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VCE Loudoun Master Gardener

Demo Garden Recognized as a County Legend!

The VCE Loudoun Demonstration Garden was recognized at the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, November 15th, as the recipient of a second [Signatures of Loudoun](#) Award (first one was in 2012). This award recognizes the buildings and public spaces that reflect outstanding design, renovation, adaptive reuse, and visually groundbreaking projects throughout the county.

The Demo Garden was recognized under the “Legends” category: *projects or places that have stood the “test of time” over 25 years or more – icons that make Loudoun County unique.* The Master Gardener Volunteers tend the garden year after year to educate the public on sustainable gardening practices. Without fail, approximately 1,000 pounds of produce is donated to Hunger Relief on an annual basis.

Attending the ceremony (from left to right) were Demo Garden leaders past and present Karen Salo, Kristin Westfall, Inge Radel, Normalee Martin, Barbara Bailey, and Mame Ward. These leaders span the 30 years of running the Garden! All have ‘stood the test of time’ as well.



Creek Critters of the Catoctin, Sunday March 26 @ 1 pm.

Join the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Purcellville Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee and [Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy](#) to get up close and personal with the creek critters living in the South Fork of the Catoctin Creek at the [Chapman DeMary Trail](#). Loudoun Wildlife Stream Team members will discuss the natural history of these critters, help participants learn how to identify them, and explain how they can help us determine the health of a stream. **Registration requested** through [Purcellville Parks and Recreation website](#) starting in February.

Questions? Contact Amy Ulland at aulland@loudounwildlife.org



Congratulations to Loudoun SWCD’s Jennifer Venable, Education Outreach Specialist for being awarded the 2022 Chaffin Employee of the Year Award by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at their recent Annual Meeting held in Roanoke.



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EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 22, 2023

To honor Earth Day, NextGenTreesUSA is giving **10% off** seedlings for any fundraiser that mentions this announcement.

With the 10% discount, the ROI (return on investment) increases substantially.

While Earth Day is in the 2nd quarter, the planning for spring fundraisers must be done much sooner. That is why NGT is putting a bug in peoples' ears now.

SCHOOL GARDEN STARTER KITS

WANTING TO EXPAND OR CREATE YOUR SCHOOL GARDEN?

LOUDOUN PEDIATRIC OBESITY COALITION HAS THE RESOURCES TO HELP!

WE HAVE 30 SCHOOL GARDEN STARTER KITS TO DISTRIBUTE. KITS INCLUDE A BUCKET, WATERING CANS, YOUTH GARDENING GLOVES, SHOVELS, AND GARDEN TAGS

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TO RECEIVE A KIT

Calling all community partners!

Algonkian Elementary School is hosting their annual Invention Expo. Students work on an invention project (to solve a problem) for many weeks and this is where they get to showcase their work!

Algonkian ES located at 20196 Carter Ct. Sterling, VA 20165 is looking for community partners to come out and set up an interactive booth the evening of February 28th.

Doors open at 6PM (set up is between 5PM and 5:30PM) All are welcome and Algonkian would appreciate your time and support for their students! Kristine, from Loudoun Water will be there with their interactive Enviscape model.

If you have any questions, reach out to Kristine Abbe-Nguyen by email: kcabbenguyen@loudounwater.org or phone: 571.541.6816

