

NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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Happy May, Naturalists!

The wildflowers are blooming, the trees are budding, the birds are singing, and the bees are buzzing. It is truly spring.

Spring is a great time to head outdoors and get some volunteer hours logged.



Merchandise Order

Maryland Master Naturalist merchandise is ready to be ordered! You are able to order clothing, caps, and patches. 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

MERCH ORDER FORMS ARE DUE TODAY, MAY 15th

The Garden Committee is meeting at Fountain Rock Park Friday, May 24th at 10:00am

Anyone interested in becoming a member of this committee please come and join us and send Linda Hagan (cedarcrk@qis.net) your email for future meetings and volunteer projects. We need "Weed Warriors" and ideas for future projects.

Joann Gochnour will give a presentation after the garden committee meeting on how to use iNaturalist for those interested.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped out with events this past month at The Children's Festival and Nature Fest!



Members of the Frederick County, MD Master Naturalist Garden Committee held a plant sale at Nature Fest on May 4th.

Volunteering

Catoctin Creek Nature Center Volunteer Needs: Spring 2019

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
HOME SCHOOL DAYS: Life Cycles	8-12 yrs	5/17/19	1-3 PM	F
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.

Fountain Rock Park Volunteer Opportunities

- ⇒ Monarch Waystation Maintenance at Fountain Rock Park
 - Please contact Matt Seubert if you are interested in helping with the Monarch Waystation. matts853@gmail.com
 - Duties include monitoring, 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 and gloves
 - Let Katy More know if you will be attending kmore@frederickcountymd.gov
 - **We STILL need someone to take Katy's place as the Coordinator, too!**

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

**“From a small seed a mighty trunk
may grow.”**

- AESCHYLUS

May Events at Cunningham Falls State Park

May 18 & 19 : Maryland Iron Festival

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Iron Furnace

Mountains, Metal & Malt! Join this unique event featuring blacksmithing and casting demonstrations, delicious historic foods, a wine and beer garden, traditional music, iron and metalwork arts and crafts, games and lots of children's activities!

May 25: Aviary Tour (Shine Only)

10 a.m. at Manor Area Visitor Center

Want to learn more about the lives of our animals? Come by for a tour of our aviary to hear about our native species and watch us feed some of our residents.

May 25: Oh Snap! (Shine Only)

1 p.m. at Manor Area Visitor Center

Watch us feed our largest resident...a snapping turtle! We'll discuss the lives of these massive turtles that are found all across Maryland.

May 26: Talon Talk

10 a.m. at Manor Area Visitor Center

Are you a fan of falcons? Come meet our aviary's only resident falcon, Violet. Despite her small size, she's a fierce predator!

May 26: Butterfly Beauties

2 p.m. at Manor Area Visitor Center

Warmer weather brings many fascinating and colorful butterflies to our gardens! Join us to learn about and observe these graceful insects. Plant native seeds in your garden to attract native insects!

If you would like to join the e-mail list for Cunningham Falls State Park Events, please let Katy More know.

kmore@frederickcountymd.gov

Frederick County Nature Council

The next meeting is Monday, May 20, at 7:00pm at Catoctin Creek Nature Center. All are welcome to attend.

For more information on how you may become involved with The Frederick County Nature Council please visit:

<http://www.naturecouncilfc.org/>.

Attendance at the Nature Council meetings counts toward your volunteer hour requirements!

Help Wanted!

Angela Moxley, Class of 2016, is seeking volunteers for a vegetation survey this summer at the Fred J. Archibald Audubon Sanctuary near New Market. The survey is part of her master's degree work at Hood College and will establish baseline information about plant communities at the nature preserve prior to the addition of over 2,000 new homes in the surrounding area. Expert plant identifiers are needed to help with the survey. Sampling will take place over three weeks in mid-July and full-day shifts are preferred. If interested, send Angela an email at armoxley@gmail.com

CommuniTyler at 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. Bring water and gloves! No advance registration is required.

Nature Book Club

If you would like to be part of a Nature Book Club, please contact Lynne Marquess for more information: lynne@marq3.net

Join these Facebook pages for more information about local Events, Resources, and Advanced Training Opportunities.

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

Frederick County Maryland Master Naturalists

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/161447094719398/>

Maryland Master Naturalist Graduates: Cunningham Falls State Park

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!

Newsletter Submissions

If you have a club or group that meets regularly, or you are working on a project and need help - let Katy know and she can add that information into the newsletter!

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