

Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance
2012 Calendar of Events

January:

January 14, 8:30am-3pm: Are you interested learning how to manage the natural areas on your property? Or, would you like to reduce mowing by converting some of your lawn into a wildflower meadow, tall grassland nesting area, or woodland? If so, you are invited to participate in the upcoming "The Woods in Your Backyard" workshop. This one-day program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at the Carroll County Agriculture Center-Burns Hall, 700 Agriculture Center Drive, Westminster, MD 21157. Those interested in information can visit the University of Maryland Forest Stewardship Education Events page at: <http://www.naturalresources.umd.edu/Events.html#WBYP> or contact the Carroll County Forestry Board at 410-848-9290. A registration form is available on-line at the above website or by calling the UM Extension office in Westminster at 410-386-2760. The \$35.00 registration fee must be paid by cash or check (no credit cards) and is due by January 6th. Make checks payable to Carroll County EAC.

January 21, 9am to 11am: A Nature Walk at the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary near Mt. Airy will be sponsored by the Audubon Society of Central Maryland. Come out and see how the birds are using the habitat of the sanctuary to survive the cold winter. Some of our birds, like Cardinals and Mockingbirds, stay at the sanctuary all year, but other birds, such as White-throated Sparrows, are present only in winter.

People of all ages are welcome. Meet at 9 a.m. at the entry gate to the sanctuary at 13030 Old Annapolis Road (just east of Detrick Road) in Mt. Airy. No rest room facilities are available, and the walk will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather or deep snow on the ground. But cold will be no problem, our leaders are just back from Antarctica! For more information contact Ron or Susan Polniaszek at 410-531-6658, or <http://www.centralmdaudubon.org>.

January 28, 2pm: Join the Audubon Society of Central Maryland for a free presentation about the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) and how to participate. The presentation will be given at St. James Episcopal Church, 1307 N. Main St. Mt. Airy, MD 21771. Contact Liz Peterson at (301) 829-8931 or Jplp5@yahoo.com for more information.

February:

February 16, 1pm- 2:30pm: Join the Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance for their bimonthly meeting. Contact Heather Montgomery for more information.

February 18, 9am-11am: A nature walk at the Fred Archibald Audubon Sanctuary, sponsored by the Audubon Society of Central Maryland, will look for wintering birds and possibly some very early spring migrants. The sanctuary contains meadows as well as forests so there is a wide variety of habitats for different birds. The walk is suitable for all ages. Meet at 9 a.m. at the entrance to the sanctuary, which is on the east side of Boyer's Mill Road, one mile north of Rte. 144 in New Market. Wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the predicted weather. There

are no rest room facilities at the sanctuary, and the walk will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather or deep snow. For more information see the website www.centralmdaudubon.org or contact Dave or Elaine Pardoe at 410-381-0449.

March:

March 1, 6:45pm-7:45pm: “Promoting a Greener Frederick County.” Learn about Frederick County’s developing Green Infrastructure Plan and the Neighborhood Green program. The Green Infrastructure Plan identifies ecologically valuable areas in the county based on forest, stream and wetland data, while the Neighborhood Green program provides education and resources for residents interested in naturalizing the landscape away from turf. Moderator: Heather Montgomery, Frederick County Office of Sustainability & Environmental Resources Sustaining Frederick’s Forests.

This is the first lecture in the Sustaining Frederick's Forests Lecture Series (March- Aug). Lectures will be held the first Thursday of the month from 6:45-7:45pm in the Community Room in the C. Burr Artz Library (110 E. Patrick St, Frederick, MD). Two hours of free parking is available at the Carroll Creek Parking Deck with a ticket validated at the library. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is encouraged but not required. To register or find out more, contact Mike Kay at 301-473-8417, or send an email to MKAY@dnr.state.md.us. (View/print Lecture Series Brochure)

March 17, 9am-11am: A Nature Walk at the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary near Mt. Airy will be sponsored by the Audubon Society of Central Maryland. We will follow a new but faint trail through the forest, getting to some rarely visited parts of the sanctuary. We will be looking for signs of spring, from swelling buds on trees to early spring migrant birds. Bluebirds will probably be laying claim to the nest boxes. People of all ages are welcome. Meet at 9 a.m. at the entry gate to the sanctuary at 13030 Old Annapolis Road (just east of Detrick Road) in Mt. Airy. No rest room facilities are available, and the walk will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

For further information contact Bob Schaefer at 301-831-5660 or robert.schaefer@gmail.com, or see the Audubon web site at www.centralmdaudubon.org.

March 20, 9am-4pm: The Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) will host a seminar about the legal and financial aspects of donated conservation easements from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20 in Crownsville, MD. [Read more.](#)

March 31, 8am-12pm: If you would like to get some fresh air and exercise while helping to improve the environment please join local scouts, Lions Club members, and students at the upcoming tree planting project at Woodsboro Park on Saturday, March 31st from 8:00 am till noon. We will be planting 1,000 native hardwood seedling sized trees around Israel Creek to help clean the water, create shade, and develop habitat for wildlife. Once the trees are planted we will install 1,000 tree shelters to protect the young trees until they are large enough to fend for themselves. Members of the Maryland Forest Service will be on hand to instruct you how to plant the trees and direct the planting. We will have plenty of tools so there is no need to bring

anything other than some gloves and a good set of work cloths. This planting is sponsored by Lions Club donations, the Town of Woodsboro, and a grant from the Maryland Forest Service. Woodsboro Park is located at the corner of Rt. 194 and Coppermine Road in beautiful Woodsboro, Maryland. In the event of rain an alternate replanting date will be announced.

April:

May:

June:

July:

August:

September

October

November

December