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# Brookeville Times

Town of Brookeville, MD  
Established 1794      Incorporated 1808

Among the changing months,  
May stands confest  
The sweetest,  
And in fairest colors dressed.

*James Thomson*

## News and Announcement

**Archaeological Dig at Thomas Mill Site:** Duane Heiler and Bob Hines ran a clean-up of the site in preparation for the digs this summer. The town hired a landscape company to haul away the large debris and volunteers worked for a day removing leaves and smaller debris. Two additional foundations were exposed one of which is most likely the remains of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Miller's house. The digs will take place over two non-consecutive weeks this summer and volunteers are welcome! The first session is June 24-29 and the second is July 18-Aug. 2. The work days will run from 9 to 3. The first day will start with mapping in the first units. Then work will start in the front yard of the Madison House using shovel test data from last year. This is a phase 3 excavation and training will be given daily to new volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering contact Bob Hines at [rphines@aol.com](mailto:rphines@aol.com).

**Tax Credits** – Scott Whipple of the HPC staff will be talking about Historic Area Tax Credits at the Annual Town Meeting on May 13. The tax credit for exterior repairs and maintenance have increased from 10% to 25%!

## Reminders!

### Election

May 7 from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Brookeville Academy

Candidates running for reelection:

Katherine Farquhar and Sue Daley

## Annual Town Meeting and Mortgage Party!

Come to the meeting and help celebrate!

Cake and Refreshments

May 13 at 8:00 pm

Brookeville Academy

## Gardening Tips for May

Contributed by Suzanne Friis

From the Garden Calendar for the Greater Washington Area  
produced by Brookside Gardens

Gardening help is just a step away through the Montgomery County Extension service located at:

**University Of Maryland Extension Service**

**Montgomery County Office**

18410 Muncaster Road

Derwood, MD 20855

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 - 5:00

Phone: (301) 590-9638

<http://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county>

**Certified Professional Horticulturists** are available for consultation

Monday - Friday, 8am - 1pm

**800-342-2507**

### Indoor Plants

In mid-May, houseplants can be placed outside for the summer. Place them in a shady location in the garden or on a shady porch. Do not place them in full sun. Be attentive to watering as they will require more frequent watering while outdoors. Fertilize monthly with a water-soluble fertilizer or now with a slow-release fertilizer, following package directions.

Poinsettias, amaryllis and other "gift" plants can also be placed outdoors by the middle of the month. Prune poinsettias back to produce a fuller plant. Do not worry about the milky sap that will ooze from the cut stems. Do not cut back amaryllis leaves. These plants can be put in bright light to full sun, but adjust the plants to the increased light gradually. Fertilize monthly with a water-soluble fertilizer or at this time with a slow-release fertilizer following package directions.

Easter lilies are hardy and can be planted directly into the ground. Do not cut back the stems, although the deer may do that for you as lilies are a favorite snack.

### Lawn Care

Continue to mow the lawn at a minimum height of 3". Ideally, do not remove more than 1/3 of the

grass height at each mowing. Let the clippings remain on the lawn to recycle back into the soil

unless they are so thick they kill the lawn underneath.

Do not place grass clippings recently treated with an herbicide into the compost pile.

It is too late to apply pre-emergent weed prevention.

It is too late to plant grass seed, but sod can be planted through early June. Remember to soak newly planted sod weekly if there is less than one inch of natural rainfall.

### Vegetables and Small Fruits

Harvest lettuce while it is still young and tender. To prolong harvest, remove only the outer leaves allowing the inner leaves to continue growing. When harvesting spinach cut the entire plant off at the ground.

Harvest broccoli before the heads flower.

Vegetables grow best in a soil pH of 5.5-7.0. To have your soil pH tested, visit the Extension Service Office or view this website: [extension.umd.edu/hgic/soils/soil-testing](http://extension.umd.edu/hgic/soils/soil-testing).

Set out plants of tomatoes, eggplant, okra and peppers after May 15. Do not plant these earlier as the soil has not warmed sufficiently and the plants will not grow.

Select tomato varieties marked VFN after the variety name, indicating they are wilt-resistant. Tomatoes grow best in a soil pH of 6.5. Stake or place cages around the plants upon planting. Fertilize regularly and grow in full sun.

Plant seeds for green beans, lima beans, corn, cucumbers, melons and squash after May 15. To speed germination, soak the seeds in warm water the night before planting. Cucumbers, melons and squash are often also available from the nursery as seedlings.

“Bush” varieties of beans are more compact and do not require staking.

Plant cucumbers, melons, squash and corn in “hills”, small mounds of soil, to provide good drainage.

Plant corn in a minimum block sized 12’ x 12’ in insure complete cross-pollination, thus full ears.

Remove the blossoms from newly planted strawberry plants to prevent fruit set and stimulate early “daughter” plant (runner) production. Harvest strawberries the year after planting.

### **Herbaceous Plants**

Plant frost-sensitive bedding plants in mid-May. Allow plenty of space around annuals when planting to prevent crowding and poor air-circulation. Prepare the soil with generous amounts of sphagnum peat moss or compost. Water generously and mulch after planting to conserve soil moisture. If possible, plant on a cloudy day.

Almost all annuals grow best in full sun. However, impatiens grow well in full to part shade and begonias, coleus, browallia and vinca tolerate light shade. Increasingly, tropical plants are being offered as summer bedding plants. Note their light requirements when purchasing. Deer eat many bedding plants. To help choose deer-resistant plants go to:

[www.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/71/Deer%20Resistant%20Plants.pdf](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/71/Deer%20Resistant%20Plants.pdf)

Plant summer bulbs and corms such as cannas, gladiolus, caladiums, dahlias, and tuberous begonias in mid-May when the soil has warmed. They may be planted in the garden or in containers. Good drainage is required. Most require full sun although tuberous begonias do well in part shade and caladiums will tolerate full shade. For continuous bloom, plant gladiolus every 10-14 days. Full-sized dahlias should be spaced 3-feet apart, 4” deep and staked.

Plant tender herbs such as basil, sweet marjoram, dill, anise, summer savory, coriander and borage after May 15 in full sun and a well-drained/sandy soil. Herbs also do well in containers.

Hanging baskets can be placed outdoors in mid-May. They are more sensitive to heat and drought than plants in the ground, so remember to water daily as needed.

Make a second fertilization of perennials mid-month and fertilize bulbs with 1 lb. of 5-10-5/100 sq. feet. Fertilization promotes flower production next spring. Never cut the green leaves off of bulbs. The leaves are the “machine” that builds next year’s flower buds. Leaves can be removed once they are yellowed halfway.

Perennials can still be divided in early May. It is easiest on the plant if they are divided before they are 4 inches high. Primroses and other early spring-flowering plants can be divided after flowering. Mulch perennials to conserve soil moisture, however, do not mulch over the crowns of Iris. Stake perennials early in the season.

### **Trees and Shrubs**

Continue planting container-grown and balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Prepare the planting hole with generous amounts of sphagnum peat moss or compost. Make the hole twice as wide as the root ball. Place the plant so the crown of the plant sits slightly above ground level. Loosen the roots so they reach out into the soil. Mulch after planting to conserve soil moisture, but do not pile the mulch up against the trunk or crown of the plant. A wide mulch ring around trees prevents lawnmower damage.

Prune cherry and deciduous magnolia trees sparingly after planting. They do not respond well to severe pruning. Prune azaleas and other early spring-blooming trees and shrubs after flowering. Pruning these plants in summer or fall removes next year’s flower buds.

For roses, prune all dead wood or any wood that has not produced buds by the end of the month.

Water roses weekly with the two gallons of water/plant unless the week's rainfall is one inch or more. Fertilize monthly with ½ cup of 5-10-5 fertilizer worked into the top several inches of the soil. Water well after fertilizing.

Fertilize azaleas, rhododendron, hollies and other broad-leaved evergreens with an acid-type fertilizer. These plants prefer a more acidic soil.

### **Miscellaneous**

Start a compost pile by layering weed killer-free grass clippings, weeds, sod, soil, meatless kitchen waste and any other organic matter. Water the pile occasionally and turn it 2-3 times/year. For more detailed information about composting or other gardening topics, contact the Extension Service (see above).

Did you know that Brookside Gardens, along with the 35-acres of plant displays and conservatories, has a reference library, free informational flyers, classes, trips and workshops? For more information about Brookside go to:  
[www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/)

## **Salem UMC Book Discussion**

### **2013 Schedule**

Meetings 7:30 pm  
Upstairs Classroom in Salem Community Hall  
**All Are Invited!**

**Thursday, May 2** *The End of the Affair* by Graham Greene – Fiction

The story revolves around a doomed love affair that takes place in 1940s war-torn London. Maurice Bendrix, a successful writer, falls for Sarah Miles, the wife of a dreary civil servant with whom he has struck up a business relationship. Sarah calls the relationship off without warning or explanation and we later learn Sarah's side of the story via her journal which has fallen into Bendrix's hands. Her diary entries provide a

glimpse into her view of the affair and reveals a surprising element to Sarah's character, namely her relationship with God, and the reasons why she gave up Bendrix all those years ago.

**Thursday, June 6** *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai*

*Undercity* by Katherine Boo - Non-fiction  
Katherine Boo spent three years among the residents of the Annawadi slum, a sprawling, cockeyed settlement of more than 300 tin-roof huts and shacks in the shadow of Mumbai's International Airport. From within this "sumpy plug of slum" Boo unearths stories both tragic and poignant--about residents' efforts to raise families, earn a living, or simply survive.

## **SUMC Community Events**

Free and open to all

### **Mother's Day Dinner**

Saturday, May 11, 5:00-7:30 pm

Salem Community Hall.

Eat-in or Carry out  
Fried chicken, baked fish  
vegetables, salad  
coffee, tea and desserts.

Advance Tickets: Adult-\$20.00, Ages: 3 to 12 - \$12.00

At the door: Adult-\$25.00, Ages: 3 to 12 - \$15.00

Under 3 years free.

For advance tickets or information call:

301-873-3807 or 301-370-0659

### **2013 Pre-School Story Time**

May 22 - "Silly Stories"

**All Story Times are held at 10 am**

### **July 8-12**

**Christian Day Camp "Everywhere Fun Fair"**  
**9-11:30 am.**

Ages 3-12. \$15.00/child or \$30.00/family. Salem Community Hall

To register see website:

[www.salemunitymethodist.org](http://www.salemunitymethodist.org)

All programs are held in the Salem Community Hall  
Enter from the back of the building.

For more information contact

Rev. Janet Craswell at

301-774-7774 or

[youth@salemunitymethodist.org](mailto:youth@salemunitymethodist.org)

# Mark Your Calendars

## Planning Commissioners Meeting

May 7, 2013  
7:30 pm

## Town Election

May 7, 2013  
4-9pm

## Annual Town Meeting

May 13, 2013  
7:30 pm

All meetings are held in the Brookeville Academy,  
5 High Street

## Babysitting/Pet Sitting

Need a babysitter or someone to watch your pets while you are away? The following residents are available

Ella Booz                      301-774-8043  
Age 14

Isabelle Johnson        301-325-7510  
Age 14

If your child would like to be listed for future issues, please send name, age and parent's phone to

[clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org](mailto:clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org)

Please send announcements, contributions and suggestions for the newsletter to [clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org](mailto:clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org)

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### Commissioners

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Katherine Farquhar                240.753.2121

### Town Clerk

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### Treasurer

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### Academy Rentals

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