

History of the Garden

Planning began in 2020 when Liz Curtz, founder of Friends of St Clement's Bay, came up with the idea of a native garden to improve water quality in landscapes.

The property is owned by St. Mary's County and is leased by the St. Mary's County Library. The purpose of the garden has changed over time to become a place of learning. Visitors walk the garden to learn about Maryland native plants, wildlife, and sustainable garden practices. The garden has become a place to showcase local art, read children's books, relax, and play.

The garden is constantly changing due to seasons, weather, and time of day. Visitors can expect something new every time they visit.



For more information regarding upcoming events at the Leonardtown Garden scan the QR code or visit:
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LEONARDTOWN LIBRARY FRONT YARD GARDEN



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Legend for symbols in the garden

The symbols on the signs show the relationships between wildlife and native plants. For example, the butterfly might indicate it's a good host plant, meaning the butterfly may lay eggs, or it's a nectar resource. Look for these symbols on signs located throughout the garden.

	Caterpillar:		Butterflies & moths
	Waterfowl		Hummingbirds
	Bees		Beneficial insects
	Turtles		Birds



In 2024, four mosaics representing the year-round beauty of the native landscape was installed at The Garden. "Lush Life: Cycles and Seasons in the Garden" was sculpted by Parran Colley. The pieces were made possible with support from the Maryland State Arts Council.

Native plants found in the garden

- Willow Oak
- Broadleaved Mountain Mint
- Beardtongue
- Wild Columbine
- Fireworks' Rough-stemmed Goldenrod
- Wild Bergamot
- Blackeyed Susans
- Eastern Beebalm
- New England Aster
- And many more!

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