

NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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Happy Earth Month, Naturalists!



Here are a few ways you can celebrate the Earth for Earth Day:

- ◆ Bike, walk, or carpool places instead of driving by yourself.
- ◆ Plant a tree or garden.
- ◆ Fix those leaky faucets and switch out your old lightbulbs.
- ◆ Use reusable water bottles and shopping bags.
- ◆ Volunteer your time to environmentally friendly organizations. (like Maryland Master Naturalists!)
- ◆ Get out in Nature! Take a hike and enjoy the Earth.
- ◆ Spread the word! Share your knowledge about how to preserve the Environment with others.

Quarterly Meeting Notes:

- Please find the Quarterly Meeting minutes attached to this email.
- Have a look at the attached communication tree to see how the MD Master Naturalist program is structured in Frederick County. Your first point of contact for any site will be your site Facilitators. Please contact them before contacting your site Leaders.
- Maryland Master Naturalist merchandise is ready to be ordered! You are able to use the attached order form to order clothing, or you also have an option to have your own clothing embroidered with the MD MN logo. The personal clothing pieces would need to be done in a large batch, to bring the price per piece down. Please let Dana know if you have any questions about merchandise. dana.collingwood@gmail.com
- The attached event calendar has events through September. If you have an event you would like listed in the newsletter, please let Katy More know! kmore@frederickcountymd.gov
- You will also find a talents and skills survey attached that you can fill out and send back to dana.collingwood@gmail.com. These will help the site facilitators know which projects and volunteer events would be good for each Master Naturalist.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- ⇒ Children's Festival at Baker Park in Frederick
 - Saturday, April 27, 10am-3pm
 - **We are looking for 1 or 2 more volunteers for this event.**
 - Please contact Dana Collingwood if you are interested.
 - dana.collingwood@gmail.com

- ⇒ Monarch Waystation Maintenance at Fountain Rock Park
 - Please contact Ann Payne if you are interested in helping with the Monarch Waystation. paynestake@gmail.com
 - Duties include watering and weeding as necessary.
 - Starts SOON and goes through the summer.

- ⇒ Weed Warriors at Fountain Rock Park
 - Thursday, May 23, 10am –1pm
 - **This will be a PULL only. No class will be given.**
 - Please let Suzanne Hill know if you will be in attendance.
 - hill.susie.m@gmail.com

- ⇒ Nature in the Classroom Field Trips at Fountain Rock Park
 - Monday, June 3rd, 8am-3:30pm
 - Wednesday, June 5th, 8am-3:30pm
 - 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes from Lincoln Elementary
 - Contact Monica Wenzel if you are interested in helping with these field trips. lilkodamas@gmail.com

- ⇒ Frederick County Rescue Mission
 - Awesome Animals Presentation
 - July 9th @ Frederick Location
 - July 23rd @ Thurmont Location
 - Please email Kelly, kketzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov if you are interested

- ⇒ Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up at Fountain Rock Park
 - Saturday, September 7th, 9am - ?
 - Wear comfortable clothing and bring water

"One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between man and nature shall not be broken."

- Leo Tolstoy

Nature Fest 2019 is coming!

Saturday, 5/4/2019, 10am-2pm, Catoctin Creek Park

- ◇ Join us at the park for a wide variety of family friendly activities including live animal presentations, local environmental exhibitors, a silent auction, kids crafts, campfire activities, and more!
- ◇ Silent Auction Items are still needed! Please see the attached form to submit auction items.
- ◇ The Master Naturalist Gardening Committee will be offering 16 different varieties of native plants in quart pots at the fest this year! They will also have informational booklets about native plants. Both the plants and booklets will be available for a \$5.00 donation. Cash or Check will be accepted. The donations will go toward future Educational Nature Programs at the Frederick County Parks.
- ◇ We also appreciate any help in set-up, break-down, activity monitors, etc. Arrive by 8 am for set-up. Contact Daniel Cook if you are interested: dcook@frederickcountymd.gov



MN Interns, Don Sherwood and Joann Gochmour, helped teach people about pollinators at the Thurmont Greenfest on April 13th.

Upcoming Advanced Training

Training at Fountain Rock Park:

- **Nature Photography:** May 31, 10am-12pm - John Cancalosi
- **Improving Your Science Literacy:** June 12, 6pm-8pm - Taylor Roman

The fee is \$10 at the door. RSVP to dana.collingwood@gmail.com

Catoctin Creek Nature Center Volunteer Needs: Spring 2019

Middletown Green Expo: Saturday, 4/27/19, 10 am- 3 pm

Help staff represent the park at the Green Expo in Middletown, MD. We will have an exhibit there with information and artifacts, etc. Email Daniel Cook: dcook@frederickcountymd.gov

Home School Days: The instructors need extra hands during these programs to provide help with activities. We will give instructions an hour before the programs start. Just let us know at least a day in advance that you intend to be there. We can use 1-3 assistants per class. Email Sandy Burr: sburr@frederickcountymd.gov See class list below:

HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Life Cycles	5-7 yrs	5/17/19	1-3 PM	F
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HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Microscope Mania	5-7 yrs	4/26/19	1-3 PM	F
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HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Stream Ecology	5-7 yrs	5/31/19	1-3 PM	F
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Spring Field Trips:

We need program assistants to help our instructors carry out these programs. Previous experience is not necessary. You may be asked to help set-up, clean-up, pass around artifacts, show animals (once trained), and be extra monitors - especially during any outdoor activities. Arrive one hour before the program is scheduled to start. Most run from 10am-12pm. The schedule varies as programs are added or changed. The number of volunteers needed varies depending on the number of participants we expect. If you are interested, please send Sandy Burr your contact information: sburr@frederickcountymd.gov.

Frederick County Nature Council

The next meeting is Monday, May 20, at 7:00pm at Catoctin Creek Park. All are welcome to attend these meetings. For more information on how you may become involved with The Frederick County Nature Council please call: 301-600-2051 or visit <http://www.naturecouncilfc.org/>. Attendance at the Nature Council meetings counts toward your volunteer hour requirements!

Our Adopt-A-Road sign is up on Fountain Rock Road!



Our first roadside clean-up will be May 18th in conjunction with the CommuniTyler community service day at Fountain Rock Park. Hope to see you there!

CommuniTyler Volunteer Day

Fountain Rock Park

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Please join us for a day of community service at Fountain Rock Park from **9:00am to 4:00pm**. CommuniTyler aims to create global communities of volunteers, inspired by the memory of Ty, who desire to improve their world by engaging in their communities.

Our first Adopt-A-Road clean-up will also be this day.

No advance registration is required. You do not have to stay the whole day!

Join our Facebook page for more information about local Events, Resources, and Advanced Training Opportunities.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/358589201604780/>

Frederick County Maryland Master Naturalists

Please Submit Your Volunteer Hours!

If your volunteer hours are being conducted at **Fountain Rock Park or Catoctin Creek Park**, please make sure to fill out a **county volunteer hours** sheet. These need to be submitted monthly to each of the sites. This information should ALSO go on your Master Naturalist volunteer sheet, but that only gets turned in once per year!

If you have questions about any volunteer service hours, please contact your site facilitators!