

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. Personal Information

Georgia L. Eacker
Faculty Extension Assistant
Master Gardener Program Coordinator
Maryland Cooperative Extension, Howard County
3525-L Ellicott Mills Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Employment Date: July 2, 1992
Private Pesticide Applicators License: 1995-Present

Educational Background

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts
Master in Education
Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts
Bachelor of Science in Education
Certificate in Occupational Therapy

Employment Background

1992-present Faculty Extension Assistant
Maryland Cooperative Extension
Master Gardener Program Coordinator

1979-1992 Greenhouse Employment-Walnut Springs Nursey, MD
Botanical Decorators, MD

2. Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities

a. Reports, Extension Publications

i. Report

Filipczak, C., H. Jackson, G. Eacker, C. Fitzpatrick, M. Greene,
L.M. Hamilton (2000-2003 annually) Howard County Cooperative Extension Annual Report. 4 pages. Wrote section on Urban Agriculture. Used to inform county and stakeholders (elected officials, department heads, volunteers, administrators) about our Cooperative Extension accomplishments each year. 200 copies distributed within county and state.

b. Tapes

1998 Government Cable TV program on Bay-Wise principles done on site of client property
2002 Participation in GTV taping of panel on Volunteerism in Howard

County

2003 GTV taping on Bay-Wise program

c. Exhibits, Performances, Demonstrations and other Creative Activities

i. Exhibit- Local

(2000-2006) Maryland Cooperative Extension-Howard County.

Howard County Fair. West Friendship, MD. Annual attendance, 100,000

Total attendance, 500,000. Re-usable display representing all program areas.

ii. Exhibit- Local

Fitzgerald, C.B., M. Greene, H. Jackson, G. Eacker, L.M. Hamilton

(2001-2004) Scavenger Hunt. Howard County Fair, West Friendship, MD.

Static. Ten question scavenger hunt designed to educate visitors about local agriculture and nutrition issues. Questions passed throughout Fairgrounds.

Prizes awarded. Annual attendance, 100,000. Total attendance, 400,000

iii. Demonstration

Eacker, G. 1999. Bay-Wise Garden Tour. Demonstration of appropriate Landscape management practices on three community properties.

Collaboration with Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2000-2002.

Tours of Bay-Wise properties were arranged by Master Gardeners in consultation with Georgia Eacker in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

iv. Protocol

Eacker, G. 1998-1999. Research, prepared program, The Adult Learner.

d. Grants

Funded: Chesapeake Bay Trust

Eacker, G. Schools and Streams: A Bay Conservation Program (1998).

Amount: \$600.

Master Gardeners in consultation with G. Eacker. Schools and Streams: A Bay Conservation Program. (1999)

Amount: \$502.32

Master Gardeners in consultation with G. Eacker. Schools and Streams: A Bay Conservation Program (2000)

Amount: \$4,213

Master Gardeners in consultation with G. Eacker. Schools and Streams: A Bay Conservation Program (2001)

Amount: \$11,394

Master Gardeners in consultation with G. Eacker. Schools and Streams: A

Bay Education Program (2002)

Amount: \$10,341

Master Gardeners in consultation with G. Eacker. Schools and Streams: A Bay Education Program (2003)

Amount: \$11,531

Master Gardeners in consultation with G. Eacker. Schools and Streams: A Bay Education Program (2004)

Amount: \$10,781

Master Gardeners in consultation with G. Eacker. Schools and Streams: A Bay Education Program (2005)

Amount: \$14,332.10

Master Gardeners in consultation with G. Eacker. Schools and Stream: A Bay Education Program (2006)

Amount:\$12,579

Eacker, G. Volunteer Maryland Coordinator, Americorps agency. Secured through matching funds from Columbia Foundation (\$3,000), Kittamquidi Outreach (\$515), Chesapeake Bay Trust (\$4000), Dr. James Hanson, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (\$1,500)

Total Amount: \$ 9, 015

Eacker, G. Secured grant from The Columbia Foundation for purchase of LCD: 2002

Total Amount: \$1,500

e. Donations

2002- Organized participation of Master Gardeners in educational exhibits
The Rouse Company \$500

2006- Garden Clubs honoraria: Total: \$580

Other community organizations and businesses: \$1,215

Sales of Howard County MG items: as of December 15, 2006:

Cookbooks: Income: \$3,278, Profit: \$1,464.92

Loupes: Income: \$1,488

f. Awards

Local:

1999 Award nomination and securing of support letters submitted by Georgia Eacker: Master Gardeners received Howard County Volunteer of the Year Award

State:

2001 Award nomination written by Georgia Eacker, Governors Award for Service and Volunteerism: Master Gardeners received award in Environmental Category

2004 Friends of Howard County Public School System (given to Master Gardeners)

National:

2004 Certificate of Merit, National Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of
Schools and Streams program

2006 Tawes Award for Clean Environment (nomination submitted by
Georgia Eacker)

2006 PLANT (People Loving and Nurturing Trees) Awarded to Master
Gardeners by Howard County Forestry Board

3. Teaching, Mentoring, Advising

Georgia Eacker is the Master Gardener Coordinator in Howard County. Her time
is allotted in Maryland Cooperative Extension's initiatives as follows:

35 % Theme 3: Environmental Steward

15% Theme 5: Organizational Development

The primary purpose of this position is the education of the public regarding responsibilities inherent in
environmental stewardship. Through the planning and conduct of a Master Gardener training which
incorporates issues related to landscape management principles and the oversight of eight other related
environmentally oriented programs, in addition to other supportive programs, stewardship principles are
presented to citizens throughout the year.

a. Teaching: 2006 Total

768 teaching contacts through presentations

43 presentations

Average length of presentations: 80 minutes

1998: Research, preparation and presentation of program, the Adult Learner: Advanced
Master Gardener training

1999: Presentation: Organization of materials, control of audience: Teaching Adults

2000: Pruning lecture/demonstration Mom's club

2000: Presentation on Master Gardener program to Howard County Farm Bureau

2001: Presentation of Preparing for a Master Gardener presentation: Carroll,
Montgomery County Master Gardeners

2001: Presentation, Millersville University, Native Plant Conference
How Master Gardeners Use Native Plants

2002: Presentation of Preparing for a Master Gardener presentation Howard, Anne
Arundel Master Gardeners

2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 Power point program: Pruning

2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006: Power point program: MCE Volunteer Policy

2002 Presentation of "Use of Native Plants" Collaboration with two Master Gardeners

2003: Power point program: Invasive Non-Native Exotic Plants

2003: Power point program: Xeriscaping: Habitat Stewardship, Howard County National
Federated Wildlife program

b. Advising, Mentoring

1999: Consultation with MCE volunteer representatives resulted in conduct of
four week Speechcraft/Toastmasters training open to all Howard County MCE
volunteers to enhance presentation skills

2005: Preparation of suggested curriculum materials for Howard County Public School System third grade on composting
2006: In consultation with two Master Gardeners participation in in-service training of Howard County Public School System second and third grade teachers on composting and vermicomposting
2006: In consultation with two Master Gardeners development and implementation of five sessions on horticultural topics for fifteen at-risk elementary school youth

c. Planning, conduct, advising Master Gardener trainees in annual training program

1992: 24 trainees (12, 50% certified)
1993: 20 trainees (15, 75% certified)
1994: 23 trainees (15, 65% certified)
1995: 23 trainees (20, 85% certified)
1996: 25 trainees (18, 75 % certified)
1997: 30 trainees (21, 72% certified)
1998: 29 trainees (18, 60% certified)
1999: 30 trainees (19,63% certified)
2000: 22 trainees (18, 81 % certified)
2001: 27 trainees (25, 92% certified)
2002: 27 trainees (26, 96% certified)
2003: 21 trainees (11, 50% certified)
2004: 19 trainees (9, 50% certified)
2005: 21 trainees (20, 95% certified)
2006: 24 trainees (14, 61% certified as of January 13, 2007)

d. Programs

1993: In collaboration with Howard County Department of Public Works, Bureau of Environmental Services created information packets for homeowners and community agencies on composting
1994: Developed four composting demonstration sites

1997: Initiated Howard County Bay-Wise Program:
As of December 2006, total of 180 clients have received on-site consultation with Master Gardeners: 85 clients certified, including 46 Master Gardener properties
1998: Initiated Schools and Streams: A Bay-Education Conservation program (in consultation with Master Gardeners)
1998 Development of presentation on deer management to be used with Master Gardeners and residents (in consultation with Master Gardeners)

e. Extension Activities

i. 1998: Preparation of fifth grade science curriculum presented in five schools concerning significance of riparian stream buffers and landscape stewardship (consultation with Master Gardeners who conducted classes): 430 students

- ii. 2000: Initial planning of 2004 Master Gardener Northeast Regional Conference: Program Chairman: Attendance 570
- iii. 2000 Presentations on MCE to Howard County Kiwanis Club, Ellicott City and Rotary Club, Columbia
- iv. 2000 Oversight of storm water management pond planting. Collaboration with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- v. 2000 Follow-up of homeowner association storm water management pond planting
- vi.. 2001 Initiated and developed six week gardening program for middle/ elementary school youth in collaboration with FIRN (Foreign Born and Information and Referral Network).(consultation with Master Gardeners)
- vii. 2001 Provided supervision of planting of riparian stream buffer Howard Community College Environmental Club
- viii.2001: Initiated Hilltop Housing Community garden project (low-income housing). Secured donations of seeds and tools
- viii. 2002 Secured material from Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels, Maryland entitled "Who's Killing the Oysters." Adaption Created and incorporated into Howard County Master Gardener Bay-Wise exhibit
- ix. 200, 2005 Summary of Master Gardener activities: county and state legislators.
- x. 2004 Planning and installation of rain gardens, Waverly Woods Elementary School and Waverly Woods Community Association (intitiated and installed by Master Gardeners (consultation with and participation of Georgia Eacker)
- xi. 2004 Created partnerships with Howard County Public Library System, Howard County Recreation and Parks
- xii. 2004 Bay-Wise site Hickory Crest homeowners association
- xiii.2004 Assistance/consultation on Master Gardener fund-raiser, Cooking with the Masters, \$1,464.92 profit
- xiv..2005 Planning and creation of state Master Gardener exhibit, collaboration with Master Gardeners)

- xv. 2005 Bay-Wise site visit, consultation with The Whitney homeowners Association
- xvi. 2006 Consultation with Master Gardener concerning cost benefit analysis of Master Gardener program
- xvii. 2006 In collaboration with other MG programs, arranged for staffing and Master Gardener state exhibit at Maryland Home and Flower Show
- xviii. 2006 In collaboration with Master Gardeners created and staffed Pesticide Safety exhibit, CMREC open house

f. Articles Written

- i.. 2000 -2003 Monthly articles on horticultural topics for Howard County publication, The Senior Connection
- ii. 2000 Collaboration on article Bay-Wise to the Rescue: Issue 2, Focus on

Extension

- iii. 2002 Bay-Wise program The Howard County League of Women Voters newsletter
- iv. 2002 Invasive Weeds The Howard County League of Women Voters newsletter
- v. Monthly articles for Master Gardener newsletter, Looseleaf

g. Supervision

- i. Administrative Assistant, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Master Gardeners. Shares training, management and Supervision of one full-time administrative assistant including twice yearly Performance Review and Development evaluation
- ii. Oversee the programs, activities and management of volunteer procedures for 168 volunteers

4. Service

a. Professional

- i. Howard County Deer Task Force, 1996-1999; appointed by the County Executive: preparation of report on deer repellents included in final report of task force
- ii. Howard County Association of Volunteer Administrators
Member 1999; Vice President 2000-2001; Member Program Committee 2002-present
- iii. Facilitated panel discussion "What Motivates Volunteers" Howard County Association of Volunteer Services 2006
- iv. Volunteer Center Serving Howard County: Board member 2001-2003
- v. Howard County Environmental Alliance 2004: Planning Committee
- vi. 2006 Maryland Council of Directors of Volunteer Services

b. University level

- i. Maryland Master Gardener Strategic Planning Committee: 2003-present
Sub-Committees: Training, Plant Clinics, Bay-Wise, Composting, Recruitment, Recognition, Retention

c. Community Service

- i. Howard County Conservancy: Arboretum Committee: member 1999 to present: Chairman: 2003-Present
- ii. Patapsco Female Institute: Board member 2000-2001
- iii. Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee Howard County Public School System 2001-2002
- iv. Howard County League of Women Voters Environmental Committee 2003
- v. Association of Community Services Audrey Robbins Committee 2005

5. Professional Development

- i. 1994 Evaluation of Volunteer Program: Maryland Council of Directors of Volunteer Services
- ii. 1994 Elements of Volunteer Management: Maryland Council of Directors of Volunteer Services
- iii. 1995 Digging Deeper for Better Solutions; Trees, Dr. Alex Shigo
- iv. 1996 Volunteer Training; Carroll Community College
- v. 1996 Future of Volunteerism, Carroll Community College
- vi. 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 Master Gardener Advanced Training
- vii. 1996 Northeast Regional Master Gardener Conference
- viii. 1996 Biological Control Conference, UMCP
- ix. 2005 Volunteer Recruitment Skills: Maryland Council of Directors of Volunteer Service
- x. 2006 Grant Writing Workshop
- xi. 2006 Advanced Bay-Wise Training
- xii. 2006 Curriculum vitae training
- xiii. 2006 Landscaping with Native Plants