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**HOURS:**

**Garden:** Daylight Hours, Daily  
**Gift Shop:** 9:00-3:00, Monday-Friday  
**Cafeteria:** 7:30-3:00, Monday-Friday  
**Admission & Tours:** Free of Charge  
**Telephone:** 410-260-8189  
**General Information Toll Free:**  
 1-800-830-3974

**GARDEN STAFF:**

**Jay Myers, Ranger/Manager**  
**Suzanne Weber, Horticulturist**  
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\* denotes AA County Master Gardener

**Recent Contributions**

(through November 15, 2019)

Discover Nature programs

District II,  
 Federated Garden clubs of MD, Inc.

Donations Box

Plant Identification class

Rebecca & Robert Jarboe

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(in memory of Ruth F. Myers)

Those wishing to make a tax deductible donation should make the check payable to:

**Friends of Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden, Inc.**  
 P.O. Box 5907  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21403



**To Find Us**

From US Route 50, take Rowe Blvd (Exit 24) toward downtown Annapolis, turn right at Taylor Avenue, then left onto Sachs Drive at the DNR building.

**Visitor Parking**

DNR visitor parking lot—  
 Limited 2 hour parking during workweek, unrestricted access on weekends. (FREE)  
 DNR staff parking lot—  
 Unrestricted access on weekends and after 3:30 p.m. during the work week. (FREE)  
 Navy Stadium—  
 Gate #6 Employee Parking Lot (FREE)

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Annapolis Transit's Gold Route on Rowe Blvd (\$2.00) or State Shuttle. For more information, call 410-263-7964 or visit [www.annapolis.gov/government/city.transportation](http://www.annapolis.gov/government/city.transportation)



**Of Winter Interest**

(January ~ March)

Conifer foliage and cones.  
 Fruits of American Holly,  
 Ornamental grasses, Winterberry,  
 Heavenly Bamboo,  
 Flowers of Winter Jasmine  
 (in mild weather)  
 In March, flowers of  
 Red Maple and  
 Cornelian Cherry Dogwood.

*Winter Gardens*

**WHAT DOES WINTER MEAN TO YOU?**

Winter inspires both joy and woe. Some folks can't wait for the cooler weather, snow, skiing and ice skating, curling up by a fire, and the holiday spirit. You'll notice a peaceful sort of silence when you walk through the woods – a muffled kind of quiet. Other people dislike the frigid temperatures, blizzards, and wild weather (for good reason). In colder regions, winter often means shoveling, snow blowing, dealing with bad roads, and sometimes unbearable temperatures. In warmer regions, the winter temperatures become very mild or cool, and places such as Florida fill up with people escaping the harshness of a northern winter.

Winter officially began with the Winter Solstice on Saturday, December 21, 2019. The word solstice comes from the Latin sol "sun" and sistere "to stand still". Here in the Northern Hemisphere, as summer advances to winter, the points on the horizon where the sun rises and sets advance southward each day. At the winter solstice, the Sun's path has reached its southernmost position. The next day the path will advance northward. However, a few days before and after the winter solstice, the change is so slight that the Sun's path seems to stay the same, or stand still. The Sun is directly overhead at "high noon" on the Winter Solstice at the latitude called the Tropic of Capricorn. The day of the winter solstice is the shortest day of the year, meaning the one in which we experience the least amount of light in 24 hours. Although this part of the Earth is cooling, its great thermal mass still retains some heat from the summer and fall. As the gradual cooling process continues over the next two months, temperatures will continue to fall, and we will experience our coldest temperatures.

Most of the time when we think of designing a garden, we think of how it will look in the spring, summer and possibly in the fall, concentrating on colors, texture and dimensions of the garden itself. Many gardeners neglect thinking about how their garden will look during the winter months simply because their perception of the garden in winter is that it is

dead. This is actually as far from the truth as it could possibly be. During the winter plants go into a dormancy period as a way to recharge their batteries as it were after a long growing season.

Just because your garden is slumbering does not mean it can't still be interesting. You can

achieve interest in your winter landscape much the same way you do in designing for the warmer months by incorporating hardscape elements such as fences, gateways, trellises, large garden ornaments, planters and sculptures; adding multilevel patios or terraces can also create a dramatic effect.

When designing a winter interest garden within the bones of a warm season garden the focus shifts from lush foliage and an abundance of color to a more subtle look. For instance featuring trees and shrubs with distinct bark patterns and or textures along with unique branching structures, selecting plants with colorful stems or berries and/or unusual pods or fruiting structures. Most of which you can achieve by letting your perennials go to seed which not only provides visual interest in texture and form but provides food that will attract winter song birds that will add sound and movement as well as color to your garden. If your winter is mild enough consider a water feature such as a fountain or bubbler in a bird bath, it will provide a sound element as well as a source for water for our feathered friends.

Evergreen trees and shrubs can be used to create form and structure such as screening or be pruned into compelling shapes to be a specimen or a focal point.

Consider adding wind chimes or whirly gigs to provide sound and movement.

With a little planning, your garden can be a landscape that is pleasing to experience 365 days a year.

Get out doors and experience winter!

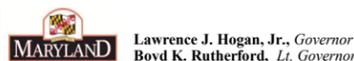


Plant mural area of the garden showing hardscapes, tree form, evergreens in mass and planting bed design.



Furniture and a sculpture at the Stevie Lyttle memorial provides textural interest.

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## Annual Holiday Fundraiser a Success



The *Friends of Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden, Inc.* sponsored their ever popular annual holiday sale.

Preparations during the first week of December led up to their two-day sale on Wednesday, December 11th and Thursday, December 12th.

The event transformed the lobby of the Tawes state office bldg. into a festive holiday market.

Beautiful poinsettias were available in various colors and sizes along with ever-green floral arrangements and homemade cookies & treats packaged for gift giving.

The *Friends* wish to extend a sincere thank-you both to shoppers and volunteers for supporting this end of the year event and other garden fundraisers held this past year for the benefit of the Tawes Garden.

A special thank-you to *Friends* board members Diane Fehleley and Don Myers for again co-chairing this project.



### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

Programs are cancelled if Anne Arundel Co. Public Schools are closed all day. Morning programs are cancelled if Anne Arundel Co. Public Schools have a delayed opening. The Tawes Garden Gift shop is closed if Public Schools are closed or have a delayed opening.

## January

### DISCOVER NATURE

Staffed by Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners



### NATURE IN WINTER

Join the Anne Arundel Master Gardeners at the Tawes Garden to learn about what happens to the trees and animals in winter. Where do the animals and birds go? Do they like snow? Following a nature walk in the garden the children will enjoy a related story and make a craft to take home.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Ages 3-5 (with an adult)  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
11:00 am

Tawes Cafeteria

\$1/child. Registration required.  
Tawes Building, Annapolis

### Registration Information

For program registration, please call 410-260-8189. Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Seven days advance notice is requested. Participants will be enrolled in the order in which checks are received to guarantee priority seating. TGV stands for Tawes Garden Volunteer.

**REFUND POLICY:** Payment is due as soon after registration as possible. If a program is cancelled, you will be notified and receive a full refund. Checks should be made payable to the Tawes Garden, and sent to the following address:  
**Tawes Garden E-3—580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401**

If you cancel your registration, you must notify the garden staff at least 5 days prior to the event. Refunds will be granted only if a replacement is available from the waiting list.

## February

### DISCOVER NATURE

Staffed by Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners

### FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING



Join the Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners at the Tawes garden to discover the first signs of Spring. Who are the first animals we think of when Spring is around the corner? Are there any plants "waking up" from winter? After a story the children will go for a garden walk to look for signs of Spring, and make a craft to take home.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Ages 3-5 (with an adult)  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
11:00 am

Tawes Cafeteria

\$1/child. Registration required.  
Tawes Building, Annapolis



### Me - A Volunteer?

A few hours of your time would be a tremendous help. The Tawes Garden is always looking for additional volunteers. Help is always needed either working as a shop keeper in the gift shop or working with the horticulturist out in the garden.

Training will be provided. If you are interested in meeting new people and working in pleasant surroundings consider becoming a member of the garden staff.

Contact the garden office at 410-260-8189 or via email at [jay.myers@maryland.gov](mailto:jay.myers@maryland.gov) or [suzanne.weber@maryland.gov](mailto:suzanne.weber@maryland.gov)



Check out the *Friends of Tawes Garden, Inc.* on the web at [www.tawesgarden.org](http://www.tawesgarden.org)

Browse for news and views.

**Mission Statement:** The Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden's mission as a public facility is to promote, educate, and encourage the conservation and appreciation of native and cultivated gardening for the benefit of all.

## March

*The Friends of Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden, Inc.*

are sponsoring their ever-popular annual bus excursion to the outstanding Philadelphia International Flower Show.



*This Spring's show theme is "Riviera Holiday"*

Lush lavender-filled Mediterranean gardens will be the inspiration.

### BUS TRIP

Tuesday, March 3, 2020  
10:00 a.m. ~ 8 p.m.

Fee includes luxury coach transportation, admission to the show, and delicious snacks.

\$85/person

*Note: Meals may be purchased at the nearby Reading Market.*

For more information or to make reservations, call 410-570-4465

Meet at MD Hall for the Creative Arts Parking Lot Annapolis, Maryland

*Spring sprouts on March 20th*



### Tawes Garden Gift Shop

**SO-LONG-TO WINTER SALE 20% off**

March 9th ~ 20th

all merchandise except stamps  
Mon thru Fri 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
(closed State holidays)  
Tawes State Office Building Lobby, Annapolis

### DISCOVER NATURE

Staffed by Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners

### DO WE REALLY NEED THE RAIN?

Why is rain so important to the earth? Join the Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners at the Tawes Garden to learn about RAIN. Do we really need it, and how is it made? The children will take a walk in the garden, followed by a related story and have the chance to make a craft to take home.



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Ages 3-5 (with an adult)  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
11:00 am

Tawes Cafeteria

\$1/child. Registration required.  
Tawes Building, Annapolis