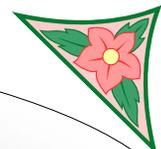
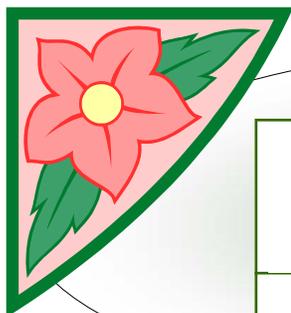




Douglas County Dirt

Douglas County Master Gardener Association Newsletter

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News from the President of DCMGA

Hello fellow gardeners,

I apologize for not sending in an article for the last newsletter. The time simply snuck up on me or maybe it was a senior moment, anyway I have one this time. Also I encourage anyone who is participating in one of our programs to submit articles about what they are doing.

Once again the DC Master Gardeners have out done themselves. The annual plant sale was fantastic. It took a lot of work from starting the greenhouse to having it up and running for the sale. The last few months have been scary – worrying about if we would have enough plants ready to sale and would the public find us in our new location. Everything fell into place and our sale was great.

There are so many people to thank for our success. Genie Gordon worked hard getting the word out about the sale. Ron and Judy Van Hook got donations from local businesses and ran our raffle.

John Cardell and Richard and Judy Cole made sure we had water and electricity for the greenhouse. Jerry Rochelle and Randy Cooper built doors to close off our greenhouse. Earl Cosgrove secured some donations of crushed gravel for our drive and parking area around the greenhouse. Jan Thomas and Rachel Hendee watched over the plants and other details to make sure the sale went off without a hitch. Numerous members brought plants and gardening items to sell. Sherry Beggs hand painted flower pots for sale. It was like there was a greenhouse fairy that would leave plants and other items when you weren't watching. They just appeared.

On the day of the sale Beverly Smith started us out with coffee and donuts to help build up our energy. It was good she did as we had customers waiting outside at 7:30 a.m. ready to begin shopping. We opened the doors with a whole crew of DCMG master gardeners working inside the greenhouse answering questions. There were several master gardeners and spouses waiting outside to help customers get their plants to the car. Bill Thomas kept us fed during the day grilling hot dog on the tail gate of his truck.

I hope I haven't left anyone out. So many people worked together to make this a success. If you missed this sale, you missed a lot of work, but also a wonderful day with great people. You can mark your calendars for next year's sale, the first Saturday in May 2008. **Thank you to everyone!**

Let's all go play in the Dirt!

Sharon Morton

Next Meeting:

June 7, 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.**

June 7, 2007



Upcoming Gardening Events: Mark your calendars!

Dazzling jewel, obscure gem focus of 'Gardening'

By Faith Peppers, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

From a Golden Isle tour through the largest collection of native plants in Georgia to Georgia Gold Medal winners, "Gardening in Georgia" has something for Georgia plant lovers statewide. "Gardening in Georgia" airs on Georgia Public Broadcasting stations across Georgia each Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The show airing May 17 and 19 will give a glimpse of the walled rose garden at the newly renovated, renowned vacation jewel, The Cloister, on Georgia's Sea Island.



A little-known gem is at Georgia Perimeter College in the south DeKalb County neighborhood of Panthersville. The college's Native Plant Garden has plants of the Southeast and ferns from around the world that can easily grow in the South.

Each year, a committee of Georgia plant experts selects trees, shrubs, vines and flowers that flourish in the state. Gardening guru and show host Walter Reeves will reveal his six favorites from this year's Georgia Gold Medal plant list.

Reeves, a retired University of Georgia Extension agent, will also show how to transplant Lenten roses. "Gardening in Georgia" is coproduced by GPB and the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Each show is geared to Georgia soils, climate and growing conditions.

The 2007 season is made possible through an underwriting gift from McCorkle Nurseries and support from the Metro Atlanta Landscape and Turf Association. For more on "Gardening in Georgia," visit www.gardeningingeorgia.com.

(Faith Peppers is a news editor with the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Science.)



Augusta, Georgia Hydrangea Sale

Hydrangeas will be featured at a tour of the new hydrangea garden as well as a sale of hydrangeas at Pendleton King Park on June 9. The sale will be held from 10:00 am until the plants are sold out with no early sales.

Participants will have an opportunity to tour the new hydrangea garden in full bloom and purchase selections from a large variety of hydrangeas located in the Franke Pavilion. CSRA Hydrangea Society members will be available to answer questions and give out information about cultivating the plants. Pendleton King Park is located ½ mile south of Wrightsboro Road on Troupe Street. All proceeds from the sales will be used for park improvements.



The sale and tour is sponsored by the Pendleton King Park Foundation and the park volunteers. For more information, call Kay Mills at 706 738-4321 or email her at tkmills@knology.net.

MASTER GARDENERS' Minutes from the Meetings

A MINUTES OF MEETING

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION

APRIL 5, 2007

Potluck dinner at 6:30. Four kinds of brownies present.

7:00 meeting called to order by Treasurer Judy Cole filling in for President and Vice President who were unable to attend. Approximately 15 members present.

Business discussed:

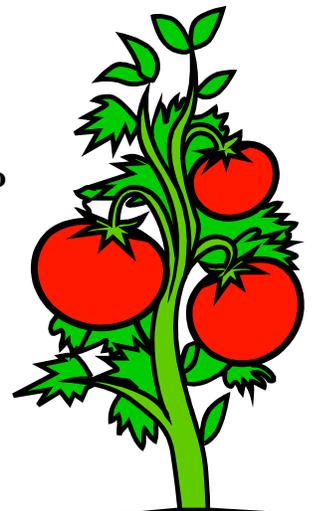
- **Greenhouse - shade cloth is installed. John Cardell installed part of electrical wiring, Richard Cole to put in fan motors and finish wiring on Saturday, April 7th with the help of Earl Cosgrove. Door still need to be built.**
- **Wednesday, April 11th plants can be brought to greenhouse from 9:00 to 12:00**
- **Plant sale will take place on May 5th in new greenhouse location**
- **All items belonging to DCMG have been removed from old location**
- **Wednesday regular work day, other work days to be announced. Schedule will be needed for watering sale plants.**
- **Vegetable garden – rows of cabbage, potatoes mulched for pending cold snap, garden in good order. Work days to continue on Thursdays and Saturdays at 9:00.**
- **Cultural Arts Center – no one working on projects was present to update.**
- **May meeting will take place at Greenhouse, regular time of 6:30. Potluck of finger foods (no silverware) and bring your own chair.**
- **July meeting moved to Thursday, July 12 due to previous week the day after holiday.**
- **Genie Gordon donated \$100 in soil and greenhouse materials in memory of Mrs. Rose Condrack, she would like to plant a shrub in her memory at a later date, at the new greenhouse location.**

Speaker Introduced by Judy Cole

Ray Johnson presented a humorous discussion of his tomato growing techniques.

Door Prizes awarded.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30.



MASTER GARDENERS' Minutes from the Meetings

Minutes of May 3, 2007 DCMG Meeting

Meeting brought to order by President Sharon Morton and then the potluck dinner began.

Beverly Smith will be creating a new system for bringing food for potluck. This is being done to aid in keeping dessert/food ratio a bit more even.

It was determined the DCMG website needs to be kept more up to date. The following members will report current information to Website manager Fred Finch.

Vegetable Garden – Lori Mason and James Dickinson

Cultural Arts Center – Randy Cooper

Greenhouse – To be determined

Janet Deal wrote for and was awarded a Jackson and Perkins grant for roses. The roses have been delivered and will be kept potted until placement is determined. If you have a project needing roses, please contact Janet Deal 770-262-9997 or jdeal@bellsouth.net

There was no speaker for this meeting. Greenhouse plant sale details were discussed, sign up sheet for working sale hours was passed around for members to sign up. Friday to be price tagging and ID tagging day from 9:00 until finished.

Earl Cosgrove and James Dickinson were awarded their MG Certificates.

"ATHENA'S GARDEN OF WISDOM"

The Classic Center, 300 N. Thomas Street, Athens, Georgia 30601, 706-208-0900

<http://www.classiccenter.com>

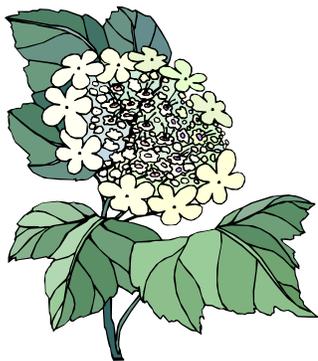
Athens Area Master Gardeners welcome you to The Classic Center, in the shadow of Athena. Get out your calendars for the next GMGA statewide conference and make your reservations early.

A brief word about why we are having the fall conference in August instead of Sept or Oct - When you plan an event in Athens, you always have to plan around UGA football. When we've had conferences in the Athens area before they are held in January and we don't get to show off our nurseries, gardens, the UGA Trial Gardens or Botanical Garden. So, we opted for August - before football season opens and before college students come back plus it won't be too cold to view some of the sites.

Use the web site below to choose your hotel.

<http://www.athensgahotels.worldweb.com/index.html>

Please make your reservations early as the UGA summer graduation ceremony is Saturday, August 4, 2007. Hotel directions and details can be found on each web site. For a complete list of accommodations and information on area attractions, see <http://www.visitathensga.com> Blocks of rooms will be held at the Foundry Park Inn, Holiday Inn, and Holiday Inn Express. Continued on page 5



“Hydrangea 2007” – International Hydrangea Conference 16-19 August 2007 Ghent University Botanical Garden

The Ghent University Botanical garden together with the Belgian Hydrangea Society organized the first International Hydrangea Conference from 16 to 19 August 2007. Their aim is to enhance communication between all hydrangea enthusiasts and professionals. The conference also aims at identifying new botanical and horticultural challenges.

The event's international scope is reflected by the fact that speakers and participants will represent at least 15 countries from 4 different continents. Nevertheless, also a regional card is played: the horticultural region of Oost- Vlaanderen (East Flanders), and the area around Ghent in particular, is home to many superior *Hydrangea macrophylla* cultivars.

On 17 and 18 August, expert scientists, researchers, collectors and growers will present a series of captivating lectures. These cover topics ranging from taxonomy to cultivation and marketing trends. Simultaneously, their colleagues will host several technical workshops. These workshops cater both for growers (e.g. pest and disease recognition, evaluation of novelties, ...) and for enthusiasts (e.g. fertilizers and bluing agents for the garden, pruning lessons, drying techniques, ...).

The conference is preceded and followed by excursions. On 16 August participants are invited to a guided tour of the Belgian Hydrangea Society's collection (Destelbergen, over 600 botanical species and cultivars) and of the Arboretum Kalmthout. In Kalmthout focus is on the selections of Mrs. J. De Belder. The conference finishes with a trip to the Shamrock Hydrangea Collection run by Corinne en Robert Mallet at Varengeville-sur-Mer in Normandy, France. As such the program sports a guided tour of the world's largest hydrangea collection.

More information: www.hydrangea2007.be

"ATHENA'S GARDEN OF WISDOM"

Athens Area Bed and Breakfast Inns

Ashford Manor Bed and Breakfast www.ambedandbreakfast.com

#5 Harden Hill Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677 (9.5 miles/15 minutes to The Classic Center) Phone: 706-769-2633, Standard Rates (Book early): Thurs, 8/2 \$69-\$125 , Fri-Sat 8/3 - 8/4, \$110-\$150

Rivendell Bed & Breakfast and Gallery www.negia.net/~rivendel/

3581 Barnett Shoals Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677 (11 miles/18 minutes to The Classic Center) Phone: 706-769-4522, Standard Rate: \$75-\$90



Athena, Goddess of Wisdom

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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.



Hello All!

Please call Randy with questions on the Cultural Arts Center 770-920-2193, Jan for the greenhouse 770-489-9276 and James for the veggie garden at 770-489-4680 or MaryJane at 770-944-2780

Thanks everyone! Jan



Our regular meeting date is the first Thursday of each month.

Putting Knowledge to Work