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**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MASTER GARDENERS LEARNING GARDEN
GROWS AT THE 137TH MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR
MORE THAN A FAIR, WE'RE A CULTURE...HortiCULTURE!**

TIMONIUM, MD – More Than A Fair, We're A Culture...HortiCULTURE! There will be a lot of growth at the 137th Maryland State Fair when University of Maryland Extension (UME) Master Gardeners teach mini classes at their UME Master Gardeners Learning Garden in the Maryland State Fair Park. The classes will take place at their table/stage in the Maryland State Fair Park and the Home Arts Building, Friday, August 24 – Monday, September 3, 2018 from 1 PM – 7 PM on Fridays – Sunday and 10 AM – 7 PM. on Saturdays.

Maryland Master Gardeners will be on site, at various times throughout the Fair, to give guided tours through the Demonstration Garden that is complete with traditional, raised, and Do-It-Yourself (DIY) garden beds, and container gardens. Fairgoers will learn about the latest gardening techniques such as small space gardening, pollinator flowers and plants, organic pest management, and more. “Our hope is to show the different possibilities and give people ideas on how they can plant and maintain their own fruitful garden,” said University of Maryland Extension Specialist Jon Traunfeld.

The Master Gardeners will also answer questions and provide DIY handouts on various gardening topics. “The garden is looking so good with the new raised beds,” said Baltimore City Master Gardener Coordinator Erin Mellenthin. “We’re looking forward to providing a lot of gardening tips and tricks that are applicable for any city, county, or country garden.” Keep your eyes on www.extension.umd.edu/mastergardener for tour and demonstration times and go to www.marylandstatefair for a complete Maryland State Fair Schedule of Events.

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More Than A Fair, We’re A Culture! The 137th MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment, and education for so little. The Maryland State Fair, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, starts with **M&T Bank presents Fox-45FAMFest Preview Night with Ridemania, on Thursday, August 23** from 5 PM – 9 PM in the State Fair Park. **Midway rides, games and food areas open until 11 PM. Exhibit Halls, Barns, Midway Rides, Food, Games, and more open Friday, August 24 through Monday, September 3, 2018.** General Fair hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 10 PM, Saturdays, Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM to 8 PM.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the **M&T Bank Presents LIVE! OnTrack! Concert Series**, featuring celebrated new Country artists **Chase Bryant** and **Chris Lane** on August 24; and, Rock band **Smash Mouth** on August 25; Legendary Classic Rockers **Jefferson Starship** on September 1; and, Country music sensation **Chris Janson** on September 2. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the **LIVE! OnTrack!** Infield.

Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway** and **tame rides in Kiddie Land** play fun, **Fair games**, and taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**, Monday-Thursday, 12 Noon-close and Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day, Monday, 10 AM–close.

Explore **The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden Buildings, and The Exhibition Hall** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits, Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. **The Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building** closes daily at 8 PM.

See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend the livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to www.marylandstatefair.com for 4-H and Open Class Show schedules.

Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**, Friday, August 24 – Sunday, August 26 and Friday, August 31 – Monday, September 3. Post Time: 1 PM. Also enjoy Simulcast Horse Racing daily in the Grandstand and OTB.

Participate in **agriculture education activities at U-Learn Farm, U-Learn Food & Fiber, The Birthing Center, the Innovation Station, Horseland, Nature Play Space**, and more at various times throughout the Fair.

Admission to the Fair is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62 and older) and \$5 for children (6-11). Children five-years-old and younger are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5. Taking the **Light Rail** is recommended. **Uber and LYFT drop-off** and pick-up areas in the Deereco Road Park & Ride Lot. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.