



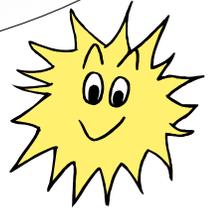
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Douglas County Dirt

Douglas County Master Gardener Association Newsletter

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Happy summer to all,

I missed everyone at the July meeting but hope to see you at the August 6th meeting. The program committee has another treat for us with Julie-Lynn Macie, the Rockdale County Extension agent. She is very enthusiastic about insects in the landscape.

The vegetable garden contest was held and Mr. Kirkwood, Elaine and Lew Davis, Earl Cosgrove and Betty Scarbro were the judges. The awards for the winners have been presented to Joel McManus – youth; Ann Wallace – small; Buford Portwood – med.; and Larry Wenger- large. Thanks to the businesses that help make this contest possible.

The veggie garden is doing well and if you don't mind climbing a ladder, come help pick the beans!! We saw you in the paper, Paul.

Come to the meeting and hear all the great things DC Master Gardeners are doing in the community.

Playing in the dirt,

Pat

Next Meeting:

August 6, 2009

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 6, 2009





Douglas County Master Gardener Association Minutes of the Meeting held July 2

The meeting was opened by Vice President Mellie Boykin, welcoming members, friends and guest speaker.

Minutes of the June meeting, which appeared in the DC Dirt, were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report because the bank statement had not arrived. Mellie reminded anyone who had invoices from projects to give them to Elaine.

Project Updates:

Vegetable Garden – Paul reported that things are in pretty good shape. We have harvested 805 lbs. of food so far including 60 dozen eggs from James. Corn and beans are being harvested now. He thanked Elaine for bringing a group of young people from her church to help with weeding. He thanked Mary Jane for cleaning the shed and Yvette for a load of cardboard that helps with weed control. Marjorie picks produce on Fridays to give to the Food Pantry. Randy got the county to repair a water leak in only one day. This week we will work on Friday instead of Saturday in honor of the July 4th holiday.

Cultural Arts Center Butterfly Garden – The Butterfly Garden was on the complimentary Garden Tour during the second annual Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival in early June. Several hundred visitors toured from Douglasville and surrounding counties, as well as 13 other States and even South Africa.

Thanks to Triple Creek Flower Farm, Lorri Mason, Debbie Jones and Kathy Henry our Butterfly Garden is even prettier now than it was during the Festival. Nine flats of flowers donated by Triple Creek were planted and watered in well and the regular schedule for summer maintenance has been put in place.

Hydrangea Festival – The Hydrangea Festival was a great success. Thanks to all who participated by manning booths, selling tickets, serving as hosts and hostesses, clerks and committee chairman and members. The Flower Show scored 95+ points by 24 Georgia Garden Club Flower Show Judges from around the state and has qualified to apply for state awards.

Of the 350 horticultural entries, Master Gardeners won 27 blue ribbon awards, 18 red second place awards, and 8 yellow third place awards. In addition Master Gardeners won a Grower's Choice Award for an orchid (Kathy Henry), an Award of Merit for Perennials (Michele Kirk), an Arboreal Award for Shrubs (Mary Patterson) and the Collector's Showcase Award for Hosta (Jan Thomas). Judy Van Hook won the blue ribbon for her educational exhibit on butterflies winning over the American Hydrangea Society's exhibit.

At this state level any ranking in awards is of high quality. Thanks to all who entered and helped to make the Festival such a success!

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Minutes of the Meeting held July 2 (continued)

Yard of the Month/Vegetable Garden Contest –

Mr. Kirkwood reported that judging for both contests will be held on Monday, July 6. Any members wishing to participate should meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on Monday. There are 18 gardens and 4 yards to be judged.

Cookbook – Sherry reported that she got the photographer who worked on the Carroll County cookbook to do photos for our book dividers. She said they look great. The committee needs recipes as soon as possible. They particularly need foods other than desserts. July 15 is the deadline for submitting recipes. They are also trying to sell ads for the cookbook. The deadline for ads is July 22nd.

Speakers – Mellie Boykin announced that the program for the August 6, 2009, meeting will be Julie-Lynn Macie from Rockdale County on Insects in the Landscape.

New Business: Jan Thomas reported that she had local honey for sale from Associate, Allen Brad at the meeting. The honey is from his beehives and it is the first honey harvested from the 2009 crop. It is 100% pure and raw and has not been heated. It has only been strained to remove chunks of bee's wax. In keeping to this all-natural process, it is possible that some bottles of honey may contain pollen particles which is perfectly normal and healthy (it is also a good sign the honey is pure and raw). He has wildflower honey from his beehives in Douglas Co. and Tupelo Honey from his beehives in the Ashburn, Georgia area. (It isn't possible to make Tupelo Honey in Douglas Co.)

Program:

Paula Refi presented a program on 'Plants for Winter Interest'. Paula is very knowledgeable in many aspects of perennial gardening, ideas from English gardens, perennial garden design, and native plant gardening. Paula received her M.S. degree in Biology from Georgetown University and has studied horticulture at DeKalb College. She is a regular lecturer at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, has 10 years experience in residential landscape design, and has written numerous articles for several garden publications.

Door prizes were distributed and the meeting adjourned by Mellie.

Minutes submitted in the absence of Kathy Henry by Bev Smith.

23rd Annual Home Vegetable Contest Winners

Large vegetable garden : Larry Wenger 2nd time winner

Medium vegetable garden: Buford Portwood 2nd time winner

Small vegetable garden: Ann Wallace 1st time winner

Youth vegetable garden: Joel McManus 2nd time winner

Awards will be given during the week of 20th July.

Evaluation team was: Earl Cosgrove, Betty Scarbro, Elaine Davis, Lewis Davis .

Thanks to their long and hot day of efforts. Jim Kirkwood



Atlanta Botanical Garden Henry Moore Exhibit



All photos by Melanie Cardell



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The DCMGA meeting will be **August 6, 2009.**

GMGA Mission Statement:



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