

# EXPLORATIONS

## 11 AM Allegany Reparative Gardening

Join Silvio McIntosh to learn about his project, Allegany Reparative Gardening. The vision is a World of Healthy Diverse Sustainable Communities met through three principles of: Repairing -working towards Reparations with Black and Indigenous Peoples by sharing/returning resources like food, skills, labor, access to land to BIPOC individuals and organizations; Caring- caring for the land and it's nonhuman inhabitants as it cares for and supports us, thru all organic growing practices, minimizing fossil fuel usage, cover crops, planting perennials, etc.; Sharing- All abundance of food grown on the land is shared with those in need or historically denied healthy food (homeless shelters, food banks, black churches). It is located in Flintstone with all services at no charge to BIPOC.

## 12 PM Trout Unlimited- Securing a Stronghold for Declining Species in Western Maryland



As Maryland's premiere Eastern Brook Trout fishery and a garrison for a suite of declining species (e.g. southern water shrew, ski-tailed emerald, mountain bugbane), TU's Western Maryland Initiative and dozens of local, state, and federal partners are focusing conservation efforts in the Savage River watershed. Western Maryland Initiative's program manager, Seth Moessinger, to discuss the unique flora and fauna of the watershed and the land protection and restoration efforts currently under way to ensure their long-term persistence.

## 1 PM Musician Joe Maphis (1921-1986): The King of the Strings



Join Greg Larry of the Cumberland Times-News, Chuck Dicken, executive director of WFWM, and Jody Maphis, Nashville resident and musician son of Joe Maphis, for a presentation on the life of virtuoso guitarist Joe Maphis of Cumberland, Maryland. Maphis grew up, learned guitar, fiddle and banjo and joined his first bands in Cumberland, which he called his hometown. He performed nationally on radio and TV and became a sought after recording artist. He and his wife, Rose Lee, of Clear Spring, Maryland became known as Mr. & Mrs. Country Music. Known as "The King of the Strings," Maphis took Appalachian fiddle tunes being played in his family and by local musicians and implemented the sound into the country music charts recording and performing with Johnny Cash, Merle Travis, George Jones, Hank Thompson, Ricky Nelson, Patsy Cline, Wanda Jackson and many more. Joe Maphis was an early pioneer of the Bakersfield sound and rockabilly music.

## 2 PM Weird Western Maryland, Andy Duncan, FSU Dept. of English



Traditional Western Maryland stories of ghosts, witchcraft and cursed treasure now coexist with contemporary tales of sinister bridges, UFO abductions and nefarious goings-on at Fort Detrick, and are as likely to be shared on TikTok or Instagram as around a campfire. Join three-time World Fantasy Award winner Andy Duncan as he discusses the evolution of some of our area's weirdest stories old and new, and tries to distinguish the factual, the fanciful, and the legendary. Be ready to share your own weird experience and weird knowledge, too!

## 3 PM Traditional Medicinal Plants of Appalachia with The Nettle Patch Organic Herbs and Herbal Products



Traditional Medicinal Plants of Appalachia The Appalachian region is rich in botanical diversity and resources. The relationship of people and plants goes back to the beginning of time, and the history of this relationship in Appalachia is an important part of the heritage of our region. This workshop will include the history of medicinal plant use and folk medicine in Appalachia, discussion of several plants in detail and a demonstration of making infused herbal oils and tinctures. The session will end with a Native Plants Walk on campus.