



May 2011 Newsletter

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help out at the MG Booth for Blandy's Garden Fair, May 6-8. Please check the schedule below for your shift(s).

Remember to wear your MG shirt and badge (if you have one). Let the parking attendant know that you are volunteering as a Master Gardener for the NSVMGA Booth and you will be directed to the volunteer parking lot on the right and will not have to pay for parking.

Consider bringing a chair for your shift in the booth, and make sure you leave plenty of time before or after your shift for shopping!

The MG booth will be set up much like a Farmer's Market. We will have Va Tech gardening literature to hand out, reference materials for questions, as well as gardening displays.



We will also be selling tickets for a rain barrel raffle and a beautiful Mary Carlton original spring quilt raffle. The tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5 and multiple ticket purchases can be used for either or both raffles. The drawings will take place at GardenFest, to be held at Belle Grove on Saturday, June 4.

CLARKE COUNTY REPORT by Mary Craig

GardenFair is next weekend and we have everything well in hand, thanks to Suzanne's hard work. We will be selling raffle tickets for the rain barrel and the

demonstration barrel will be set up for people to look at. Alison Teeter, with Clarke County, will have a couple of rain barrels in her truck in case someone wants to purchase one right there. We will have the water quality display up and lots of handouts about different water quality issues, along with all the other handouts.

There are still lots of slots available for the Farmers' Market in Berryville, which starts the week after GardenFair. The good news is that we have found a place to store all of the Clarke MG belongings. It is on the side of the Dollar General right next door to the market. It will still require driving to pick the key up from Janet's and a car to load things in to get them to the market, but it's free.

Talk about April showers! We had flash floods on Sat. the 16th, which took out two sections of our fence, and were flooded in on Sunday, the 17th which is why I missed the last meeting.

The Shenandoah was up over the road at both ends. Hope no one had any major damage from leaking basements, trees down, etc. It got the grass off to a great start! And the Virginia Bluebells are none the worse for wear having been covered in water for 2 days.

The May meeting is at Blandy which means Clarke will be hosting it. We are looking forward to a great turnout. See you there.