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Douglas County Master Gardener Association Newsletter

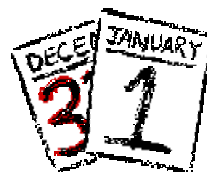


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Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival June 6 & 7, 2009

Happy New Year to all

**NO MASTER GARDENER MEETING
JANUARY 1.**



The DCMGA meeting will be **January 22, 2009.**

This January 22 meeting is due to a conflict with the church for January 8 and 15. I know there are only two weeks between meetings but that's the way it goes. The meeting will be a business meeting with an award being distributed. Come see who the Volunteer of 2008 will be. We will also be discussing focuses for the upcoming year. Dinner is still a main part of the night, so keep that in mind. (Food is always on my mind!!!) There will not be a program for this January meeting.

Hope everyone is ready for the new year and that it is prosperous for all.

Pat

GMGA Mission Statement:

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



Next Meeting:

January 22, 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.

January 22, 2008



Douglas County Master Gardener Association

Minutes of the Meeting held November 6, 2008

The meeting was opened by President, Pat Flickinger.

Pat complimented Melanie Cardell on her work on the *DC Dirt* Newsletter and inquired if all had seen it. She pointed out the hour sheet on the last page that must be turned in to Kevin Livingston to record Master Gardener hours volunteered and stressed the importance of the report. She thanked Earl Cosgrove who had updated the form to include hours worked on the Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance--as of Sept. 30, 2008
\$4,617.53

Expenses--

Georgia Power \$48.00
Misc. \$435.83
Total--\$483.83

Deposits \$74.00

Ending Balance--as of Oct. 24, 2008
\$4,207.70

Project Reports:

Vegetable Garden - Paul Beggs announced a new record has been broken - 3,268 lbs of produce has been harvested. 869 lbs have been contributed for a grand total of 4,137 lbs donated to Plant a Row projects. This included 30 varieties of fruit and vegetables (946 lbs of tomatoes, 326 lbs of green beans, 287 lbs of okra and 432 lbs of apples) He announced a gardener's work is never done - any and all are welcome to join in as they will only be taking off for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years! Otherwise, any Wednesday & Saturday from 9 - 12, they could use the help! Pat announced Paul has agreed to continue as chairman for the coming year.

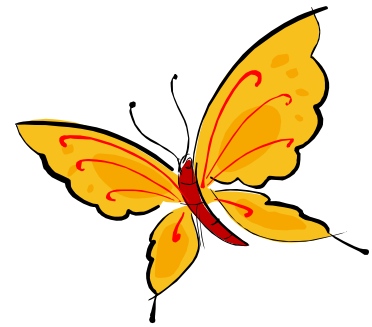
CAC Butterfly Garden - The garden is in good shape for the winter. We planted scillia and perennial tulips from the Keep Douglasville Beautiful bulb sale. KDB matched our purchase with an equal number of bulbs so we will have twice the beauty next spring. We have plans for future hydrangea, tea olive and Daphne plantings and we will be moving to a once/ month maintenance schedule for the winter. A thank you letter was shared from a Douglasville resident that has enjoyed the garden.

Rose Garden - Janet Deal announced the roses have been planted at the Woodie Fite Center. 20 Knockout roses and 200 bulbs were planted! The garden is expected to be self sustaining as the plants require little maintenance. A dedication will be held on Mother's Day.

Sweetwater Butterfly Garden - No report

Library on Sellman Drive - No report

Deer Lick Butterfly Garden - No report



Nature Trail- The Work Day held October 4 was a great success! 80 folks attended - worked hard and consumed 100 hotdogs! Pat thanked Janet Deal for organizing and announced all should go and see the Bog Garden Rachel Hendee and Jan Thomas created with the help of lots of adults and children. The Sentinel Newspaper had a very nice article covering the event. Genie Gordan was thanked for ensuring we had publicity.

Blake Gamel Corner

Ron and Judy Van Hook reported the trees and flowers have survived the drought and are becoming established. They will winterize with mulch soon.

Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival -

Kathy Henry announced to festival planning committee is thrilled Master Gardeners voted to co-sponsor the Flower Show with the four area Garden Clubs. The Flower Show will be held on Saturday, June 6, from 12 - 5pm and on Sunday, June 7 from 1-5pm. The name of this year's show is "Limelight". All are encouraged to participate.



Old Business:

It was announced again to turn in Master Gardener hours Janet Deal will be taking over organizing the monthly programs at the Woodie Fite Center. Let her know if you have a program to provide.

New Business:

Kevin Livingston thanked us all for the hours served to show in the state report the impact Master Gardeners have across Georgia.

He and Pat presented diplomas and official name tags to Betsy Simon, Michele Kirk and Martha Dunnell as they have completed their 50 hours of volunteer service.

The nominating committee Janet Deal, Mellie Boykin and Michele Kirk are still in the process of finding a vice president for next year. Pat Flickinger, Elaine Davis and Kathy Henry have agreed to be nominated for another year. Voting will take place at the December meeting. Pat encouraged volunteers for the Vice President position.

The Christmas Party on December 4 will be held at our normal meeting place. The club will provide ham and/or turkey and members are to bring a side vegetable dish. Dessert will be provided. A \$10-\$15 gift exchange will be held.

Sherry Beggs presented us with a beautifully detailed painting of our vegetable garden and shed. It will be used as the cover of our cookbook, possibly printed on note cards to sell as a fund raiser and is to be raffled as a fund raiser. Her generosity and talent is much appreciated.

Program:

Terry Cowan and Barbara Camp, with the Farm Bureau, told us about the Bureau and the fact in the last 10 years it has contributed \$6,000 to our organization which included prize money for our contests.

Their focus this year is to create awareness in schools and community organizations of the value of honeybees. They announced their contribution of an active honeybee hive to Master Gardeners to be placed at the vegetable garden.

Door prizes were distributed. The meeting was adjourned by Pat.

Submitted by Kathy Henry

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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

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