

# NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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## Happy New Year Naturalists!



*Pictured (left) Katy More, (right) Theresa Bartlette*

## Save the Dates!

**1/11/2020**  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and 2018 Fountain Rock MMN "Graduation"

**1/15/2020**  
Ceresville Mansion Advanced Training

**1/18/2020**  
Nocturnal Animals Advanced Training at Fountain Rock Park

**1/23/2020**  
Master Naturalists Quarterly Meeting

**2/19/2020**  
Ceresville Mansion Advanced Training

**3/25/2020**  
Ceresville Mansion Advanced Training

Hello Fellow Naturalists! Just wanted to take a moment to Thank Katy More for her hard work and dedication this past year to the Maryland Master Naturalist program and newsletter. We wish her the best of luck in Florida, she will be greatly missed.

Also would like to take this time to introduce myself. I went through the 2018 class at Fountain Rock Park, which is where I work as an instructor. I have lived in Frederick County my entire life. I am a merit badge counselor for Scouts BSA and volunteer one week at a Scout Camp as the Ecology and Conservation Director.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Looking forward to working with all of you!

Naturally Yours,  
*Theresa*



Hope to see you at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on January 11 at Catoctin Creek at 6pm!

# Volunteering

Look forward to more volunteer opportunities in the New Year! We already have a few events where we will have an information table. Enjoy the Holidays and we will see you next year! Stay Warm!

# Cunningham Falls State Park

## Events

### **January 12: Creature Feature** **1 p.m. at the Manor Area Visitor Center**

Join park staff to learn about an aviary occupant up close and personal in this 30-minute informational program, then stick around afterwards to make a craft. Animals expected to appear vary from birds of prey to reptiles and amphibians.

All ages are welcome. Park entrance fee is \$3 per Maryland resident vehicle and \$5 per nonresident vehicle. RSVP or direct questions to [claudia.padilla@maryland.gov](mailto:claudia.padilla@maryland.gov).

### **January 18: Nature Craft** **11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Manor Area Visitor Center**

Join park staff for nature-inspired crafts and hands-on activities. Park entrance fee is \$3 per Maryland resident vehicle and \$5 per nonresident vehicle.

### **January 20: MLK Day Volunteer Projects** **11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Falls Trailhead**

Make it a Day On, not a Day Off! Help the park and join together with your local community for a day of service honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Depending on the weather, we'll either pull invasive plants or do trash pick up. All ages welcome. Bring gloves if you have them, wear clothing suitable for the weather, and bring water and bug repellent. Port-a-pot is available onsite. No cost. RSVP or direct questions to [claudia.padilla@maryland.gov](mailto:claudia.padilla@maryland.gov).

### **January 30: Reptile Roundup** **11 a.m. at the Manor Area Visitor Center**

Meet a live snake or turtle in this 30-minute program for all ages. Examine shells and skins from reptiles living in the park. Park entrance fee is \$3 per Maryland resident vehicle and \$5 per nonresident vehicle.

### **Think about joining a committee for 2020! The CAMO and Garden Committees are seeking new members.**

For the Garden Committee, contact Linda Hagan: [cedarcrc@gis.net](mailto:cedarcrc@gis.net)

For CAMO, please contact: [DCollingwood@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:DCollingwood@frederickcountymd.gov)

If you are interested in joining a **Nature Book Club** that meets every other month—please contact Lynne Marquess [lynne@marq3.net](mailto:lynne@marq3.net)

They are hoping to read Silent Sparks: The Wondrous World of Fireflies by Sara Lewis in early 2020.

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

## List of Approved Sites for Advanced Training and Volunteer Hours for Frederick County Maryland Master Naturalists

*If you volunteer for, or go to an event at any of these sites, you will not need facilitator approval for your hours, but you must show proof of attendance or volunteer hours for verification.*

- **Catoctin Creek Park**
- **Fountain Rock Park**
- **Cunningham Falls State Park:** <https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/cunningham.aspx>
- **Catoctin Mountain Park:** <https://www.nps.gov/cato/index.htm>
- **Irvine Nature Center:** [www.explorenature.com](http://www.explorenature.com)
- **Robinson Nature Center:** [www.howardcountymd.gov/Robinson](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Robinson)
- **The Natural History Society of Maryland:** <https://marylandnature.org/>
- **Audubon Naturalist Society:** <https://anshome.org/>
- **Maryland Native Plant Society:** <https://mdflora.org/>
- **Montgomery County Parks:** <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Home>
- **Oregon Ridge Nature Center:** <https://oregonridgenaturecenter.org/>
- **MAEOE Conference:** <https://maeoe.org/>
- **Fox Haven Farm:** <http://foxhavenfarm.org/>
- **Frederick County Forestry Board:** <https://www.fcfcdb.org/home>
- **Frederick County Nature Council:** <https://www.naturecouncilfc.org/>
- **Streamlink Tree Planting:** <https://www.streamlinededucation.org/plantings>
- **Chesapeake Bay Foundation:** <https://www.cbf.org/>

*If you have a location you think should be on this list, please let [DCollingwood@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:DCollingwood@frederickcountymd.gov) know.*

## 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 Catoctin 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 Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center and Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center. Just show up to the next meeting!

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

## Newsletter Submissions

If you have a club or group that meets regularly, or if you are working on a project and need volunteers - let Theresa Bartlette know and she can add that information to the newsletter! [TBartlette@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:TBartlette@frederickcountymd.gov)