

May 2009 "The Dirt Worth Printing"



# Douglas County Dirt



Douglas County Master Gardener Association Newsletter

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## Penny McHenry Hydrangea Festival June 5, 6, & 7, 2009: 3 Days!

Happy Spring, Master Gardeners!

I am certainly enjoying the signs of spring with the flowering of trees and bushes. The rain has made everything look very pristine but it has been hard to get outside to work.

May is going to be a busy month. Here are dates for you to mark on your calendar:

May 2 – the all important plant sale. Let us know if you can help out.

May 7 – the next Master Gardener meeting

May 9 – the rescheduled Nature Trail day from 8:00 to 11:00.

Janet Deal will send out a reminder.

May 16 – the Home Efficiency Fair at the Old Courthouse from 11:00 to 5:00

At the next DCMGA meeting, we will be giving out the Hydrangea Festival Flower Show schedules and the entry cards. As things come up in your garden, please be thinking about what you can enter in the Flower Show. Many of you are already involved in the show, and thanks for volunteering. We will also be asking for people to man the booth that we share with the County Extension Office. Someone will have to set it up, as I will be busy with the flower show until noon.

We are excited to have Sara Henderson as our guest speaker for Thursday evening, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Her topic will be 'Hydrangeas 101', a very timely subject as many of our members will be helping with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hydrangea festival in June. Sara is a past president of the American Hydrangea Society and is currently serving as president of the Georgia Perennial Plant Association. She is a lifelong Atlanta gardener, garden designer, and frequent lecturer. She has appeared on HGTV's 'A Gardener's Diary', and on PBS's 'Georgia Gardener'.

Hope to see you at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Enjoy spring and happy planting.

Pat

**June 5,6,7<sup>th</sup> — Hydrangea Festival.**



### Next Meeting:

**May 7, 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.**

**May 7, 2008**



## Welcome to our 6 new interns who just graduated for 2009:

Marjorie Stansel

Barry Durham

Tracy Coleman

Christopher Brooks

Rebecca Todd

Lena Luz de Buck



Hello All!

This is the last week to bring plants to the greenhouse for the plant sale. We will be at the greenhouse Thursday from 9:00 until noon. Please bring any plants you can donate either Wednesday evening or Thursday morning before 10:00 a.m.. We need time to pot, clean, label, etc. any plants that may be brought. Please include names and colors if known. We are also in need of clean grocery bags, and boxes for people to carry plants in when purchasing. Boxes with sides 2 to 12 inches high are perfect! If you have any of these, please bring them to the greenhouse. If we are not there, you can leave things in the front covered area outside the doors.

Next Thursday, April 30th we will make the final preparations for the plant sale. That means we hand clean, check every single plant for bugs, labels, prices, etc. We will be cleaning up the greenhouse and setting it up for the sale. We could use a lot of help that day! (Again, 9:00 until 12:00).

We will need all the help we can get for the plant sale on Saturday, May 2nd. We open at 8:00, and the morning is a real mad house! If you can be there by 7:45, we would appreciate it! We need people to answer questions, help park cars, help carry plants to the cars, direct people to plant groups, etc. All members, spouses, anyone who can help is welcome!!!! Hotdogs and cold drinks provided for lunch. We plan to wrap it up about 3 p.m. , but we may run out of plants before then!

Please call if you have any questions! Thanks for everyone's support! Jan Thomas

With Jan Thomas, Rachel Hendee, and Sharon Morton [greenhouse committee chairpeople]

leading the activity at the greenhouse, the plants are looking good. It's pretty impressive to see the rows of plants after the Master Gardeners pot them up.



Betty Scarboro and Earl Cosgrove graciously agreed to chair a committee to create plant identification signs to be used at the plant sale. Having fun helping were Master Gardeners Michele Kirk, Genie Gordon, Sharon Morton and Judy Cole, as they worked to locate pictures of the plants and place them in durable laminated photo sleeves at the Extension Office.

**Thanks so much to all who helped.**



**MG Genie Gordon proudly showing off the beautiful azaleas and gardenias which will be available for sale.**



**Master Gardeners Jan Thomas and Beverly Smith enjoying the fragrance of the many herbs available at the plant sale on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

# **Photos of DCMG Preparation for the Sale**



**MG Julie Murray putting the finishing touches on the hydrangeas.**

**MG Judy Cole rearranging the plants by category.**



## Genie Gordon 's hydrangeas



## Photos of

## DC MGs Flowers



Marjorie Stansel allowed her trumpet vine to run around the edge of our pool house, the back of which holds some of my garden tools. Newsletter editor's note: Check out the neat hanger for the garden fork! The above photo is of a red bud against an ornamental bridge. The photo on the above right is a Kwanzan cherry.



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**The DCMGA meeting will be **May 7, 2009.****

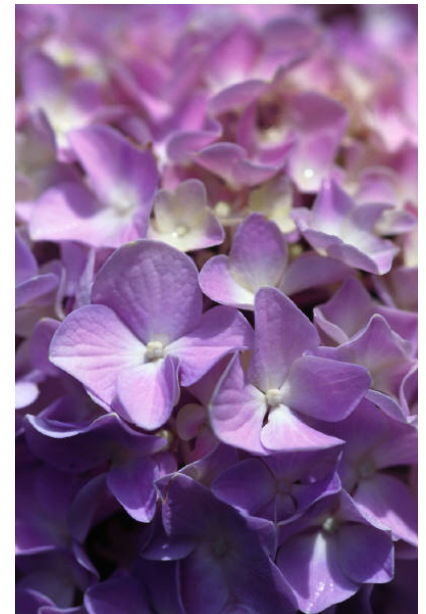
## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**May 2 DCMG Plant Sale at the  
Greenhouse**

### **June 5,6,7<sup>th</sup> --- Hydrangea Festival.**

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## GMGA Mission Statement:



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