

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

- Several **conservation/environmental organizations** will have exhibits with information about their activities and missions, with staff members available to answer questions.
- **Vendors will be available** for shopping as well as fundraising items provided by FGCMMD
- This Earth Day Event has been approved as **“Advanced Training”** for University of Maryland Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners



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*“In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water.”*

— Doug Tallamy

## Special Earth Day Event



**Thursday, April 27, 2023**

**8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Vollmer Center - Cylburn Arboretum  
4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209**

**Sponsored & Hosted by  
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland**



## Schedule

- 8:00 – 8:45 Registration & Vendor Shopping, Refreshments
- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcome & Announcements
- 9:00 – 9:50 **Biodiversity:** why we need it; evidence that we are losing it; how to rebuild it; and the key role of gardeners in that process.  
**Dr. Sara Via**, Professor & Climate Extension Specialist  
Department of Entomology, University of Maryland,  
College Park
- 10:00 – 10:50 **Beavers as a keystone species** and the work being done to restore wetlands through the “Beavers Working Group”.  
**Claudia Donegan**, Habitat Restoration & Conservation,  
Chesapeake & Coastal Service, Maryland Department of  
Natural Resources
- 11:00 – 11:50 An artistic vision of the National Audubon Society’s report “Survival by Degrees: 389 Birds on the Brink”. Using glass, photography, and information technology, this documentary, titled “**For the Love of Birds,**” highlights projected changes in bird populations because of climate change and other factors.  
**Caroline Blizzard** is a retired ranger of the Maryland State Park Service, having spent her career promoting natural surroundings, teaching thousands of residents and visitors to appreciate and care for the flora and fauna. **Julie Turrentine** has been working with glass for decades and operates the Snowbird Creations Studio at Deep Creek Lake.
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 – 1:50 **The Importance of Old-Growth Forests**  
**Brian Kane**, Outreach Coordinator & Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager for the Old Growth Forest Network
- 2:00 – 2:50 **An update on the Clean Water Act** “Five Decades of Clean Water”  
**Jen Mihills**, Regional Executive Director of Mid-Atlantic Regional Center of the National Wildlife Federation

TWO FORMS OF REGISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE: mail-in registration form (below) with check, or Eventbrite registration online

### MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration is required & must be received by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Limit: 100 registrants.

Cost to attend: \$40 (includes morning refreshments and lunch)

Note: Fees are non-refundable

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **FGCMD Earth Day Event**

Mail this registration form and payment to:

FGCMD, PO Box 65172, Baltimore, MD 21209

Use this Eventbrite Link

To Register and Pay Online:

[Special Earth Day Event Tickets, Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-earth-day-event-tickets-511316470327)

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