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President Anna O'Kelly and Sheba

Happy Summer! Along with the 17-year cicadas, our members are slowly re-emerging from our homes and joining one another in meetings, field trips, projects, and schools. The excited voices as we reunite with one another has rivaled the hum of the cicadas! While many of our members have learned how to carry on fun activities and necessary business via Zoom, there is no comparison to being able to come together in person.

The NGC Annual Convention was held in May via Zoom. We were able to conduct the business that was required, but it was not possible to connect with other State Presidents on a personal level. The NGC Board meeting will be held in person in St. Louis in September and should provide more opportunities to network with State Presidents.

In celebration of National Garden Week June 6-June 12, several members toured the gardens at The Cylburn Arboretum on June 8. We were able to view the new storm water management gardens that were funded in part by the generosity of clubs that donated to former State President Carolyn Braverman's President's Project.

We have successfully completed Course IV of Flower Show School and Course II of Landscape Design School in person and look forward to Course III of Landscape Design School in September.

Two deserving applicants who are pursuing Landscape Architect Degrees at Morgan State University received scholarships: Maura Roth-Gormley and Ellie Chatelat. Since they both qualified for the Robert Louis Baker Scholarship and Life Scholarship, the funds were divided between both candidates. Maura was also the recipient of an NGC Scholarship.

This President's project will be The SEED School of Maryland, working with students to enhance the campus with plants to support pollinators and add beauty. The SEED School is Maryland's only public boarding school. Approximately 400 students in grades 6-12 live on campus 24/5. Nearly 90% of all graduating seniors go on to attend university. Many of these students may not be aware of the career opportunities available in the fields of horticulture, conservation, or design, and we hope to enlighten and encourage them to pursue these paths of study.

Your gracious invitations to meetings and special events are appreciated and enjoyed.

Keep Growing!

Anna O'Kelly

## Meet the New of Officers for 2021–2023



### **Anna O'Kelly President Elect**

Born and raised in southern Illinois, and following moves to St. Louis, Kansas City, and New Jersey; Anna O'Kelly landed in Maryland in 1989. The gardens of the home she and her husband purchased were developed by the previous owners, and a friend suggested that she join a garden club to learn how to maintain her new landscape. She joined Crofton Greenery Garden Club and embarked on a journey of learning.

She has held numerous positions within Crofton Greenery, District II, and has served as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the FGCMD. She is an accredited NGC Flower Show Judge, Gardening Consultant, Environmental Consultant, and is working on completing the Landscape Design School.

She enjoys the creative outlet of floral design and has presented programs to clubs across Maryland. She is the past President of Ikebana International Baltimore Chapter #118 and a student of the Sogetsu school of Ikebana.

When not working on her garden or creating floral designs, she and her husband enjoy traveling and spending time with their family.

### **Susie Middleton 1st Vice President**

Susie's career included time heading Human Resources for several Fortune 500 companies. In 2001, she and her husband retired to a 120-acre farm on the Eastern Shore...largely because her husband is a waterfowl hunter and she loves to garden. Last year they downsized to a home on 1/3 acre outside of Easton so she knows how to create gardens of all sizes.

She joined the Dorchester Garden Club 17 years ago and since then has served in a number of Officer and Committee positions for her Club, District I and the State. Since moving last year she has also joined Oxford and Talbot Garden Clubs.

She has a passion for learning and has taken courses in all of the council schools. She is currently an accredited Master Flower Show Judge, Landscape Design Consultant, Environmental and Gardening Consultant as well as a Master Gardener. Fortunately for us she also loves to share what she has learned and is a frequent speaker at Garden Clubs across the State.



### **Marcia Richard 2nd Vice President**



As an army brat raised on different continents, gardens were places one visited with your parents. I never thought of "gardening" as something one did, since we were always on the move. After retiring from a school counseling career, I was invited to join the Crofton Village Garden Club (CVGC).

The "Garden World" opened up to me. I learned so much about flower arrangements, how to make your yard a garden, using native plants, avoiding invasive plants, and be mindful of BayWise. I had a great deal to learn and I did! Along the learning path, I became club Vice President in charge of programs and then President of the CVGC, for three years, during which time the club membership grew and the talents of the members brought the CVGC many awards. I became Awards Chair for FGCMD, an honor to be at the State level. I am finishing my term as Recording Secretary and feel so privileged and honored to be serving as 2nd Vice-President for this wonderful organization of volunteers.

My Garden World is still growing!

New Officers cont'd



**Donna Miller  
Treasurer**

Originally from the Big Apple, Donna Miller moved to Garrett County 23 years ago. She has experience in the insurance and banking industries. A member of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club, she has served as Treasurer, Co-Vice President, and currently Co-President. In addition, she is a member and Treasurer of the Environmental Consultants Council and her women’s church group.

Donna resides at Deep Creek Lake with her husband, Vaughn. Their two children have recently made them empty-nesters! Aside from gardening, she also enjoys Jazzercise, bowling, singing in the choir, learning the piano and travelling the country with Vaughn on a Harley.

**Trish Reynolds  
Recording Secretary**

Trish, originally from Long Island, moved when she was 16 to Oxford, MD when her parents purchased a 300 acre farm. She worked for what is now M & T Bank for almost 30 years...where she was the first female Vice President. Trish and her husband Tom returned to the Easter Shore where she expanded her love of gardening and joined the Talbot County Garden Club (TCGC) in 1996. She became a member of Oxford Garden Club in 2010.

Trish has held many offices at the club, district and state level including club treasurer and president and District I Director . This will be her second tour as Recording Secretary for FGCMDC. Trish has held Horticulture Workshops for other clubs; is a Flower Show Judge and a member of the Judges’ Council and Landscape Design Consultant (NGC).



As Chairman of TCGC’s Horticulture Committee Trish is the editor and contributor for TCGC’s Horticulture Newsletter “Can You Dig It”, and a weekly Horticulture Newsletter, “TidBits”.

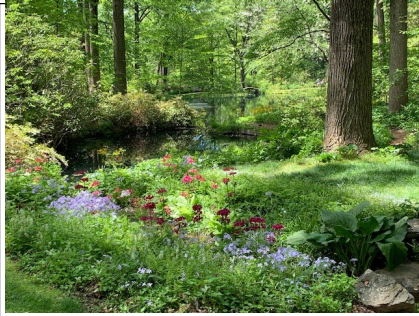
**Linda Tingle  
Corresponding Secretary**

Linda Tingle has served as President, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian and Chair and member of many committees in Lutherville Garden Club for the past twenty-three years. She has also served as District III Director and Advisor. Linda is active in church and for many years was a Leader in the Boy Scouts of America program. Linda and husband, Norris, live in Baltimore and have five sons and six grandchildren.



## Councils and Schools

### Continuing Education Opportunities Sponsored by the Councils



#### Gardening Consultants Council

Members of the Gardening Consultants Council met on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at Mt. Cuba, Delaware. Present were Carolyn Braverman, Marion DeGroff, Rose Gazarek, Margye Hixson, Anna O'Kelly, Anne Madden, Reiko Royston, and Marjorie Schiebel. They were joined by members from the Photography group, other garden club members and family for a total of sixteen people.



Members met at the main house and proceeded on self-guided tours of this spectacular garden featuring native plants. Many plants, bushes and trees were in full bloom which made for a very colorful palette. The test gardens contained many new varieties of monarda and hydrangea, some of which we may see in garden centers in the years ahead. The pond was in full dress with multi-colored primulas. As we ambled through the gardens, we were intrigued to find many new natives we were unfamiliar with. Docents were stationed at various points along the way to answer our questions.

At tour's end, we gathered to eat lunch and conduct a short meeting. Items discussed were ideas for future trips. Next meeting will in the fall of 2021, time and place to be announced.

Carolyn Braverman

#### Landscape Design Council



"Looks like we made it", as Barry Manilow so memorably sings it.

Normally at this time of year, I would be on the porch enjoying a morning cup of coffee, but in order to save my hearing and sanity, I am writing inside. The cicadas are a phenomena. They are providing natural aeration, fertilization for your yards and beds and, most importantly an abundance of food for so many, except the herbivore deer who are determined to make sure I have no daylily blooms this season.

It was wonderful to see so many faces on our LDC Zoom meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Matt Partain, Landscape Superintendent at Glenstone Museum, provided a behind the scenes look at what it takes to create and organically manage a large-scale native site of 300 acres. Perhaps one day we can visit in person as a group as more restrictions are lifted. Stay tuned for an upcoming outing in the fall.

Dottie DeMarr

#### Judges Council

In May Diana Bonner installed new officers for 2021—2023 via Zoom. They are:

Chairman: Gail Willin

Vice-chairman: Bobbie Brittingham

Secretary: Judy Moe

Treasurer: Marjorie Glennan

*Autumn Leaves Come Tumbling Down*, an NGC Standard Flower Show presented by the Judges Council of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc., is planned for Thursday, November 4, 2021. It will be held at Chartwell Country Club - 1 Chartwell Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146. Free and Open to the Public 12:30 – 2:30 PM

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#### Landscape Design School

Course 2 was held in Columbia at the DoubleTree by Hilton on April 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>.

This course was attended by 32 people; 19 students working their consultant status; 8 refreshing with Carolyn Braverman becoming a Master Consultant; Jeanne Bernard and Anna O'Kelly became Landscape Design Consultants.

**Course 3 is scheduled for September 22 & 23** also at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Columbia. This course will feature a two-hour class "Landscape Design Process", and "Graphics Interpretation", required for "Creating Your Own Home Garden Landscaping Plan", a three-hour class on the second day. This class will be led by FGCM District III Director and Landscape Designer, Clair Jones. Other classes include "Herbaceous Materials in the Landscape", "Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind", "Woody Plants in the Landscape", and "Climate Change – Regenerative Landscaping Principles & Techniques". Registration is open and for more specific information go to FGCMs website on the calendar and Landscape Design Council pages, or by contacting Linda Harris at [lindaharris355@aol.com](mailto:lindaharris355@aol.com).

**Limited registration deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

#### Gardening School

We are planning a new series of Gardening School courses in 2022. Gardening School includes these topics and is schedule in a two-day course with 10 hours of class time which may also include outdoor instruction:

Course 1 - Botany, Soils, Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers, Plant Propagation

Course 2 – Plant Diseases and Garden Pests, Irrigation and Water, Lawn Alternatives and Growing Grass, Growing Fruits and Growing Vegetables

Course 3 – Factors that influence Plant Growth, New Plant Development and Evaluation, Container Gardening – Outdoor, Houseplant Basics, Native Trees and Shrubs, Teaching Tour of a Botanical Garden

Course 4 – Plant Classification and Nomenclature, Outdoor Identification of Plants, Specialized Garden Styles, Techniques of Growing Woody Ornaments, Pruning Techniques

## Announcements

#### News about Gardenews

Gardenews is the mandated newsletter for the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland. Over its lifetime it has been presented in several different formats.

Gardenews is transitioning to a leaner format. Each issue will explore in more depth themes or topics particular to our garden club world. The "Around the State" column will see the biggest change. The focus will be on one or two unique club projects or activities per issue. Information about fundraisers, bus trips, flower shows and lectures are all newsworthy but will be presented in a different format. Some of that will be directed to the Calendar of Events on the FGCM website where it will receive more exposure.

The guidelines for permission to use photographs and attributions will remain the same. Questions and comments should be addressed to the Editor at [gardenews@fgcofmd.org](mailto:gardenews@fgcofmd.org).

## Awards

### Awards Committee

It's a pleasure for Shelley Johnson (District V) and me, Ann Street (District I), to be your new State Award Chairpersons. We are busy delving into the world of awards and were pleased to discover, despite the past 16 months of constraints, we had garden clubs who were able to participate in the award process. Thank you for your interest and commitment! We trust this coming year will be energized by members reconnecting to club projects and participating in the award process. It's gratifying to be recognized for projects and making a difference in our community and garden clubs.

Hopefully you have already considered nominations for The Perennial Bloom Award and have sent your applications to your District Awards Chairperson. This award recognizes a member who has held several offices and committee chairmen over the years and their love of gardening has planted many a seed for garden club programs and events, while their leadership has inspired members to nurture these seeds into successful bloom. We're sure this description applies to several people who have served your club faithfully.

After a lengthy analysis of available awards for the last 10 years, plus analysis of results from two surveys provided to all states, the National Garden Clubs retired eight awards. They are 1) Fisher Garden Center Award, 2) Litter/ Recycling/Reclamation (The Harriet Thomas Award), 3) Landscaping and Landscape Design, 4) Radio/TV, 5) National Gardener Award, 6) Calendars, 7) Cookbooks, and 8) Yearbooks. Although these have been eliminated at the national level, the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland will be keeping the state awards for yearbooks.

We are currently updating the awards section of the FGCMD website for 2021 - 2023. Please remember to visit [www.fgcofdmd.com/awards/](http://www.fgcofdmd.com/awards/) for information on the various state and national awards. The Awards Manual is also available on this site. Should you have additional questions that need clarification, we are available to assist you.

## NGC 2020 Awards

### Presented (Mailed) in 2021

Award CB-2	Community Beautification, Certificate in Appreciation: Chestertown Garden Club
Award C-3	Therapy Gardens, Certificate in Appreciation: Mt. Airy Garden Club
Award CS-1 (A) iii	Community Gardens 1 or more clubs, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Lutherville Garden Club
Award CS-5	Special Achievement, Certificate in Appreciation: Queen Anne's County Garden Club
Award HP-1 (A) ii	Historic Preservation, Certificate in Appreciation :Kent Island Garden Club
Award MP-4-5(A)ii	Project Video By A Club 1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Green-walled Garden Club
Award YR-1	Youth Horticulture Education, Certificate in Appreciation: Four Rivers Garden Club
Award PUB 1-1 Aiv	Newsletter, Extra Large Club, Tommy Donan Certificate of Merit: Talbot County Garden Club "Tid Bits"
Award PUB 1-2 Aiiii	Newsletter, Certificate in Appreciation: Queen Anne' County Garden Club "Garden Notes"
Award PUB 1-2 Bv	Newsletter, Certificate in Appreciation: District I, "Garden Basket"
Award PUB 2-4 Aiv	History, Certificate in Appreciation: Talbot County Garden Club, "TCGC in Review"
Shirley Nicholai Scholarship Award: Maura Roth-Gormley	

## Scholarships

As the Robert Lewis Baker Memorial Scholarship Chairman, it is with great pleasure to announce that this scholarship has been awarded to both Ms. Maura Roth-Gormley and Ms. Ellie Chetelat for \$4500 each. Marion Romans, Scholarship Chairman, is also pleased to announce that both applicants will also be receiving the Life Membership Scholarships for \$2700 apiece, totaling, \$7200 for each. Thanks to the Scholarship & Finance Committees effort to make this happen. Congratulations to Maura and Ellie!

**Take a closer look at our winners...**

**Maura Roth-Gormley** has always been interested in the stories that landscapes tell about a place. Previously the Director of a Holocaust Oral History Project, Maura brings a strong understanding of how narrative can shape the design process. Her interest in landscape architecture was sparked by her work with Baltimore Ecosystem Study where she examined the impact of long-term changes in the built environment on watershed sustainability. In addition to her graduate studies at Morgan State University, Maura enjoys volunteering as a Baltimore City Master Gardener and building sculptures to compete in the Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race.



**Ellie Chetelat** works for Underwood & Associates as an ecological restoration project coordinator and is currently pursuing her Masters in Landscape Architecture at Morgan State University. She has over seven years’ experience working throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in urban stormwater management, environmental education, public policy and sustainable agriculture. She is a Baltimore City Master Gardener volunteer, Maryland Native Plant Society Member and Certified Permaculture Designer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dottie DeMarr

## Trips

### April 16-27, 2022

### Netherlands, Belgium, & France

*Co-sponsored by the Horticultural Society of Maryland and  
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland  
– with landscape designer Claire Jones.*

From iconic Dutch windmills and cozy Belgian streets to the world-renowned Champagne region and the “City of Light”, experience the essence of 3 European countries. Connect with deeply rooted cultures as you make your way through the Netherlands, Belgium, and France and experience Floriade Expo- held only every 10 years.

**Cost: \$5,149 per person, double occupancy, including airfare, accommodations for 12 nights and 15 meals.**

**This trip will book up quickly for the April departure and the Floriade Expo only comes every 10 years, so book as early as you can to secure your spot! This will be a small group.**



For full information, contact Claire Jones at [jonesb1@cmcast.net](mailto:jonesb1@cmcast.net) or visit [fgcofmd.org/calendar](http://fgcofmd.org/calendar).

## News from Around the State

### District I - Eastern Shore

Caroline, Cecil,

Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Worcester

Trish Reynolds [preynolds@gocaston.net](mailto:preynolds@gocaston.net)



Jeanne Bernard, District I Director

Garden clubs, under the leadership of new administrations, are starting to return to some sense of normalcy by convening monthly meetings, offering programs, working in community gardens, taking trips. That is certainly good news! In addition, we will continue to see virtual offerings on all manner of garden subjects.

At the District level, we continue to keep our clubs posted about training opportunities close to

home or around the region via our Garden Basket newsletter and regular e-mail notifications to our clubs.

One of my personal goals as District I Director is to facilitate enhanced communication between our ten clubs and between the State's five districts, as well as between members with like-minded interests, whether it be garden therapy, horticulture, youth gardening, design or something else. Let us draw support and inspiration from fellow gardeners so that we may continue to 'plant seeds' of growth and renewal in our respective communities.

District I is off to a great start. We have a wonderful leadership team in place representative of our ten clubs around the Eastern Shore. We met recently at my home to enjoy a perfect spring afternoon. This was our biennial orientation meeting where we got acquainted, talked about policies and procedures, shared some issues and concerns and began to lay out an agenda for the months ahead. We want to be responsive to the needs of our clubs and of our membership.

A budgeting meeting was held in the beginning of June and planning is already in motion for an October in-person semi-annual meeting at the Talbot Country Club. We have also begun talking about our District Flower Show slated for the Fall of 2022. Some exciting new ideas are being tossed around with an emphasis on education and the engagement of the public.

One of our first actions for addressing a common issue faced by all our clubs was to add to our District I Board a Membership Chair. It will be their responsibility to coordinate and share various ways our clubs and other FGCMD clubs attract and retain new members-members who will be willing participants and leaders in club and District Activities.

Important priorities for me and my administration are communication and collaboration. Our clubs should not be isolated entities- we can work together to share resources, ideas, encouragement and support. I hope members will take advantage by attending programs offered by the district and other clubs and will participate in and volunteer for joint projects. There is so much to be learned from one another and organizations with shared interests and goals. All this is in keeping with our 2021-2023 theme of restoration. Let us get past the darkness of the pandemic and quarantine and heal ourselves, our communities and our environment together.

Jeanne

### District II - Southern Maryland

Anne Arundel,

Calvert, Charles County, Prince George's, St. Mary's County

Carolyn Leahy [cleahy09@verizon.net](mailto:cleahy09@verizon.net)



Carolyn Leahy, District II Director

The Theme of this administration is **"REUNITING People, Plants and Programs"**

As we move into 2021-2023 term, District II members will embrace these challenging times by:

Creating new opportunities to reunite people, plants and programs.

Exploring new ways to grow our clubs as we work to protect our

natural resources beautify our environments and focus on healthy practices.

Focusing on reuniting with their communities by gardening with a purpose through service and beautification projects.

Working to enhance our public visibility as an organization by networking through many areas of the digital and social media to show we have something for everyone.

Reuniting with all ages to promote educational opportunities centered on natural resources, planet earth, air, water, forest, land and wildlife.

Reaching out to prospective members by adapting to their interest, changing times and formats of our meetings.

**REUNITING People, Plants and Programs working as a TEAM, we are better together!**

**District II Director, Carolyn Leahy**

### Naval Academy Garden Club



After spending the past year doing zoom meetings, the Naval Academy Garden Club (NAGC) is back with in-person meetings planned for the fall. First activity will be making 50 centerpieces for the 51<sup>st</sup> reunion of the Naval Academy class of 1970. (Their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion was cancelled last year because of the pandemic.) The group will gather just before Labor Day to make their signature N-Star (N\*) arrangement.



**News from Around the State**

**District III - Baltimore and Harford Counties**

*Diane Perkins pahperkins@*



*Claire Jones, District III Director*

Garden Clubs throughout District III were engaged in community activities and remained connected in novel ways throughout this unusual year of the Covid-19 pandemic. District III garden clubs remained steadfast in their commitment as stewards of the environment and nature as noted in their community service projects, fundraising activities, and novel ways to remain together with the intent

of returning to in-person meetings.

The Lutherville Garden Club won First Place in the category of Community Service Projects: Community Gardens Award from the National Garden Clubs of America for their Monarch Waystation. Garden Club members continued to maintain the Monarch Waystation, adding an array of native plants donated by club members.



*Monarch Waystation*

Throughout the year, Hampton Garden Club met in small groups to maintain their two garden projects at Cromwell Valley Park Children’s Garden, a shade garden and a memory garden. The club met in-person for their June meeting and installation of new officers. Each member received a memento of a flower magnet with an inspirational garden message.



*Victoria Marino, Dene Flack (Instructor, Harford Technical High School), Angela O’Connor (Scholarship Chair, Evergreen Garden Club) and Pat Vandrey (President, Evergreen Garden)*

Through their commitment to the next generation of garden stewards, the Evergreen Garden Club and the Friendship Garden Club awarded scholarships this Spring. Evergreen Garden Club awarded Victoria Marino, a graduate of the Horticulture Program at Harford Technical High School, with a scholarship, awarded to a student who displays outstanding performance in floral design. Friendship Garden Club also sponsored a scholarship for a college student.

York Manor Garden Club toured Walnut Hill, an internationally-recognized private garden in Ruxton MD. In May, York Manor Garden Club held its first in-person meeting at the Star Bright Farm in White Hall MD. After visiting the kitchen garden, fields and store, the meeting was held in one of the spacious barns.

As a service to the city of Bel Air the Friendship Garden Club recently planted a kitchen garden and artistically filled urns at the Liriodendron Mansion. Throughout the summer the members will maintain the garden and urns.

Along with community garden projects, many District III clubs seized the opportunity to return to normal activities through a fundraising event. On May 14th, several District III garden clubs of Harford County participated in the Garden Mart at the Bel Air Armory. With the theme, “Healing the World One Garden at a Time”, Monkton Garden Club and York Manor Garden Club met on June 5th for a luncheon to congratulate dual-club member, Claire Jones, in her acceptance of the District III director’s position.

**District IV - Baltimore City**

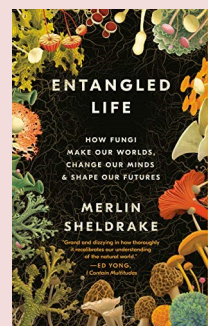


*Maidie Podles, District IV Director*

After a challenging year of lockdown, cybernetics, and cicadas, District IV hopes to re-emerge and encourage interaction both between clubs and Districts, and to promote projects and programs like Little Leaves to benefit the city’s citizens, particularly its children. Stay tuned as our plans develop and come to fruition in a newly reopened Baltimore.

**The FGCMD Virtual Book Club**

will “meet” on September 10, 2021 to discuss the book: *Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our World* by M. Sheldrake. Contact Carolyn Braverman to sign up at carolynyb28@gmail.com A Zoom link will be sent to members the day before.



## News from Around the State

**District V - Western Maryland** Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, Washington



Sue Christiansen, District V Director

District theme: "**Spirit of the gardener--awakening our sense of responsibility**"

To me, the deeper meaning/spirit behind the garden club organization shows it to be a way of service and an antidote to today's materialism by members forming relationships with one another and developing right relations with our environment through promoting conservation and attending to the needs of other life forms on the planet. Much

of our work should be in education not just of members but with anyone we come in contact with in our daily lives. As gardeners, we create and promote beauty and through our demonstrations, others can learn by sensory experience and also begin to appreciate their connection to nature. I believe, and studies show that humans \*must\* have nature experiences for physical, mental and spiritual health.

Sue Christiansen

### Green-Wall Garden Club

Green-Walled Garden Club in Frederick, MD has blossomed during the pandemic! A youth therapy project about which we are very proud, is the club's partnership with Rock Creek School (RCS). RCS is a Frederick County Public School special education day program. The program serves diverse functional academic, medical and behavioral needs, as appropriate, for children/students with Individualized Education Programs ages 3-21 who have significant cognitive disabilities and are working to achieve a Maryland High School Certificate of Completion. While there is an emphasis on functional academics, instruction is also based on Maryland College and Career Ready Standards.

Every year is special at RCS and the club looks forward to continuing its partnership with the school as it moves to its new location. The club will work with RCS to plan new gardens such as a Sensory Garden for students and the relocation of the school's Student Memorial Garden.

### Mountain Laurel Garden Club Rain Garden Project at Friendsville Elementary School

The Conservation & Environmental Awareness Committee of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club worked with community partners to plant a rain garden at Friendsville Elementary School on May 20. Members planted 100 native plants with 137 enthusiastic students from 9:00 am to 1:00

pm. This project was funded by the Yough Glades Chapter of the DAR and the MLGC donated the plants.

### Garden Club of Cumberland

#### 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic National Road (US40) Yard Sale

Community merchants and individuals living along the National Road, which runs more than 820 miles from Cumberland to Indiana, were encouraged to set up for the "18<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic National Road Yard Sale" during the weekend of June 4-6. The Garden Club of Cumberland and Let's Beautify Cumberland participated as a cooperative project. The organizations shared a table on the downtown mall and featured donated items given by Garden Club members and members of the community. Funds raised during the event will be used for Cumberland beautification projects.



Members of The Garden Club of Cumberland pictured are Barbara Martin, Charlotte Lapp, Patty Maiers, and Dave Roche.



Customers peruse items for purchase at the Let's Beautify Cumberland! and Cumberland Garden Club table during the National Road Yard Sale Friday afternoon on the downtown mall. [Steve Bittner/Times-News](#)

Newspaper article link:

National Road Yard Sale draws shoppers to downtown mall  
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