



The Colonial Master Gardener

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DEBORAH BUSSERT

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners! Early signs of spring are all around us as the buds of the trees are beginning to swell, early bulbs are blooming and temperatures are moderating. In the coming weeks it will be time to finish pruning, get started on spring cleanup and get those catalog orders in. Of course, we know it is too early to start planting, but it's never too early to start planning. And don't forget to start digging and potting up surplus plants for our April 30 Plant Sale.

Covid-19 numbers are falling quickly for which I know we are all grateful. Taking the current circumstances into account, the Board has agreed that we will resume our in-person Association meetings beginning on March 3 at 9 am at the Williamsburg Library Auditorium. We will also Zoom the meeting for those who are unable to or don't feel comfortable attending in person.

We are very excited that the 2022 training class will be getting underway in March. I attended the initial meeting on February 24 and they look like a great group. The later start means that the trainees will be able to get involved in projects almost immediately. They will be attending our March 3 Association meeting, so please introduce yourself. Our training team, headed by Jen Campbell, is doing a truly fantastic job.

Our newest project, at Jamestown Settlement, is off to a fantastic start. The crew of Master Gardeners has already removed the weeds and other unwanted plants in preparation for the delivery and installation of additional soil. I know that other projects are gearing up to start in the next few weeks. Why not take a look at the current project list and try something new? Your time and effort will be much appreciated.

The Williamsburg Library will be sponsoring a Spring Festival focusing on local plant and animal husbandry and the work various groups are doing to benefit the community. The Festival is planned for Sunday, April 24 from 1 – 4 pm in the city square in front of the Stryker Center and Library. We will have a table highlighting the Help Desk, Speakers Bureau and other outreach projects. There will be live entertainment, crafts and other activities for all ages. Come out and have some fun!

If you haven't already done so, I recommend following our Facebook page. Marion Guthrie and the Communications Committee are doing an outstanding job posting interesting information and publicizing garden-related events both on-line and in person. Our website is also a great source of information about the Association, gardening in general and environmental issues, including videos, a blog, newsletters going back to



(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth McCoy)

Next Meeting:
Thursday, March 3
9:00am
Auditorium at the
Williamsburg Library
[https://virginiatech.zoom.us/
j/87533383181](https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87533383181)

Program:
Boxwood Blight

Speaker:
Landscape Services Department at
Colonial Williamsburg

2003 (!) and a lot of other interesting resources. And now, due to the hard work of Marion Guthrie and Dave Banks, the website looks good even on your phone. Here's the link: jccwmg.org. Check it out!

I'm grateful for each and every one of you. Thanks for all you do for the Association and for our Community.

2022
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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.

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

BY BILL DICHTEL, VP INTERNAL EDUCATION

The March Master Gardener Meeting Educational Session will be a great one that you won't want to miss! Six months ago, the Landscape Services Department at Colonial Williamsburg diagnosed their first cases of Boxwood Blight. While that can be somewhat catastrophic to an individual homeowner, think what that could mean to a heavily visited tourist center in which the boxwood mazes and formal gardens are star attractions. As we learned last year, people brushing by can rapidly spread this plant disease and if not handled appropriately, the gardens could quickly be decimated.

Fortunately, the Landscape Services Team rapidly diagnosed the problem, mobilized, and designed treatments to deal with the disease in various stages at different sites. Some treatments, such as in the Governor's Palace Garden were drastic, and some were less invasive and severe. Our Agent, Forrest Hobbs, has also been instrumental in connecting them with sources of Boxwood strains more resistant to the pathogens behind Boxwood Blight.

We are fortunate to have the entire team, led by Landscape Director Joanne Chapman and including Landscape Manager and Certified Arborist Jonathan Lak, Landscape Manager Melissa Sharifi, Certified Arborist Charles Gardener, and Integrated Pest Management Specialist Dave Stull, to talk about their efforts to control this problem and to help us be on the lookout for this as we go out into our communities or as we work in the gardens around Williamsburg.

We are also fortunate to have twenty new Master Gardener Students joining us for our educational meetings over the next three months as part of their Master Gardener Training Course. Come in person, if you can, to welcome this outstanding and enthusiastic group!

As usual, the Business Meeting will follow the educational session after a brief intermission. You can claim an educational hour for the Boxwood Blight session and volunteer time for the Business Meeting attendance in Better Impact. You know the drill! For those attending by Zoom, the link is available on the Better Impact front page, has been sent out by email, or is available here... <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87533383181>

TIPS FOR BETTER IMPACT—POSTING HOURS

BY VICTORIA ROCKWELL, VP ADMINISTRATION

During the inaugural year of using Better Impact to log our hours, some members confused the 'x-Continuing Education' and 'Training' Categories. The 'Training Category' has three activities listed: Master Gardener Training Course, Tree Steward Training Course, and Water Steward Training Course. Only faculty, presenters or those involved in organizing the training courses are to enter hours in these activities. Master Gardeners who participate as students in these courses are to log their hours in the Continuing Education Category in the appropriate activity - Approved Continuing Education hours, Approved - Tree Stewards CE Hrs. or Approved - Water Stewards - CE hours.

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Don't forget to check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VCEMasterGardeners/>. Lots of great articles, educational videos, beautiful photographs, upcoming events, and more! Marion Guthrie and Judy Kinshaw Ellis are doing a great job keeping us up to date, especially during this time when things are changing so frequently.

To get to our VCE James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardener homepage quickly, click on <http://jccwmq.org/wordpress/>

BETTER IMPACT —CONTINUED....

'x-Continuing Education' has the three activities mentioned above: Approved Continuing Education, Approved Tree Steward, and Approved Water Steward, as well as a list of presentations that qualify as Continuing Education. Participants in these activities are to post in the appropriate activity. For example, the presentation at the start of the monthly Master Gardeners Association meeting is posted in the Continuing Education Category under Approved Continuing Education activity.

Hopefully, this clarifies the confusion. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Rockwell at varockwell@outlook.com



(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth McCoy)

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

BY BILL DICHEL, VP INTERNAL EDUCATION

If there has been a silver lining to the pandemic, it has been the emergence of Zoom and the growth in number of webinars and online recordings available. The opportunities to learn gardening topics in this way is growing in leaps and bounds. Your fellow Master Gardeners have been watching out for you, keeping an eye out for great resources and forwarding them on to me so that we can try to get them out to you for your benefit. Some of the resources that they have pointed out are the following...

The Ohio State University six lecture program on "Tending Nature" including the lecture by Dr. Doug Tallamy is available at <http://go.osu.edu/tendingnature>

A number of our fellow Virginia MG Chapters have recorded programs and posted YouTube recordings just as Dave Banks and Marion Guthrie have done with ours. Some are available at the following links...

VCE-Prince William: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCieUH29UpfDHJiaEfon5qCQ>

VCE-Arlington/Alexandria: <https://mgnv.org/reading-room/master-gardener-virtual-classroom/>

VCE-Culpeper: https://video.vt.edu/playlist/dedicated/1_vhxqtf04/

VCE-Fauquier: <https://fridaysinthegarden.blogspot.com/>

VCE-Stafford: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtUGDaw8YUMOe2eWCdBPq1w>

VCE-Master Gardener Program: <https://www.facebook.com/VCEMasterGardenerProgram/live>

VCE-Fauquier: Virtual Farm to Table Tour: <https://fauquier.ext.vt.edu/programs/FarmtoTable.html>



(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth McCoy)

Loudon County Master Gardeners are having their 12th Annual Gardening Symposium on March 19, available online only. There is a \$45 registration fee. They have a panel of outstanding speakers on topics such as "Gardening in the Midst of Climate Change," "Super Tough Wildflowers," "Green Mulch, Using Native Plants as Groundcovers," and "Things Your Trees Wish You Knew." Registration is required. For more information, go to <https://loudoncountymastergardeners.org>

The Master Gardeners of the Northern Neck are presenting an in-person program on Saturday, March 26. Featured speakers include Joseph Tychonievich on Rock Gardening, C. Colston Burrell on Finishing Details in Garden Design, and Bryce Lane on Biodiversity in the Garden. It will be an outstanding program. The program will be held in White Stone, Virginia and there is a charge of \$50 per person. Call (804) 580-5694 to make a reservation.

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES —CONTINUED....



(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth McCoy)

Also, Norfolk Botanical Garden's program "Home Gardener Day" which had been scheduled for February 21 was postponed until Sunday, June 26. Those who wish to attend can contact Theresa Augustin, Vice President of Education at the NBG at (757) 441-5830 or you can get more information at Norfolkbotanicalgarden.org

A webinar sponsored by Fine Gardening and devoted to Sustainable Gardening begins on April 1 and will run for four weeks. Topics will include ideas for sustainable garden design, naturalistic landscape planning, native alternatives to common plants, pollinator-friendly plants, habitat conservation in the backyard, soil sustainability, successful native-plant integration. There is a \$49.99 charge. The lectures can be viewed on your time schedule. Go to <https://finegardening.mykajabi.com> to register.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation has an excellent video entitled "Creating a Backyard Buffet for Birds, Bees and Butterflies" available at the following link...

<https://www.cbf.org/events/webinars/creating-a-backyard-buffet-for-birds-bees-and-butterflies-0222.html>

And the offerings go on and on and on....

Many thanks to our fellow Master Gardeners who took the time to contact me when they saw something of potential benefit to the rest of the group. At the risk of leaving a few out, I would particularly like to thank Marilyn Riddle, Scott Wolz, Kim Owens, Pat Crowe, Dennis Branden, Gary Streb, and Susan Miller for sending information on recordings, meetings and webinars.

EXTENSION MGs AT THE WILLIAMSBURG BOTANICAL GARDEN

BY ELIZABETH MCCOY, PROJECT LEAD

Master Gardener Emeritus Helen Hamilton first proposed [a garden of native grasses](#) at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden, soon after its dedication. While various grasses grow across the garden, a dedicated area to showcase our native grass species was eventually carved out between the Pine Woods and the Flowering Shrub Border to educate visitors about the beautiful grasses available for local gardens.

This garden area has needed a dedicated Steward for the last several years. Other Garden volunteers have planted grasses, designed borders, watered and tended the area from time to time, but no individual had accepted ongoing responsibility for this area until the fall of 2021.

Master Gardener Rich Rosania is our new Steward for the Native Grasses Garden, which now is one of the several Master Gardeners project areas at the Garden. Rich has immediate plans to add several additional native grass species to the display, along with a few native wildflowers to increase the area's beauty in spring and early summer. We welcome Rich to the WBG team, and invite other MGs who may be interested in cultivating native grasses to contact Rich at rjrosania@gmail.com.



Our new Steward for the Native Grasses Garden, Rich Rosania
(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth McCoy)

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PLANT SALE 2022 BY DONNA TIERNEY, PROJECT LEAD

MGA Plant Sale, April 30, Williamsburg Botanical Garden 9AM–3PM

This Spring Plant Sale is our primary fundraising event that enables us to provide public outreach projects. Thanks to all of you who picked up pots for propagation on Feb 16. A special thank you to our “digger team”—Maryanne Teed, Su Carlile, Kathleen Briggs, Kim Owen, and Jim Akeridge who dug and potted over 30 Virginia native plants at Hearts Ease Farm on Feb 19.

As was announced at the March 3 meeting, we are focusing a lot of effort on plant sale communication. Our website and Facebook pages have been updated recently and are really looking great! Special thanks to Marion Guthrie and David Banks for all their hard work! Thanks also to Elizabeth McCoy and Judith Alberts for their efforts in finalizing our Plant Sale flyer. We are asking each Master Gardener to help with public awareness for our sale by printing and distributing flyers within their neighborhoods, on public bulletin boards, or at favorite businesses. With everyone’s help we can get the word out with minimal expense to our unit. An email will go out around March 4 which will contain a digital copy of the flyer for your use in printing flyers. Thank you in advance for helping!

SALE REMINDERS

Financial Donations: <https://jccwmg.org/wordpress/donations/>

Book Donations: Contact Pat Cowan, (757) 291-6020

Green Elephants (used garden tools, pots, bric/brac, statuary, etc.): Contact Yvonne Forbes, (516)-220-734 (istclas@msn.com), or Su Carlile (703) 434-2098 (gcarlile73@aol.com)

Propagating, digging, and potting plants—START NOW!

1. Use standard sized pots: 4 inch (small), 6-8 inches (medium), 10-12 inches (large). This will make handling and pricing much easier.
2. Ensure that all pots are new or cleaned well (disinfected). Do not leave old leaves, dirt, paper, etc., in the bottom of pots!
3. Use clean soil—no diseased or anerobic soil. If you want to make your own soil see VCE reference: [VCE_MH_95.pdf \(1.157Mb\)](#) for additional guidance.
4. Use clean tools for taking cuttings and potting.
5. **DO NOT** propagate anything *invasive* or *poisonous*. Links: <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/invsppdflist>; The Socrates Project-Poisonous Plants in Virginia, CNRE-13NP (CNRE-21NP): <https://digitalpubs.ext.vt.edu/vcedigitalpubs/4689695889578453/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=1#pg1>
6. Additional guidance for propagation can be found in these VCE references: Propagation from Seeds VCE_publication_76.pdf (1.526Mb), Propagation by Cuttings: 426-001.pdf (1.205Mb)

Donating Green Elephants – PLEASE IDENTIFY DONATIONS AND GET YOUR PHOTOS IN NOW!

1. Ensure that all donations are in good condition and clean. Team will not accept broken or dirty items.
2. Individually photograph and inventory all items that you want to donate. (Note: if you have multiple similar items—like three identical pots, rakes, or hoes—you can group them in one photo.)
3. Email or mail inventory information and photos to either Yvonne Forbes (istclas@msn.com), PO Box 6408 Williamsburg, VA 23185 or Su Carlile (gcarlile73@aol.com) 3724 Mesa River Williamsburg, VA 23188
4. **RETAIN items until April 1.** We have very limited storage unit space and volunteers don’t want to give up garage space over multiple months.)
5. **Donation Drop Off April 1-27** to Sue Carlile 703 434 2098 (gcarlile73@aol.com) at 3724 Mesa River Williamsburg, VA 23188
6. Additional Drop Location **April 23-27 only:** Katherine Sokolowsky 757-208-0409 (katherinsoko@gmail.com) at 100 Archers Court, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Be sure to coordinate drop offs with Sue or Katherine to ensure they are home when you arrive.
7. The **last day to drop off items is April 27.** Please don’t wait until the last minute to deliver items.

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PLANT SALE 2022 —CONTINUED...

Automated Labeling System: We are getting really close to implementing the automated web based plant labeling and inventory system. We will keep you posted with instructions on how to use the system as soon as it's up and running. THANK YOU to David Banks for working very hard to get this system up and running which will benefit all of us and provide more accurate plant information to our customers!

Volunteer Opportunities & Training: By early April, a volunteer opportunities list for Plant Intake/Pricing (**Apr 28**); Sale Set Up (**April 29**), and Sale Day (**April 30**) will be created in Sign-Up Genius. We will also be working with our Education Team to recruit our newest MG interns to participate in this year's sale. If you are planning to volunteer on sale day, we will be doing **training on April 29 from 12:30PM–1:30PM**. Please mark your calendars now! We are focusing on providing outstanding customer service this year. To do that all volunteers need to be familiar with the site, plant categories, pricing, pre-check, cashier locations, etc. Please plan on attending this training.

*******Sale Day April 30 Parking for Volunteers:** Because parking is limited at WBG, all volunteers (MGs+others) will be asked to park off-site at D.J. Montague Elementary School - 5380 Centerville Road. This is about .5 mile south of the entrance to Freedom Park. Please bring everything you will need for your shift with you. We will set up a shuttle service at the school to get volunteers moved to and from WBG. More details to follow.

If you have a van or large SUV and would like to help shuttle, please contact Katherine Sokolowsky katherinesoko@gmail.com

More Information Forthcoming: A map of the Plant Sale layout, plant delivery instructions, inventory and labeling instructions, and other details will be provided in upcoming email blasts. Thanks in advance to all of you who are helping already or will help to make this event a great success



Kim Owens, Kathleen Biggs, Jim Akridge,
and Su Carlile
(Photo Courtesy of Donna Tierney)



PLANT SALE IS
COMING!

VMGA MEETING REPORT (2/11/22)

BY JOANNE SHEFFIELD AND MARILYN RIDDLE, VMGA REPS

The Zoom meeting was called to order by the President, Leslie Paulson, who welcomed the participants (numbering 52 at maximum). There was no host Unit. Leslie pointed out that any member could submit a report to the Board for discussion at the coming meeting

The Secretary's report was approved and includes the Treasurer's report. The Minutes are to be posted on the VMGA website.

Frank Reilly, the Communications Chair, said that this is the 22nd year of the committee and the 27th year of the newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is February 26. Jennifer Graham is the editor and her contact information is newsletter@vmga.net

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VMGA REPORT—CONTINUED....

Education Chair, Kirk Barley, announced that the proposed Training the Trainer program planned for March will not be held. There will be a field trip to Quarry Gardens at Schuyler April 15. It is located about 25 miles south of Charlottesville. More information to come. Remember that the Education Committee supports the Continuing Education programs of the various units. Kirk will be stepping down from the Education Committee.

Pat Reilly of the Finance Committee announced the appointments of Ian Cheney and another person to the Committee. Pat reminded all officers of VMGA that they should report the amount of money they need by the April meeting.

Deb Straw, Membership, said VMGA has 455 members of which 263 are active and 1 is Emeritus, 5 auxiliary members, and 217 continuing members of which 21 are Emeritus. Memberships are paid through May, so it is time to think about renewing. Be sure to send the form with the check, so email and unit names are known. Deb is looking for help in September and October to compile the Directory. Familiarity with Excel and mail merge will be needed.

Leslie gave the Unit Support report which was that no requests have been received. Leslie wants to make sure their units know this help is available.

Fundraising Committee Chair Joe Kelly reiterated the information about the endowment being met. Regarding the auction that is usually held at Master Gardener College, Joe would like a sense of the popularity of having it this year. Profit has diminished over the years, plus the space for this year has not been determined. In addition, there has been a conflicting social event (TBD). Merchandising hopes to have a good set up at the April meeting along with the availability of some new products.

Nominating Committee. It turned out that Frank Reilly, the Chair, was the lone Committee person. Marilyn Riddle pointed out that this conflicted with Roberts Rules of Order. Two people volunteered to serve with Frank—Deb Straw and Cynthia Falconer.

Scholarship Committee. Stacey Smith has volunteered to be Chair. She has asked to change the Standing Operating Rules and will make a request in April that the scholarships be based on the cost of MGC.

Kathleen Reed gave the report from the State Office. The EMG Handbook work is progressing and will be public in 2023.

If you would like an infographic showing your local unit's 2021 statistics, please email Devon dvj@vt.edu Infographic [template available here](#).

Operating funds for Giving Day will be used to start a new community garden micro-grant program.

In April, Dave and Kathleen will be presenting at a national volunteers conference.

New Business. Wanda Gerard suggested that a bench in recognition of Emeritus MGs be purchased for the VT campus. Marilyn suggested that there be one for all MGs, not just Emeritus. After much discussion, it was decided that an Ad Hoc Committee be appointed to report by September.

The April 9 meeting venue is being partnered by Prince William and Piedmont units at the home of Mary Martinez-Rigo—670 River Ridge Rd., Dillwyn, VA.

Hosts are needed for future meetings.



Our little red friend is still in the garden!
(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth McCoy)

TALES FROM THE HELP DESK

BY PATSY MCGRADY

Q. How do I care for a Christmas Cactus so that it blooms well for Christmas?

A. Christmas Cactus (*Schlumbergera x buckleyi*) is actually native to tropical rainforests. It should be planted in a soil mix that is high in organic material but drains well. They like to be rootbound so don't feel you have to keep putting it in a larger pot each year. Keep the soil moist from spring through summer but let the soil dry out between waterings from fall to spring. While it doesn't want to have overly moist soil during this period, it does like humidity so you may want to mist the plant in the fall and early winter. (This does seem contradictory to the guidance to let the soil dry out between waterings during this time.)

They prefer filtered, indirect light in spring and summer but like more light during winter. Fertilize monthly during their growing season between March and September. Use a 20-20-20 or 10-10-10 plant food diluted with water to 50% strength. Note: regular Miracle Grow does not have this ratio of nutrients. Better to get Miracle Grow for Indoor Plants which does. You can also apply a magnesium sulfate (Epsom salt) solution monthly using a ratio of 1 teaspoon to 1 gallon of water, but don't apply the same week you add the plant food.

Ideal temperatures for the growing season (March – September) are 70-80°F, pretty much standard house temperatures.

Starting in September, temperatures and light exposure need to be regulated to promote flower bud production. Starting in mid-September: provide (a) bright daytime light, (b) night temperatures between 55 and 65°F, and (c) long nights consisting of 13 hours of total darkness (i.e., cover plant with a black cloth or place plant in a totally dark room from 6 pm to 7 am each day for 6-8 weeks). When buds form, you can stop the 13 hours of darkness regiment.

To our Master Gardeners who have Christmas Cactus: I would love to hear about your experiences with Christmas Cactus. How do you care for your plants? Are you pleased with the bloom you have at Christmas? Do you give your plants 13 hours of darkness in the fall? Please send me a note at patsymcgrady@cox.net and I'll report back next month on what care practices have worked for you.



(Photo Courtesy of Patsy McGrady)

LANDSCAPE LOVE 2022—STARTING SOON!

BY BARB FLOYD, SHERRY WALKER, SUSAN ZICKEL, PROJECT LEADS

Starting this month, we will ask for those Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Trainees who wish to participate in Landscape Love's Spring Fling, our concentrated engagement with homeowner visits. Per the newsletter last month, here is the timeline. More details can be found in the February 2022 newsletter.

NOW – Send an email to Barb Floyd, bmfloyd57@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in Landscape Love. You will be added to a list of participants.

March 17, St. Patrick's Day – Barb will send a request for calendar availability to those on the participant list.

April 1 – Landscape Love Spring Fling is opened to the public for registration. Scheduling of home visits starts AS applications are received.

April 11 – Homeowner visits start.

Questions? Contact Barb, Susan or Sherry

PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR

BY DEBORAH BUSSERT, PRESIDENT

Here is the next installment of my ongoing series of articles about the Perennial Plants of the Year and our experiences with them at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden.

1992: *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam'

'Moonbeam' is a sterile cultivar of the North American native Thread Leaf Coreopsis. Sometimes known as tickseed (a reference to the seeds of the species, which look like ticks), this Coreopsis is just 12 to 18 inches tall and blooms from early to late summer with creamy yellow flowers, though the heaviest flowering occurs in late spring to early summer.

'Moonbeam' is hardy in Zones 4-9 and does best in full sun and well-drained soil with regular moisture. Where conditions are right this plant will spread by rhizomes to form wide, dense clumps. It can be rather late to break dormancy so don't overlook it in the spring. Deadheading will prolong bloom time but is tedious with such numerous small flowers. Thread leaf Coreopsis is deer and rabbit resistant, attracts butterflies and has no serious insect or disease problems.



1992: *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam'
(Photo courtesy of Deb Bussert)

At the WBG, we have not been able to get 'Moonbeam' to settle in despite several attempts. Where conditions suit it, however, it is a wonderful plant that will give many years of bloom to the delight of both the gardener and the butterflies.



WBG volunteers celebrate Level I Arboretum accreditation with JCC Parks. Left to Right: Dr. Donna M.E. Ware, Deborah Bussert, Judith Alberts, Alister Perkinson, William Dichtel
(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth McCoy)

WILLIAMSBURG BOTANICAL GARDENS

BY KATHERINE SOKOLOWSKY, EDITOR

Congratulations to some of our MG members. I know they have been working hard for this!

"The Williamsburg Botanical Garden and Freedom Park Arboretum has received Level I accreditation by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum for achieving standards of professionalism important for arboreta and botanical gardens around the world. WBG-FPA is now recognized and listed in the Morton Register of Arboreta, a database of the world's arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants. "



(Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth McCoy)

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the April 2022 newsletter will be Wednesday, March 30.

Please send any submissions to Katherine Sokolowsky, newsletter editor, at katherinesoko@gmail.com

THINKING OF OUR MEMBERS

The organization sends cards to members with difficult medical issues or who have experienced a death in the immediate family.

We also acknowledge achievements/ milestones and donations made to the association.

This month we sent cards to:
Sandra Kee — Sympathy

If you know any member who should receive a card, please contact our secretary, Dot Finnegan, at definn@widomaker.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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James City County
Williamsburg
Master Gardeners

PLANT SALE

SAT • APRIL 30 • 9am - 3pm

RAIN or SHINE at the
Williamsburg Botanical Garden inside Freedom Park
5537 Centerville Road, Williamsburg

ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, HERBS, VEGGIES, TREES, SHRUBS
On-Site Help Desk to Answer Your Gardening Questions
GARDEN TREASURES at the GREEN ELEPHANT SALE



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*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.



With cooperation from the
Williamsburg Botanical Garden
and James City County Parks





Clean County Commission

**2nd
Annual**

PLANT-A-TREE CEREMONY



**COME CELEBRATE
EARTH & ARBOR DAY!**

"Plants with a Purpose" Plant Sale 

SATURDAY APRIL 23 2022

10:30 AM

**WILLIAMSBURG BOTANICAL GARDEN
AND FREEDOM PARK ARBORETUM
5537 CENTERVILLE ROAD**



**Ceremony at
Free Black Settlement**





Clean County Commission

44th Annual County-Wide

Spring Cleanup

Saturday April 9 2022

7 a.m. - 4 p.m

**Registered groups may dispose of collected
litter for free at 1204 Jolly Pond Road**

No household trash or hazardous materials will be accepted



To register call 757-565-0032 or visit
<https://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/3512/Spring-Cleanup>

Save THE DATE

March 25-26, 2022



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Hampton Roads communities, through askHRgreen.org, are partnering together to host a two-day cleanup in honor of the Great American Cleanup.

Join volunteers across the the region to organize or participate in a community improvement initiative.

BUSINESSES, CIVIC LEAGUES & SCHOOL GROUPS

Form a small team (or two) within your group and transform a cleanup site through the power of teamwork.

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Clean your block! Gather your family together and challenge your neighbors.



Celebrate With Us

Be a part of the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program, which takes place annually in an estimated 20,000 communities nationwide.



How to Register

GO TO
www.askHRgreen.org/cleanup

CHOOSE your city and project preferences.

SMILE because you're doing a great thing!

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