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A Message From The President

Spring is coming in; just not as quick as most of us would hope. Our weather is all over the place between nasty winds and snow, even on the first day of Spring! Like the old timers say, if you do not like the weather, just wait an hour and it will change. We will get through it and then complain about the pollen!

The meeting at the UMD-Extension office was a lot of fun. Marie Rojas’s presentation on "Bees, Beneficials, and Blooms" was amazing. I would say it was almost perfect!!! A huge thank you to Marie for taking the time to share her knowledge with us. Also a special thank you to Chuck Schuster for hosting at the Extension office in Derwood. Our very own branch Secretary, Sara Jensen of SavATree, also assisted as a key player sponsoring the meeting and bringing the delicious food from Sisters Sandwiches. I am still talking about how tasty the sandwiches were!!!

The April 5, 2018 meeting will be hosted by Raemelton Farm. They put on a great show for us several years ago. I am looking forward to visiting again and seeing all of you there. McFall & Berry Landscape Management is generously sponsoring the meeting.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Please RSVP!

**Date:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM

**Location:**
Raemelton Farm Nursery
2313 New Design Rd
Adamstown, MD

**Sponsor:**
McFall & Berry Landscape Management

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to
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*More Information, Map, and Directions on Page 11*
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April 5, 2018
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Adamstown, MD 21710
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May 3, 2018
George Washington’s Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, VA 22121
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June 7, 2018
Country Springs Nursery
Leesburg, VA 20175-6402
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August 2, 2018
Glenstone Museum
Potomac, MD 20854
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September 6, 2018
The Care of Trees
Dulles office, Sterling, VA
Sponsor: TBD

“Pollinators have experienced a dramatic reduction in both the total land area and the biodiversity of their habitats in recent decades, which has contributed to their own declining numbers. This problem can be solved by growing habitats with herbaceous flowering plants selected to provide nectar and pollen to a wide variety of pollinators throughout the growing season. We will discuss site preparation, seed selection, and habitat management as developed by the Davy Institute’s Bio-Ecological Laboratory.”

October 4, 2018
University of Maryland Turf Farm
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Upcoming Green Industry Events

MAC-ISA Tree Climbing Championship
April 14-15, 2018
American University, Washington, DC
http://www.mac-isa.org

MAC-ISA Day of Safety
June 16, 2018
Northern Virginia Community College, Sterling, VA
http://www.mac-isa.org

Green Industry Professional Field Day
July 19, 2018
American University, Washington, DC
http://greenindustryseminar.org

PGMS School of Grounds Management
August 6-7, 2018
Grand Rapids, MI
http://pgms.org
Thank you sponsors!

Welcome to the Landscape Conservation Planning newsletter. Here are the highlights of this issue:

- Consulting, tree and site analysis
- Residential and commercial landscape design
- Reforestation, native conservation planting
- Stormwater management, drainage
- Government mandated work
- Legacy conservation planning

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*Classes are offered at the Germantown & Takoma Park Campuses and at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood.*

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- Baltimore Greenspace
- The Audubon Naturalist Society
- Sustainable Maryland
- The City of Frederick

Session topics:
- Integrating Science & Management
- “Branching Out” - Urban Forests Beyond the Trees
- Common Challenges for Urban & Community Foresters
- Environmental Justice & Community Engagement

May 11, 2018
9:30 am – 4 pm
Patuxent Research Refuge
National Wildlife Visitor Center
10801 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708

$20 registration fee includes lunch and a light breakfast.
Participants will be eligible for 4.5 Maryland Licensed Tree Expert Continuing Education Units; additional CEUs pending

This summit is a joint effort of the Maryland Forestry Foundation, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the University of Maryland, the Maryland Urban & Community Forest Committee, the Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards, and Baltimore-Washington Partners for Forest Stewardship.

Questions? Contact: mdurbanforest@gmail.com
Registration & details at https://tinyurl.com/MDForestSummit
The PGMS DC Branch needs your donations for the monthly raffle!
100% of the proceeds from the raffle go to support the Branch Scholarship and Research Fund. We depend on your donations to continue this long tradition. The PGMS DC Branch gave two $1000 scholarships in 2017!
Country Casual Teak very generously donated a Fiori Rectangular Coffee Table to the PGMS DC Branch Raffle!
This Teak table with a retail value of $855 will be raffled off at the May meeting! Remember all raffle proceeds go to support the Branch Scholarship and Research Fund.
LOCATION: Raemelton Farm  
2313 New Design Road  
Adamstown, MD 21710

DATE: Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM

HOST: Steve Black, Owner and Angela Burke, Sales and  
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PROGRAM: Tour of the Nursery, including the first certified organic nursery stock in the USA!

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