

# NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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## Happy September, Naturalists!

Please consider volunteering at or attending the Park After Dark event on **October 5th at Fountain Rock Park!** It is our biggest fundraiser event of the year and we need YOU to make it a success!

Please contact [DCollingwood@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:DCollingwood@FrederickCountyMD.gov) for more information about volunteering or to purchase tickets for the event!

# Volunteering

- ⇒ Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up at Fountain Rock Park
- ⇒ **DATE CHANGE**
- **Saturday, September 28th, 9am - 12pm**
- RSVP to [kmore@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:kmore@frederickcountymd.gov)
- ⇒ The Great Frederick Fair
- The Frederick County Nature Council will be hosting a booth and would appreciate help from the Master Naturalists in manning it. Please use the sign up link below to sign up for shifts. If you have any questions, please contact [leadbettermd@aol.com](mailto:leadbettermd@aol.com).
- [www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A48AFAD2DAAFB6-frederick1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A48AFAD2DAAFB6-frederick1)
- Fair runs Saturday, September 14 to Saturday, September 21st
- ⇒ Weed Warriors
- If you are interested in becoming a weed warrior for the Frederick County parks, contact [kketzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:kketzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov)
- ⇒ Gardening Committee
- The Gardening Committee is looking for new members and fresh ideas.
- They are looking for members who like to plant and weed, but would also like members to come with a love of nature and ideas about future projects and ways to improve Fountain Rock Park.
- Please contact Linda Hagan if interested. [cedarcrc@qis.net](mailto:cedarcrc@qis.net)

Experience Fountain Rock Park like never before!

## Park After Dark

Join us Saturday, October 5th from 7 to 10pm.

Enjoy live music, food, unique auction items, and an engaging educational program. Proceeds benefit the Fountain Rock Nature Center.

Sponsored by the Frederick County Nature Council.

Tickets \$25.00

Ages 18 yrs and older

For more info call (301) 600-4460

# Cunningham Falls State Park

## September Events

### **Sept. 14, 22, 28: Governor's Day to Serve Events**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Manor Area Visitor Center

Join our master naturalist to help collect and plant native plant seeds and remove invasive plants. Bring work gloves, water and a snack. Adult participation and supervision required for children under the age of 12.

### **Sept. 28: Stargazing, Day or Night**

2-5 p.m. at the Houck Area South Beach

9-11 p.m. at the Dam Parking Lot (*Shine only*)

Saturn, Jupiter and the Moon are all together! Join the Westminster Astronomy Club to learn more about the cosmos right above us!

## Tree Planting with Streamlink

### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

Tree planting season is here and local reforestation efforts are underway in Frederick County, MD! Sign up today to volunteer to plant trees on:

October 5

October 19

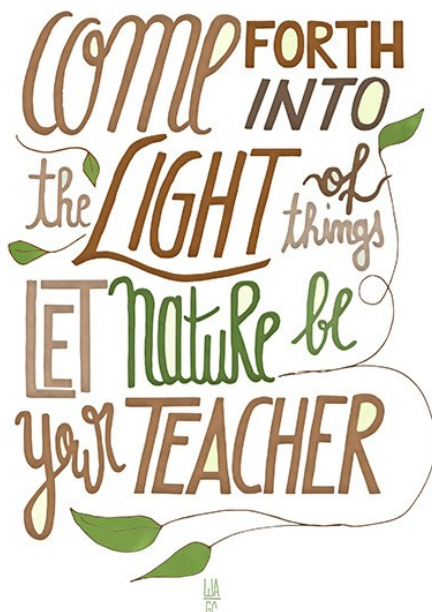
October 26

Location: 12628 Layman Rd, Thurmont, MD

9am-11am

Visit [www.streamlineducation.org/plantings](http://www.streamlineducation.org/plantings) for more information and to sign up. Invite all your friends and family! These are fun events for ALL ages.

These tree plantings are approved for MMN Volunteer Hours!



## School's Out - Fountain Rock Nature Center is OPEN

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.** We are looking for Master Naturalists to help “man” the Nature Center and Kaufman House from 10am – 4pm on these dates – assist with crafts, animal encounters, etc. Contact [DCollingwood@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:DCollingwood@frederickcountymd.gov) if you are interested in helping.

## Upcoming Advanced Training at Fountain Rock Park

**Growing Up WILD workshop:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 9am – 1pm at Fountain Rock Park. Cost is \$5.00. You will also get the book for taking the class. Register at [www.recreator.com](http://www.recreator.com) Course #19111. Kelly Ketzenberger will be teaching the class.

**Wilderness First Aid Certification Course:** Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 8am – 4pm at Fountain Rock Park. Jeff Huggins will be teaching the class. Cost is \$75.00. For 18+ years of age. Register at [www.recreator.com](http://www.recreator.com) Course #19076.

**Advanced Training Opportunity:** from 7pm to 9pm on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Fountain Rock Park. Ron Kaltenbaugh of the Frederick County Nature Council will present a class on **Climate Change**. Fee is \$10.00. Contact [dcollingwood@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:dcollingwood@frederickcountymd.gov) if you wish to attend.

## Other Advanced Training Options

**\*\*Please check with your program facilitators prior to taking non-site offered advanced training to make sure it is approved\*\***

If you do not get the **Maryland Master Naturalist group e-mails**, the site is: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/maryland-master-naturalist> If you need to be added to this group, or if your email address has changed since you went through the course, you will need to contact Joy Shindler Rafey [jrafey@umd.edu](mailto:jrafey@umd.edu). This group serves as a forum for Maryland Master Naturalists and Maryland Master Naturalist Training Program Facilitators to share information, ask questions, and start discussions with their peers. It is also a method for distributing information about upcoming events, training, and volunteer opportunities. Participation in this listserv is voluntary and you are free to unsubscribe at any time.

**Multi-Faith Alliance for Climate Stewards** will be hosting a program, **“Floods, Droughts and Justice”** from **12- 4:30pm at Hood College on October 20, 2019**. Price is \$15.00 and an additional \$10.00 for lunch. They are also looking for vendors to participate in the event. <https://www.macsfrederick.org/projects>

## Looking forward to 2020

Kelly Ketzenberger has announced a partnership with Ceresville Mansion about an Adult Nature Lecture series for early 2020 with drinks and hors d'oeuvres on Wednesday evenings: **January 15 (snow date Jan 22), February 19 (snow date Feb 26), and March 25, 2020**. These will be sponsored by the Master Naturalists of Frederick County and count as advanced training hours. Kelly is working on details and presenters (photographer John Cancalosi, naturalist Taylor Roman, and DNR's Kerry Wixted).



## SAVE THE DATE

What: Master Naturalist Quarterly Meeting

When: **Thursday, October 24, 6-8pm**

Where: Fountain Rock Park, 8511 Nature Center Place, Walkersville

You are welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert to share

**We want to know what you've been working on or what you are passionate about! If you would like to give a short 10-15 minute presentation on a Naturalist topic at the meeting, please let Kelly Ketzenberger know!**

[KKetzenberger@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:KKetzenberger@FrederickCountyMD.gov)

## Frederick County Nature Council

**Frederick County Nature Council** – meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 7-9pm. January – May meetings are held at Catoclin Creek Nature Center. June – October meetings are held at Fountain Rock Nature Center. No meetings November & December. **Meeting attendance counts toward Master Naturalist volunteer hours.** Council is a member of the Frederick County Association of Recreation Councils and works on/ supports: Volunteer Recognition Event in January, Nature Fest/Silent Auction in April/May, Frederick County Fair in September, Park After Dark/ Silent Auction in October, Dear Santa in December, volunteering, funding and facilitating projects to benefit Catoclin Creek Park & Nature Center and Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center. Just show up to the next meeting!

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 **Catoclin 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 if you are working on a project and need volunteers - let Katy More know and she can add that information to the newsletter! [kmore@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:kmore@frederickcountymd.gov)