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Douglas County Dirt

Douglas County Master Gardener Association Newsletter



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Hello fellow gardeners,

Enjoy the photographs in this newsletter from various master gardeners in Douglas County Master Gardener Association. And read the updates on various topics from other master gardeners. Please consider writing about your favorite plant or activity and sending in your photographs, too.

On a sad note, we lost associate member Charles Hoster. He was put to rest in Georgia National Cemetery on Tuesday, August 19, 2008.

Our illustrious president just returned from vacation and the long plane trip, and she says she will see all of you at the September meeting.

Melanie Cardell



Sweet Autumn Clematis

photo by Elaine Davis



Garden planter in France

photo by Melanie Cardell

Next Meeting:

September 4, 2008

Douglasville, GA

6:30 for pot-luck

dinner

7:00 meeting

begins

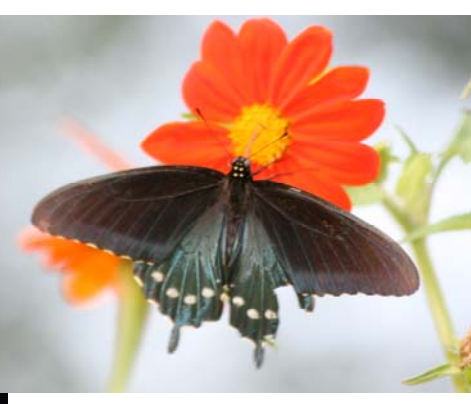
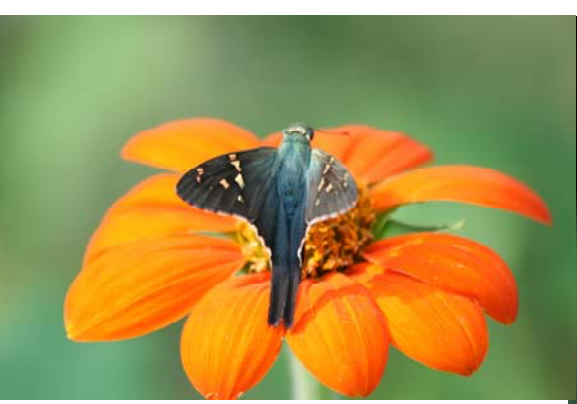
How to get to the meeting site:

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 1/2 miles on the right.

September 4, 2008





Long-Tailed Skipper on Mexican Sunflower

Male Monarch on Mexican Sunflower

Pipevine Swallowtail on Mexican Sunflower

Butterflies in Rachel Hendee's Garden

July 2008 DCMG Yard of the Month Winner



David and Maureen Ridley, 3288 Darby Dr, Douglasville 30135
David and Maureen moved here from Florida and have been in this home for approx 2 ½ years. They use rain water for their fountain .





Photo News from the Beggs

A turkey wandered the Beggs' neighborhood, and the dragonfly was on a lily in their pond; the butterflies were on the Buddleja bush ; and Paul, the master gardener, was pushing the wheelbarrow at the Master Garden demonstration garden. Paul is the garden coordinator this year, and the apples are off the apple trees there. We've gotten about 400 pounds off our two trees this year.



Registration Now Open ...

for the fabulous 2009 International Master Gardener Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 22-26, 2009



On-line registration for conference and hotel reservations is now open!

Visit: <http://www.unce.unr.edu/imgc>

Quick Link: Registration

Early Bird Rate: \$260 through Nov. 15, 2008

Regular Registration \$310 ends February 15, 2009

Late Registration \$350 if available

Conference Highlights:

- *Jeff Lowenfels, author "Teaming with Microbes," founder "Plant a Row for the Hungry"
- *Marvin Miller, PhD., Ball Horticultural Co., president "American in Bloom"
- *Sunset and Stars opening reception at SkyLounge
- *Viva Las Vegas banquet and show featuring "Encore Follies"
- *Fit for Gardening activities - pool party, exercise demos, walking tours
- *Paint a Memory workshop - create an IMGc gardening apron souvenir
- *Master Gardener Poster Session
- *IMGc Trade Show
- *IMGc Marketplace and Silent Auction

Check out our Quick Links:

- Tours Pre and Post Conference, Garden Tours, Local Attractions
- Speakers Topics, Bios and Photos of our Presenters
- Announcements Monthly Updates

Please contact Ann Edmunds, Conference Coordinator, at 702-257-5587 or

edmundsa@unce.unr.edu with your questions.

We look forward to welcoming you!



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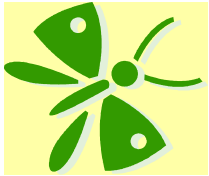
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Your input is needed.

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.

FAYETTE MASTER GARDENER - GARDEN TOUR FIELD TRIP

There was an article in the Atlanta *Journal* dated 21 August about Plant a Row for the Hungry in Fayette County. They use a technique called platiculture which helped them increase their yield from 3,000 to 11,000 pounds. If anyone would like to see and learn more about this type of gardening, they are having a tour on September 20th, 10 am - 4 pm at 551 New Hope Road, Fayetteville (tickets \$15). If anyone is interested in maybe carpooling as a group please contact Judy Cole at 770-489-0567 or colerj@att.net

Digging the Dirt!

New project going on?

Something new happening that your fellow Master Gardeners would be interested in?

Your local school has/needs a Master Gardener created butterfly garden?

Found a new source of free garden amendments?

Your fellow Master Gardeners want to know about it!

Melanie Cardell needs you to tell her what you want to read in *The Dirt*. You can email Melanie at mj_cardell@yahoo.com

M. Boykin 9/08

