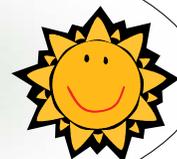




Douglas County Dirt

Douglas County Master Gardener Association Newsletter



Volume 9, Issue 7

News from the President of DCMGA

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Do you know that anyone can donate vegetables from their home gardens to add to the DCMG Feed the Hungry program? Let us know what you have to donate and when.

The heat is on, and it is hot. We need to be mindful of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Be careful not to overdo it working at the garden or in your yard.

Mr. Kirkwood has completed the Vegetable Garden Contest. The winners are: Helton Howell- Large Garden, Ray Johnson- Medium Garden, Tom Glowaski- Small Garden and Joel McMannis- Youth Garden. Winners will be awarded their prizes on the 2nd of August at 10:00 at the Vegetable Garden. Reservations are not necessary.

Dianne Cannon at our Douglas County Cultural Arts Center has a flower garden that needs some help. If anyone or a small group of the DC Master Gardeners would be interested in taking it on, please call me. There are resources to buy the plants, so it would be just our interest and labor in setting it up and maintaining it. Anyone who is interested, please call me for further details.

Our guest speaker for August will be David E. Schoenfeld, MD on skincare.

HOOAAHH

Judy

**Remember:
School Year Starts August 14
this Year in Douglas County**



Next Meeting:

August 3, 2006

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.**

August 3, 2006



August To Do List



In the month of August, when the weather seems like it can't get any hotter, it's interesting to take a look and see which garden plants are doing well and which ones are barely surviving. In spite of the heat, there are quite a few things that can be done in the garden in August. Tropical hibiscus plants that you plan to bring indoors can be pruned to a size that fits in front of your sunniest window. Remove faded crape myrtle blooms and dry seed clusters--you might get more blooms in September with a little water and fertilizer. Now is the best time to poison the grubs that will invade as Japanese beetles next year. Apply the insecticide and water heavily (observing watering restrictions, of course).

If you've been able to water your roses regularly this summer, they can be cut back to stimulate new twigs. Fertilize with one tablespoon of 10-10-10 per foot of height now to get blossoms in the fall. Check hydrangeas to see if you have any babies (limbs that have touched the ground and rooted). They can be dug up and potted or relocated. Now is the time to watch for whiteflies on gardenia shrubs--use insecticide soap to control them. The birds love the sunflower seeds but we can wrap the sunflower heads with cheesecloth to keep the birds away until harvest time. Water figs deeply (again, remember the restrictions) as they begin to ripen.

Be sure to keep established trees watered and stress-free during hot weather so that they will have less leaf drop and leaf scorch. Hold off on planting any new trees or shrubs until the weather cools.



August is a great month to start planning our fall vegetable gardens and to prepare planting beds for bulbs. Browse through the plant catalogues and make a list of the perennials that you would like to add to your garden in the fall (cool weather--Yeah!). Make a list of the plants that need to be divided or moved to a better location.

Last month in this article, it was suggested that we pray for rain. This month, let's consider praying for a tropical depression to park right over us!



Your Sister in Soil--Elaine

Pond Management Field Day

Who: Pond Managers for Urban, Farm, Industrial and Forested Land

What: Workshop on different aspects of Pond Management such as:

Pond Vegetation Management, Water Quality, Wildlife and Forestry, Best Management Practices Construction and Dam Safety, Fish and Recreation

When: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Whitehall Forest – Flinchum's Phoenix

Athens, GA 706.583.8096

Cost: \$15.00 Registration Fee (includes lunch, snacks, and handouts)

Pre-Registration Encouraged; Checks Only, No Credit Cards

Deadline to Register, August 1, 2006

Late registration: \$25.00 (No On-Site Registration allowed)

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Detach and return with a check for Registration Fee made payable to "University of Georgia"

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D.C.M.G. Embroidered Shirt Order Form

(Licensed Gardeners only)

Short Sleeved Adult sizes \$13.00

Sand Sm. ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ XXL ___

Lime Sm. ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ XXL ___

Lt. Blue Sm. ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ XXL ___

Long Sleeved Adult sizes \$15.00

Sand

Sm. ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ XXL ___

Lt. Blue

Sm. ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ XXL ___



Your orders may be sent to
Jan Thomas or you may bring the
form and check to the next DCMG
meeting.

Vegetable Garden Bounty
The vegetable garden is producing
wonderfully in spite of the bad
weather conditions! They have
been donated to several different
charitable organizations.

Dr Reddy on Heat Illness

Heat Exhaustion

Although partly due to exhaustion -- and feeling like exhaustion, as the name implies -- heat exhaustion is also a result of excessive heat and dehydration. The signs of heat exhaustion include paleness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, fainting, and a moderately increased temperature (101-102 degrees F) which, in this case, is *not* truly a fever, but caused by the heat. Rest and water may help in mild heat exhaustion, and ice packs and a cool environment (with a fan blowing at the child) may also help. More severely exhausted patients may need IV fluids, especially if vomiting keeps them from drinking enough.

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is a medical emergency! If you have these symptoms, call EMS immediately!

Heat stroke is the most severe form of heat illness. It can occur even in people who are not exercising, if the weather is hot enough. These people have warm, flushed skin, and usually *do not sweat*. Athletes who have heat stroke after vigorous exercise in hot weather, though, may still be sweating considerably. Whether exercise-related or not, though, *a person with heat stroke usually has a very high temperature (106 degrees F or higher), and may be delirious, unconscious, or having seizures*. These patients need to have their temperature reduced quickly, often with ice packs, and must also be given IV fluids for dehydration; they must be taken to the hospital as quickly as possible (EMS is appropriate here), and may have to stay in the hospital for observation since many different body organs can fail in heat stroke. <http://www.drreddy.com/heat.html>

Other sources of information: CDC information: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/index.asp>

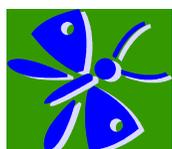
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Your input is needed.

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:

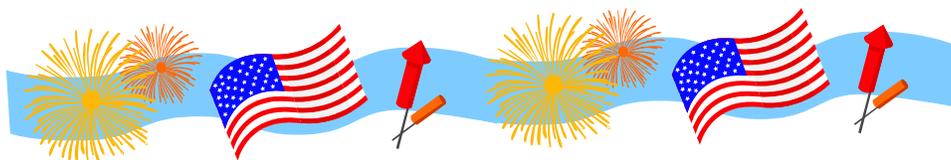
To stimulate the love for and increase the knowledge of gardening, and to voluntarily and enthusiastically share this knowledge with others.

WELCOME



Did you know that the public is always welcome to attend our monthly meetings?

See the first page for times, program topic, and location.



Butterfly Gar-

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Continuing Projects & Works Days

lick Park ~ Generally Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Vegetable Garden Work Days ~ Every Wednesday & Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Greenhouse Work ~ On Hold at the present

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