



RainScapes Gazette

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Get Ready for Winter this Fall



*Pink Muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) and Switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*) at Rockville High School*

Are you ready for fall? While we enjoy native, blooming plants

NEW Grant Opportunity from RainScapes and the Chesapeake Bay Trust



Work at Dennis Avenue

We want to let you know about a new grant program offered by the Montgomery County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust to support watershed restoration and outreach throughout Montgomery County. The goal of this program is to reduce stormwater runoff and pollutants through community-based restoration implementation as well as projects focused on public engagement through education, outreach, and stewardship. Please note that this is a completely new funding opportunity that is available for Montgomery County only with grant awards of up to \$50,000. More information is available below and on the [Chesapeake Bay Trust's website](#) and we encourage you to contact the Trust to discuss any project ideas you might have.

right now like light and airy Eupatorium hyssopifolium (Hyssop Leaved Boneset) , bright yellow Helenium autumnale (Sneezeweed), and the purples of the Asters (Symphotrichum spp.) , there's work to be done. Before the weather changes, rake up dead leaves and do general clean up. Remove diseased leaves or those with mildew and compost them. You can use your mower to chop up leaves and put them in your compost pile. Use the garden cleanup time to evaluate your garden and make plans for next spring.

Leave your perennials and grasses uncut throughout the winter. Not only do the different colors and shapes provide beauty in the landscape, but they also provide cover for wildlife. In winter, wildlife needs cover from the wind and cold. Different types of wildlife will find food and cover at varying heights. Think about adding trees and shrubs such as Lindera bezoin (Spicebush) which produces fruit in late summer and early fall and is an important food source for fall migrants. All grasses and perennials should be cut back to just above the ground by the end of February. If you are at all concerned about the monarch butterfly, fall is a great time to plant milkweed for next year's visitors!

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[Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program](#)

The Montgomery County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust grant program encourages on-the-ground restoration including RainScapes practices as well as outreach and engagement activities that reduce stormflow and pollutants and engage Montgomery County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams of Montgomery County.

Deadline: December 4, 2014 at 5pm

For questions contact Grant Manager: Sadie Drescher, 410-974-2941, ext. 103

Hot off the Press: RainScapes Rebate Program in the News



Driveway with permeable pavers

RainScapes and the increased use of permeable paving is the feature story in the Interlocking Concrete Paver Institute's (ICPI) Summer 2014 issue. This is a good RainScapes solution when redoing driveways.

['Rebate Program Helps a Maryland County Boost Use of Permeable Pavers'](#)

Local Native Plant Sales

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Asters, rudbeckia and Purple Love Grass (Eragrostis spectabilis) at Rockville High School

Fall is a wonderful time to shop for new plants. September is a perfect planting season and many nurseries are having their fall sales. So do a little fall clean up and spring planning now and get some great deals on plants! Several local sales are listed here:

Chesapeake Bay Trust's annual 5K for the Bay

Join the Chesapeake Bay Trust's annual 5K for the Bay. It was sold out earlier this year so they decided to add a second race.

www.cbtrust.org/5kpartdeux

Saturday, October 25, 2014
Registration: 7:00 am
Race Start: 7:45 am
Pre-registration: \$30
Race Day Registration: \$35
Students age 10-17: \$10
Kids 9 and under: Free

[Registration](#)

Stadler Nurseries Free Tree Planting Sale:

Buy any tree \$200 or more & they'll plant it for free within 30 miles of the nursery; September 11 - October 5 2014; Any Stadler location like 5504 Mt. Zion Rd. Frederick, Maryland; 6815 Rt. 108 Laytonsville, Maryland

The Adkins Arboretum is having a members only Native Plant Nursery Fall Plant Sale and Open House:

Friday, September 12, 2014 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; 12610 Eveland Road Ridgely, MD 21660.

Green Spring Gardens' Fall Garden Day and Plant Sale

including Virginia Native Plant Society Potowmack Chapter's Fall Plant Sale; Saturday, September 13, 2014; 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; 4603 Green Spring Road Alexandria, Virginia 22312

Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy Fall Native Plant Sale

with native plants by Nature By Design, Hill House Farm and Nursery, and Watermark Woods; Sunday, Sep 14, 2014; 9:00 am-3:00 pm; Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176

Long Branch Fall Native Plant Sale;

Saturday, September 20; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm; Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin

Springs Road, Arlington, VA 22204
Northern Alexandria Fall Native Plant Sale;
Saturday, September 27; 9:00 am-2:00 pm;
NEW location at The Church of St. Clement,
1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302
(Corner of Quaker Lane and Oakcrest Drive)
(Formerly located at 3601 Valley Drive)

**Tree Giveaway at the Herring Run
Nursery;** Saturday, September 20, 27 and
October 5th 2014; 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM;
Herring Run Nursery 6131 Hillen Rd
Baltimore, MD; choose one of six native
species: American hornbeam, hackberry,
eastern redbud, black gum, swamp white oak,
or willow oak.

**Earth Sangha Nursery's Fall Open House
and Plant Sale;** Sunday, September 28th
2014; 10 am to 2 pm; For directions click
<http://www.earthsangha.org/wpn/wpnvol.html>;
At the Nursery, end of Cloud Drive,
Springfield, VA 22150; Earth Sangha's Wild
Plant Nursery provides the most
comprehensive selection of local native plants
for ecological restoration in the Washington,
DC, region.

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