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# BAY-WISE MASTER GARDENER UPDATE



**To:** Bay-Wise Master Gardeners and Mike Ensor, Josue Lopez, Herb Reed, Steve Allgeier, Susan Trice, Joyce Browning, Georgia Eacker, Steve Dubik, Esther Mitchell, Jennifer Horton, Heather Buritsh, Annette Ipsan, Robin Hessey and Jon Traunfeld

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## *Greetings*

Summer is here, we're getting lots of rain so the plants are happy. Hopefully, you are too. A lot has happened since your last newsletter so let's get right to the recap. This e-newsletter covers the period from September 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008.

October 2007 brought us three advanced training sessions around the state. This year is turning out to be just as exciting with three spring advanced training sessions under our belt, and at least two more sessions scheduled within the next few months. So before we look too far into the future, planning upcoming classes, let's take a look back at our accomplishments since our last newsletter

from summer/fall, 2007.

## *Certified Landscapes*

According to my records, thirty six new Bay-Wise Master Gardener landscapes have been certified since our last newsletter. We congratulate **Kate Joyce, Nancy Lewis** and **Heather Wight** of Greater Baltimore, **Sandra Leitch** of Carroll and **Anne Kennedy** of Anne Arundel Counties for your 2008 certifications.

Listed in the chart below are those that have recently taken the Bay-Wise Advanced Training (from 9/1/07 to 5/31/08) and had their landscapes certified. Congratulations to all for your recent landscape certifications.

## *Certified Landscapes of Our Recent Bay-Wise Master Gardeners*

<i>County Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Demo</i>	<i>Certification Date</i>
<i>Anne Arundel</i>			
	James	MacNicholl	3/29/2008
	Michelle	Corkadel	9/20/2007
<i>Baltimore</i>			
	Brent	Lehmann	10/24/2006
<i>Calvert</i>			
	Kathleen	Rose	5/1/2008
	Carole	Purcell	1/1/2007
	Cynthia	Overstrom	4/10/2008
	Norma	Imershein	1/1/2007
	Selena	Daughtrey-Andersen	4/12/2008
	Anita	Bruno	4/18/2008
<i>Charles</i>			
	Ronda	Goldman	9/25/2007
	Linda	Bronsdon	10/06/2007
<i>Harford</i>			
	Mary Ann	McCauley	10/20/2006
	Janice	Newcomb	10/30/2007
	Liz	Szymanski	7/20/2006
	Kat	Warner	6/4/2007
	Mary	Bowen	7/27/2006
	Marlene	Lynch	11/20/2007
	Sarah	Harris	8/20/2007
<i>Howard</i>			
	Sylvia	Huestis	5/08/2007
	Lisa	Baum	7/19/2007
	Barb	Sieg	10/03/2007
	Carroll	Caverly	11/12/2007
<i>Montgomery</i>			
	Martha	Fisher	10/25/2007
	Barbara	Schwartzbach	10/25/2007

*Washington*

Cynthia	Kennedy	10/15/2007
Anne	Courtemanche	10/15/2007

**Bay-Wise Advanced Trainings**

Since our last newsletter we've held six Bay-Wise Advanced Trainings. There were three in the fall (all in October) and three more this spring. **Harford County** concluded its training on 10/10/07 with twelve Master Gardeners. Congratulations to **Brent Lehmann, Jane Howe, Janice Newcomb, Joyce Browning, Kat Warner, Liz Szymanski, Marlene Lynch, Mary Bowen, Mary Ann McCauley and Sarah Harris** for becoming new Bay-Wise Master Gardeners and welcome back to **Bertha Imwold and Shirley Leard**.

**Frederick and Washington Counties**

combined forces with a group fourteen eager folks in a class that ended on 10/15. Congratulations to **Sally Chakola, John Fox, John Hewetson, Pam Miller, Mary Riesch and Susan Trice** from Frederick and **Anne & Bob Courtemanche, Barbara Henderson, Susan Jenkins, Cynthia Kennedy and Sarah Linder** from Washington Counties for passing the course. It was also nice to see **Annette Ipsan and Karen Greeley** auditing the class.

The last training in October concluded on 10/25 when eleven Master Gardeners from **Montgomery County** resurrected the Bay-Wise program in their county. The last time we conducted a training there was in 1999. Congratulations to **Ronald Anderson, Jeanne Berman, Martha Fisher, Cheryl Freishatat, Hayley Goris, Paula Jean Hallberg, Frank Lostumbo, Mary McKnight, Bebe McMeekin, Barbara Schwartzbach, and Ericka Smith** for

a job well done. Special thanks to **Barbara and Martha** for welcoming the group to your homes and gardens so they could learn how to certify landscapes.

Our first training in 2008 ended on the last day of March with a combined **Anne Arundel & Calvert County** group of twelve new recruits and two returnees. Congratulations to **Dena Cameron, Michelle Corkadel, GeorgeAnne Diehl, James MacNicholl and Kari Yent** from Anne Arundel and **Anita Bruno, Selena Daughtrey-Andersen, Norma Imershein, Cynthia Overstrom, Carole Purcell, Kathleen Rose and Hal Vogel** from Calvert Counties for a job well done. It was nice to see **Judy Graham and Patty Muir** again as they joined us to assist with the class and for a refresher.

**Howard/Carroll Counties** added fourteen new Bay-Wise Master Gardeners to their ranks in April. Congratulations to **Debra Brooks Jarboe, Joan Dargis, Beverly DeVuono, Rosetta Few, Lisa Knab Baum, Cathy Latham, Dorothy Lovett, Sybil McKennon, Rosemary Noble, Anne Roy and Karen Taylor-Hill** of Howard County and **Nancy Lewis, Jane Slade and Heather Wight** from Baltimore County for completing your training.

And finally, the middle of May ushered in the newest group of Bay-Wise Master Gardeners on the upper Eastern Shore. **Talbot County** hosted the training for eleven people from four different counties. Thanks **Joanne Buritsch,**

**Bonnie James, Jane Mayfield** and **Louise Woods** for returning to make sure the “newbies” got off to a great. Congratulations to **Susan Marseilles** from Caroline, **Barbara Hale** from Dorchester, **Karen Cooley** of Queen Anne’s and **Nancy Beatty, Delores Bowens, Joan Dickson, and Phyllis Rambo** from Talbot Counties. And a special thanks to previously trained veteran **Carol Jelich** for welcoming us to your new home and landscape to train the newest group how to certify landscapes.

### Upcoming Advanced Trainings

So far two more Bay-Wise Advanced Trainings are planned for this fall. The trainings will take place in Baltimore and Washington/Frederick Counties. See the chart below for the tentative dates and times.

Host County	Dates	Time	Contact Person
Fred/Wash	8/11, 13 & 15	9:30 to 3:30	<a href="mailto:strice@umd.edu">strice@umd.edu</a> <a href="mailto:aipsan@umd.edu">aipsan@umd.edu</a>
Baltimore	10/11, 18 & 25	9:30 to 3:30	<a href="mailto:Jlopez3@umd.edu">Jlopez3@umd.edu</a>

If you know of others in your county who might be interested in taking the training, please have them contact the county Master Gardener Coordinator listed above to sign up. The fee is \$40 (\$45 in Frederick/Washington) for the course. You, as Bay-Wise Master Gardeners, are also welcome to attend for a refresher if space allows.

## News From the Counties:

### Anne Arundel

The Anne Arundel County Bay-Wise program co-chairs, **Judy Graham** and **Carol Dowling** are excited to report that they work with a group of about 19 active Bay-Wise Master Gardeners in their county. They certified 6

landscapes since last year. Judy reports, “*In 2008, a new group were trained this March by Wanda and her complement of teachers; we were particularly glad to get speakers on beneficial insects, native plants, and rain gardens since we get lots of questions on these.*”

“*We are off to a busy Spring, having done eleven yard visits already, with six being certified! We have given five presentations to Garden Clubs, Home Owners Associations, and civic groups. We had our display again at Earth Day at Quiet Waters Park and handed out 40 fliers on a beautiful sunny day.*”

“*We continue to invite the interns to accompany us on our yard visits and events. We hope they have fun and feel useful and join us as members next year.*”



### Greater Baltimore

The Greater Baltimore Bay-Wise program is in its infancy. Special thanks to **Paulette Kirkpatrick**, who by default (I kept begging her to do it), is acting as chair, until someone steps up to the job. Paulette reports that there are four fearless folks on their Bay-Wise committee. Although it is a relative small

committee, they are doing big things in the Baltimore region. The group has already certified five residential landscapes and two non-residential sites, e.g., the Monkton Railroad Station along NCR Trail in the county and the Cathedral of Incarnation - Episcopal Cathedral in the city.

Paulette reports that, "on 4-18-07, using my certified demonstration Bay-Wise garden, we made a presentation on Bay-Wise Gardening to the Summer Hill Garden Club for 22 attendees.

"On 2-23-08 Master Gardeners answered questions and showed off their Bay-Wise display boards during the Tracy diSabato-Aust Workshop for Maryland Horticultural Society for 168 attendees.

"Finally, on 4-19-08 their speaker's bureau snuck in a Bay-Wise Gardening Talk during their Perennial Gardening series at Cylburn Arboretum."

## Calvert



**Judy Kay**, Calvert County Bay-Wise Chair reports that there are 14 members of the Calvert County committee have been busy certifying 5 client and four Master Gardener landscapes. All but those Master

one of Gardeners are Bay-Wise trained. Judy is pleased to report that "Calvert County Master Gardeners sponsored a booth at the Patuxent River Appreciation Days (PRAD) at the Calvert

*Marine Museum in Solomon's Island on Columbus Day weekend, October 6 & 7. We talked to over 120 people about controlling erosion and storm water runoff. We had a wonderful display of native grasses: Indian grass, Switchgrass and Little Bluestem provided by Environmental Concern in St. Michaels. We also displayed the Bay-Wise board and as a result of the contacts visited 5 yards with one certification. Many homeowners are interested in planting native plants and ask specifically for guidance on which ones would be appropriate in their yards.*

"As part of the Calvert County Garden Smarter series of lectures, we talked to over 50 people at two sessions. We have been able to schedule one yard visit so far and will begin scheduling others later this month. Many of the 2008 Interns are also interested in having their yards certified and learning more about the Bay-Wise program.

"We are all very excited that we have received a grant from Chesapeake Bay Trust to landscape the grounds of the Community Resources Building (CRB) in Prince Frederick which houses the Cooperative Extension Office. We will install demonstration gardens using native plants and provide benches and picnic tables for those who work in the CRB, for county and private sector employees who work nearby, and for the public to enjoy and to learn about using native plants in the landscape and controlling runoff and erosion. Members of the local 4-H clubs will help us plant and maintain the grounds. Eventually (perhaps next year), we plan to Bay-Wise certify the grounds!"

Great Job, Calvert County!

## **Carroll**

Carroll County Bay-Wise program co-chairs, **Dick Heiser** and **Tina Swanson** report that they and their group are 14 strong! This group even includes a few Master Gardeners from neighboring Baltimore County. There are occasions when someone in one county lives closer to a neighboring county and chooses to volunteer in their 'adopted' county. No matter in which county they live, they are doing wonderful things in Carroll County. Some of these things include certifying 9 residential landscapes and one non-residential site (the Eldersburg Public Library Garden). In addition to all that certifying, Dick reports *"Since the 2007 fall report, we made a Bay-Wise PowerPoint presentation to the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a Master Gardener/Bay-Wise presentation to the Summit Ridge Home Owners Association Women's Club in Mount Airy."*

## **Charles**

Bay-Wise Master Gardener co-Chairs, **Ronda Goldman** and **Jessica Milstead** report that there are only four members of their committee but the small group is doing big things. So far they have certified six (including three non-Bay-Wise Master Gardener) residential sites and two non-residential sites – Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church and Saint Mary's Bryantown School. Ronda reports that *"The Charles County Bay-Wise committee is continuing to forge ahead with efforts to promote awareness through speaking engagements and certifications. We are*



*making contacts with school communities as well as faith-based communities. We will continue to gain exposure in the business and government sectors as we move forward with the Charles County Bay-Wise Video project.*

*"The CCBWV project is an effort to utilize modern technology to gain massive exposure for the Bay-Wise program. Currently, we are in phase three of the process, which involves funding. We have identified several sources and are pursuing their participation. The project is expected to move into phase four (Filming) in the fall of 2008. This video has the capacity to reach over 100,000 residents by the spring of 2010. We would like to open this project to the entire Southern Maryland region and will make contact with each county by the end of July.*

*"We are initiating an effort to build on existing contacts with leadership in suburban neighborhoods to interest them in certifying their common areas. This will give us visibility among the residents of those neighborhoods, and will also serve as examples to arouse interest in other neighborhoods. The Bay-Wise program has the opportunity to be a connecting force between our seasoned developments and our newer communities."*

## **Howard**

Bay-Wise Master Gardener Chair, **Holly McFarland** reports that there are about 20 active Master Gardeners on their Bay-Wise Committee. They have recently certified eight residential landscapes and two non-residential sites, including Ellicott City Senior Center and Whipps Cemetery. Holly states, *"We're continuing our seasonal displays at county libraries using simple cues from the B-W Yardstick to help homeowners make better*

*choices in their landscapes. Topics have included using fertilizers and pesticides wisely, fall garden chores, IPM, planting natives, etc. We're also developing more static displays concerning our watershed: managing storm water runoff, rain barrels and gardens, and green roofs.*

*"We continue making B-W presentations to HOA's, garden clubs, libraries, Whipps Cemetery, HS Environmental classes and Columbia Village Centers.*

*"We've developed a planting guide and template that Columbia Villages can give their residents who wish to landscape neighborhood cul de sacs; we also supply timely gardening tips to their monthly newsletters.*

*"To help people ID and learn more about "good bugs & bad bugs" in their landscapes, we have begun marketing a hand-held laminated guide for them to take into their gardens.*

*"We have partnered with Howard Community College in their efforts to become carbon-neutral by designing a Bay-Wise landscape at the Student Services/Welcome Center Building. The new landscape has a target planting date of Fall 2008. We've also been used as a resource to comment and make suggestions on how other areas of the campus can be more Bay-friendly.*

*"Our annual Bay-Wise Garden tour (normally held in spring) will be held in September this year, followed by a native plant sale."*



**Montgomery**



*Martha Fisher in her newly certified landscape*

New Chairs, **Martha Fisher & Barbara Schwartzbach** report six eager Master Gardeners comprise their Bay-Wise Committee. They report "As of 4/30/08 we have not certified any other landscapes. Since then we have been active promoting Bay-Wise and certifying landscapes. These will have to be on our fall report.

*"We have had one formal committee meeting and many email communications. We put together a procedure for certifying landscapes that the committee uses.*

*"The Montgomery County Master Gardener Board voted to make an Ad Hoc Bay-Wise Landscape Committee this year."*

## **Prince George's**

**Franchella Kendall and Carrie Mullen**, Prince George's Co. Bay-Wise Co-Chairs, are excited to share the chair of this newly organized group of eleven. So far they have certified two residential landscapes with more planned in the near future.



## **Queen Anne's**

Co-chairs, **Annie Ittu and Vida Morley** report 35 members on their committee. Recently, they have certified one residential landscape, one non-residential site, namely, Heron Point Retirement Community, and eight non-Bay-Wise Master Gardeners' landscapes. Other activities include, *"a visit to the home of Sally and Daryl Boden on 5/15/08. This non-MG couple, whom we consulted, had such a wonderful Bay-Wise yard, and such enthusiasm, that we immediately scheduled a follow-up certification."*

*"A group from the community spent a great deal of time and energy creating two gardens for the entire community at the Heron Point Retirement Community. One was a large predominately native plants garden along the walkway and the other serving the purpose of slowing the run-off from the driveway, parking*

*lot, into the wetlands, with mostly native grasses and shrubs. Quite a lot of publicity occurred followed this certification which generated much interest in the BW program. This site was certified in April of this year.*

*"On 5/8/08, the Master Gardeners participated in the Delaware Water Festival.*

*"Our Bay-Wise group gave a presentation to the Crosswinds Development on 3/19/08. The Alliance for Northwest Creek is a non-profit organization set up to improve the quality of the wetland areas of Northwest Creek on southern Kent Island.*

*"The group gave another presentation to Prospect Bay development. Where on 5/21/08 a consultation/certification for a non MG client, was set up as a Demonstration/presentation for about 20 people in that development."*

## **Washington**

**Sharon Bondroff and Cynthia Kennedy**, newly appointed Co-Chairs, report that although there are ten Bay-Wise Master Gardeners on their roster, only six are active. This small but strong committee has recently certified two client landscapes. *"We certified 4 Master Gardener properties in the fall of 2007. "We established our Bay-Wise committee and had our first meeting in April to plan our public outreach program. Our promotion plan includes displays, newspaper columns and educational talks. Our first public certifications will begin in May, 2008.*

*"We created a Bay-Wise display for our annual plant sale on 4/26 that was attended by approximately 100 people."*

## More Assorted Stuff

### Bay-Wise Signs Are In!

After many months of waiting, the new Bay-Wise signs are in. Because of the high cost of the signs and paucity of funds, I could only order 278 signs, (139 client and 139 demo). If you need to order more signs, complete the form found on the Bay-Wise website, [www.baywise.umd.edu/ForBWMGOnly.cfm](http://www.baywise.umd.edu/ForBWMGOnly.cfm) Each sign and post with hardware costs about \$15.00. Since my renewable grant has been abolished, I no longer have the ability to provide the signs free of charge. We need to come up with a solution to this problem in order to continue the certification part of the Bay-Wise program. Your suggestions are needed and welcome!

### Upcoming Contest



I am a founding member of the CCLC, the Chesapeake Conservation Landscape

Council, a group whose mission is to educate the public about conservation-based landscaping practices to benefit the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Sound familiar? We are currently sponsoring a contest that highlights eight principals, which happen to align well with the Bay-Wise BMPs. If you know of a site that would qualify, please enter it in the contest. There are not many entries to date so don't delay. The deadline for the contest is August 1. to find out more about the contest and obtain an entry form, visit:

<http://www.chesapeakelandscape.org/CCLCMission.htm>

It is not too late to enter the CCLC's Conservation Landscape Landscaping contest.

### Bay-Wise Website

Our website has gotten many hits in the past few years. I am continually trying to keep it updated. View it at [www.baywise.umd.edu](http://www.baywise.umd.edu) I know that periodically, some of the links don't work because another host that we link to has changed their URL unbeknownst to me. Please bring to my attention any problems you experience with the website. Thanks.

Since I am quite the webpage novice the site is rather primitive when compared to other sites. However, I think it does contain basic information about the program and its tenets. There is also a special page for you, Bay-Wise Master Gardeners, to order publications and display boards directly from my office.

Please take a look at it and give me your feedback. Also, if there is anyone out there that is proficient in cyberspace and would be willing to help out with improving and maintaining the pages, let me know.

### Interested in Protecting Trees?



The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee (MUCFC) is a volunteer group of citizens, professionals, and government officials united to protect and enhance Maryland's forest ecosystems. MUCFC is a sub-committee of the Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards. Every county in the state has a Forestry Board. The primary functions of the Committee are to 1.) Promote and coordinate the Maryland Community PLANT award program that officially recognizes communities planting and caring for trees, and 2.) Administer grants to

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communities, through their local Forestry Boards, that promote planting and care of trees. If you are interested and would like more information about membership, please contact Wayne Lucas, 301-324-2684 or me 410-531-5973.

If you are interested in applying for a grant of up to \$1,500, or learning more about MUCFC, visit <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/programs/urban/mcfc.asp>

### **Is Your Landscape Certified?**

Are you among the few, the proud, the “certified?” Has your landscape been certified as Bay-Wise yet? If you answered “no” to these two questions, it is time to move into action. One of the successful indicators of the Bay-Wise Landscape Management Program is to have all Bay-Wise Master Gardeners’ landscapes certified as demonstration landscapes. So far there are 275 “demo landscapes” throughout the state. If your’s isn’t one of them, *and you know who you are,*

contact your county’s Bay-Wise committee chair to set up an appointment. The process is easy & fun and one of the rewards is increased visibility in your neighborhood as an expert on ecologically sound landscaping.



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