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**'It's Time to Start Your Garden' is the Theme of the
April 13 Episode of Chesapeake Farm & Bay to Table**

Learn how to plant an expansive kitchen herb garden without a lot of land

Belcamp, Md., March 28, 2022 -- "It's Time to Start Your Garden" is the theme of the April 13 episode of "Chesapeake Farm & Bay to Table," a virtual series produced by Harford County Public Library and Chef John Shields' Our Common Table, that highlights Maryland farms, fisheries and local businesses. The program will be presented via Zoom from 7 to 8 p.m.

This episode focuses on how you can work your green thumb by planting and growing an expansive kitchen garden without a lot of land. Robert Cook, a master gardener with Baltimore City Master Gardeners, will share how to plan and pick the best herbs for specific environments. Jason Posey from Max's Degrees--The Spice Guys, will share the wonders of dried herbs and various blends.

"It's Time to Start Your Garden" also includes a visit to the 32nd Street Farmers Market.

Returning to the kitchen, Chef John, Library CEO Mary Hastler, Robert and Jason will get busy in the kitchen preparing spring pea soup, herb-encrusted roast chicken and a rhubarb dessert.

"Gardening is one of my favorite activities, and my mother was one of Baltimore's most enthusiastic organic gardeners," said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library. "Chef John and I look forward to meeting with Master Gardener Robert Cook and the Spice Guys from Max's Degrees to learn more about cooking with herbs. Gardening and cooking is the perfect combination for an enlightening and entertaining program."

To sign up to view "It's Time to Start Your Garden," visit HCPLonline.org. Advanced registration, including a valid email address, is requested. Once registered, participants will

receive a confirmation email from Zoom with a link to the program and a unique password to access the event.

The April 13 episode of "Chesapeake Farm & Bay to Table" is presented in partnership with Harford County Public Library, Our Common Table, Chef John Shields' restaurant Gertrude's Chesapeake Kitchen, 32nd Street Farmers Market, Baltimore City Master Gardeners and Max's Degrees--the Spice Guys.

The "Chesapeake Farm & Bay to Table" series provides a virtual excursion to Maryland farms, fisheries and local businesses where the focus is on the abundance and variety of fare that is grown in the region's rich soil and caught off its shores in the Chesapeake Bay. For information about future programs, visit HCPLonline.org.

For more than 75 years, Harford County Public Library has provided its communities with access to ideas that inform, entertain and inspire. Last year the library interacted with its residents more than 12 million times – borrowing free materials, visiting branches and the website, using free WiFi, and attending classes and events. In 2021 Harford County Public Library was named a Four-Star Library by *Library Journal*. For more information, visit HCPLonline.org.

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