



WEBINAR! Farm-Based Education Association: Social Media for Farms to Generate Education, Awareness, and Action (FBEA)

Wednesday, May 2, 1-2pm EDT

Facebook...Twitter...Linked In...Four Square.... They can be effective ways to connect with your community....Or they can be a huge waste of your time and energy. How can you use social media to build a supportive community online and in-person? Public relations expert Rachel Carter will explain how to develop a strategy for building a community of champions for your farm. Whether you are a farmer, a farm-based educator, or an Extension educator, this webinar will provide guidance for creating a strategy to use social media effectively and manage related risks.

Log on to Blackboard Collaborate five minutes before webinar begins:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/launch/meeting.jnlp?sid=2009421&password=M.EC2DFDA3A4FD4A8B3CDC30CB8D6610>

Barron Prize for Young Heroes (NAAEE)

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2012 awards. The Barron Prize, founded by author T.A. Barron in honor of his mother, celebrates outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18. Each year, the Barron Prize honors inspiring young people who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Ten winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Half of each year's winners are chosen for their work to protect the environment. Don't delay – the deadline is April 30!

www.barronprize.org

National Children & Youth Garden Symposium (AHS)

July 19-21, 2012 : For its 20th anniversary, the American Horticultural Society's National Children and Youth Garden Symposium returns to the Greater Washington, D.C. area to celebrate two decades of promoting teaching and learning in the garden. Located just outside of Washington, D.C., the University of Maryland will serve as home base for three dynamic days of workshops, lectures, poster sessions, and field trips. Founded in 1856 as a private agricultural college and now flagship of the state's higher education system, the University of Maryland with its tree-lined central mall and Colonial Revival architecture is a fitting location to reflect on where we've been, share accomplishments, and propose for

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the future. For more information, or to be added to the mailing list, visit the website, email youthprograms@ahs.org or call (703) 768-5700 ext. 137.

Chef Position at Great Kids Farm (BCPS/GKF) *ATTACHMENT*

“Great Kids Farm is seeking a chef to co-develop and lead educational and work-based learning programs in the farms newly renovated 500 square foot kitchen. This is a rare opportunity that will be filled quickly,” says Greg at Great Kids Farm! See attached job description for more details!

BUGS Farmers Market! (*Living Classrooms*)

May 5, 10am to 1pm, 802 South Caroline Street – thousands of seedlings for your garden, planted and raised by the B.U.G.S. kids at Living Classrooms! Activities, artwork, candles, food and BBQ! Call 410-685-0295 x 249 for more information. www.bugsprogram.blogspot.com

Adkins Arboretum – Chicken Friendly Gardens! (*AA*)

On Tuesday, May 15, join Jessi Bloom, author of *Free-Range Chicken Gardens: How to Create a Beautiful, Chicken-Friendly Yard*, for a talk about creating a beautiful landscape for both your chickens and yourself. An award-winning landscape designer whose work emphasizes ecological systems, sustainability, and self-sufficiency, Bloom is a certified professional horticulturalist, a certified arborist, and a longtime free-range chicken owner. This free program includes wine, cheese, and a book signing with the author. See www.adkinsarboretum.org for more information on this and many other wonderful programs!

Farm-Based Education Maryland Network - (*MAEF*) *FLYER ATTACHED*

The first annual meeting of Maryland Farm-Based Education Association will take place at Hard Bargain Farm, Saturday, November 17. If you are a farm-based or non-formal educator teaching agriculture, food systems, and/or farm training to youth K-12, please join us! Send an email with your contact information, name of farm or organization, and your website. And, join FBEA (it's free!) to accept our invitation to attend! Go to events in the top nav-bar and scroll through until you find the Maryland Chapter listing and click RSVP! www.farmbasededucation.org

Kayam Farm Interfaith Summer Camp! (KF)

Join the fun at Kayam Farm's multicultural, interfaith summer camp for kids and families! Half or full session available, 9:30 – 12:30 or until 3:30. Email multicultural@kayamfarm.org or check out their website www.kayamfarm.org

Student Environmental Development Program (EPA)

SEDP will be hosted in Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore this summer! July 9 through August 15, the program will teach students about the science and environmental impacts on the community from the experts themselves and go on field trips to learn about local environmental issues; and field trips to Washington DC, Philadelphia, and West Virginia!

Deadline has been extended. For more information please contact Barbara Bates-Hopkins, SEDP Project Coordinator – 410-502-5651 or bbatesho@jhsph.edu

Evergreen Heritage Center Woodland Workshops – (EHC)

Located in beautiful Allegany County, Maryland, EHC offers programs in conservation, history and environmental education. The Stewardship Project Woodland Workshops series is scheduled to begin April 14 and run through Sept. 8, 2012, to cover a variety of topics from stewardship to ecosystems, management to income, and conservation throughout. Check out the schedule on their website:

www.evergreenheritagecenter.org

FlowerMart! (P&P)

May 4 and May 5, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Mt. Vernon Park, Baltimore, MD. Grab your hat, put a flower in your hair and join Parks & People at our booth under the Washington Monument for a fun-filled day of outrageous decorations, flowers and plants, and lots of excitement in downtown Baltimore! Volunteers will mingle with the crowd, help with seed burst demonstrations and promote Parks & People! For more information or to sign up, email Alex Kraus or call her at (410) 448-5663 ext. 119 with your availability for May 4 or May 5.

Schedule the Mobile Science Lab NOW to Get the Week of Your Choice! (MAEF)

Mobile ag science labs come to you and your students, complete with all the makings of a real science lab and an experienced on-board teacher! Choose from 'Food, Fiber and You,' 'Agricultural Products,' or 'Aquatics' and pick a week then give Diana a call or email! dtyler@meafonline.com 410-939-9030

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Planting Trees

In the mating of trees,
the pollen grain entering invisible
the domed room of the winds, survives
the ghost of the old forest
that stood here when we came. The ground
invites it, and it will not be gone.
I become the familiar of that ghost
and its ally, carrying in a bucket
twenty trees smaller than weeds,
and I plant them along the way
of the departure of the ancient host.
I return to the ground its original music.
It will rise out of the horizon
of the grass, and over the heads
of the weeds, and it will rise over
the horizon of men's heads. As I age
in the world it will rise and spread,
and be for this place horizon
and orison, the voice of its winds.
I have made myself a dream to dream
of its rising, that has gentled my nights.
Let me desire and wish well the life
these trees may live when I
no longer rise in the mornings
to be pleased by the green of them
shining, and their shadows on the ground,

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and the sound of the wind in them.

- Wendell Berry