

NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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Greetings Master Naturalists!

Thank you for the great feedback on the first newsletter!

If you would like to be a part of the Communications Committee and contribute to the newsletter, please email Katy More kmore@FrederickCountyMD.gov with your ideas and information.

Committee Updates and Happenings

Some of our committees have met and decided on projects. We would love for each of you to be a part of a committee and volunteer your time.

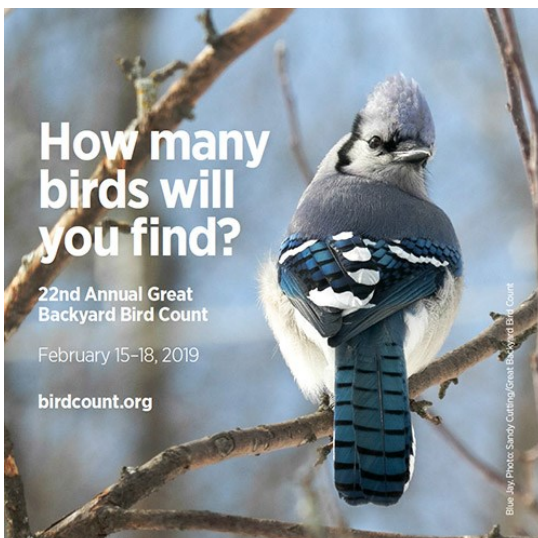
Gardening Committee: The Gardening committee has been busy planning a Native Plant Sale for Nature Fest held at Catoctin Creek Park on May 4th. They are going to use the profits from the sale to support education programs at Fountain Rock Park! Thanks, Gardening committee. If you would like to be a part of the Gardening Committee, please contact Linda Hagan (cedarcrk@qis.net) or Dawne Howard (howardandl@aol.com). Other ideas for the Gardening Committee are: holding Weed Warrior workshops and pull days, planting native plants, and tending to pollinator gardens.

The communications/advanced training/marketing/outreach committee aka CAMO committee has been busy putting together the newsletter, seeking advanced training opportunities, putting in vendor applications at various events, and figuring out Maryland Master Naturalist branded merchandise. If you are interested in being a member of the CAMO committee, please contact Katy More (kmore@frederickcountymd.gov) or Dana Collingwood (dana.collingwood@gmail.com).

Our Nature In The Classroom volunteers have been going to Lincoln Elementary and presenting educational outreach programs to the school children. If you would like to volunteer with this program, please contact Monica Wenzel (mwenzel@frederickcountymd.gov).

Trout in the Classroom: The trout eggs came on December 7th and have grown into cute little baby fish. They are out and about in the tank and continue to eat, swim, and grow. The trout should be large enough to release from April to August. If you would like to help test the tank water, be a part of the “release days”, or help to get the tank cleaned and ready for the next set of trout, please contact Monica Wenzel (mwenzel@frederickcountymd.gov).

We would like to have a Fundraising Committee. We do not currently have anyone to lead this committee. If you are interested in being involved with fundraising, please let Dana Collingwood (dana.collingwood@gmail.com) know.



The Great Backyard Bird Count starts today!

Go to birdcount.org for instructions, guides, and more information on how you can participate in this Citizen Science effort!

Upcoming Advanced Training at Fountain Rock Park and Nature Center

- **Pollinators:** March 15th, 10am-12pm - David Campbell
- **Nature Journaling:** April 12th, 10am-12pm - Anne Payne
- **Nature Photography:** May 31, 10am-12pm - John Cancalosi
- **Improving Your Science Literacy:** June 12, 6pm-8pm - Taylor Roman

The program fee is \$10 at the door. Please RSVP to Dana Collingwood: dana.collingwood@gmail.com if you would like to attend any of the trainings.

“Snowflakes are one of nature’s most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together.”

-Vista M. Kelly

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- ⇒ Cunningham Falls Maple Syrup Festival: March 9, 10, 16, 17, 10am-2pm
 - Outreach table with MN info, Nature Council info, park info, animal bio-facts, and scat and track match.
 - We still need two people for Sunday, March 10 and one person for Saturday, March 16.
- ⇒ Thurmont Green Fest: April 13, 10am-2pm
 - Outreach table with MN info, Nature Council info, park info, animal bio-facts, scat and track match, and Leave No Trace information.

Please contact Katy More if you are interested.
kmore@frederickcountymd.gov

Join our Facebook Page!

Thank you to those of you who joined our Facebook page! If you haven't joined yet, but would like to, you can search “Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County” in the Facebook search bar and the group should come up.

Merchandise and Branding

Dana had a meeting with Joy from the University of Maryland extension office and got the go-ahead to order merchandise! Dana is putting together an order form and getting information from the company on pricing. Look for more details in the next Newsletter!

Frederick County Nature Council

The next meeting is Monday, February 18, at 7:00pm at Fountain Rock 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/>.

SAVE THE DATE!

What: Quarterly Gathering

When: April 15th, 2019, 2pm-4pm

Where: Fox Haven Farm, 3630 Poffenberger Road, Jefferson, MD 21755—More details to come!

What: Nature Fest

When: May 4th, 2019, 10am-2pm

Where: Catoctin Creek Nature Center, 2929 Sumantown Road Middletown, MD 21769