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Our Contribution to the VMGA Live Auction.

Angela Cingale and Marilyn Riddle would like to thank the VCE JCCW Extension Master Gardeners for their generous collective donation of \$82.00 for the VMGA live auction at MG College which sponsors the state MG coordinator at VA Tech.

We purchased a hand-crafted bird feeder at Jamestown Feed and Seed for \$26.00. The other three prizes came from the Williamsburg at Home store on Duke of Gloucester Street: a blue and white museum reproduction of a brick -shaped flower holder (\$15.00) and two tulipieres (a large one at \$25.00 and a small one at \$16.00).

Important Dates

- 7/2 Farmers Market—Plant Propagation
- 7/16 Sunflowers (Freedom Park)
- 7/16 Farmers Market—Veggies
- 7/21 Hometown Habitat (NN Main St. Library)
- 7/21 2nd annual EMG picnic (Freedom Park)
- 7/23 Ravine Bottom Walk (Freedom Park)
- 7/24 Farm Tour (Providence Forge)
- 7/30 Greenhouse Tour (W&M)
- 7/30 Farmers Market—Pruning
- 8/6-7 Butterfly Festival (Williamsburg Bot. Garden)
- 8/13 Farmers Market—Trees and Shrubs)
- 8/13 Flowers of Late Summer (Newport News Park)
- 8/27 Farmers Market—Composting
- 9/10 Heritage Harvest Festival (Monticello)
- 9/10 Go Green Expo (Newport News)
- 9/10 Farmers Market—Therapeutic Gardening
- 9/17 Backyard to the Blue Ridge (Somerset)

SUNSHINE NOTES



In the past month, we sent a card to:

Marilyn Riddle: Family Death
Richard Stratton: Surgery

Marilyn asked that I share the following message with you: “ I really appreciate the cards that I received and the moments that some of you took when we were on working assignments to express your condolences at the death of my brother.”

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 EMG secretary, Cathy Johnson, at (757) 208-0065, or cathypj@gmail.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the August newsletter will be Monday, July 18.

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

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.

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.

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*"Summertime...
and the Living is Easy"*



You are invited to an "Easy Living Picnic": *Thursday, July 21, 2016*

Freedom Park

5537 Centerville Road

3:00 - 7:00 PM

Sponsored by WBG/JCC Master Gardener Association Board

We will gather, late afternoon, at the Freedom Park Interpretive Center for a Barbeque Supper. You will find picnic tables on the patio and tables inside for allergy-prone, bug-prone, heat-prone, and/or rain-prone members. Food will be warmed, cooled and serviced from the kitchen. Ample parking, ADA access and rest rooms available onsite will ensure every convenience for attendees.

Barbequed pork and chicken sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and drinks will be provided for a nominal fee of \$8.00 per person. Master Gardeners who attend are asked to bring either an appetizer or a dessert to complete our menu.

We hope you will join us along with your spouse, family member or guest for friends, food, fun and relaxation.

RESERVATION

Master Gardener Association Picnic

Please complete this form and return to Joan Burke, ¹²⁹~~209~~ Mahogany Run, Williamsburg, VA 23188, by Thursday, June 30 to secure your reservation for the picnic. Checks should be made payable to: WBG/JCC Master Gardener Association. The cost per person for attendees is \$8.00.

I am including my check for _____, and understand that this will become a contribution to the WBG/JCC MGA if my plans should necessarily change.

Number of attendees: _____

I plan to bring: Appetizer OR Dessert
 (For 10 people) (For 10 People)

I can't wait to attend the JCC MGA Picnic.





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TAKING ROOT

Farm Tour



SUNDAY
July 24, 2016
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Visit different kinds of farming operations and learn about New Kent agriculture.



Featuring:

Poplar Springs Farm
5810 Emmaus Church Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Hockaday Sheep Farm
10910 Carriage Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140



☞ Hockaday site located off US Route 60 in Providence Forge Area ☞

From Interstate 64 take Exit 214. Travel south on VA Route 155 to Providence Forge. Turn left (east) on US Route 60, travel 0.8 miles., turn left onto Carriage Road and follow signs 1.7 miles.

☞ Poplar Springs site located off VA Route 106 in Providence Forge, Area ☞

From Interstate 64 take Exit 211. Travel south on VA Route 106 2.1 miles to Farm on right.

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For more information visit: <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/new-kent/> or call the
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