

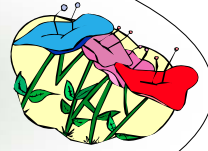


May 2008 "The Dirt Worth Printing"



# Douglas County Dirt

Douglas County Master Gardener Association Newsletter



Volume 11, Issue 5

## Water Ban in Douglas County ~ Eased ~ Hand Watering

Hello Fellow Master Gardeners,

Spring has officially come to our area! YEA! Isn't it magnificent – Mother Nature has out done herself this year.

Most of you, I am sure, are working hard in your yard trying to get the remains of winter gone once and for all. Now the battle of the weeds begins and I would bet that mine are more proficient than yours. For me, pulling and digging are good exercise!

The Interns have officially completed the course and are now ready to work those 50 required hours. We had a nice turn out for their "graduation party" at Triple Creek Farm Thursday, April 17. The day was beautiful and warm and the food was excellent.

The vegetable garden "gang" is having a good time and being productive. If you haven't been recently, go and take a peek-- it's very impressive. Thanks for the hard work, Gang.

Our next DCMGA meeting is May 1. Don't forget to bring a door prize if you were one of the lucky ones to win last time. Please pay your dues to Elaine Davis soon if you have forgotten.

Have a good time planting. **You can now hand water on your designated days for 25 minutes.**

Playing in the dirt again, Pat

### DCMG May Speaker

The speaker for the May 2008 meeting of the DCMG is Giff Beaton. He is well-versed in (among other things) damselflies and dragonflies, which will be the topic he will present to us via a Power Point slide program. Mr. Beaton is a Delta pilot and has written several books, some of which will be for sale at the meeting. Some of our DCMG members have seen his presentations and recommend him highly. Please plan to attend this most interesting "Damselflies and Dragonflies" program.

### Next Meeting:

**May 1, 2008**

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.**

**May 1, 2008**





# DC Master Gardener Association

## Minutes of the Meeting held April 3, 2008

The meeting was opened by the president, Pat Flickinger.  
Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Elaine Davis presented the treasurer's report. The checking account balance as of April 3, 2008 was \$5,200.61. This was after monthly expenses of two Georgia Power bills of \$32.93 and \$38.63 and a reimbursement of \$12.72 for Share House workshop expenses. The report will be filed for auditing. An additional reminder was given about paying dues to Elaine Davis (9108 Gramplan Court, Winston, 30187). These dues must be paid to remain active in the DCMG.

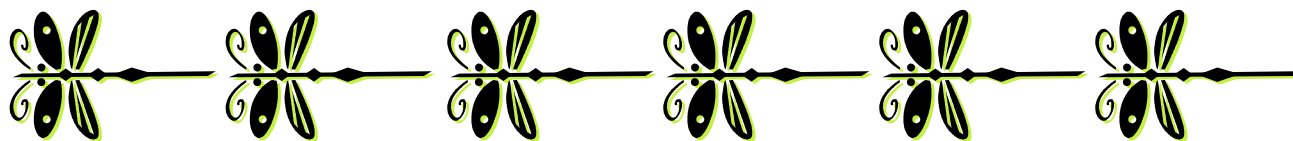
### Project Reports:

The vegetable garden is progressing well with several flats of lettuce, Brussels sprouts, spinach and bok choy planted that were donated by Lori Mason. The "weeding gang" did an amazing job and mulch was spread on the paths. Many thanks were given to Mary Jane, Betty Jo, James D., Jay, Earl, Judy, Richard, Genie, Sherry and Paul. A sign up sheet was passed around for new volunteers available to join in the fun. The green house committee is having a major Clean up Day on Wednesday, April 24. The focus will be especially on the outside of the greenhouse. A sign up sheet was passed around for participants to volunteer. Call Pat Flickinger if you are interested in participating. Cultural Art Center Committee will meet on Wednesday afternoons to maintain beds and paths since the garden will be on tour during the Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival in June. A sign up sheet was passed around for interested volunteers or contact Kathy Henry, Betty Ridgeway, or Kathy O'Reilly.



The Nature Trail had a great work day in March. Master Gardeners, Extension Office and Scouts had a wonderful experience working hard to improve the trail and enjoying a picnic. The event was covered by the Douglasville Sentinel and all volunteers were thanked. No new report on the Rose Garden

Janet Deal requested volunteers to help with the final exam of the Master Gardener Interns on April 7 from 10:00 - 12:00 at the Extension Office. The April 17th picnic at Triple Creek Nursery we are hosting for the Master Gardener Interns was discussed. All are welcome to participate. Contact Janet Deal or Pat Flickinger, if interested.





# DC Master Gardener Association Minutes of the Meeting held April 3, 2008 (Continued)

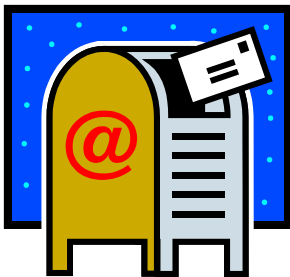
Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival - Kathy Henry announced an opportunity for anyone interested in participating in the following committees:

- 1) Volunteering to help Mike Brantley & Randy Cooper prior to the flower show opening in plant and flower horticultural identification.
- 2) Helping provide an educational exhibit on the Master Gardeners that will be on display during the Flower Show
- 3) Entering the flower show in the Horticultural Division and/or Design Division
- 4) Helping man the Master Gardener/Extension Office tent to answer questions during the festival and
- 5) Participating as Garden Tour guides in one of the five local gardens on tour.

Interested members may contact Pat Flickinger, Flo Frey, Kathy Henry, Michele Kirk, Jan Thomas or Randy Cooper.



## Old Business:



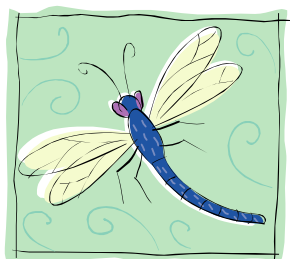
Pat asked for a show of hands to ensure everyone had received the *DC Dirt* either by e-mail or mail. Master Gardener hours are to be kept individually and turned into Douglas County Extension Agent, Kevin Livingston. A quarterly report is requested and should be turned in to the extension office by April 30. A form to report hours was distributed at each table or can be downloaded from either the Master Gardener website or the UGA website. Pat commended the workshop on March 29th by the WSA and Keeping Douglasville Beautiful and Randy Cooper on water conservation. Another workshop was held on April 3, the night of our meeting. She encouraged all to attend any additional workshops that may be scheduled.

## New Business:

Lori Mason sent an announcement of an event at the Glover Farm on Highway 166 on April 27th entitled World Food @ the Farm. An e-mail announcement will be sent to all members. Pat shared the benefits of spraying antiseptic Listerine on outdoor animals to help keep mosquitoes and fleas at bay .

## Program:

Eddie Rhodes presented a most interesting program on "Yard Art" .



Flo announced the May program will be presented by Gif Beacon, a Delta pilot and Master Gardener, on Dragon Flies & Damselflies . Door prizes were distributed. The meeting was adjourned by Pat.

Submitted by Kathy Henry

# Douglas County Master Gardener Association

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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.



**EVENT DATE: SATURDAY MAY 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 2008**

**TOUR: PRIVATE GARDENS OF COBB MASTER GARDENERS**

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS OF COBB COUNTY invite you to stroll five delightful personal gardens and one Master Gardener Project on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Advance tickets are \$10.00 per person, or \$12.00 on the day of the tour at each garden. Each garden will have opportunities for the public to learn ways Master Gardeners are meeting the challenges of our drought. Plant lists and printed educational materials will be available, as well as master gardeners on hand to answer questions.

A Master Gardener Plant Sale at the McFarlane Nature Center will feature drought tolerant plants, herbs and vegetables. The Plant Sale is open to the public. All proceeds from the tour and plant sale support MCVOCC projects in Cobb County.

Tickets may be purchased through the Cobb County Extension Office at 678 South Cobb Drive, Ste 200, Marietta, GA. 30360. By Mail: if received in the Office prior to May 2

In Person: Prior to May 9, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Mon. thru Fri

All purchased by check only, payable to MGVOCC Tickets may also be purchased at each garden on the day of the tour for \$12.00. For INFORMATION and a BROCHURE, call the Cobb Extension Office at 770-528-4070 or visit: [www.cobbmastergardeners.org](http://www.cobbmastergardeners.org), [www.cobbextension.com](http://www.cobbextension.com)

## May Meeting & Speaker Information

Please make plans to attend the meeting this Thursday. We are so pleased to have Mr. Giff Beaton come and speak to us. Several of you have asked about his books and you can find a list of them along with a great biography just by entering his name on your 'home page'. A summary of his book includes four books about birds. Looks like we'll have to have him come back and speak to us about 'birds' in the future. Please bring a plant (from your garden) for the door prize. Hostas, lilies, anything will be fine--just look around and start digging.