



The Colonial Master Gardener

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CATHY HILL

Spring is a time of new beginnings and transformation in nature. Everywhere we turn we see evidence of the cycle of new beginnings.

The earth is thawing and becomes soft again, and new growth is emerging. The latent force within seed awakens, allowing buds and blossoms to slowly appear and then explode into new life.

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Next Meeting:
Thursday, April 4

Speaker:
David and Robyn Peffley

Program:
Growing and Using Microgreens

The training class members have just become interns and are starting their new beginnings soon. At the project fair on March 26, they chose projects they wish to try.

I am encouraging everyone to try something new this spring. Many of our projects have been dormant for the winter and are now in the process of "springing" to life. Just give a thought to trying one of our other projects.

Several of our projects are gearing up as soon

as next week. These are: Farmer's Market, Help Desk, and Seeds of Learning. But each of our projects would welcome your help. On page three of this newsletter is a list of projects with contact information.

A Spring Tip: I found this on the [Habitat Network](#) website. It's an article by Megan Whatton, "[Spring: The Season of New Beginnings & Garden Clean-Up](#)" (March 21, 2018):

"Watch where you step. It's important to make sure that the work you are doing during your spring cleaning isn't compacting the soil. It's best to wait until the soil is dry before walking in your garden. This prevents soil compaction that can make it difficult for plants to grow. A good test of soil moisture is to take a handful of soil and squeeze it into a ball. Drop the ball from waist height. If the ball remains, the soil is too moist, if the ball breaks apart it is probably dry enough to walk in the garden."

In last month's article I talked about all the rain we had in January and February. We had a lot more in March. Our soil is probably still very wet.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — CONTINUED

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MASTER GARDENER CLOTHING ORDER

We will start our spring order for Master Gardener apparel soon with [A Logo for You](#). These are the same vendors from last fall. Use this link to make your orders:

<http://mastergardners.deco-apparel.com>

THIS NOT A TYPO. TYPE JUST AS YOU SEE IT.

If you did not order last fall you need to set up an individual account. When your order is ready you will pick the order up at A Logo for You's location. The address is: 100 Stafford Court, Williamsburg. This is just off 199 near Water Country.

I will demonstrate the easy ordering process at the association meeting. It's important to know that the t-shirts are not printed one at a time. The company would like to do them all at once. Embroidered items, however, are done one at a time, but you may be able to pick them up quickly.

Please note the kelly green t-shirt has lettering on the back. Any MG may order these. These are meant to be worn at a public event such as Farmers Market, help desk, or other public event. They do cost more because of the additional lettering.

Please order early so you can start wearing them within the next month.

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The MGA board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30am at the Williamsburg Regional Library, Room B, on Scotland Street, Williamsburg.

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

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR
INTERNAL EDUCATION

In 2016, when David Peffley and Robyn Jones met, one of the things they had in common was their love of growing vegetables. Once married, they immediately started working to make their dream of having a working farm come alive by establishing Pair-A-Dice Acres in Zuni (Isle of Wight County), where they grew vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

They became interested in microgreens as they began their first farmer's market season in 2018. Since microgreens are grown in a controlled environment, David and Robyn found that the space they had available for shelves and grow lights was perfect for this addition to their other produce. Microgreens are now a staple for Pair-A-Dice Acres. They have a wonderful customer base at the markets and also supply a few restaurants.

While they have full-time "real" jobs, Pair-A-Dice is their passion—and also their retirement plan. David and Robyn hope that when they are lucky enough to retire from their corporate jobs, they will have Pair-A-Dice Acres to keep them busy.



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MASTER GARDENER PROJECT LEADERSHIP AS OF MARCH 2019

BY JANET SMITH, PROJECT CHAIR

Provided for your information and review is the list of Master Gardener projects with the current leadership for each. Please send any corrections or questions to Janet Smith at smithpmp@aol.com.

EMG Project	Chair	Co-Chair/s
Blayton School Garden	Ken Caro ken@kencaro.com 973-229-4024	Lisa Stefanick Lvstefanick@gmail.com 757-813-1024
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Horticultural Help Desk	Avril Purvis avril_purvis@yahoo.com 757-566-1546	Bob Howell Rhowell0727@gmail.com 757-566-3278
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JCC/W TS Tree Call <i>(TS Required)</i>	Patsy McGrady patsymcgrady@cox.net 757-258-1181	Carol Fryer cfryer@cox.net 757-220-0759
Landscape Love	Gary Streb gstreb11@gmail.com 757-565-0250	Team Leads: Barbara Floyd; Ken Caro; Anne Nielsen; Margene Hartsough; Deb Bussert

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MASTER GARDENER PROJECT LEADERSHIP MARCH 2019 — CONTINUED

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UPCOMING SEMINARS, SALES, AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION



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April 6-7. (William & Mary Hall). 10:00am-5:00pm 4/6 and 10:00am-4:00pm, 4/7.

Williamsburg Home Show. List of exhibitors [here](#). \$10 at the gate, \$7 with coupon, \$5 active and retired military. Under eighteen free. Cash only.

April 6. (Grafton Middle School, 405 Grafton Drive, Yorktown 23692). 9:00am-1:00pm. **Plant Hampton Roads Natives: Support York County Pollinators.** Sponsored by the York County Beautification Committee. Learn how to bring pollinators and bees to your yard. Includes a sixty-six-minute screening of *Hometown Habitat*, about our gardens can sustain nature and the food web. Free, but please register in advance.

April 13. ([Knotts Creek Nursery](#), 6120 Knotts Neck Rd., Suffolk 23435-1929), 8:00am—noon. **Knotts Creek Nursery Plant Sale.** The annual sale from this wholesale nursery is for Master Gardeners. Cash or check only. If it's rainy or muddy, wear boots, since the plants are in an outside open area. Take a wagon with you to transport plants. They carry perennials, groundcovers, and ornamental grasses.

April 13. (Lafayette High School, 4460 Longhill Rd., Williamsburg 23188). 10:00am. **Spring in the Forest of Longhill Swamp at Lafayette High School.** Meet Helen Hamilton in the parking lot at the front of Lafayette High School, which has easy access to the school's Nature Trail. Plan to see pink lady's slipper, golden ragwort, and many interesting mosses and ferns. Register with Helen Hamilton (757) 564-4494, or helen48@cox.net.

April 20. (Williamsburg Community Building, 401 N. Boundary St., Williamsburg 23185). 9:45am—2:00pm. **Annual Native Plant Sale.** Sponsored by the John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society. This year's theme: Native plants for butterflies and other pollinators. Cash or check only please. See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

April 24-25. (Founders Inn, 5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach 23464). 10:00am 4/24-2:30pm 4/25. **4th Virginia Agricultural Summit.** The summit brings together more than one hundred urban farmers, gardeners, foodies, activists, policy makers, and government leaders for three days of networking and learning about one of agriculture's fastest growing sectors. To register, [click here](#).

April 25-26. (King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4897 Longhill Rd., Williamsburg 23188). 4:00-7:00pm 4/25 and 8:00am-2:00pm 4/26. **Herbs A-Plenty Plant Sale.** Sponsored by the Colonial Triangle of Virginia Unit of the Herb Society of America. The sale will feature a wider assortment of herbs than last year, as well as herbal soaps and other garden-related craft items. Cash or checks only. For more information, contact Donna Pratt at (757) 608-8929.

April 26-27. (Chesapeake Municipal Center, 212 Holt Drive, Chesapeake 23322). 8:00am-6:00pm on 4/26 and 8:00am-noon on 4/27. **Chesapeake Master Gardener Volunteers' Annual Plant Sale.** Perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, herbs, vegetables, tropicals, and pond plants. Cash or checks only. Bring your own wagon.

April 27. (Reynolds Community College, 1851 Dickinson Rd., Goochland 23063). 8:00am-3:00pm. **Spring Garden Fest.** Sponsored by the Goochland-Powhatan Master Gardener Association, RCC, and the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Plant sale, gardening advice, lots of vendor booths. Family friendly and free. Attendance at classes counts for continuing-education hours. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

April 27. (Newport News Park, 13560 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News 23603). 10:00am. **Spring Woodland Flowers at White Oak Trail.** Peninsula Master Naturalist Susie Yager will lead a walk through this lakeside woodland area to see pink lady's-slipper orchid, partridgeberry, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, yellow star-grass, and several other spring flowers as well as several ferns. The round-trip walk will be about 2.6 miles. The Discovery Center has restrooms. Contact Susie Yager to register at soozigus@cox.net.

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UPCOMING SEMINARS, SALES, AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES — CONTINUED

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION

April 27 (Freedom Park). 10:00-11:30am. **Feathered Friends in the Backyard All Year Long.** Providing habitat and food sources for birds throughout the year is beneficial to our feathered friends. Melinda Cousins of the Backyard Birder will share info and tips to enjoy a healthy bird population all year long right in your own backyard. This event is part of the Learn and Grow Educational Series sponsored by the Williamsburg Botanical Garden. The program is free, although a \$5.00 donation to help the garden grow is appreciated. Registration required.

April 27 (Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Rd., Norfolk 23518-5337). 1:00-5:00pm. **Tidewater African Violet Society Show & Sale.** Learn how to care for these beauties and purchase an African violet for your home. Free with admission to the garden.

April 30 (Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, 1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond 23228). 8:00am-4:00pm. **Beyond the Garden Path, Innovations in Home Gardening.** Community food forests, ethnic vegetables, emerging technologies, etc. Sponsored by the Chesterfield County Master Gardeners and the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Continuing-education hours. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

May 4 (Carrollton Library, 14362 New Towne Haven Lane, Carrollton 23314). 9:00am-1:00pm. **Western Tidewater Master Gardeners Third Annual Plant Sale.** Sponsored by the WTMG and the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Rain date May 5. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

May 4 (The Tent at Stonefield—The Shops at Stonefield, 2100 Hydraulic Rd, Charlottesville, 22901). 10:00am-2:00pm. **Piedmont Master Gardeners and Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards Annual Plant and Tree Sale.** Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, houseplants, shrubs, trees, including a large selection of native plants as well as a variety of “green elephants” and a horticultural help desk.



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As always, don't forget to take a look at John Freeborn's latest biweekly update from the state EMG office. Click on <https://blogs.it.vt.edu/mastergardener/current-master-gardeners/sample-page/bi-weekly-update/> . If that doesn't work, click on <http://blogs.it.vt.edu/mastergardener/>. Then click on "I am currently a Master Gardener/News/Bi-Weekly Update."

THIS AND THAT



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IRS Letters of Acknowledgement of Gifts

If you contributed items for the attendees' gifts at the February 10 VMGA meeting in Williamsburg, please contact me. I'd like to have a letter ready for you at the April association meeting that you can use for taxes.

Thanks again for your support. —Marilyn Riddle

Help Wanted

This request appeared on the unit's Facebook page:

Hello Williamsburg Master Gardeners website. I have a question for members of your group:

I work with wellness academic courses at William & Mary and we were wondering if there was anyone in the group who could teach a 1 credit pass/fair course to about 25 (max) W&M students about gardening/farming and the health benefits. These courses are 25-40% academic and the rest of the time is spent experiencing. I thought someone could visit a farm, discuss benefits of community gardens, visit W&M's garden, discuss sustainability, healthy eating, and organic foods, visit the Matthew Whaley garden and talk about the benefits for school children and have some hands on planting, harvesting, etc.

I'd love to find someone with teaching experience who could take these ideas and make them into a semester long cohesive course.

If there's anyone who you think would be interested, please send them my way!

-Sarah Irwin Menefee
sarah.menefee@wm.edu

—Cathy Hill



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Fighting Insect Apocalypse

From the [Friends of the Earth](#) website comes an article by Tiffany Finck-Haynes on efforts being made by retailers to eliminate bee-killing neonicotinoid pesticides from their products. To read the article, click [here](#).

Williamsburg's Next-Door Neighbors

Speaking of Marilyn Riddle, take a look at the April 2019 issue, page 27 (vol. 13, issue 4), of this local publication. This residents who love the "Great Outdoors," including Marilyn. The article focuses on her volunteer work with the Master Gardener Association, for which she has worked more than 2,500 hours. Kudos, Marilyn!

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THIS AND THAT — CONTINUED

Are Old Seeds Worth Saving?

Marilyn Riddle sent along an article by Lee Reich from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (March 9, 2019) that explored the issue of whether old seeds are still viable. To find out, click on "[Are Your Seeds Saved in Old Packets Worth Sowing? Test Them.](#)"



A speaker from the Colonial Beekeepers talks to students about maintaining honey bees during an after-school meeting of the Blayton Gardening Club. The Blayton Gardening Club at the J. Blaine Blayton Elementary School is sponsored by SHIP (School Health Initiative Program), a joint venture of the WJCC School Division and the Williamsburg Health Foundation.
—Ken Caro

GARDEN ADVICE FROM THE COLONIAL MASTER GARDENER

As excerpted from *Williamsburg's Joseph Prentis: His Monthly Kalendar & Garden*

The Monthly Kalendar April 1775

The first of this Month, sow your last Crop of Peas; _____ plant French Beans; Spade up your artichoak Bed, and Slip the Plants; leaving two of the Strongest in a Hill.
Sow Cabbage, Lettuce, Rhadish, White mustard and Cresses Seeds.
Plant your Cabbages. _____
Sow Colliflower Seed Celery, Cresses, Nasturitian Lettuce _____ Salsafy early in the Month _____

Colliflowers

Must be sown critically to a day, or it is said there can be no Dependence on them _____ For the Fall you must sow your Seed on the 12th day of April and transplant them into Beds to stop their growth. In July place them where they are intended to grow as they grow they ought to be hilled up otherwise, when they head, the Wind will injure them, they grow best in a rich light Soil; the best way to managing them here is as follows. _____ Dig Trenches a foot and a half wide quite down to the Clay mix with the Clay with your Spade some long Dung into which place your Plants about five feet apart when they are large enough to be transplanted and as they grow hill them up with the best Mould you can get, this method answered the purpose of transplanting for the Clay suppressed their growth, and the warmth of the Dung afforded them heat enough to vegetate. _____ If the Flie is apt to destroy your plants it is a good way when you sow the Seed to sow Spinach or Rhadish as not interfere with the Plants. _____ these Things being more agreeable food to the Insects will frequently save your Plants.



The Graphics Fairy

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2019!

BY HOPE YELICH



Fifteen members of the Class of 2019 “transitioned” from trainee to intern status on March 28. Ready to work on project are, from left to right: Janet Fender, Marion Guthrie, Jay Templin, Anne Negus, Laura Hawkrige, Rich Rosania, Marissa Singletary, Bill Wolfe, Bruce Lange, Sara Kalfarisi, Jim Cooper, Shirley Smith, Karen Lange, and Gretchen Johnson. Not pictured: Vickie Rockwell. Congratulations, everyone!

...AND THANKS TO OUR CLASS MANAGERS!

BY HOPE YELICH



Photos: Hope Yelich

The Training Team (Marty Oakes, Janet Smith, Liz Favre, Hope Yelich, Susan Shoulet, Julie Denny, Jennifer Campbell, and Kathy Skube) offers a BIG THANKS to this year’s sixteen class managers, those ladies who make the classes run smoothly. From left to right: Dee Arbegast, Judy Corello, Karen Pfeifer, Su Carlile, Pam Mageland, Ginny Cranford, Kathy Briggs, Joanne Sheffield, Stacy DeMeo, Chere’ Harper, and Anne Nielsen. Not pictured: Mitzi Balma, Wendy Hamrick, Louann Martin, Terri Mayberry, and Vicky Velez.

WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH APRIL 2019

BY HELEN HAMILTON
JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

PEARS AND CHERRIES

Soon spring will come with flowering fruit trees – serviceberry, pears, apples, cherries – all members of the Rose family, so the flowers look quite similar with five white or pink petals, and many stamens in the center.

First to bloom is serviceberry, a somewhat crooked small tree or shrub, with slender flower petals. However, in our area, serviceberry has been largely replaced by the introduced Bradford or Callery pear, *Pyrus calleryana*. This tree has a distinctive pyramid shape covered with dense clusters of white flowers. Appearing before the leaves, the five-petaled flowers cover the tree in abundance, although many people find odor of the flowers to be unpleasant. Flowers pollinated primarily by flies, not bees and other insects, always have a fetid smell.

Much has been written about the invasive character of Bradford pear. Originally bred to be sterile, Bradford pear is now cross-pollinating with other pears, subsequently producing fruits and seeds that are relished by birds, which spread the seeds in their defecations. They grow in dense populations, especially in disturbed areas and along roadways, and are displacing native trees.

Serviceberry and pears bloom in March through early April and can be separated by (1) somewhat straggly appearance of the trunks of serviceberry and (2) the

pyramidal shape of Bradford pear and the unpleasant odor of their flowers.

Apples and cherries bloom a little later, in late April or May. Southern crabapple, *Malus angustifolia*, is native in the Coastal Plain and the introduced Common Apple, *Malus pumila*, has been cultivated and is now widely naturalized across the state.

Apples and cherries can be separated by the tree trunks – on cherry trees the bark is dark and shiny bark with horizontal lens-shaped spots (lenticels) whereas the bark of crabapple is light-colored and the branchlets are thorny.

These four genera - serviceberry, pears, apples, and cherries – can be separated also by flower structure.

Apples, pears, and serviceberry all have inferior ovaries, closely surrounded by other tissues; the ovary becomes the core of the fruit and the part we eat is derived from the fleshy flower cup that adheres to the ovary as the fruit develops. The dried remnants of the flower – tips of sepals, stamens, and pistils can often be seen at the top of apples and pears, opposite the stem.



Blossoms of Bradford pear (above) and serviceberry (below)



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WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH — CONTINUED

Among these four genera, only the cherries (*Prunus* sp) have superior ovaries, that is, when the flower is dissected, the ovary can be seen free at the bottom of the flower. There is no scar at the top of cherries, nor central core, since the superior ovary alone becomes the fleshy fruit we eat.

Many cultivars of these blooming fruit trees are widely planted for their spring flowers and colorful foliage. In autumn the native serviceberry shows a variety of colorful hues, from yellow and gold to orange and deep red. This plant is striking when placed in a mixed shrubbery border where its brilliant white blooms and fall color stand out nicely against a background of evergreen shrubs.

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

The editor, mainly because she has nothing else to fill this space at the moment, is providing it to you, dear readers, with a hope that you will use it for your own creative purposes...perhaps inspired by the image below.



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**John Clayton Chapter
Virginia Native Plant Society**

Annual Native Plant Sale!

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Doors Open 9:45 am until 2 pm

Williamsburg Community Building

401 N Boundary Street



Featuring:

Plants to attract butterflies, birds & other pollinators

Plants for sun or shade, moist or dry locations

Expert advice on choosing and planting

Over a hundred varieties!

Cash or check only, please

The 15th Annual

Spring Garden Fest



Saturday, April 27, 2019

8am to 3pm

Reynolds Community College

1851 Dickinson Road, Goochland, VA

A **FREE**, family friendly event that is a celebration of all things related to gardening so stop by to see:

- **The GPMGA Plant Sale** – a wide variety of plants at great prices!
- **Ask the Master Gardener booth** – free gardening help and advice
- **Gardening vendor booths** – lots of fun items to delight gardeners

Attend a full day of classes and tours for a one-time \$20 registration fee!
(additional materials fee for workshops)

Classes:

- Pruning to Prolong Plant Life
- Helping our Birds
- Native Plants for Wildlife
- Planning a Shrub /Tree Border
- Protecting Water Quality
- Creating Living Privacy Screens

Tours of the College Gardens:

- The Awakening Spring Garden
- Conifers for Color and Texture
- Shrubs & Trees for Multi-season Interest

Hands On Workshops:

- Harvesting Plant Pigments
- Building a Bluebird House
- Propagating Native Plants

Classes, tours, and workshops fill up quickly, so register early for the best selection. Complete descriptions and online registration is available at

<https://www.gpmga.org/spring-garden-fest/> or by contacting the Goochland Extension Office at 804-556-5841.



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CHESTERFIELD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS PRESENT

BEYOND THE GARDEN PATH, INNOVATIONS IN HOME GARDENING



TOPICS

Community Food Forests

Emerging Technology for the Garden

Ethnic Vegetables

Familiar Stranger: Poison Ivy

5 Hours of Continuing Education
Check with your local agent

SAVE THE DATE

April 30, 2019

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
1800 Lakeside Ave, Richmond,
VA 23228

Event cost is \$50, includes
breakfast, lunch, and entry to
the Lewis Ginter Botanical
Gardens

Registration starting January
2019

For more information contact
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WESTERN TIDEWATER
MASTER GARDENERS

Third Annual

PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 4, 2019

9 am – 1 pm*

(Rain date May 5, 2019)

*time change from last year

Invite your friends and bring your shopping list.
Plants available, but not limited to:

Natives	Host	Perennials
Annuals	Shrubs	Nectar/Pollinator
Herbs	Trees	Vegetables

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Megan Wilson at 757-238-2641 Monday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

LOCATION

CARROLLTON LIBRARY
14362 New Towne Haven Lane
CARROLLTON, VA
757-238-2641

- *Parking next to Library:
Carrollton Elementary School
- *Payment (cash, check)
- *Bring a Wagon
- *Wear garden shoes/boots
- *Gardening information

*Exhibitors

Master Naturalists
Chicken Keepers
Butterfly Society of VA

Special thanks to
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Western Tidewater Master Gardener Facebook:
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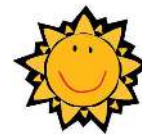
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Important Dates

- 4/6 Plant Hampton Roads Natives (Yorktown)
- 4/6-7 Williamsburg Home Show
- 4/13 Knotts Creek Nursery Plant Sale (Suffolk)
- 4/13 Spring in the Forest (Lafayette High School)
- 4/20 Annual Native Plant Sale (Wmsbg Comm. Bldg.)
- 4/23-25 Virginia Agricultural Summit (Virginia Beach)
- 4/25-4/26 Herb Society Plant Sale (KOG Lutheran Church)
- 4/26-27 Chesapeake MG Plant Sale (Chesapeake)
- 4/27 Feathered Friends in the Backyard (Freedom Park)
- 4/27 Spring Garden Fest (Goochland)
- 4/27 African Violet Show & Sale (Norfolk)
- 4/30 Beyond the Garden Path (Lewis Ginter, Richmond)
- 5/4 WTMG Plant Sale (Carrollton)
- 5/4 Piedmont MG Plant Sale (Charlottesville)
- 6/17-21 International Master Gardener Conference (Valley Forge, Pa.)
- 9/19-22 Master Gardener College (Norfolk)

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.

This month we sent cards to:

Janet and Jon Giffin—Thank you for a donation of books and garden equipment
Brandon Woods Garden Club—
Thank you for a donation based on a Speaker's Bureau program
Susan Shoulet—Get Well

Please provide names to the EMG secretary, Jennifer Campbell, at (757) 968-9499, or jenkcampbell@yahoo.com



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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the May 2019 newsletter will be Monday, April 22.

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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