



Douglas County Dirt

Douglas County Master Gardener Association Newsletter



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Let's Talk Dirty Observations from The Presidents of DCMGA

2007 Presidential News

Hello fellow gardeners,

First I would like to give our 2006 officers, Judy, Jan and Jim a very heartfelt thank you for their leadership and hard work this past year. A special thank you to Jim Sims for a wonderful job with the vegetable garden. Under his leadership we won the AJC prize for the second year in a row. Thanks to Randy for his leadership and hard work in moving the greenhouse project along.

I appreciate your confidence in electing me to serve as President for 2007. I look forward to a busy and productive year. Our very own greenhouse is well underway and will be completed this year. Soon we will begin the greenhouse plantings as well as work on the vegetable garden.

Our January meeting will be a business meeting to make plans and set up committees for the coming year. I encourage all to attend to join in the excitement and fun of planning our activities. Also remember the GMGA Winter Conference in Savannah, January 13th. I hope to see some of you there.

Let's all go play in the Dirt!

Sharon Morton



OUT going Presidential News

Hello Fellow Gardeners

Thank you for allowing me to serve as President this past year. It has been an honor and pleasure. I would like to say Thanks to everyone who assisted with the newsletter, committees, contests and all our on-going projects this past year. I look forward to serving with Sharon and hope you will give her the same support you gave me. Also as your new treasurer I would like to remind you that your dues are due.

HOOOAAH Judy

Next Meeting:

January 4, 2007

Douglasville, GA

6:30 for pot-luck

dinner

7:00 meeting

begins

How to get to the meeting site:

St. Julian's Episcopal Church

5400 Stewart Mill Rd

Take Chapel Hill Road to Stewart Mill Road (Intersection at Target and Shell gas station)

From I-20 turn right on Stewart Mill Road. Church is about 1 ½ miles on the right.

January 4, 2007



MG Continuing Education & Learning Opportunities



UPCOMING LANDSCAPE PROGRAM

On Thursday, February 15, 2007 at Coosa Valley Tech in Rome, GA the Georgia Green Industry Association, UGA-Floyd County Cooperative Extension and Coosa Valley Tech will be holding the second annual Rome'n the Green horticulture program.

The program is open to all, not just professionals. Pesticide credit hours will be available.

We have great line-up of speakers covering topics such as turf maintenance, weed control, tough trees, diseases, insects and hot plants to add color and drama to your landscape.

You can register by phone, mail, fax or on-line at www.ggia.org Hope to see you there.



2007 CREATIVE CONTAINER COMPETITION

Employ your gardening talents and creativity to make a container garden for the 2007 Creative Container Competition at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens during the annual Spring Garden Festival, March 24, 2007.

Individuals, families, garden clubs and civic groups are encouraged to submit an entry. There is no age limit, and no limit on creativity.

Here is how the competition works:

Each participant will be provided a container and soil mix (at no cost), so that everyone in the competition starts on the same level! A limited number of containers will be available January 2007, on a first come first served basis. (Participants must return these supplies if they do not enter the competition.) You add plants, fertilizer, tender-loving care and your creative talents to produce a container in peak condition for judging. You may choose to use

herbs, vegetables, ornamental grasses, vines, annuals and perennials, or even dried material and ornate objects. Containers must contain at least 80% living materials of some type.

Containers must be returned to the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens by Thursday, March 22nd by 4:00 PM, where qualified judging will be on Friday, March 23rd by horticultural experts from the region.



Participants must be willing to donate their creative gardens for auction at the Spring Garden Festival on March 24th with all the proceeds going to support the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens.

To obtain more information and/or reserve a container, email mfarley@uga.edu or kdeloe@uga.edu or call (912) 921-5460.

Master Gardener's Winter 2007 Class

Douglas County Extension has six applicants attending the winter master gardener class, as well as Kevin Livingston, for a total of seven.

Janet Deal

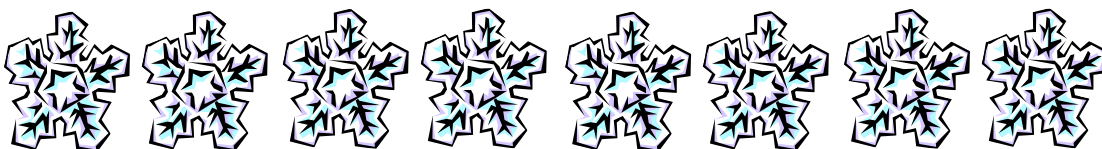
Michele Kirk

Earl Cosgrove

Virginia Van Buren

James Dickinson

Jackie Pattillo



Bits of Gardening News

Walter Reeves has an interesting article on his website about the different Hardiness Zone Maps you might encounter.

http://www.walterreeves.com/qa_display.phtml?qaID=1963

Hope Works Reception

January 20, 2007 10:00-12:00 for Douglas County Master Gardeners

Make Your Own Rain Barrel

2nd Saturday @ EHC! Join us as our very own Karen Alexander, (also a Gwinnett MG) teaches us about rain barrels on Saturday March 10 at the Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center! Make your own rain barrel and take it home the same day. This workshop will be held at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm and is limited to 20 participants for each workshop. The cost is \$35 per person. Please pre-register for this event by calling 770-904-3500 or emailing environmentalheritage@gwinnettcounty.com



Douglas County Master Gardener Association Membership Application

January 1, 2007 December 31, 2007

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ GA Zip+4 _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Type of Membership (Check one):	Certified Master Gardener: Year Training completed:	Fee: \$10
	Friends of DCMG:	Fee: \$ 15
	Couples get a price break	Minimum Donation \$15

Make Checks Payable to: DCMG

Mail to:
Judith A. Cole
8099 Banks Mill Road
Douglasville, GA 30135-5033

20th Annual Southeastern Flower Show Needs Workers

It is time to sign your Master Gardener groups up for the Southeast Flower Show! The sign up sheet is ready to go. The Flower Show will be from February 7- 11 in the World Congress Center . Each day is divided into two sessions, 10-3pm and 3-8pm with slightly shorter sessions on Sunday (10-2 and 2-6). We need contact information on everyone attending. The agent in charge should be listed first and then the volunteers. You may use this link to get to the signup sheet: <http://apps.caes.uga.edu/urbanag/writer/index.cfm>

If you have any problems with the signup sheet, call and we will work it out. The show gets filled up quickly so you will want to get your time slot early.

This year, each group will be responsible for making a small demonstration to take to the show. That will give you a place to start conversations with clients. The demo may be simple. In the past groups have brought in examples of winter weeds, demonstrated tree pruning with a small tree and clothes pins, and had different soil samples. These are just examples, be creative, what ever you want to use as a talking point. Once you have signed up, I'll contact the group leader and we can touch base about demo. We just need one demo per group. Ellen M. Bauske, Ph.D. Georgia Center for Urban Agriculture

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We need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help our judges. These "clerks" will work on Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Friday, Feb. 9, mostly in the mornings. If you can help, or would like to have additional information, please contact Clerks Chair Lynne Thomas at 770-992-4623, or email her at lynney@mindspring.com

20th Annual SOUTHEASTERN FLOWER SHOW Wants Attendees

“The French Experience: C’est Magnifique!”

Feb. 7 -11, 2007

Atlanta, Georgia

Georgia World Congress Center, Bldg. C

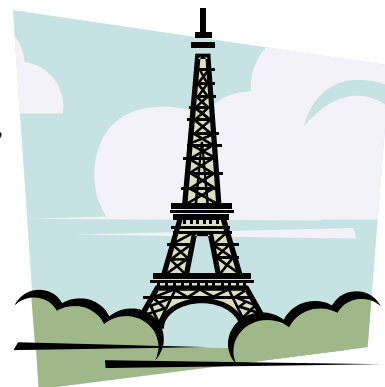
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., daily, Wednesday through Saturday;

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday

We hope you will help us celebrate the 20th annual Southeastern Flower Show by making plans to attend, participate in, and support this beautiful and educational tradition that is truly a gift to our community. Visit us at HYPERLINK " <http://www.flowershow.org/> or call 404 351 -1074 for tickets and further information.

Tickets make great gifts!

New this year: The “Wow” award in the Landscape Division: The Vince Dooley Showmanship Challenge for the exhibit that takes the garden to a “Wow” level of fantasy, entertainment and theater. Also new this year: Gardener to Gardener, Wed. Feb. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. Garden celebrities, speakers, experts, educational and entertaining walk-about, and an unusual plant sale. Speakers include Todd Meier of Fine Gardening and Ted Stephens of Nurseries Caroliniana.





2007 Georgia Master Gardener's Winter Conference

Saturday, January 13, 2007

The Coastal Master Gardener Association welcomes all of us!

Directions to the CGC at <http://cgc.georgiasouthern.edu/>

AGENDA

COASTAL GARDENING 1700 TO PRESENT: FROM RICE TO RICHES 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast 9:00 Welcoming Remarks 9:15 Jim Bitler – “Rootin’ Through History” 10:00 Dr. Stephen Garton – “Exhibiting Varieties of Lotus” 10:45 Break – 15 minutes 11:00 Patrick McMillan – “The Mysterious Shell Rings of the Carolina & Georgia Coast: 4,000 Year Old Mysteries” 11:45 GMGA General Meeting 12:15 Buffet Lunch and Vendors 1:15 David Linvill - “Wonderful Bamboo—the Perfect Plant” 2:00 Break – 30 minutes 2:30 Jim Parker and Bill Haws – “Savannah’s Parks, Squares & Greenspace – Preserving A Legacy Of Riches While Improving For The Future.” 3:30 Closing Remarks and Door Prizes



REGISTRATION

GMGA Member \$50.00** GMGA Member Spouse/Guest (\$50.00)**

General Public/Other (\$65.00)**

**Member Registrations postmarked after Saturday, December 9th, and at the door will be \$60.00. **General Public/Other Registrations after Saturday, December 9th, and at the door will be \$75.00.

**No Fee for County Agents (not applicable for staff or guests) to attend, but you must register.

Forms are available in GMGA's *The Scoop* Newsletter or the Georgia Master Gardener Program website <http://extension.caes.uga.edu/mastergardener/events.html>

LODGING You may choose from a number of fine hotels and motels in the Savannah area. Please contact the hotel of your choice directly. Conference rate rooms are available at the following hotels through December 10. Tell them that you are attending the GMGA Conference to obtain this special rate: Hampton Inn on Oglethorpe Avenue (Historic District) Fairfield Inn on Lee Boulevard (Midtown) 201 MLK Jr. Blvd - Walk to conference 2 Lee Blvd – 4.5 miles to conference \$109 per night plus \$12/car parking \$79 per night 912 721-1600 (use code GMG) 912 353-7100 or 800 228-2800

There are a number of hotels in the Gateway area at the intersection of I- 95 and GA 204. Rates are much cheaper than either Midtown or the Historic District.

If you need more information on GMGA conference registration, contact Jeannette Byrd r-j.byrd@ix.netcom.com or 912-355-0218



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Douglas County Court House

Your input is needed.

For newsletter articles, tips, hints, anecdotes, recipes, book reviews, website reviews, gardening and/or shops or online sources, and ideas: Email: MJ_Cardell@yahoo.com
Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.

Did you know this newsletter is also posted at our web site in full color, so you can get your dirt online?



GMGA Mission Statement:

To stimulate the love for and increase the knowledge of gardening, and to voluntarily and enthusiastically share this knowledge with others.

Advanced Training Urban Trees - SGL

Friday January 12, 2007 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Location: Conference Center at Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens, Savannah

Registrations can be made via mail, phone or e-mail but will not be complete until payment is received. Cost is \$25.00 and includes sandwich lunch. Checks should be payable to Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens.

Training will include classroom presentation and outdoor sessions. Subjects covered include what to look for when hiring an arborist, basic tree biology, selection of species or "Right Tree in the Right Place, planting and establishment, troubles with trees including pests, diseases abiotic and structural problems.

Instructors include: Mr Jeffrey Webb area horticulture agent with UGA, Dr. Don Gardner former urban forester and arborist for the city of Savannah, Dr. Stephen Garton certified arborist and superintendent of Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens Mail registration to: Bamboo Farm & Coastal Gardens, 2 Canebreak Road Savannah, GA 31419 912 921 5460 e-mail: sgarnton@uga.edu and mafarley@uga.edu for registration

Continuing Projects & Works Days

Greenhouse Work ~ All on hold at the present

Butterfly Garden at Deerlick Park ~ Generally Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Garden at DC Library ~ Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Nature Trail Work Day ~ Generally Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Vegetable Garden Work Days ~ Definitely On hold at the present

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Putting Knowledge to Work