Master Gardeners Vicki Teets, Rusty O'Neal and JoAnn Kocielek share information about native or nonnative plants at 2018 Native Plant Festival.

MTN. LAKE PARK — University of Maryland Extension in Garrett County will offer two classes for those interested in learning more about gardening.

**Master Gardener Basic Training**

Master Gardener Basic Training consists of 13 classes at the Garrett County Office located in Mountain Lake Park.
The course will begin June 5 and will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday afternoon through Aug. 28.

After completing the training, participants are asked to donate 40 hours of community service through educational outreach activities. The cost to attend is $110 to cover class material and the Master Gardener Handbook ($70 value.)

Upon completion, participants will be certified as Maryland Master Gardeners. Some benefits of the program include volunteer service to the community, learning basic and advanced gardening skills and continuing education opportunities through University of Maryland faculty and staff.

To sign up, call the Extension Office at 301-334-6960 or email abachtel@umd.edu.

Horticulture Field Day

A Horticulture Field Day will be held June 9 at the Western Maryland 4-H Center. Breakfast, snacks and lunch are included with the registration fee of $28. To register, visit horticulture_field_day_2018.eventbrite.com.

Choices for classes include Home and Community Food Scap Composting Training, Take A Bite out of Food Waste, Service Project Opportunity, All About Trees, Herbal Tea Gardening, What's the Buzz on Bees, Dragonfly Walk and Bird House Construction.

The keynote speaker will be Athena Lee Bradley, projects manager and organics specialist for the Northeast Recycling Council Inc. She organizes and conducts trainings on food scraps, organics and manure management, develops training resources and provides technical assistance to communities, businesses and institutions.

She is working in Cecil and Allegany counties through a USDA Rural Utilities Services grant to provide training and technical assistance for implementing organics, food waste and manure management.