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NATURALISTS



Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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WANTED

Master Naturalist Mini Lessons
December 8th, 2023

Looking for Naturalist Mini Lessons (appx. 20-30 Minutes) on a topic that you have a hobby or expertise in, to share with the current Maryland Master Naturalist class being held at Fountain Rock Park.

Contact Kelly Ketzenberger 301- 600- 4461 or

KKetzenberger@FrederickCountyMD.gov

Have you completed your **40 hours** of service for the year?

There's still time to complete any volunteer and **8 advanced training** hours for 2023!



Frederick County Maryland Master Naturalist

Nature Book Club Reading List 2023

January: *Reason for Hope: A Spiritual Journey* Jane Goodall

March: *Wintering: The Power of Rest & Retreat in Difficult Times* Katherine May

May: *The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis* Amitav Ghosh

July: *The Seed Keeper* Diane Wilson

September: *The Sounds of Life: How Digital Technology is Bringing Us Closer to the Worlds of Animals and Plants* Karen Bakker

November: *Evolution Gone Wrong: the Curious Reasons Why Our Bodies Work (or Don't)* Alex Bezzarides



Advanced Training

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Presents

Winter Tree Identification

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7 pm

Winter is a great time of year to see the trees beyond their leaves. Buds, stems, and bark all have their own stories to tell. Learn how to look at them and use these characteristics to identify some of our more common trees in Maryland. We will discuss terminology and apply them to a few species you are likely to see in your local forest. We will then practice winter tree identification through a dichotomous key example.

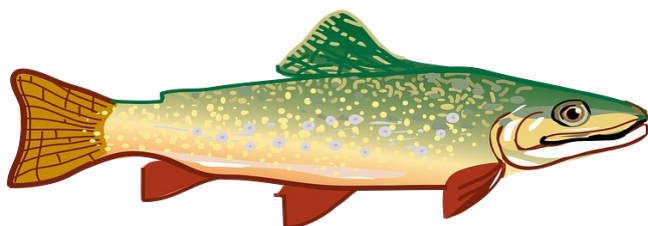
Join Bradley Simpson is the Restoration Manager for Nature Forward where his work in this field has included research as well as active management of urban forests. He has conducted urban forest research in New York City and at Nature Forward's headquarters, Woodend Nature Sanctuary, categorizing thousands of plants in the process. He currently manages the restoration of Woodend's natural habitats and interpretation of this work through social media and tour programs.



To register for this Zoom event, go to the Nature Council events page at <https://www.naturecouncilfc.org/events.html> or click the QR code



Trout in the Classroom



Volunteers are needed for water testing (daily), tank vacuuming (twice a week) and feeding (daily)

Contact Kelly at KKetzenberger@FrederickCountyMD.gov if your interested in helping out



Tuesday Garden Party at Fountain Rock

Every Tuesday from 9AM– 3PM, join volunteers to work in the gardens and woods; cleaning up, planting and protecting park grounds. Tools will be provided. Be sure to check in at the park office to register your Master Naturalist Hours.

Contact Kelly Ketzenberger for any other questions:

KKetzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov

For volunteer Opportunities at Cunningham Falls State Park, please contact Claudia, claudia.padilla@maryland.gov

Clubs, Committees, & Councils, OH MY!

Our first meeting in 2024 will be on Monday, January 22nd. We have decided to discuss ***The Parrot and the Igloo: Climate and the Science of Denial***, by David Lipsky.



Then the next 2 books for 2024

In March: An Uncommon Friendship, by Catherine Raven.

In May: The Mind of a Bee, by Lars Chittka.

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

Frederick County Nature Council

Frederick County Nature Council – meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7-9pm (NO MEETINGS in NOVEMBER or 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, volunteering, funding and facilitating projects to benefit Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center and Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center. Visit the Frederick County Nature Council page for more details.

<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>
- **Gambrill State Park**
- **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!

TBartlette@frederickcountymd.gov



From my family to your family, I wish you
all a happy healthy holiday season

Theresa

