



Georgia Master Gardener Program

2007 Annual Report



THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Educating and Serving the Community

GEORGIA MASTER GARDENER ACTIVITIES

Master Gardeners are active Cooperative Extension volunteers whose combined volunteer service is equivalent to **4,821 full-time weeks in 2007. MASTER GARDENERS WORKED 4,726 EXTENSION OFFICE SHIFTS. Home garden visits allow for on-site problems solving and provide a one-on-one educational experience. VISITED 3,755 HOME GARDENS.**

Master Gardeners are active in their communities, growing vegetables for local soup kitchens and food pantries. Demonstration gardens also serve to illustrate better landscaping and gardening practices and sometimes provide a much needed green space in the urban landscape. PARTICIPATED IN 12,719 COMMUNITY AND DEMONSTRATION GARDEN ACTIVITIES.

Networking with organic and sustainable farmers, Master Gardeners are sharing information on expanding community supported agriculture. They are also actively involved with horticulture societies and green industry organizations. CONDUCTED OR JUDGED 537 HORTICULTURAL SHOWS.

Working together with Schools, Nature Centers and Outdoor classrooms Master Gardeners teach children about gardening, nature and protecting our environment. PRESENTED 3228 CHILDRENS PROGRAMS.

Master Gardeners are active partners with other state and



2007 AT A GLANCE

562 New Master Gardeners
2082 Master Gardeners returning
192,854 Volunteer hours this year
\$3,394,230.00 Value of Service
485,269 In person contacts
44,728 Telephone contacts
1,717,183 Miles traveled
\$764,147 Value of Travel

county agencies to plan and plant park visitor centers, band and count hummingbirds, and maintain projects at senior centers, shelters and libraries statewide. They also serve as mentors, volunteer coordinators and project chairs for a variety of Cooperative Extension programs and projects. 12,472 ADVISORY COMMITTEES, LOCAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Volunteering is a way of life for Master Gardeners. Many serve on local boards and volunteer with other community organizations. 452 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPE ACTIVITIES

Exhibits are another way that Master Gardeners reach out and educate the public on best gardening practices that conserve resources. CREATED OR MAINTAINED 902 EXHIBITS. 2,023 PLANT CLINICS Plant clinics conducted at garden centers, festivals and other community events are opportunities for Master Gardeners to answer questions, take soil and plant samples and promote Extension to the public.

Master Gardeners are actively learning about invasive species and training the public and other Master Gardeners about exotic pests that are threatening our native habitats. CONDUCTED 2,587 CIVIC PRESENTATIONS AND TAUGHT 712 ADULT CLASSES.

In 2007 we recognized 72 LIFETIME MASTER GARDENERS for 10 years of active service. 172 Master Gardeners participated in ADVANCED TRAINING in Digital Diagnostics, Invasive Plants, Organic Gardening, and Urban Trees.