



# Conservation & Environment Day: *Sowing Seeds for Tomorrow*

**September 29, 2022**

*Please join us for a day full of learning and fun as we gather to hear speakers share their knowledge about our environment.*

## Details & Registration

This event will occur at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum in Baltimore. Our Day will begin at 8:15 - 9:00 for Registration and Vendor shopping; coffee and pastries will be offered. We will begin promptly at 9 am with a welcome and announcements, and then listen to speakers. Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, with time for more vendor shopping; then we will enjoy two more speakers before finishing at 3:00.

We will be selling native plant seeds and bulbs as a fundraiser for FGCMMD.

The cost for the day is \$35, which includes morning coffee and lunch. You may register for the event at Eventbrite, or by sending your registration to FGCMMD (see below).

This Conservation Day has been approved as “Educational hours” for Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists.

## Our Speakers

### **Sara Via**

*Human impacts on insects and native plants: How to manage the biodiversity crisis?*

Climate change is causing a crisis in biodiversity as habitats shrink and become degraded. How is this affecting native plants and the insects with which they interact? Learn what you can do in your own yard to be a biodiversity booster!

Dr. Sara Via is a professor and climate extension specialist for the University of Maryland. A frequent speaker on environmental topics for Federated Garden Clubs, she is both entertaining and informative.



### **Connie Schmotzer**

*Designing your Pollinator Habitat- Ink like a Pollinator!*

Connie Schmotzer is recently retired from her job as Consumer Horticulture Educator for

Penn State Extension in York County, PA where she worked for 22 years. Recently, her focus was on native plants and pollinators, including a three-year pollinator trial where Master Gardeners and staff monitored 84 species and cultivars of native plants for their attractiveness to pollinators

