

NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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Happy Fall All!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy, happy and enjoying the outdoors. First let me apologize for the extreme hiatus. At first it was not being able to get into the office to access the information, then it was Summer Camp (and still not being able to access the computer that had the information because the floor it was on didn't have stairs leading up to it) and then the biggest struggle: having content and starting over.

So here we go: Please let me know if you have anything you wish to put into the December issue. I am also looking for photos of any projects you did during quarantine (I made not 1 but 2 gardens!). Easy recipes you would like to share with the group. Any advanced training you may have found elsewhere other than the Master Naturalists emailing list.

Please take care of yourselves, check in on one another and find peace with nature,

Theresa

Volunteer Opportunities on page 2!

**CHECK OUT OUR CLUBS,
COMMITTEES, AND COUNCILS ON
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DON'T FORGET

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



Save the Date!
Nature Fest May 22, 2021
More details to come

Volunteering



Fall Road Clean Up

Saturday, November 7 at 10am. Meet in the parking lot at Fountain Rock Park. Please wear walking shoes and bring a water bottle. Email Theresa if you have any questions. TBartlette@frederickcountymd.gov

Volunteers needed at Cunningham Falls and Gambrill Parks

- * Trash pick up at Houck, as the leaves fall in the coming weeks, trash within the parking tier medians and around lake side at Houck may become exposed. If you like walking and don't mind picking up trash while you're at it, this could be for you.
- * Mulching, at the Manor there is a walking trail which needs a bit more mulching before it's complete.
- * Like to paint? I have several assorted painting projects we could use your help on in the next few weeks before it's too cold to paint.
- * Camp Hosting 2021, do you know anyone who would be interested in helping out next year? If so, have them contact alicia.norris@maryland.gov for Houck, melissa.carson@maryland.gov for Gambrill and claudia.padilla@maryland.gov for Manor.

Please contact claudia.padilla@maryland.gov for more information on volunteering at Cunningham Falls



A note from Kelly Ketezenberger ...

Dear Fellow Master Naturalists,

Hello! I hope you have been healthy and keeping busy during this crazy time. As you know the nature center has been cleared out for remodeling. I will let you know when I hear anything about any upcoming dates or progress on that project. Most of our animals are at Catoctin Creek until the center is done (a few have been rehomed permanently).

The Luby House office is renovated and looking good. Feel free to stop by to have a look!

Please know that you are not required to submit hours this year. I cannot offer any organized events at this time but you are welcome to work on your own projects anytime. Just let me know if you need anything.

Keep safe and healthy! If you have any questions, comments or just want to say hi please get in touch.

I hope to see everyone this spring:)

Kelly



Clubs, Committees, Councils, OH MY!

Think about joining a committee for 2020! The Garden Committee is seeking new members.

For the Garden Committee, contact Linda Hagan: cedarcrk@qis.net

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

Next meeting will be **Monday, December 14th** at Catoctin Creek Nature Center, *Mycelium Running: How Mushrooms Can Help Save the World* by Paul Stamets

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

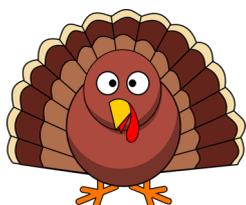
Newsletter Submissions

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!

Please submit 5 days prior to the end of the month

TBartlette@frederickcountymd.gov

Gobble till you wobble



Happy Thanksgiving