



**GUNPOWDER
VALLEY**
CONSERVANCY

September 2023

E-Newsletter

*Bridging People, Land Preservation and Waterway
Restoration Since 1989*

An Enchanted Evening!



Our founder, Ed Stuebing (center) received a GVC Lifetime Achievement Award from current GVC President, Cyrus Green (left) and Executive Director, Kim Pause Tucker (right).

Thanks to the 150+ guests who made *Evening Among the Trees* such an enchanted evening. Make sure to [watch our recap video](#) to see highlights from the event. We are thrilled to announce that **our annual fundraiser netted over \$20,000 to support land preservation and clean water** in the Gunpowder Watershed. The wonderful turnout created the perfect ambiance to celebrate our founder, Ed Stuebing, who received a GVC Lifetime Achievement Award. A man of many words, Ed was appropriately honored with 4 speeches by Pat Novak, Deborah Slawson, Jim Martin, and Cyrus Green.



Ellen and Lyle Benson
Kiwanis Club of Towson-Timonium
Live Green Landscape Associates

Beaverdam Green Team	Miramar Landing HOA
Ruth Bennett	Laurie Taylor Mitchell
Roberta and James Ficke	MOM's Organic Market
Holly Neck Conservation Association	Jeremy Monn
Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Center	Edward Stuebing

Watch the video!

Clear Creeks Project Open House

Taking care
of your
native
garden in
the fall



You might be surprised to hear what most of our staff did the day *after* our annual fundraiser. We gladly spent several hours at Divinity Lutheran Church hosting our *Clear Creeks Project* Open House! The event was timed to coincide with the Church's fall fellowship kick-off, which made for a great opportunity to further connect with their congregation. We offered two drop-in trainings that focused on how to maintain your native gardens in the fall. Participants learned about electric lawn tools while we demonstrated proper removal techniques of the non-native groundcover, *Pachysandra*. We also went over tips for fall pruning of shrubs and

trees.

Our work with Divinity Lutheran Church isn't over yet! The steering committee is planning 1-2 more events for later this fall. Stay tuned!

Special thanks to Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake and the Beaverdam Green Team for rounding out our activities at the *Clear Creeks Project* Open House.

Fall Tree Planting is Almost Here!



Make sure to keep your fall Saturday mornings open for GVC Tree Planting
We'll be sending out a special *Fall Volunteer* message to your inbox early next week.

You might enjoy being a Fall Tree Planting volunteer if. . .

- You are always looking for reasons to spend time outdoors.
 - You don't mind getting your hands dirty for a good cause.
 - You want to make a difference for future generations.
 - You are looking for an active volunteer experience to share with your friends, club members, employees, Scout troop and/or other groups.
 - You are seeking student service learning hours.
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Land Preservation 101



Curious about land preservation but don't know where to start? Make sure to save the date - Thursday, October 19th - for Baltimore County Land Trust Alliance's FREE informational session, "Land Preservation 101". Learn the facts about conserving your property from experts in the field. Lite fare and beverages will be served.

This event will be held from 5 - 8 PM at the Baltimore County Center for Agriculture & Farm Park (1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030).

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Our Team is Growing

Welcome!



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Elizabeth Eakes
Program Assistant



Joseph Meyer
Advisory Council

Join us in welcoming the newest members of the GVC Team:

- **Elizabeth Eakes is our Education & Restoration Program Assistant.** Raised in rural Northern MD, Elizabeth has always possessed an affinity for nature and a strong connection to Maryland's waterways. If you haven't yet met her, you'll likely see her at an upcoming rain garden workshop or tree planting event!
- **Joseph (Joey) Meyer will be sharing his expertise as a member of GVC's Advisory Council.** He is a board member of Baltimore Gas and Electric's EcoTeam Employee Resource Group. Supporting the GVC is important to Joey because he recognizes the need to combat the negative impact pollution can have on communities and there is no better place to start than your own neighborhood.



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