



# Douglas County Dirt

Douglas County Master Gardener Association Newsletter



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## Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival June 6 & 7, 2009

Hello, Master Gardeners,

A big thank you to all who attended the annual business meeting on January 22. Many ideas were brought up and discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting February 5<sup>th</sup>.

The idea of a budget was thought to be a good thing. The Board will be presenting the 2009 budget at the next meeting. We have a little over \$3000 until our plant sale so we will hope that the plant sale is a big success.

The speakers for this year, and their cost, were also a topic for discussion. Good speakers are a drawing card for our meetings not only for our membership but also the general public. That means some out-lay of money will be necessary.

There are many of our members that think a Master Gardener cookbook is a good idea. This is in the investigative stage and will be brought up at the next meeting when they have all the facts.

I hope to see you on February 5<sup>th</sup> and get your input on the above topics. Come also to hear the plans about the greenhouse and vegetable garden.

Can't wait to dig in the dirt again! Pat

## GMGA Mission Statement:



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

### Next Meeting:

**February 5, 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.

**February 5, 2008**



## **Don't miss the February DCMGA Meeting!**

A presentation on bees as they relate to gardening will be given by local beekeeper Wilford Milan. Mr. Milan's knowledge of bees began when he was a teenager. He has shared his knowledge of bees and their importance in honey production and pollination with school classes and other groups and his program promises to be very interesting.

You are in for a treat if you happen to be the winner of a jar of honey in the door prize drawing!  
2/09 M. Boykin

## **QUICK REMINDERS!**

January 28- Feb 1, 2009 Southeastern Flower Show at Cobb Galleria

<http://flowershow.org/>

## **In Case you missed them: EMAIL Notifications from**

Krissy Slagle

UGA~CAES~Cooperative Extension

Georgia Master Gardener Program

The buds are soon opening and you Master Gardeners are busy! I try to get the most correct information out to you in a timely manner here on the Georgia Master Gardener Listserv. If you miss a message or if you find that you're getting too many single messages you can always go to the listerv archives or change your delivery options. <http://listserv.uga.edu/archives/gamgardener-l.html>

1.) April 4-5 Spring Home and Garden Show hosted by the Master Gardeners of Central Georgia at the Georgia National Fairgrounds \*\*and Agricenter, Perry, GA\*\* in the McGill Building. Show Hours: Saturday, 4 April, \*\*9 am\*\* to 6 pm and Sunday, 5 April 12 noon to 5pm. Admission: \$5.00, children under 12 are free. Advance tickets are now on sale for \$4.00. If you are looking for: native or drought tolerant plants; design ideas; home and garden specialists; come join us we have solutions.

Bring the entire family; get your questions answered while your children choose from an array of activities designed especially for them. The whole family will enjoy this shopping experience.

Directions: From I-75 take Exit 135 East to North Entrance of the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Parking is free near the entrance to the McGill Bldg. Visit [www.mgcg.org](http://www.mgcg.org) or call 478 988-8344 for vendor details and advance ticket information.

2.) Fayette County MG Vegetable Gardening and Plasticulture Class presented by Lester Bray Monday & Tuesday, February 16/17 from 1-2:30pm @ New Hope Baptist Church RSVP \*\*by Feb 13\*\* or (same subject, different location & date) Monday & Tuesday February 23/24 @ Fayette County Library from 7-8:30 pm RSVP \*\*by Feb 20\*\* to 770- 305-5412, ext 7, fax 770-719-5533 or email at [fmga08@gmail.com](mailto:fmga08@gmail.com) \*\*Since these events are each a two-day course, to understand the second day's lecture, attendance at the first class is necessary.\*\*

**February 19** - Sustainable Landscape presented by Jamie Boulton Tired of re-landscaping your yard every 3 to 5 years? Unhappy with the jungle outside your home? Come and discover how you can have a beautiful yard without excessive chemicals and back breaking labor. The class will be held from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. next to the Fayette County Extension Office in Suite 210, 140 Stonewall Ave, Fayetteville, Ga. The class is free. RSVP your registration to 770- 305-

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**February 23rd and 24th** -Vegetable Gardening and Plasticulture presented by Lester Bray Gardener extraordinaire Lester Bray will be sharing tips and tricks for a healthy and productive garden from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. each evening at the Fayette County Public Library Meeting Room, 1821 Heritage Parkway, Fayetteville, Ga. This is a two day class and is free. RSVP your registration to 770- 305-5412, ext 7, fax 770-719-5533 or email at [fmga08@gmail.com](mailto:fmga08@gmail.com).

**January 30, 2009** Georgia MG Charleston Tour (March 24-27) first deposit due. We need to have enough commitments so that we can make this trip a "go". [stttours@mylink.net](mailto:stttours@mylink.net) or 888-988-9776 or 478-746-4533.

**Feb 7, 2009 GMGA Conference in Albany** <http://www.swgamastergardeners.com/>

**Through Feb 28, 2009 Callaway Gardens complimentary admission.**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS-**

February 2, 2009 Groundhog Day

February 20, 2009 Arbor Day in Georgia

<http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/CommunityForests/ArborDay/>

**March 21, 2009** Master Gardener Day in Georgia. Let's all celebrate with service in our communities. April 10, 11 Hall County MG 2009 Spring Garden Expo Friday and Saturday, Chicopee Woods Ag Center near Gainesville. [www.hcmgs.com](http://www.hcmgs.com)

**April 18** Annual Spring Plant Sale Research & Education Garden UGA Griffin Campus

**Apr 22, 2009** Earth Day

## **Raised Bed Organic Gardening**

Join the Troup County Master Gardeners for a Public Meeting to learn more about Organic Gardening. The meeting will be Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. at The Troup County Agriculture Center off Highway 27 at 21 Vulcan Materials Road in LaGrange. (I-85 south, exit 14 approx. one mile on the left). The Master Gardener Program is sponsored by UGA Cooperative Extension. Troup County Extension phone: 706-883-1675. The Program will be presented by Mike Cunningham who, along with his wife Judy, owns Country Gardens Farm & Nursery started 27 years ago on Lower Fayetteville Road in Newnan. Mike holds an Associate degree in horticulture and is a certified Arborist. He is the 3rd generation on his farm. They grow annuals, perennials and vegetable transplants. The nursery carries a full line of trees, shrubs and garden supplies along with many hard-to-find Organic Supplies. Along with his wife and four grown sons, he has several sustainable agricultural enterprises including grass-fed beef, pastured poultry, eggs and meat, pastured pork, raw milk and Organic Vegetables in season. All farm products are sold at his nursery. Mike is an active supporter of Georgia Master Gardeners and teaches and speaks to many groups.



# More Flowers from France



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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?

## The DCMGA meeting will be **February 5, 2009.**

### Douglas County Master Gardener Association Membership Application

January 1, 2009 — December 31, 2009

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ GA Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership (Check one):	Certified Master Gardener: Year Training completed:	Fee: \$10
	Friends of DCMG:	Fee: \$ 15
	Couples get a price break	Minimum Donation \$15

### Make Checks Payable to: DCMG

Mail to: Elaine Davis 770 949-5963  
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