

NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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Save the Dates:

Advanced Training!

2/22/20

Maryland Stream Wader Training at Bear Branch Nature Center, **9am-3pm**. RSVP by 2/14

***2/29/2020**

Winter Ecology/ Nocturnal Animals **4pm** at Fountain Rock Park

***4/11/2020**

Composting, **9am** at Fountain Rock

***4/27/2020**

Composting, **10am** at Fountain Rock

***5/15/2020**

Latin Isn't so Scary (Plant Names), **10am** at Fountain Rock

6/13/2020

Maryland Master Gardener Conference (MN invited to attend)

***6/16/2020**

Wetland Ecology for Adults, **10am-12pm** at Fountain Rock

*Be sure to RSVP to Dana C. if you wish to attend so she may add you to the class roster. Cost \$10. DCollingwood@frederickcountymd.gov

Congratulations to Suzanne Hill for being Fountain Rock's Volunteer of the Year!



TELL A FRIEND

Fountain Rock Park will be hosting a 2020 Maryland Master Naturalist class. Stay tuned for more details

Thurmont Library Nature Program

Thurmont Library recently opened a new trail that backs into the wetlands. They are looking for master naturalists to help design/lead walks and programs. If interested please contact Monica Wenzel at MWenzel@FrederickCountyMD.gov

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget to be recording your volunteer and advanced training hours.



Spring Master Naturalist Quarterly Meeting

April 15, 6-8PM

At Catoctin Creek Nature Center

Volunteering

Outreach Tables

(these count as volunteer hours!)

If you wish to volunteer at any of these tables, please contact Dana C at dana.collingwood@gmail.com

- Cunningham Falls Maple Syrup Festival. **3/14, 3/15, 3/21, 3/22 (830am-3ish)**
- Thurmont Green Fest, **April 4, 10am-2pm**. Focus is on water resources "mountains to bay"
- 31st Annual Children's Festival at Baker Park, **April 25, 10am-3pm**. Help promote children's programs at the parks.
- Nature Fest at Catoctin Creek, **May 2**

Need someone to take the lead on a table for

- Emmitsburg Green Fair **May 2, 10am-2pm** (Rain date May 3)

Send me an email if **YOU** wish to lead the Emmitsburg Green Fair table

Maple Syrup Festival Volunteering (NOT outreach table) **3/14, 3/15, 3/21, 3/22 (830am-3ish)**

If you wish to volunteer at this event please contact Claudia Padilla
claudia.padilla@maryland.gov



Weed Warrior Advance Training and Weed Pull

April 10th, 10am at Fountain Rock

If you have already taken the class you may begin pulling at 10am

On **Saturday, April 25**, Audubon Society of Central Maryland will hold its **21st annual Native Plant Sale** from **9 am to 1 pm** at the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary, 13030 Old Annapolis Road, Mount Airy. Volunteers are needed to help run the sale and answer questions about native plants and wildlife. Local author Nancy Lawson will be on site to sign copies of her book, *The Humane Gardener*, and guides will also lead visitors on nature walks around the grounds of the sanctuary. Birdhouses and bird feeders will also be sold. If interested please contact **Angela Moxley** at armoxley@gmail.com.

Cunningham Falls State Park

Events

February 9: Nature Craft

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the [Manor Area Visitor Center](#)

Join park staff for nature-inspired crafts and hands-on activities. No RSVP necessary. Park entrance fee is \$3 per Maryland resident vehicle and \$5 per nonresident vehicle.

February 16: Invasive Weed Pull

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at [Manor Area Visitor Center](#)

Help the park and join your local community to pull invasive plants on our trails. A trash pick-up opportunity may also be available. All ages welcome. Bring leather work 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. Event is weather dependent.

February 23: Aviary Tour

11:30 a.m. at the [Manor Area Visitor Center](#)

Learn about all of the living Aviary occupants for a 30-minute tour. All ages welcome. Park entrance fee is \$3 per Maryland resident vehicle and \$5 per nonresident vehicle. RSVP to claudia.padilla@maryland.gov.

Gambrill State Park Events

February 22: Tea Room Open House

1 - 2:30 p.m. at the Gambrill State Park Tea Room

8346 High Knob Road, Frederick The Tea Room is a rustic building built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. It accommodates 55 people and remains a popular venue for events including baby showers, business meetings, family reunions and weddings. Whether you already have an event planned or have just wondered what the space looks like, all are welcome. To **RSVP** call 301-293-4170 or email melissa.carson@maryland.gov.

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

For the [Garden Committee](#), contact Linda Hagan: cedarcrk@qis.net

For [CAMO](#), please contact: 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

Monday, March 2nd at Dublin Roasters Coffee. They will be discussing “Never Home Alone” by Rob Dunn

Next meeting will be **Monday, May 4th** “Silent Sparks: The Wondrous World of Fireflies” by Sara Lewis

Frederick County Nature Council

Frederick County Nature Council – meetings are on the 3rd 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/>

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>
- **Baker and Waterford Parks**
- **Howard County Conservancy:** <https://www.howardnature.org/>
- **Irvine Nature Center:** www.explorenature.com
- **Robinson Nature Center:** www.howardcountymd.gov/Robinson
- **The Natural History Society of Maryland:** <https://marylandnature.org/>
- **Audubon Society of Central Maryland:** <https://www.centralmdaudubon.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/>

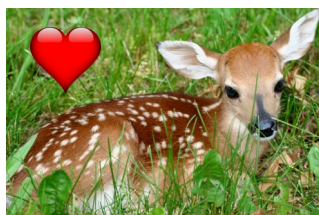
Join these Facebook pages for more information about local Events, Resources, and Advanced Training Opportunities.

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

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

Maryland Master Naturalist Graduates: Cunningham Falls State Park



*You all are very deer to me,
Happy Valentines Day!*

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