



# Georgia Master Gardener Program

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Georgia Master Gardeners have responded to changes in the economy, proving that they are valuable assets to their communities across the state. Master Gardeners have grown thousands of pounds of vegetables, organized farmer's markets, and conducted workshops on home vegetable gardening.

# ANNUAL SUMMARY OF MASTER GARDENER ACTIVITIES 2008

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- 348 New Master Gardeners (completed training this year)
- 2145 Number of Veteran Master Gardeners returning.
- 1. Total # of volunteer hours this year 176, 224 x (\*19.49 per hour) = \$ 3,412,353.05.
- 2. Total # of in person contacts 391,059.
- 3. Total # of telephone contacts 33,457.20.
- 4. Total # of miles traveled 847,591.50 x (\*\*.50 per mile) = \$423,796.
  
- 5. Master Gardeners participated in the following volunteer activities:
  - 4819 Children's Programs (Project code #1)
  - 2900 Civic or Garden Club Presentations (Project code #2)
  - 12,638 Community or Demonstration Gardens (Project code #3)
  - 402 Conducted or Judged Flower Shows (Project code #4)
  - 890 Exhibits (Project code #5)
  - 3770 Extension Office (Project code #6)
  - 917 Habitat for Humanity (Project code #7)
  - 2854 Home Garden Visits (Project code #8)
  - 1428 Newsletters (Project code #9)
  - 807 Newspaper or Magazine Articles (Project code #10)
  - 4571 Plant Clinics or Fairs (Project code #11)
  - 998 Research or Writing (Project code #12)
  - 793 Teaching Adult Classes (Project code #13)
  - 297 TV & Radio Programs (Project code #14)
  - 1140 Advisory Committees (Project code #15)
  - 588 GMGA Committees (Project code #16)
  - 5420 Local MG Program Administration (Project code #17)
  - 5009 Other (describe in Special Project Reports)(Project code #18)

Figures 1-4 adjusted to reflect 5% underreporting

Data collected as of April 30, 2009. Includes late reports and error corrections.

\*The wage rate of \$19.49 per hour was used. The value of volunteer time is based on the average hourly earnings of all production and nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls for state of Georgia (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) increased by 12 percent to estimate for fringe benefits. This information was supplied by the Independent Sector (1200 18th St., NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036; 202/223-8100), an organization that "serves as a national forum to encourage giving. On the web at: <http://www.independentsector.org>

\*\*The mileage rate is based on \$0.50 per mile.

Estimated value of volunteer service further validated by May 2008 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates BLS May 2008 Farm and Home Management Advisors: \$19.97 median hourly wages.