



The Colonial Master Gardener

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VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY SUE LIDDELL

Earlier this year the MG Board approved the purchase of a sign for the Historic Triangle Community Garden, a project chaired by Barbara Gustafson and Yvonne Forbes. A number of MGs and community organizations rent beds there and grow a variety of vegetables and flowers under the guidance of MG volunteers. Once the sign was installed I met Barbara and Yvonne at the site to take a publicity picture and afterwards walked back to see the garden. The beds were overflowing.

Yvonne had dug up some huge sweet potatoes from the FISH bed. We walked among the raised beds, noting the many grow boxes along the fence – no deer here. One particular tomato caught my eye. It was a tomato looking forward to Halloween. It makes me smile every time I look at the picture. One could almost forgive the disease and insects that ruined the fruit.

Enjoy these beautiful fall days in your garden – a perfect time for dividing plants for the plant sale.

For more pictures of the garden, please see page 14.



Next Meeting:
Thursday, October 1
Program:
Carol Fryer and Mitzi Balma
"Garden Highlights from Master Gardener European Travels"



Barbara Gustafson and Yvonne Forbes

The Incredible Edible team will have a fall planning meeting early next month to decide on winter plantings and also to begin laying the groundwork for the Grow It & Eat It community seminar to be held in March.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Barbara by email (barbara-sq@cox.net) or by phone (757-564-1888).

Happy Halloween from the tomato and from me.

ADMINISTRATION BY DIANE HARE

2015
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Our unit's election of officers will be held at our November general meeting. The Nominating Committee has recommended, and the Board has approved the following slate of officers:

President Elect: Gary Streb
Vice President of Projects: Wilma Sharpe
Secretary: Cathy Johnson
Treasurer: Amy Higgins

For biographical information on these candidates, please see the September *Colonial Master Gardener*, page 2.

A REMINDER FROM BOB WINTHER, MGA TREASURER 2011-2015

Fiscal Year 2015 is quickly coming to an end. I would ask that you please submit any and all requests for MGA project reimbursement for the current year by December 15. The reimbursement form is out on our website (click on the Members Page tab). Please affix this form to all receipts.

Since I will be closing the accounts for 2015 on December 31 and turning over all financial-related materials to the new incoming treasurer, it is important that all reimbursements occur well before that date (December 15, 2015). Any requests after that date will be applied against the 2016 budget.

On another note ...

As in previous years I would like to thank everyone who submitted dues this year in a timely fashion. It is important for the treasurer and board to know approximately how much income will be available when preparing the new budget for fiscal 2016. Although our bylaws require dues to be paid by January 31 of the fiscal year in which they are applied, I am asking all MGA members to attempt to pay dues before that drop-dead date.

To that end

I will start collecting MGA dues beginning in October for fiscal year 2016. MGA dues are still \$15.

I will be at all association general meetings from October to December to collect any and all checks.

Checks made out to "JCC/W Master Gardeners" with the note "Association Dues" in the memo line may be handed to me at these MGA monthly meetings or sent directly to my home address.

Bob Winther - MGA Treasurer
4751 Regents Park
Williamsburg, VA 23188-1798

These monies help to support the programs of your MGA and are crucial to the wellbeing of our association. It is a reality that without these funds many projects could not be supported since we do not obtain any funding other than through donations and dues.

Your MGA board appreciates your prompt consideration of this matter.

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.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITES AND UPCOMING PLANT SALES

BY KATHY BUSH

October 3-4 (Newport News Park). **Fall Festival of Folklife. MG plant sale** 10-5 each day. Lots of crafts, music, and food, and plants from our neighbors in Newport News.

October 10 (Knots Creek Nursery, 6120 Knotts Neck Rd., Suffolk). **Plant sale at Knots Creek Nursery** for master gardeners. 8:00am-noon. Plants will be available to purchase, including our beautiful pansies, at wholesale cost plus 10%. Hope you all can make it! <http://www.knotscreeknursery.com/directions.asp>

October 17 (Freedom Park Interpretive Center). **Herb-Infused Oils and Vinegars.** 10:00am. Carol Schmidt from the Colonial Triangle of Virginia Unit of the Herb Society of America will share many recipes for interesting combinations of herbs, oils and vinegars. Suggested donation \$5.

October 22-23 (Richmond, Crowne Plaza Downtown). **Virginia Urban Agricultural Summit.** Confirmed speakers include Ben Flanner with Brooklyn Grande, and Ben Greene with The Farmery. <http://www.vabeginningfarmer.alce.vt.edu/news/20151022UrbanAgSummit.html>

November 10. Open meeting of the Colonial Triangle Unit of the Herb Society of America. The speaker will be Briscoe White, an herb farmer in Charles City County who grows a catalog full of herbs locally for sale by mail order and online. His topic- "Planting a Great Herb Garden."

November 21 (Freedom Park Interpretive Center). **Growing Herbaceous Peonies.** 10:00am.- Mike Lockett will recommend the best early and mid-season single Japanese double varieties for peonies in Virginia. Suggested donation \$5.

December 12- Virginia Master Gardener Association meeting at Williamsburg Regional Library- open to all

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

Registration for the event opens in October; 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, John Kartesz, and Pam Beck.



INTERNAL EDUCATION

BY KATHY BUSH

We will be armchair travelers at our next meeting on October 1 as two of our members are going to share garden highlights of their recent trips to England and France. Mitzi Balma will show us the Chelsea Flower Show, and Carol Fryer will take us to the palace gardens at Versailles and the Royal Botanical Kew Gardens.

Visitors can see hundreds of acres of fountains and formal gardens, parterres, pools, sculptures, a mile long canal, and a seven-acre orangery holding 1000 trees on a tour of the gardens at Versailles.



Photo by Carol Fryer



This picture is one example of the hundreds of inspiring indoor and outdoor exhibits seen at the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower show. The display from Avon Bulbs of Somerset is as dazzling as ever. Tulips such as vibrant red, green and white *Tulipa* 'Flaming Springgreen' or mauve-pink 'Bleu Aimable' rub shoulders with various *Allium* including tall, white 'Mount Everest' and substantial purple 'Globemaster', while purple *Ixia* shimmer behind *Lunaria annua* 'Variegata'. Particularly interesting are the plants of *Tropaeolum tricolor*, grown up cylinders of chicken wire.

Kew Gardens, in addition to being rich in 250 years of history, feature a conservatory with ten different climatic zones and an Alpine glass house that holds delicate flowers that grow in this high altitude region. This amazing horticultural gem features a water lily house, formal gardens, inspiring landscapes, a palm house and much more.



THIRTEEN GARDENS TO VISIT IN VIRGINIA

BY KATHY BUSH

Maybe we can't hop the next plane to Europe or an exotic climate, but there are plenty of wonderful gardens to see right here in Virginia. Check out this list and see how many you have already seen. The first one doesn't count!

I adapted this information from the website ONLYINYOURSTATE <http://www.onlyinyourstate.com/virginia/>

1. Colonial Williamsburg Gardens

Colonial Williamsburg is as well known for its historic gardens as for its historic buildings. Featuring dozens of varietal gardens throughout the community, visitors can take guided or self-guided tours through painstakingly recreated formal gardens, as well as countless flower, herb, and vegetable gardens



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2. Chatham Manor, Fredericksburg

This Revolutionary War-era manor house served as an active plantation for more than a century. Today, the home and grounds have been restored by the National Park Service and the main house serves as the visitors' center and museum for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. A local Rotary Club and area garden club work with the organization, Friends of Chatham, to provide ongoing care and maintenance of the stunning gardens throughout the grounds.

3. Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond

Open year-round, Lewis Ginter features themed gardens such as the Rose Garden, the Healing Garden, an Asian Valley and more across fifty acres of historic land. In addition to seasonal exhibits, The gardens offer interactive programs, tours and educational workshops. In 2014, Lewis Ginter was voted the #2 Public Garden in the U.S. by readers of *USA Today*.



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THIRTEEN GARDENS TO VISIT IN VIRGINIA CONTINUED



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4. Monticello Gardens, Charlottesville

The gardens at Monticello perfectly showcase Thomas Jefferson's penchant for experimentation and creativity. Set amongst mountain views, the gardens at his historic home are a showcase of flowers, herbs and vegetables, many of which he brought from other places around the world to experiment with and observe.

5. Gunston Hall Gardens and Manor House

Located in Lorton, Gunston Hall was the home of founding father George Mason. Mason lived at Gunston until his death in 1792. Today, the home is a museum and offers tours of both the home and the grounds, which include flower gardens, orchards, and terraced ornamental gardens.



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6. Mount Vernon

Like other historic homes on the list, Mount Vernon's gardens have been carefully restored to reflect what they might have looked like in George Washington's time. An avid gardener and active participant in every element of their design, Washington took great care to create gardens that were both functional and beautiful. Today, his work can be seen on both guided and self-guided tours through kitchen gardens, flowered paths and creative formal garden mazes.

7. Norfolk Botanical Garden

In addition to being a National Historic Landmark, the Norfolk Botanical Garden calls itself a "museum for plants," featuring one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses, and rhododendrons on the East Coast. With more than fifty themed gardens over 155 acres, the gardens are also home to ninety-five bird species, thirty different types of butterflies, and a three-acre children's garden.



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THIRTEEN GARDENS TO VISIT IN VIRGINIA CONTINUED



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8. Maymont Park, Richmond

With over 100 acres of manicured grounds, the gardens at Maymont are truly special. Featuring a Japanese Garden, the historic Italian Gardens, and farm and vegetable gardens, Maymont offers both an aesthetic and practical look at Virginia's botany.



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9. Old City Cemetery, Lynchburg

Referred to as a "Gravegarden," the Old City Cemetery is the oldest public cemetery still in use in the state. Established in 1806, the cemetery covers more than twenty-six acres and features museums and heirloom gardens, including hundreds of varieties of plants and flowers.



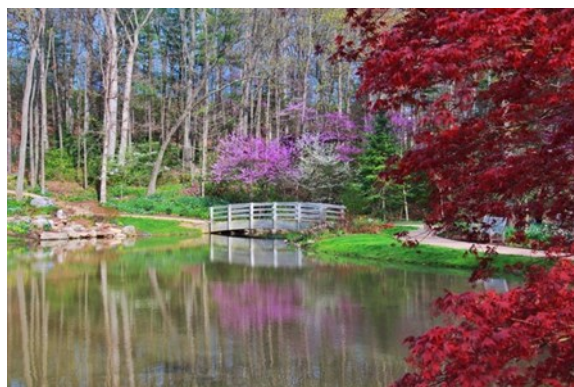
DC Gardens via Tom Stovall

10. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna

This ninety-five-acre garden complex features walking trails, lakes, more than twenty varieties of cherry trees, as well as countless flowers, birds, and butterflies. A visitor's center and atrium provide a closer look at the garden's many features and offer workshops, tours, field trips, concerts, and volunteer programs throughout the year.

11. Edith J. Carrier Arboretum and Botanical Gardens at James Madison University, Harrisonburg

Located on the beautiful James Madison University campus, this stunning oasis offers forested walking trails, botanic gardens and a wide variety of educational resources. The arboretum is the only one of its kind on a college campus and is open to the public at no charge 365 days a year.



Edith J. Carrier Arboretum and Botanical Gardens/ Facebook

THIRTEEN GARDENS TO VISIT IN VIRGINIA CONTINUED



Blandy Experimental Farm/ Facebook

12. Blandy Experimental Farm and State Arboretum of Virginia, Boyce

As a University of Virginia research facility, the Blandy Experimental Farm promotes the understanding of environmental issues surrounding the natural world. Founded in the 1930s, The State Arboretum of Virginia covers 172 acres of the farm and features over 5,000 trees and shrubs from around the world. The farm offers workshops, lectures, tours, and field trips, as well as children's programs and annual events like Garden Fair and ArborFest.

13. The Gardens at Oatlands Plantation, Leesburg

Built in 1803, Oatlands is the historic manor home of George Carter. Carter built and designed the manor home and gardens in the English style, and today the gorgeously preserved terraced gardens feature fruit trees and vegetables gardens, as well as trees, shrubs, and flowers, just as they would have been 200 years ago.



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The Garden of the Imagination

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CAN YOU GUESS?

BY KEN CARO

Here are three photos of flowers taken September 16 in the Blayton school garden. Each flower is from a different crop we are growing. Can you identify them? Answers below.



DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS?

BY HOPE YELICH

If so, please let them know that applications are being accepted for the 2016 James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardener Training Program. Classes will begin on Monday, January 4, 2016, and continue through Wednesday, April 7, 2016. Classes will meet for three hours Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. The location will be announced at a later date, but it is likely classes will be held at the county recreation center on Longhill Road. The cost of the program is \$150, which is due at the time of application.

The deadline to receive completed applications is October 15, 2015. To request an application or to ask questions about the process, call the VCE office in Toano at 564-2170.

As you know, Master Gardeners are volunteers with VCE who educate the public about gardening and horticulture while promoting sustainable landscape practices. There are more than thirty projects available to volunteers once they complete their training and internships, so spread the word before the class fills up!

ANSWERS: (1) Cotton, (2) Okra, (3) Sweet Potato

MILESTONE AWARDS 2015



The 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 in June. For a list of the recipients, please see the August *Colonial Master Gardener*, page 2. Photo by Sue Liddell.

Thank you for the gift of your time and talents!

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE MG COORDINATORS

BY KATHY BUSH

If you missed our September meeting, here is a brief summary of the information Dave Close and John Freeborn brought to us. Their office is responsible for MG College, updating the training manual, developing leaders, and sharing knowledge to empower communities. Their priorities are training new MGs and future leaders, MG branding and communication, and enhanced program support by maintaining a state website and Facebook page and sending weekly email updates to leaders. They also provide training online to include arranging webinars and producing online training modules. They request that if you have any stories of how our local MG unit has touched lives in the community to send them to their office (jfreebor@vt.edu). These are tangible ways we make a difference!



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FARMERS MARKET 2015

BY SALLY SISSEL, PHOTOS BY HOPE YELICH

Thanks to all fellow Master Gardeners and interns who helped make the 2015 Farmers Market a success. For the past six months, everyone volunteering for the market did a superb job—all showed up on time, ready and willing to help set up, and stayed to help tear down. The project chairs came through, as always, with wonderful information and handouts for the public. A special thank you to Barbara Floyd for filling in for me when I was out of town.

We continued scheduling our thirteen markets from April through September, and this schedule is working well. Weather cooperated beautifully this season—no fifty-degrees-and-rainy days (my worst nightmare)—some pretty hot but nothing we couldn't handle.



Virginia Bandy, Jane Davis, Sally Sissel, Cheryl Lynch, PJ Fresquez, and Kate Robbins



Sally Sissel and Cheryl Lynch

We had a few “blips” in our tent delivery when Dan Tevlin damaged his hand, and John Giffin went off to Scotland with his church choir. A special thank you to Larry Gaskins, Sam Sadler, and especially to Richard Stratton, who helped fill the gaps.

Speaking of tent delivery: if there is anyone out there with a truck, van, or large station wagon who would be willing to help deliver the tents, etc., I would be delighted. One doesn't have to stay for the entire market—can deliver and return to pick up if that works better. Please be thinking of helping in this way. My “ideal” plan is to have enough “tent” volunteers so no one needs to do more than two markets all season.

Come next spring, I will, once again, be recruiting. My master plan is always to have one “real” MG and two interns at each market, so when I put out the call, I hope you will consider volunteering for one of the thirteen markets.



Richard Stratton and Virginia Bandy answer a question.



THIS AND THAT

Results of the VMGA Survey: Correction

Your editor misinterpreted Marilyn Riddle's analysis of the survey that appeared in last month's newsletter. The correction appears in red, with my apologies.

In August the Virginia Master Gardener Association president sent out a survey asking the VMGA representatives various questions about the operation of their units. There are more than sixty units in Virginia, but rarely do **representatives from some units** attend a VMGA meeting. As for newsletters, fifteen of the twenty-three units that responded indicated they had newsletters, seven of them monthly newsletters.

As usual, our unit continues to make us proud with what we do.



Bill Kuffrey,
PublicDomainPictures.net

The 2016 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course

Forwarded from Barbara Foley, Program Assistant, Agriculture and Natural Resources, VCE

Looking for a great way to earn continuing education hours? This annual event, sponsored by the Virginia Horticulture Foundation, is a nationally-recognized annual symposium for professionals in the green industries. Although geared to those in the retail industry, there are several topics of interest to Master Gardeners.

The course will take place January 19-22, 2016, at the Founder's Inn in Virginia Beach (note: not in Newport News this year). Registration opens in mid October. For more information, visit <http://www.mahsc.org/>

Plant Walk

By Helen Hamilton

UNUSUAL PLANTS. Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am. Lisa Deaton, Forest Education Specialist, will lead a walk on the one-mile trail at the New Kent Forestry Center (11301 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140).

We can expect to see sweetleaf/horse sugar, prickly-pear cactus, farkleberry/sparkleberry, sand hickory, arrow arum, frog's bit, American chestnut, longleaf pine and others. Meet at the Education Center (the Grading Building on the map), 11301 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge. Contact Helen Hamilton at 757 564 4494 or helen48@cox.net for more information.

We have recently purchased new MG lanyards. If yours is soiled or needs to be replaced, for \$2 you can purchase one from Kathy Bush at the next monthly meeting. Contact her at kathykbush@verizon.net.



E2 NEWS

BY KARI ABBOTT



Hi Dear Master Gardeners,

As you read this Cathy Hill and I will be in Iowa at the International Master Gardener College, presenting the E2 program to fellow Master Gardeners from all over. We will bring back pictures and stories. Upon my arrival home I will pack up my bags again and present the E2 project at the Southern States Volunteer Conference in Georgia.

School visits have already begun at DJ Montague, with visits starting at the other schools in October.

There will be training for new people who want to volunteer with E2 on Tuesday, October 20, at 1:00, at the shelter at Kiwanis Park. Please RSVP to bearsbaskets@cox.net by October 6 so I can have enough supplies for everyone. I look forward to having a fun time sharing E2 activities with you.

A bit of good cheer to finish this monthly report: the early feedback from our 4th grade friends on a new E2 game, We All Need Trees, has been very positive. Children asked really great questions based on the game, such as how many trees are used in making wood pellets? (The answer is not really easy. Wood pellets are made from trees that are discarded by saw mills, branches which cannot be processed into lumber, commercial thinning, and mill leftovers, like chips, sawdust and other wood industry by-products.)

We incorporated suggestions from the children and the teachers to make the game better, and it looks promising as a fun way to learn a 4th grade SOL.

As always, thank you for all your support!

\$\$ RAIN GARDEN REBATES \$\$

BY CAROL FRYER

Rebates from James City County are still available for homeowners who install rain gardens on their property.

If storm water runs OFF your property or ONTO your land from neighboring land, a rain garden can help manage and infiltrate storm water into your soil.

The Garden Love team helps guide you through the installation and designs a rain garden to fit in with your landscape.

Contact the VCE Office (757-564-2170) for TURF LOVE/GARDEN LOVE information and an application.

*When it Rains, It Drains – Reduce runoff,
Slow it Down, Spread it Out, Soak it In*

DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

BY DONNA XANDER

Master Gardeners will hold their fall plant diagnostic clinic in the EOC building behind the firehouse in Toano every Monday starting Monday, September 21 through October 19. Clinics will run from 8:30 am until noon; so for those of you who need to get in some more hours, come and join us. It is a great learning experience.



SIGHTS IN THE HISTORIC TRIANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

SHARED BY SUE LIDDELL



Long view of the garden and shed



Yvonne Forbes harvesting tomatoes



Okra



Larva of Eastern Black Swallowtail



Yvonne and Barbara Gustafson harvesting sweet potatoes for FISH



Kale



Sunflowers

WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2015

BY HELEN HAMILTON

PAST PRESIDENT, JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

WITCH HAZEL

Hamamelis virginiana

Usually grown for its flowers, this low-branching shrub or small tree can furnish year-round interest. The plant is in bloom from late fall and into winter, October through December. Fragrant bright yellow flowers, each with four crinkly, ribbon-shaped petals, grow in clusters close to the stem.

Broad, slightly pointed dark green leaves cover the branches throughout the summer, turning a brilliant gold in the fall. In late summer the leaves often show small triangular growths, created by the witch hazel cone gall aphid. Although their presence on leaves suggests some type of disturbance, galls usually do not harm their hosts.

In late winter the flowers are replaced by greenish dry fruits (capsules) that become woody with age, maturing to light brown. These seed capsules mature in two years, splitting open the following fall to release black seeds over some distance.

Witch hazel likes rich, acid soil and moist to dry drainage in full sun to part shade. Easy to grow in the home landscape, this fifteen-twenty-foot shrub can be grown as a hedge, foundation planting, and in a rain garden.

There are only five species worldwide of *Hamamelis*: three native to North America, one in Japan, and one in China. *H. virginiana* is common in the mountains and Piedmont of Virginia, infrequent naturally in the Coastal Plain and throughout eastern U.S. and Canada. This rootstock of this species is often used when grafting cultivars of Asian origin. The Chinese Witch Hazel (*H. mollis*) is widely sold and is noted for its larger yellow flowers and stronger fragrance. Other cultivars are available in the nursery trade; many are hybrids between the two Asian species and/or Ozark Witch Hazel (*H. vernalis*).

A widely used medicinal herb, the North American Indians used witch hazel bark to heal wounds, treat tumors and for eye problems. The bark is astringent and hemostatic; a homeopathic remedy is made from fresh bark and used to treat nosebleeds, hemorrhoids, and varicose veins. The bottled witch hazel is a steam distillate, used as an external application to bruises, sore muscles, and inflammations.

Seeds are eaten by ruffed grouse and squirrels. Witch hazel is pollinated by winter moths that fly when temperatures are above freezing. Leaf litter protects the moths during cold nights.

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



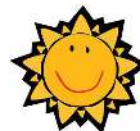
Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

Photo taken by Helen Hamilton

Important Dates

- 9/26-27 Native Plant Sale, VLM
- 10/1 MG Monthly Meeting, WRL
- 10/3 Plant Walk, New Kent Forestry Center
- 10/3-4 Folklife, Newport News Park
- 10/10 Plant Sale, Knots Creek, Suffolk
- 10/17 Herb-infused Oils, Freedom Park
- 10/22-23 Virginia Urban Agriculture Summit, Richmond
- 10/24 Litter & Recycling Expo, JCC rec center
- 11/5 MG Monthly Meeting, WRL
- 11/10 Meeting of the Herb Society
- 11/21 Growing Peonies, Freedom Park
- 12/3 MG Monthly Meeting, WRL
- 12/12 VMGA Meeting, WRL
- 1/18/16 Home Gardener Day
- 1/19-22 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course, Virginia Beach

SUNSHINE NOTES



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 November newsletter will be Monday, October 19.

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.

VPPSA • Leave No Trace • JCC Solid Waste & Recycling • James River Assoc.

• VA Dept. of Forestry • WJCC Public Schools • JCC Clean Water Heritage • America Recycles Day

2nd Annual Litter & Recycling Expo



FREE

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Noon-4pm, JCC Recreation Center (5301 Longhill Rd.)

S.O.S. (Save Our Soil)... Learn from our **Partners** about local recycling and litter prevention efforts and how negative choices impact our environment's health.

Speakers

1 pm – Improving Soil Quality
Craig Coker
Organics Recycling Consultant

3 pm – Healthy Habitats: Animal Friends!
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Fun for All!

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For more information: 757-259-5375 or cleancounty@jamescitycountyva.gov

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