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## NEWSLETTER

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**The deadline for the upcoming July 2023 newsletter is Monday, June 19.**

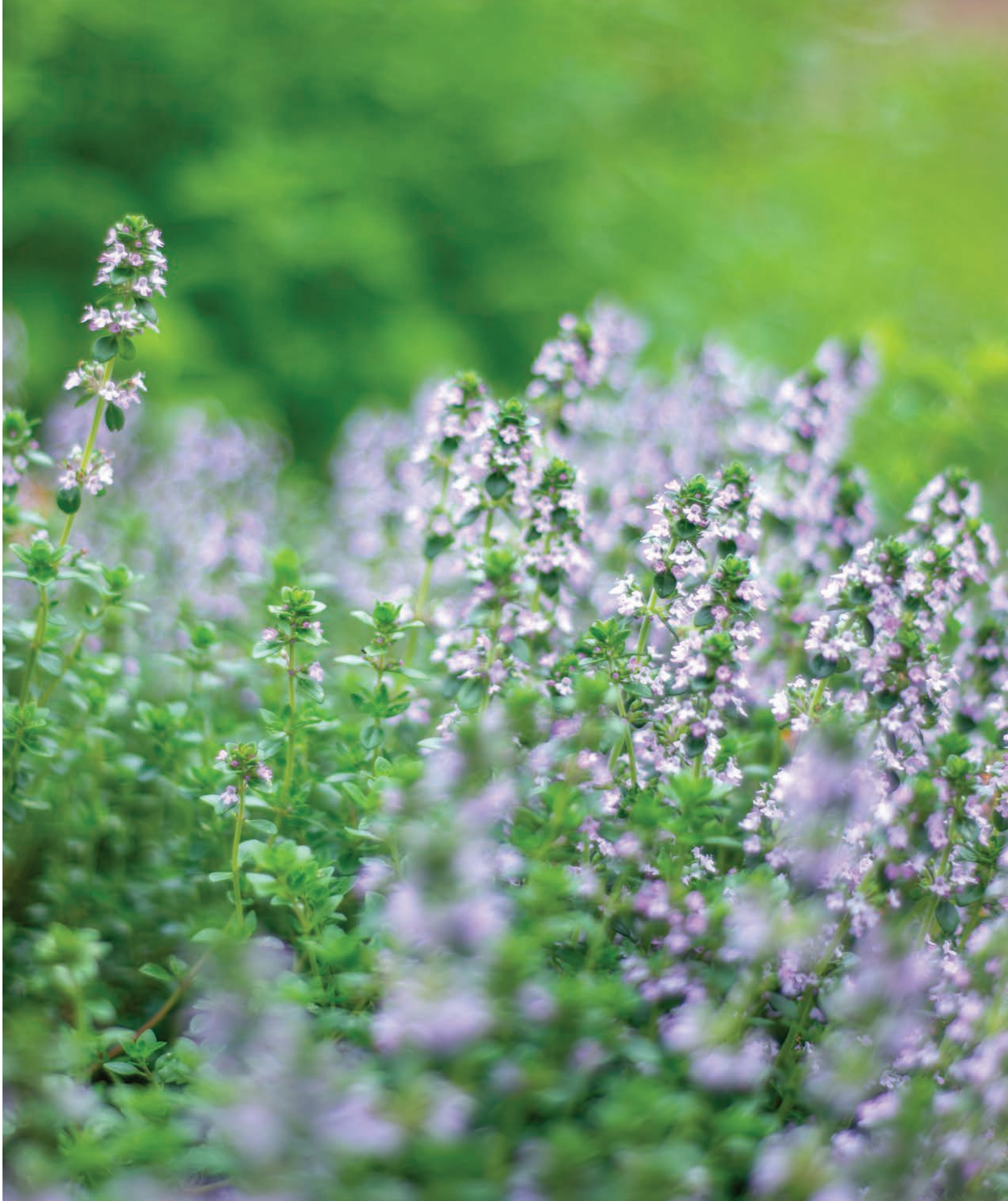
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# President's Message

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**DEBORAH BUSSERT '16**

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners

Happy June! What a beautiful time of year this is. The trees are leafed out, our gardens are bursting with blooms and the worst of the hot, humid, summer weather is still in the future. I hope you are all getting out and enjoying yourselves.

What a fantastic plant sale we had! The plants were numerous, diverse, and beautiful. The customers were plentiful, enjoyable, and ready to buy. And all of you worked so hard and made such a good impression. I have heard nothing but praise for the sale and the Association.

A very, very special shout out and thanks to Gary Streb who volunteered to chair this effort and did a masterful job. He was very ably assisted by leads Dave Banks, Linda Becker, Stacy DeMeo, Dot Finnegan, Marion Guthrie, Christine Mason, Terry McGlennon, Elizabeth Myers, Linda Neilson, Kim Owens, Debe Sineath, and Mary Sipe, who kept things organized and on track, and made sure we had enough volunteers in all areas.

Of course, the sale would not have been a success without the many members who started seeds, dug and divided plants, cared for, transported, groomed and priced those plants, helped with publicity and set up, created many beautiful art pieces and donated used items to the Green Thumb Market, answered questions and assisted customers at the sale, handled check out and load up, and then cleaned it all up so fast and thoroughly, that by 2 pm the Garden looked as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened. Just going through all this effort makes my head spin! All I can say is that I was never prouder of you than I was on that Saturday. Well done all.

Our next big event will be our 40th anniversary picnic. Please watch for more information about the picnic, which will be held on July 23 from 4 to 7 pm at the 4H facility (same place as last year). Marty Oakes and Pat Cowan are co-chairing the event and they will be asking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up and, of course, to provide salads, side dishes, and desserts to complement the proteins that the Association will be providing. If last year's spread is any indication, we have some talented chefs, and I'm looking forward to seeing what will be on offer.

Thanks for all you do. I hope to see you at the meeting on June 1.

Deb

## June 1<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting

### THE HISTORY OF CATHERINE ORR'S GARDEN WITH PAT RATHKE

Our very own Master Gardener Pat Rathke will take us on a virtual journey to the Catherine Orr Garden in Colonial Williamsburg. Pat will show us the who, what, when and why of gardening on this historic site with an array of amazing pictures and her “secrets” that make this garden so successful and beautiful.

Pat has been a volunteer and leader in the Garden for over 20 years and responsible for decisions on bulb, seed, and plant sequencing through the seasons in the flower garden.

**6/1/2023 AT 9:00 a.m.**

**in the Williamsburg Regional Library Auditorium and  
via Zoom at [bit.ly/434UARL](https://bit.ly/434UARL)**



Photo by Pat Rathke

## Will Barnes Day Volunteer Recognition Picnic

We've been invited to the Will Barnes Day Volunteer Recognition Picnic on Saturday, June 17 from 4-6:30 p.m. at Veterans Park! Every June the Clean County Commission sponsors the Will Barnes Day Picnic, where it recognizes its volunteers, staff, and friends to inspire others to follow in Will's footsteps.

The picnic will be at the Will Barnes Shelter, located on the left side of the park, near the Pollinator Garden (opposite side of the park from the tennis courts). Food will include burgers, veggie burgers, pulled pork, sides, drinks and desserts. There will be games and goodie bags! Plan to attend and be thanked for all you do to help keep James City County beautiful!

Read about Will Barnes here: [jamescitycountyva.gov/3857/Will-Barnes-Day-Picnic](https://jamescitycountyva.gov/3857/Will-Barnes-Day-Picnic).

**Saturday, June 17 from 4-6:30 p.m. @ Veterans Park!**

**RSVP by June 15 to Peg Boarman**

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# Brickyard Landing Park

*Learn erosion control*

**JUDY KINSHAW-ELLIS '15 & DONNA BENSON '23**

At this year's Project Fair, interns requested a new project for people who were interested in native plants and meadows. That project, which has been identified and approved by the James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Association (JCCWMGA) Board, is open to all who are interested in participating. The home of the project is Brickyard Landing Park, a 120-acre JCC park purchased in 2020 which sits on the Chickahominy River and was a recreation area for Newport News Shipbuilding for many years.

The project is the development of a demonstration buffer garden to inform homeowners about shoreline stabilization and other erosion concerns. Since our residents may not be familiar with the benefits of a shoreline garden and its ability to impede the flow of fertilizer, pollutants, and sediment runoff into surrounding rivers and streams.

The proposed project is in the design and planning stages but will include a band of native grass at the water's edge, two native plant gardens and a meadow. The first native plant garden will focus on smaller plants that might meet those front yard plant requirements of some of our HOAs. The second native plant garden will have taller native plants in addition to some shrubs and trees.

The largest area of the proposed project is a native meadow planted with a mix of native grasses and perennials. This involved compiling a list of specific native plants and figuring out how to prepare the area for planting, including some invasive plant removal.

The purpose of many of the plants will be to hold soil in place. This is a vital component, whether a homeowner lives on the water or simply seeks to reduce erosion on their property. The plants used will also be those that can survive flooding. Ideally,

residents involved in either our Water Matters or Shoreline Evaluation Project would tour this garden to get ideas for solutions for their own properties.

Currently, a design is being drawn up for the gardens which will be located west of the drive that comes into the park, an area currently used for parking. Once additional parking is created, the west side will be closed to parking and planting can begin.

In addition, Master Gardener Water Stewards are developing training protocols and advisory support teams made up of certified Water Stewards to visit residential properties to offer advice about buffer gardens and suggest opportunities to "slow the flow". These visits will complement this open-to-the-public demonstration garden site to better illustrate the benefits of these shore-line gardens and educate waterfront residents.

This is going to be a big project and we will need a lot of help. We did have several interns express interest at the Project Fair, and we hope many other gardeners will be interested. This project will be an opportunity to make a long-term impact where we live and educate the public on the importance of both reducing erosion and increasing use of native plants. For more information contact Judy Kinshaw-Ellis ([kinshawellis@gmail.com](mailto:kinshawellis@gmail.com)) or Donna Benson ([mid520@me.com](mailto:mid520@me.com)).





# Fun at the Historic Triangle Learning Garden

**BILL DICHTEL '18 & HARRIET PARSONS '08**

We were delighted one year ago when Kathleen Reed and the VCE Office informed us that the Historic Triangle Learning Garden was to be awarded a \$1,000 grant to help with our garden expansion efforts. We had written in our grant proposal that we hoped to expand the garden to increase available beds for gardeners and for space for our growing efforts for the House of Mercy and FISH Food Banks. We also discussed our plans for building a fragrance garden to benefit the neurologically challenged children served by Child Development Resources when they move into their building and other forms of outreach to the community including teaching vegetable and herb gardening.

During the past year, due to the great dedication of our volunteers, we have made great progress toward reaching these goals. Look at our photos and you can see that a completely new garden has appeared where there was an open field before. We have built gates and fencing, complete with tunneling for groundhog fencing all around the garden. So far, we have built 17 new raised beds in the garden plus replaced the wood which was deteriorating in two of the beds in our original "East" garden.

One of our beds is an elevated raised bed, built as a demonstration project to show how those with difficulty getting down to ground level can still garden. That is being gardened by Jill and Bob Burruss and is an excellent demonstration of waist-level gardening. We also plan to build a bed that will demonstrate gardening for those able to sit, but not able to easily get to ground level.

One new area of outreach has been with Girl Scout Troop 1531, which has been meeting at the garden about every two weeks. At our first session, each scout planted pots with lettuce, radishes, marigolds,



Master Gardener Intern Nancy Lia with Girl Scouts from Troop 1531 touring the HTLG. Photo credit-Michele Garrard





Bed of Master Gardener Intern Paul Fameli showing beautiful demonstration of square-foot gardening.

## Learning Garden (cont.)

and basil to take home, water and observe. At our second session, they each planted a tomato plant, cucumber seedlings and sunflower seeds in beds we prepared for them. We hope to continue to the point where they can take some produce home and donate some to the food banks.

Our teaching efforts are continuing. We are getting out into the community with our vegetable and herb gardening know-how. Members of our garden have been working through the Speakers' Bureau and with the Master Gardener Library Programs to teach on Spring Vegetable Gardens, Herb Gardens, Growing Tomatoes and Fall Vegetable Gardens as well as other topics.

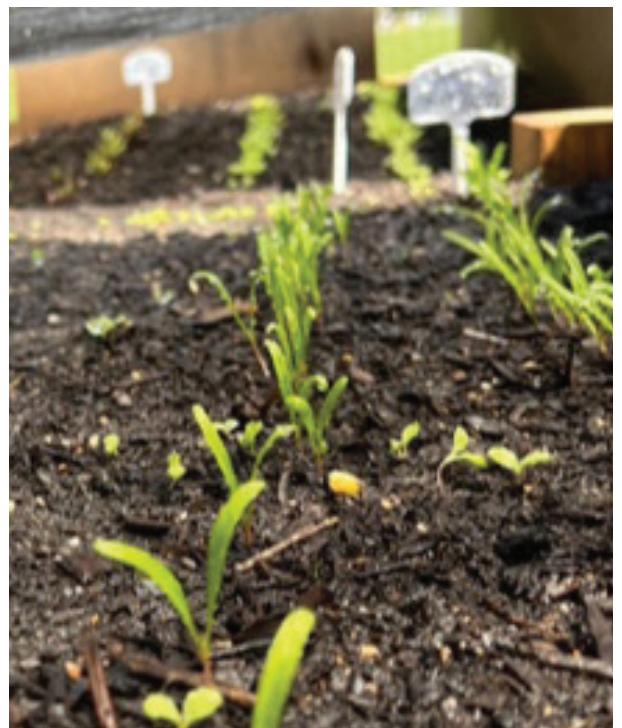
Our garden is beautiful and attracts pollinators with the help of our wonderful border garden and Monarch Way-Station that is managed by Helen Cronk and a team of our volunteers. It is gorgeous at this time of year, and we hope to augment that with the addition of the border garden around the new "West Garden." We started that border garden with planting of English Lavender.

Our donations of fresh produce from the garden remain one of our important missions. Last year, before expansion, we were able to donate 460 pounds of produce to our food bank partners. This year, under the direction of Kim Silver and Renee Kingan and with the work of their volunteers, we hope to increase that even further as we have more garden space dedicated to those efforts. In addition, Kim is making it easier for individuals in the garden to donate from individual plots to the Food Bank Effort!

Impressed with our food donations and our other outreach efforts, we were recently given an additional generous grant from Ford's Colony Garden Club. Those funds have advanced our efforts, allowing us to upgrade our watering system to individual within-garden hose bibs and lightweight hoses and to building additional beds. We greatly appreciate Ford's Colony's generosity as well as the continued dedication and hard work of our project volunteers.



The West Garden before and after.



# Ecology Corner

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JUDY KINSHAW-ELLIS '15

## *Creating a Pollinator Garden*

Ready to reduce your lawn just a tad and invite in some pollinators? Many of us live in HOA communities and have no interest in rocking the boat with a less manicured look; however, small pollinator gardens can be designed to add color, attract pollinators, and still have that well maintained look many of us strive for.

A simple Google or Pinterest search will bring up hundreds of choices. The Xerces Society has a good list of plants (linked below) that you can easily plug into a garden design of your choice. While many of us have Butterfly Bushes (*Buddleia davidii*) to attract pollinators, they are invasive and should be avoided. Think of them as junk food for pollinators. Try to stay with native species and be sure to add some host plants.

What should you have in your garden? Milkweed is always a favorite, and there are varieties that stay shorter (Butterfly Weed). Milkweed is the host plant for Monarchs. Mountain Mint is a pollinator favorite, but you might consider putting it in a large pot to contain it and add some height to your garden.

If you have a trellis or other structure that you would like to cover, vines such as our native Coral Honeysuckle or native Passion Vine attract pollinators, including hummingbirds. Coral honeysuckle is nearly evergreen, and Passion Vine dies back to the ground each year. Coreopsis and Black-eyed Susans have long blooming seasons and add color. Asters bloom late in the year, so you can enjoy flowers and pollinators late into the fall. If you have space, you might consider planting a native shrub. Virginia Sweetspire, Spicebush, or one of our native Azaleas might be a nice addition.

Do some research to decide which plants are most appealing to you and enjoy the process of inviting more pollinators into your yard. It will be healthier for your landscape and will provide entertainment for you. Here's a link to get your started: [bit.ly/43t9d8m](https://bit.ly/43t9d8m)

Carpenter Bee on Passion Vine (*Passiflora incarnata*)  
photo by Judy Kinshaw-Ellis





The abundant rainfall in April has created a picture that Monet would be proud to paint. By mid-May we were blessed with vibrant blooms from our sundrops, ice plants, yarrow, rose campion, red hot poker, coreopsis, amaryllis, chives, and thyme. The passionflower, cone flower, and yucca plants are blooming earlier than normal.

Staff and visitors continue to complement our team on how well the garden looks this year. Jim Akridge's seasonal container is back by popular demand and now gracing the entrance to the JCC Human Resources building. Special thanks to Stacy DeMeo and Jim who stepped up as temporary project leads for two recent work sessions.

Our Water Wise Demonstration Project is in front of the Human Services Center (HSC) at 5249 Olde Towne Road. Over 10,000 people walk through this garden each year. They are generally families, often bilingual, seeking social services and affordable health services. Our garden provides a peaceful setting for them, showcasing a variety of drought-tolerant perennial plants in a low-maintenance garden requiring little watering.

## April Showers, A Boon for the Water Wise Garden

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ELVIN & KAY CLAPP '18



# May in Matthey's Garden

TIFFENI GOESEL '18





# Walsingham Students Have High Praise for Master Gardener, Pam Arnold

As a result of a Help Desk inquiry from a lower school science teacher at Walsingham Academy, Pam Arnold, who co-chairs the J.B. Blayton School Garden with Ken Caro, was on her way on May 3 to speak with some of their young students.

Pam gave an engaging talk on how to start a garden drawing on her experiences in the Blayton Garden. Blayton is a large garden with 43 beds, mostly vegetable beds. There is also a pollinator garden, a bulb garden, a strawberry garden, and an herb garden.

The children had lots of questions and shared their gardening experiences and their goals for their own school garden. They were very excited to hear about the possibilities and were reluctant to let Pam go.

After the presentation, Pam, the teachers, and the students went to see the available garden facilities and talked about the possibilities where Pam was introduced to a Girl Scout leader who was working with her troop to complete a native plants badge. The troop leader had many questions for Pam so Pam suggested that they meet the next day with another Master Gardener, Camille Fisher, who is more expert in native plants.

True to their word, Pam and Camille returned the next day and spent about 40 more minutes with the girl scouts who had even more questions and ideas than their troop leader. They all took another tour outside to see the areas where they would be working and planting, and Pam and Camille gave more suggestions and provided more answers.

As Master Gardeners, our mission is to teach and help the gardening public in the greater Williamsburg area. This is exactly what Pam and Camille did. To volunteer at Blayton contact Pam Arnold ([pamsmitharnold@gmail.com](mailto:pamsmitharnold@gmail.com)) or Ken Caro ([ken@kencaro.com](mailto:ken@kencaro.com)). For more information about Blayton, watch the short video here: [bit.ly/3WBZji8](https://bit.ly/3WBZji8)

# Watch for These Butterflies!

With warmer weather, and an abundance of flowers, butterflies thrive in June. They nectar on the wide variety of blooms that fill our gardens, parks, and yards, and by doing so, spread pollen, ensuring the next generation of flora also thrive.

Photo Credit, **JIM EASTON**, Nature Photographer



Eastern Tailed-blue



Eastern Tiger Swallowtails on Buttonbush



American Lady on Buttonbush





Cabbage White on Hyssop



Sleepy Orange





# Plant Sale 2023: Teamwork in Action!

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**GARY STREB** '11, Project Leader

Plant Sale 2023 was a resounding success! Kudos continue to pour in for the unprecedented quality of your donated plants, your knowledge and eagerness to educate our Williamsburg customers, your genuine service with a smile, and the ease of the shopping experience. We worked as an effective team, as we got to know each other better, whether we were friends, new EMG interns, or recent transfers. Thank you to everyone who participated.

So, how much money did we make to fund our VCE projects? We have preliminary figures that we hope will be finalized by our June 1 meeting. Gross intake was \$12,609, including plant sales, Green Thumb boutique items, and cash donations. (Plants sales accounted for \$10,184, Green Thumb \$2,072.90 and donations of \$353.) Our expenses to date are \$894. (If you have not submitted reimbursement requests to Linda Neilson, please do so soon so we can close the books on this project.) As of publication date, we have a \$11,700 net revenue. In comparison, Plant Sale 2022 gross intake was \$8,346.25 minus expenses of \$772.86, resulting in \$7,573.39 net revenue.

More than 2600 plants were donated compared to 1,434 last year. Donor participation was up as well as the number of EMGs donating more than 50 specimens. In addition to the pre-owned garden items, the upscale Green Thumb Market added many new artisan items and gift items crafted for Mother's Day giving.

This year's plant sale was dedicated to Donna Tierney's memory and many of her ideas continued to work well. Operating hours were shortened from five to three and a MG Appreciation Sale was added where MGs enjoyed 50 percent off remaining plants after the gates closed to the public. Annuals were once again offered for sale after not having them last year; a \$300 investment increased profits while adding some wonderful color to the plant selection. My Three Rules proved to be right on target—we made no 9-1-1 calls nor did we use a single band-aid. Safety, safety, safety works!

Our success can be attributed to the efforts of us ALL, as well as the dedication and actions of our Plant Sale Planning Committee leaders and their working groups both pre-sale and during the event. The Communications campaign brought in the crowd, which was much larger than in the past, thanks to Marion Guthrie and her team. Debe Sineath and Vickie Rockwell, orchestrating the Propagation and



Acquisition effort organized “Digging Parties” that brought in about 500 plants—great job!

Intake and Quality Control, Mary Sipes and her fellow EMG crew, assured that we sold only the best, from creating invasive “do not sell” lists to grooming each plant for its best visual impact. This committee worked closely with Pricing and Sales Tally, led by Stacy DeMeo, that individually priced the 2600 plants. Clear and generous pricing was genuinely appreciated by our record number of customers. Dave Banks again, used his technical talents to create individual computer-generated labels for each plant, erasing many of the issues that arose last year. The Green Thumb Market was a buyer’s delight! Artfully displaying the potential treasures/cast-offs, the team, led by Elizabeth Myers, Christine Masson, Linda Becker and Terry McGlennon created a real treasure. What an impact! (BTW we love our new hand-crafted green crystal birdbath now placed opposite our front door.)



The Williamsburg Botanical Garden at Freedom Park venue again proved to be ideal, with unparalleled support of its Director, Judith Alberts, and the crews from JCC Parks and Recreation. Customers were impressed with the organization of the inventory, targeted signage and the easy flow of crowd control even while pushing garden carts and/or armed with boxes/carriers of plants. Kim Owens and her team of volunteers were able to turn 2600 plants into a pleasing, well-organized, outdoor garden store.

Volunteers used the Sign-Up Genius app to claim their desired job and time slot. Dot Finnegan and Carol Beers orchestrated the whole effort, so everyone knew just what to do and when to do it. Follow the money and you will find Linda Neilson and her team of cashiers that were well prepared. Lots of money floating around for a few short hours and her team has left us confident that all of it is all counted and accounted for in support of our numerous VCE projects. “Nothing happens until something moves”.

The prime movers for this whole effort, Deb Bussert and Harry Fahl and the whole Logistics team, made sure, that each detail was accomplished, things that many take for granted. Behind the scenes and our face to our customers, the logistics team glued it all together.

We cannot thank each of you enough but we each have the satisfaction of a job well done. Bottom line: Teamwork really does work. Let’s all congratulate each other on an impressive collective effort. The position of Plant Sale 2024 Orchestration Manager is open. Clear your calendars for Saturday, May 11, 2024—the date for our next, best-ever Plant Sale.



Photo by ELIZABETH MCCOY '18

# In the Garden

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ELIZABETH MCCOY '18

## ***The Regal Southern Magnolia***

The sweet fragrance of Magnolia flowers on a warm breeze announces summer in Virginia. But that wasn't the case 400 years ago, before European colonists began exploring for interesting tree species, transplanting them to new areas, and exporting them to Europe. The original native range of *Magnolia grandiflora* is only ...

[jccwmg.org/wordpress/the-regal-southern-magnolia/](http://jccwmg.org/wordpress/the-regal-southern-magnolia/)

## ***Patriotic Container Gardens for Summer Celebrations***

Red, white, and blue is the iconic color scheme of an American summer. These colors each have deep meanings and various interpretations. American revolutionaries adopted these colors for our colonial flags beginning in 1776. Yet red, white, and blue were also the colors...

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# Classifieds

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## IS YOUR DRINKING WATER SAFE?

The Virginia Household Water Quality Program is offering affordable water testing and education on water quality to Virginians who rely on wells and springs. Space is limited so pre-register by June 14. For more information and to register go to [rb.gy/5xbtd](http://rb.gy/5xbtd) or call our Help Desk at 757-564-2175.

## JULY AND AUGUST LIBRARY LECTURES

For July the topic is "Planning and Planting a Fall Vegetable Garden." Fall is the best for planting cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli. Plus, you can plant another crop of peas, lettuce, and other leafy veggies. Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Bill Dichtel will share techniques such as cloches, high tunnels, and cold frames to extend the growing season for your home vegetable garden. Join us on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Stryker Center from 10:15 to 11:15.

August will be on Container gardens for the Fall. More to come later.

## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICNIC, JULY 23

Remember that there is no monthly meeting in July because we're celebrating our 40th anniversary with a picnic on Sunday, July 23 from 4 to 7 pm at the 4H facility (same place as last year). Marty Oakes ([oakesfour@aol.com](mailto:oakesfour@aol.com)) and Pat Cowan ([pat.cowan108@gmail.com](mailto:pat.cowan108@gmail.com)) are co-chairing this event and would love to have you volunteer. Give them a shout.

## MASTER GARDENER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

If you know of a Master Gardener who is experiencing difficult times or who deserves recognition, please let us know by contacting Dot Finnegan, [secretary@jccwmg.org](mailto:secretary@jccwmg.org)

## LANDSCAPE LOVE IS OPEN

Our popular Landscape Love program is accepting applications through the end of September 2023. Homeowners can get information and apply for a consultation by completing the application on the website at - [jccwmg.org/wordpress/home-visit-programs-5/](http://jccwmg.org/wordpress/home-visit-programs-5/). For questions, contact: Barbara Floyd, [bmfloyd57@gmail.com](mailto:bmfloyd57@gmail.com) or Susan Zickel, [zickel@cox.net](mailto:zickel@cox.net).

## VMGA-RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Attention VMGA Members--It's time to renew your membership in VMGA unless you signed on as a Continuing Member (formerly known as a life member). The membership year runs from June 1st through May 31st. Here is the link to the membership form: [vmga.net/wordpress/vmga-membership-application-renewal-form/](http://vmga.net/wordpress/vmga-membership-application-renewal-form/)

Non-VMGA Members--please consider supporting your statewide association and join using the same link! Or join as a Continuing Member using this link: [vmga.net/wordpress/vmga-continuing-membership-update-form/](http://vmga.net/wordpress/vmga-continuing-membership-update-form/)

VMGA is the professional society of VCE-Master Gardener volunteers. Just as some join a professional society associated with a career field, Master Gardeners join VMGA. VMGA shares the mission of professional societies - continuing education, networking, and communication. For more information contact our VMGA Representative, Joanne Sheffield, [joshieffie@yahoo.com](mailto:joshieffie@yahoo.com) or alternate, Marilyn Riddle, [mriddle@cox.net](mailto:mriddle@cox.net).

# Help Wanted Vice President for Administration

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Candidates must be a Master Gardener in good standing, have some basic computer skills and willingness to learn more, and be available to attend monthly Association and Board meetings. Training and support are available from Board members and past VPs.

The Vice President for Administration handles the roster, helps members with their annual recertification and verification of their contact information in Better Impact, and monitors reporting of hours. They also act as the primary contact with transfers to and from other units, handle member requests for Emeritus, Inactive or Leave of Absence status, and provide a yearly list of members eligible for milestone awards to the Extension Office. In addition, along with the Board, they form and oversee the work of the Nominating Committee in identifying and submitting a slate of Board candidates for the coming year.

Get to know more of your fellow Master Gardeners, perform a valuable service for the Association and enjoy the camaraderie among the Board members.

If interested or have a candidate to suggest, contact Deb Bussert, President or Vickie Rockwell, President-Elect





## Editor's Message

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**MARION GUTHRIE '19**

May went by in a flash! This is my favorite time of year, the weeds are small and manageable, and my gardens are full of hope (and empty spaces.) I'm still trying to put all my treasures from the plant sale into the garden. And, what a plant sale it was! We had a line before we even unlocked the gate. The Odd Moxie crew is working on a video for us, so keep an eye on our Facebook page (you can find us at [facebook.com/JCCWMasterGardeners/](https://facebook.com/JCCWMasterGardeners/)). While you're there, give us a follow!

Keep in mind we're always looking for high-resolution photographs to add to our newsletter, our blog, and even our Facebook page. If you know of any plant-inspired photographers out there, send them my way. We're also always recruiting on the Marketing and Communications team. Right now, if you love social media, in particular Instagram, we'd love to have some help getting our "Insta" up and running.

Thank you to everyone who helps make our Association amazing, but especially to those who contributed to the newsletter this month. I can't thank you enough!

Keep growing!

Marion Guthrie, Editor

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