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Greetings!

Happy New Year from the staff of the Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden at the Historic Bamboo Farm. There are many exciting things happening at the Bamboo Farm and we hope you will visit us often in 2012 to see and be a part of all the changes.

We have started clearing land for our four acre bamboo maze, working on installing a water garden, planting the strawberries (which are already looking nice and green) for the spring and opened our bamboo museum.

Plans are underway for summer camps and construction is set to begin on our new visitors/educational center and a the new dock at the pavilion.

We have a very busy year ahead of us and many projects on the board. If you would like to volunteer for any of these projects, please call the office at 912-921-5460 and talk with Cassy or Liz.

Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens at the Historic Bamboo Farm

Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked with us in 2011 on our many projects. We can not make things happen at the Bamboo Farm without you and we appreciate your hard work and dedication. We have many volunteer opportunities



in 2012 and we hope you will join us for some of them.

Our annual Wild Game Supper and Spring Festival will soon be here. If you would like to volunteer for this or any other event, please call our new Events Coordinator, Liz Lubrani at 912-921-4560 x202 or E-mail her at: elubrani@uga.edu

Master Gardeners

For those who love gardening whether a novice or an experienced plant lover, the Master Gardener training class begins January 24th. Classes will be held at the Lake Mayer

Schedule of Events

January 5, 12, 19, 25 ~ Garden Holly Hikes 10am - 11am - Free
January 21st ~ Teacher's Open House 10am -4pm - Free
January 28th ~ Gazing in the Garden, Stargazing with the Oglethorpe Astronomical Society 5pm-9pm - Free
January 28th ~ State Botanical Garden Basic Botany Course 10am - 5pm \$95.00 members \$105.00 non-members
February 4th ~ Roses with Russell Sower 10am - noon \$20.00 a person
February 24th ~ Wild Game Supper 6:30pm \$20.00 a plate
February 11th ~ Bonsai with Bill Pfeiffer 1pm - 3pm \$40.00 a person
March 24th ~ Spring Festival All Day

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The State Botanical Garden of Georgia



The State Botanical Garden of Georgia will be holding a **Basic Botany Course** here at the Bamboo

Community Center and the Bamboo Farm. The class meets from nine to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays and concludes May 24th. The course is open to Chatham and surrounding county residents.

The Master Gardener class is sponsored by the University of Georgia Extension Office and covers a wide range of topics such as soils, turf, fertilizers, organic farming, xeriscape methods, herbs, vegetable gardening, plant propagation, native plants and habitats, irrigation, mulching, pruning and features guest speakers from throughout the State. The course includes field trips and hands on experiences.

Cost: \$145.00 - Covers all books and materials

Registration information can be found for all area residents below:

For more information about registration, contact Dave Linvill, Chatham County Cooperative Extension Horticulture Agent at 912 652 7981 or dlinvill@uga.edu.

Friends of the Coastal Gardens

Friends of the Coastal Garden are going wild! Join us for our annual Wild Game Supper. Friday Feb. 24th 2011 at 6:00pm. Our traditional and popular wild game fare and key lime pie will be served at the lakeside pavilion. Tickets \$25.00 per plate.

We are also gearing up for the annual Spring Festival to be held on Saturday, March 24th. If you would like to volunteer or reserve booth space, please call the office at 912-921-5460 x202.

About Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens

The Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens at the Historic Bamboo Farm is a 50-acre University of Georgia Cooperative Extension botanical garden and educational center. We are open to the public and currently we are free of charge. Visitors are encouraged to sign-in at the Office/Visitor Center and pick up a self-guided tour map or one of our individual garden maps. We have specialized garden beds including iris, cottage garden, camellia, rose, xeriscape and daylily to name a few. We also have seasonal pick-your-own strawberries, blackberries and vegetable gardens.

We are currently undergoing a 4 million dollar renovation which will include a new visitor and educational center, a gift shop, a children's/butterfly garden, a bamboo maze, water garden, fish camp and more!

Farm on Saturday January 28th. Members \$95, non-members \$105 (bring a bag lunch) Dr. Bobby Hattaway, Lecturer in Botany, Biology Department, Georgia Southern University Basic Botany provides an introduction to plant anatomy, morphology, and physiology, with an emphasis on relating form to function. The mechanisms of flower pollination, seed dispersal, and germination will be explored, along with the basics of plant genetics, photosynthesis and evolution.State Botanical Garden.

Later that evening, we will be hosting the Oglethorpe Astronomical Society for a night of "**Gazing in the Garden**". Join us as we look for planets and search for galaxies far, far away.

Free event

