

MAY 2024



THE ROOTS

Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

WANNA WORK WITH US?! PLEASE SHARE WITH OTHERS!

Fauquier VCE is currently accepting applications for our summer intern! The ideal candidate will enjoy working with kids, marketing, planning, and implementing youth programs, and have an interest in STEM, agriculture, horticulture, and community engagement! Scan the QR code for more information!



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Calling all photographers!

Do you have a photo of a Fauquier County landscape that you want featured in our newsletter? Email your photo submissions to Meredith Day at meredithday@vt.edu

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FAUQUIER 4-H NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS

NGE is a partnership program with the Warrenton Farmers Market. Youth vendors sell homemade goods, including baked goods, vegetable, eggs, and crafts, like macrame, paracord accessories, jewelry, wood crafts, crocheted items, herbs, and more! Our 2024 program was kicked off in March and have continued knowledge sessions in April with a stakeholder panel and food safety session. Youth will complete a project book for their business throughout the year and learn from stakeholders in the community. Join us on the first Saturday of each month May - October under the porch of the Warren Green Building at the Warrenton Farmers Market!

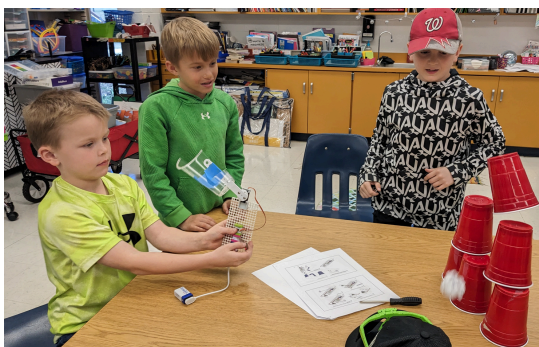
FAUQUIER 4-H NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS		FIRST SAT
		MAY 4
		JUNE 1
		JULY 6
		AUG 3
		SEPT 7
		OCT 5
8 AM - 12 PM		Warrenton Farmers Market Warren Green Building porch Warrenton, VA 20186
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ATTENTION 4-H CLUB REPORTERS!

We are launching our segment of the Clover Corner for Club Highlights! Club reporters are invited to send a write-up and photos to meredithday@vt.edu to be featured in the monthly newsletter. Submit by the 20th of each month to be featured in the following month's newsletter. Please include activities your club is doing, when/where your club meets, and any big events or projects coming up! Remember to sign your name and your club.

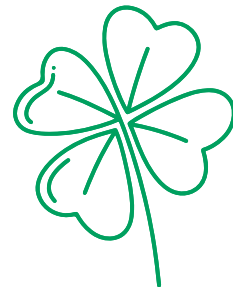
****first priority will go to clubs who have not yet been featured and/or clubs who submit content first**

ELEANOR HAZEL 4-H AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE



The Eleanor Hazel 4-H After School Program wrapped up Series 3: Wacky Gadgets earlier this month. Students learned basic electronics and mechanical principles by making squishy circuits, paper circuits, a hydraulic claw machine, a mechanical throwing arm, a banana piano and using cutting edge technology such as Ozobots, Makey Makey and LittleBits! It has been so fun watching students' creativity, teamwork, and excitement as they developed life skills like collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.

THE CLOVER CORNER



READY... SET... GROW!

Ready, Set, Grow! is a 4-H program facilitated by the Fauquier & Rappahannock County Master Gardeners.

First grade students learn how to plant seeds, what 'visitors' a garden might have (animals, insects, etc.), and even get to touch and feel different garden elements, such as branches, herbs, snake skins, or turtle shells! Volunteers prepared for this program by packaging learning kits for 12 schools, serving over 1,000 Fauquier County students!



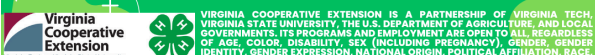
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 4-H!

Fauquier 4-H is looking for volunteers for The Eleanor Hazel After School Program! Please contact Nicole Hollins at nhollins@vt.edu for more information!



CALL NOW

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

An extra pair of hands is always helpful when doing hands-on activities with youth. If you are interested in volunteering with The Eleanor Hazel 4-H After School Program – Series 4: Earth Science, please click [here](#)!

The Eleanor Hazel 4-H After School Program is happening weekly at the following schools:

Thompson Elementary, Mary Walter Elementary, MM Pierce Elementary, Grace Miller Elementary, and HM Pearson Elementary.



ART CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fauquier VCE is offering a half day Art Camp this summer for rising 3rd through 5th graders! We are still in need of volunteers! Volunteer Registration is OPEN NOW. Please click [here](#) to register.

Camper Registration will open May 1st, 2024.

***Volunteers will get early camper registration access for family members!

Camp Dates: June 17, 18, 20 and 21

Time: 9am - 1pm

Ages: Rising 3rd - 5th Graders



FAUQUIER VCE IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR HALF DAY ART CAMP THIS SUMMER FOR RISING 3RD THROUGH 5TH GRADERS!



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June 17, 18, 20, & 21



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THE 2024 SHOW SEASON IS IN FULL SWING AND OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BUSY SHOWING OFF THEIR SKILLS! HERE'S A QUICK SNAPSHOT OF WHAT OUR KIDS HAVE BEEN UP TO!




**GLENWOOD PARK LIVESTOCK
EXPOSITION
LEESBURG, VA**





**VIRGINIA BEEF EXPO
HARRISONBURG, VA**




**HOMETOWN SHOWDOWN
CULPEPER, VA**

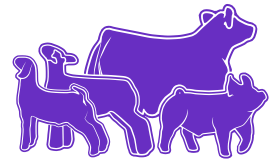



**SON OF A BUCK - DOE NUT
EDITION ADGA SHOW
BLACKSTONE, VA**



THE READY RING

FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE



SHOW & SALE EXHIBITORS PREPARE FOR THE BIG EVENT AT THE FINAL MANDATORY MEETING

The Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale exhibitors attended their final mandatory meeting on April 10th. Members participated in a scavenger hunt that was located at the Fauquier Fairgrounds. Members became familiar with different locations at the fairgrounds that would better prepare them for the big weekend!



COMING TO SHOW & SALE? DON'T WORRY ABOUT PACKING SNACKS! CONSIDER SUPPORTING ONE OF THE THREE FOOD VENDORS WE WILL HAVE!

The Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale is pleased to announce that we will have three available food options at the shows on Sunday, May 5. We hope you pack your appetite and come watch the shows!



SHOW & SALE EVENT CALENDAR

SHOW & SALE – SHOWS

May 5th, 2024

Hog show - 9:00 AM

Steer show - 1:00 PM

Sheep show - 3:00 PM

Goat show - will follow the conclusion of the sheep show

SHOW & SALE BUYER REGISTRATION

May 6th, 2024 - 5:00 PM

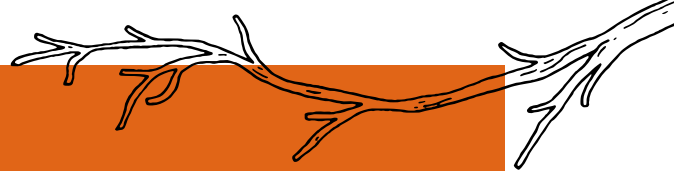
SHOW & SALE BUYER'S DINNER

May 6th, 2024 5:30 PM

SHOW & SALE – SALE

May 6th, 2024 - 7:00 PM

THE OFFICE BRANCH



MASTER GARDENERS TAKE PART IN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION



Extension Master Gardeners at Rady Park Arboretum work with Town of Warrenton staff to do a tree planting. Mayor Nevil and town Manager, Frank Cassidy, spoke to the value of trees and green spaces in our community at a simple Earth Day celebration. The native black cherry tree was provided by Friends of the Rappahannock.

VEGETABLES TO PLANT IN MAY



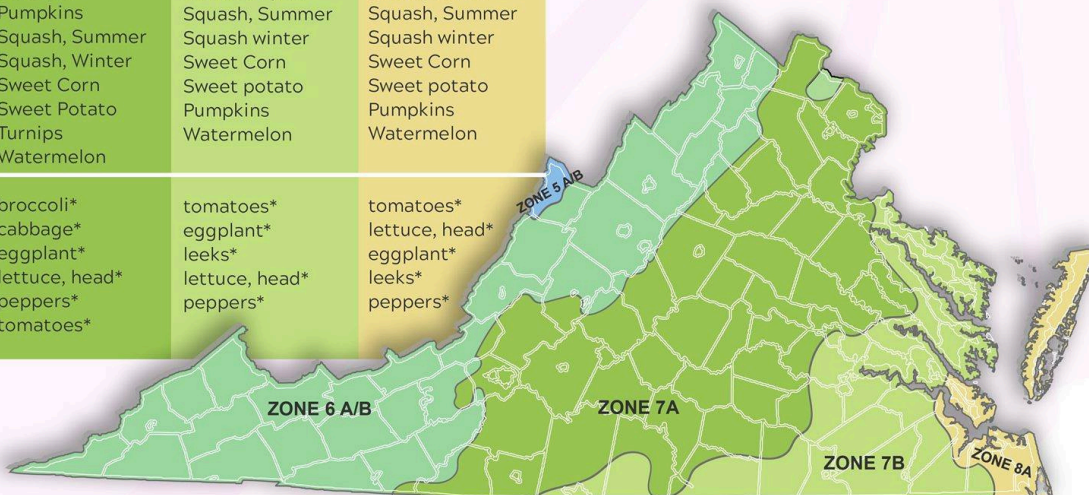
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DIRECT SOW	Beans, Brush	Beans, Brush	Beans, Brush	Beans, Brush	Beans, Brush
	Beans, pole	Beans, pole	Beans, pole	Beans, pole	Beans, pole
	Beets	Beans, Lima	Beans, Lima	Beans, Lima	Beans, Lima
	Carrots	Beets	Beets	Cucumbers	Cucumbers
	Chard, Swiss	Carrots	Chard, Swiss	Lettuce, Baby	Lettuce, Baby
	Cucumbers	Chard, Swiss	Collards, Kale	Salad	Salad
	Kohlrabi	Collards, Kale	Cucumbers	Muskmelons	Muskmelons
	Lettuce, Baby	Cucumbers	Lettuce, Baby	Okra	Okra
	Salad	Kohlrabi	Salad	Mustard	Mustard
	Muskmelons	Lettuce, Baby	Muskmelons	Onion, bulbing	Onion, bulbing
	Onion, Bulbing	Salad	Onion, Bulbing	Potatoes	Potatoes
	Potatoes	Muskmelons	Potatoes	Southern pea	Squash, Summer
	Squash, Summer	Onion, Bulbing	Pumpkins	Squash, Summer	Squash winter
	Squash, Winter	Potatoes	Squash, Summer	Squash winter	Sweet Corn
	Sweet Corn	Pumpkins	Squash, Winter	Sweet Corn	Sweet potato
	Sweet Potato	Squash, Summer	Sweet Corn	Sweet potato	Pumpkins
	Turnips	Squash, Winter	Sweet Potato	Watermelon	Watermelon
	Watermelon	Sweet Corn	Turnips		
TRANSPLANT	tomatoes*	tomatoes*	broccoli*	tomatoes*	tomatoes*
	broccoli*	peppers*	cabbage*	eggplant*	lettuce, head*
	cabbage*	lettuce, head*	eggplant*	leeks*	eggplant*
	eggplant*	leeks*	lettuce, head*	lettuce, head*	leeks*
	leeks*	broccoli*	peppers*	peppers*	peppers*
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	peppers*	eggplant*			

CHECK OUR PUBLICATION FOR EXACT PLANTING DATES!

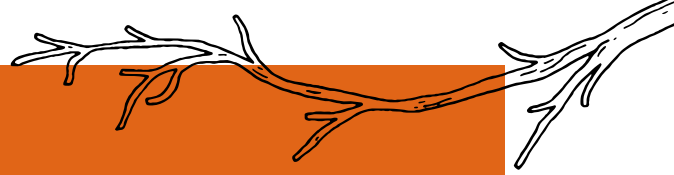
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DO NOT HARVEST ASPARAGUS IN FIRST YEAR

NOTE: FOR A FULL LIST & MORE INFO SEE OUR PUBLICATION "VIRGINIA'S HOME GARDEN VEGETABLE PLANTING GUIDE"



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UPCOMING EVENTS

GROW BAGS- A FLEXIBLE GARDEN OPTION

May 7th, 2024

Fauquier Education Farm

8428 Meetze Rd, Warrenton, VA

Presented by Jim Hankins, Executive Director, Fauquier Education Farm

THE HEALING NATURE OF HORTICULTURAL THERAPY

May 16th, 2024

Rady Park Pavilion

540 Evans Ave., Warrenton, VA

Presented by Helen Lake, Horticulture Therapist and Former Master Gardener

HEELS DOWN FUNDRAISER

May 18th, 2024

Pay It Forward Ranch

Looking for some experience and fun?! Join Heels Down for their Fun Show on May 18, 2024! This event will count as a county qualifier for Fauquier 4-H members! Please contact heelsdown4hclub@gmail.com with any questions!

HOBBY FARMING & BLUEBERRY MANAGEMENT FOR BEGINNERS

May 28th, 2024

Berry Simple Farm

7992 Tackett Lane, Bealeton, VA

Presented by Rick Crofford, Berry Simple Farm and Grace Stern, VCE Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent, Nelson County

FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

May 5th & 6th, 2024

Fauquier County Fairgrounds

The Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale will be held Sunday, May 5th and Monday, May 6th. The shows will be held on May 5th starting with the hog show at 9:00 am, steer show at 1:00 pm, sheep show at 3:00 pm, with goats to immediately follow. The sale will be held on Monday at 7:00 pm with the Buyer's Dinner at 5:30 pm



CLOVER CALENDAR

May 3 | State Dairy Skillathon

May 4 | First NGE Farmer's Market

May 18 | Heels Down FUNdraising Show

May 19 | Camp Counselor Training

June 1 | NGE Farmer's Market

June 1 | NorthWest District Livestock Show

June 2 | Camp Counselor Training

June 17-18, 20-21 | Summer Art Camp

June 26 | State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

June 30-July 4 | Loudoun-Fauquier Junior 4-H Camp

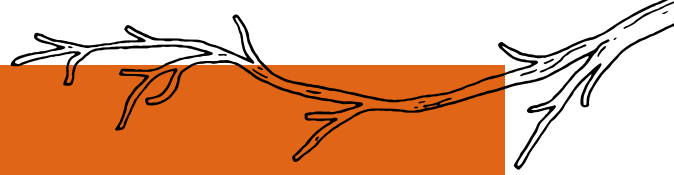
Club Meetings are happening each month, all month long!

Check out our club list for more information!

<https://fauquier.ext.vt.edu/programs/4h-clubs-list.html>



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