**Celebrating St. Patrick's Day by Attending the March 17 AAMGA Meeting**

The March 17 (St. Patrick’s Day) meeting of AAMGA will be at 6 pm in the Gardenside Room at the State Botanical Garden. Guest speaker will be Pandra Williams from Beech Hollow Wildflower Farm and Nursery near Lexington, GA who will discuss Native Plants for Native Pollinators. Light refreshments will be served, and a business meeting will be held after the presentation. Newly certified Master Gardeners from the 2014 class are particularly encouraged to attend and participate in the many activities and projects of AAMGA. Remember to wear green or risk being pinched!

**Mark your Calendars**

There are two, planned garden parties. May 15th we will tour the Extension Office garden with Kristi Sego and John Aitkens. On June 5th we will enjoy Kristi Sego’s wildflower garden located on Cleveland road in Bogart.

Unless otherwise notified, our meetings will take place at 6:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month and in the Gardenside Room downstairs below the Conservatory level.
**AAMGA Committees**

Audit: Ruth Smith, Chair  
Members: Jackie Williams, Susan Drinkard

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Members: John Aitkens

Nominating: Jean Colquett, Chair

Programs: Gary Wade, Chair  
Members: Mike Sikes and Jean Colquett

Photography: Andrea Fischer

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jan 21 - Feb 17, 2015

**Beginning Balance**  15,870.12

**Deposit-Member Dues**  425.00

**Expenses:**

- Hostess Supplies  153.16
- Stamps  19.60
- PAR Garden Expenses  179.06
- Speaker Gift Certificate  25.00

**Total Expenses:**  376.82

**Ending Balance:**  15,918.30

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Minutes for February 17th AAMGA Meeting

The February Meeting of AAMGA was held at the SBG Gardensiade Room on Tuesday February 17th, 2015 with President Jackie Williams, presiding. Refreshments were served.

Vice President, Gary Wade, introduced our speaker Professor David Knauf who gave a presentation on organic aquaculture, school gardening resources for teachers, and standards for USDA organic labeling of foods.

MEETING BEGINS: The Business meeting was called to order by President Jackie Williams at approximately 7:27 P.M. Jackie thanked Professor Knauf for his presentation and also thanked all in attendance for coming. The attendance was down because of the uncertain winter weather.

January minutes: Approved as submitted by Secretary, Carol Wolf, in the January Newsletter.

January Treasurer’s Report: Approved as submitted by Treasurer, Shirley Baker in the January Newsletter.

Bulb Project Discussed: Andrea Woodall noted that there was a chart with pictures of the bulbs we are going to order. She said the next meeting of the bulb committee would be on February 24th. She noted that the committee will need lots of help when the bulbs come in. Gary Wade said orders will be taken in April, May, and June. The last orders will be July 1st. Only Master Gardeners (friends and family) and the staff of SBG (friends and family) can order this year. The sale is not public. Bulbs will come in time to plant this fall.

2015 Dues: Dues are due. They are $10 for the year. President Jackie Williams was at an GMGA conference and asked other groups what they were paying. Dues ranged from $15, $12, $10, and no dues at all.

Grant Proposals:
1. President Jackie Williams reported that we are going to apply for a GMGA grant for the Barnyard Demonstration Garden. The committee members who will help to write this proposal are Gary Wade, Shirley Baker, Petty Thomas, and Brenda Beckham.
2. Gary Wade reported that a grant proposal has been written for a $1500 grant from Miracle Grow which, if funded, would be awarded by April 2015.

Pollinator Workshop: Jackie attended a Pollinator workshop in Carrollton Georgia. She handed out copies of a list of native flowers and vines to plant to attract pollinators. She also passed out a sheet of information on milkweed species to plant to attract monarch butterflies.

Project Reports: Plant a Rows are sleeping. No reports until spring.

New Business
2 garden parties are scheduled. May 15th we will tour the Extension Office garden with Kristi Sego and John Aitkens. On June 5th we will enjoy Kristi Sego’s wildflower garden located on Cleveland road in Bogart.

Other Dates Jackie attended the GMGA Conference and learned that there will be many field trips to attend. The field trips are The Atlanta Beltline in April, Hydrangea Festival in Douglasville in June and the Fall Conference in Dahlonega September 11-12.

Free Seeds Shirley Baker has seeds to give away. They are seeds left over from the U garden open house last fall. Take all you want and start some for the Plant Sale.

Budget Reserve Fund There was much discussion regarding the setting up of a reserve fund. There was no consensus of option so the item was tabled for later discussion.

Slate of nominated officers for March vote
President-Anne Walker
Vice President-Mike Sikes
Secretary-Kay Petroff
Treasurer-Shirley Baker

The floor will be open for nominations at the time of the voting.

TRIP to Gibbs Garden Barbara Turner reported that the Friends of SBG are planning a bus trip to Gibbs garden on April 1st of this year. The cost is $54. The bus leaves from SBG at 8:00 am and returns at 6:00 pm. Information and sign-up forms are on the SBG website.

Spring Plant Sales The Spring Plant sale will be April 25th at the County Extension office. The Marigold festival will be on May 16 in Winterville. Use pencil for plant labels. Heather will have sign up sheet for volunteers in March.

Raffle Resumes
Anne Walker wants to bring back the meeting raffle. If you have items to donate to the raffle in March please email Anne at gardenAnne1@gmail.com

March Meeting The March meeting will be in the SBG Gardensiade Room. Our speaker will be Pandra Williams from Beech Hollow Wildflower Farm in Lexington. Her program will be on native pollinators.

The Meeting was adjourned by President Jackie Williams at 7:55 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Carol Wolf, Secretary
Ramblings from the Field
Gary L. Wade, AAMGA Vice-president and Program Chair

I am both humbled and flattered to see, after 30 years, that GMGA is still using the state logo I developed with the assistance of Carol Williamson in the Cooperative Extension’s Art Department back in 1985. That year saw two major events occurring in the Master Gardener history book: we were developing the first certification training manual and simultaneously assembling a team of Master Gardeners to draft the Bylaws for the first state Master Gardener Association, GMGA. I remember, as if it was yesterday, visiting with Carol, a very talented and creative artist, and asking her to draw a hand holding a plant to symbolize the Master Gardener program. I was thrilled to have her support since I inherited no artistic genes and could not even draw stick men without them looking goofy. Carol developed several renditions of my vision, including one with a hand holding a bush, another with a hand holding a containerized plant, even one with a hand holding a bare-rooted plant in its fingers. Some of the drawings were too detailed for a logo, and I wanted to keep it simple. The officers in GMGA reviewed all the options, and they overwhelmingly chose the one you see today (below), with the hand holding a seedling emerging from soil. The group also developed the slogan “Reaching Out” to complement the logo. I wish I had kept all that original artwork and all the rejected drawings, but time passes and files get thrown out, and all we have left are memories from the past.

![Logo Image]

Times change, people change, but one thing remains constant.... the flowering sequence of winter-flowering plants. To me, the succession of winter blooms is Mother Nature’s biological clock ticking off the days until spring and a new growing season. The excitement builds as each new burst of color overshadows winter doldrums and reminds us that spring is just around the corner.

I was raking leaves in my landscape one day in mid-December, turned around and gasp to see my Arnold Promise Witchhazel in full glory, just wanting to be noticed. Its strap-like petals borne along the winter branches were a stark contrast to the surroundings. I called my wife outside to admire the beauty of this first harbinger of spring, although it was just barely winter. Soon to follow are bright yellow drifts of winter jasmine, Jasminum nudiflorum, often seen growing on banks along the streets of Athens. Some people get this plant confused with forsythia, but winter jasmine blooms in January while forsythia does not bloom until March.

By late February, the color starts increasing as the blooms of fragrant winter daphne open and spill their perfume throughout the landscape. The pink buds of Okame flowering cherry are noticed by mid-February and are reliably in full bloom the last week of February in the Athens area. Simultaneously the buds of flowering quince and the dangling creamy white flowers of paperbush (Edgeworthia papyrifera) begin to swell for their early March showing. The woody bloomers are complemented by the parade of herbaceous winter-flowering plants, including the early-blooming daffodils, crocus and Lenten roses.

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Ramblings from the Field, continued

Then March arrives and all hell-aborus breaks loose, and the color pallet greatly expands. Forsythia, redbud (native and Chinese), maple, quince, winter honeysuckle, early flowering azaleas, spicebush and spireas (Thunberg and Bridalwreath) are just a few of the bloomers announcing the coming of spring and a renewal of life.

The April landscape literally erupts in a riot of color, and flowering sequence is no longer relevant as a vast array of plant species all want to bloom at the same time. After a century of exotic flowering plant imports, plant breeding to improve flowering characteristics, and a mad dash to the garden center each spring to buy anything and everything in bloom, our April landscapes have become somewhat gaudy with “over the top” color. Some landscapes remind me of a bad Christmas light display with way too much going on. But at least we know spring has sprung, winter is behind us and another growing season has begun. I’m so thankful I don’t have allergy problems!

Remember, April 15, give or take a week, is the average date of the last spring frost in the Athens area, so that’s the time to plant summer vegetables (or re-plant those you planted too early and lost). It’s also time to move those tropical patio plants back outside, clean the mildew off the porch, and think about all the volunteer opportunities and ways you can reach out and share your gardening talents with others in the community.

Happy Gardening!

Become a Georgia Master Naturalist

Athens-Clarke County Extension is now enrolling for the 2015 Georgia Master Naturalist Program. An adult environmental education program, the Master Naturalist program is a partnership between UGA Extension and the Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources. Classes will be held at Sandy Creek Nature Center in Athens each Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in April and May. The nine-week program is a combination of lectures and hands-on field studies taught by UGA faculty and field experts. Topics include ecology, geology, herpetology, native plants, birding, entomology, local agriculture and more. Visit http://www.ugaextension.com/clarke/anr for more information and to register.
2015 Membership Update

Thank you to all members who have paid their 2015 dues. We have collected from about 50% of our members. Below is the 2015 membership form. I would appreciate you sending your dues in as soon as possible.

Jean Ryan

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Athens Area Master Gardener Association
Annual Renewal
January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Please check one of the boxes below and include your name even if your contact info hasn't changed. Fees are due no later than our February meeting:

☐ AAMGA Member ($10)
   (Required Hours Completed in Previous Year)

☐ Friend of AAMGA ($20)
   (Course Not Taken or Hours Not Completed for Previous Year)

☐ Lifetime Georgia Master Gardener ($10)

Name: ________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ GA Zip:________

Telephone Numbers: Home:_______________ Mobile:_____________

Email Address:_________________________________________________________

(Be sure to put AAMGAlistserv@gmail.com on your safe list in your email program and send a notification if you change your email address.)

Please make checks payable to AAMGA, bring to next meeting or mail with this completed form to:

Jean Ryan
335 Ashton Drive
Athens, GA 30606
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  Plant a Rows are sleeping. No reports until spring.

HOPE Garden

Dave Hagaman
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Athens-Clarke County Plant-A-Row for the Hungry

Please let Pam Bracken know if you can help! Just zap Pam Bracken an e-mail at pam.bracken@georgi center.uga.edu and she will add you to the schedule!

Merry Anderson

Oconee County Plant a Row for the Hungry

please contact Helen Wenner at hwenner2941@gmail.com.

Helen Wenner
The Monthly Newsletter of the Athens Area Master Gardener Association

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, continued

Athens Area Master Gardener Association’s
Annual Spring Plant Sale
April 25, 2015 (the 4th Sat.)
8:00am - 1:00pm
Athens Clarke County Extension Office

We will set up on Friday 2pm to 6pm. I should be there by 2pm to set out the plant stakes to section off the plants into categories. We can unload our plants from the Long Horns parking lot. MG’s that need to park closer due to well worn knees can use the Extension office parking lot.

Plant labels will be available at every MG meeting. **ONLY USE PENCIL** to label and price your plants. Trust me ink and pretty printed labels will not hold up to the weather. Use your best judgment to price plants, just something reasonable.

Parking for AAMGA the day of the sale is available in the medical office parking lot behind the Extension office. Parking for our customers is available at Long Horns the day of the sale.

I will have a shift sign up sheet available at every meeting. Flyers will be available at the March meeting for everyone to hand out to friends, family and local business’ s.

We will also advertise by e-mail, Facebook and to local and surrounding county newspapers. Donna and I will need Plant sitters after the sale is over to pick up and tend to the plants until the Winterville Marigold Festival which is held in May. That date will be announced later.

Remember as you dig and divide plants they need at least 4 weeks to recover from shock. It is difficult to sale sad plants. We know they will recover, but our customers won’t buy sad plants.

If you sow seeds indoors for veggies, flowers etc. this needs to be done 6 to 8 weeks in advance so they will be ready for the sale.

The money we raise each year from both plant sales helps us give scholarships to two UGA Horticulture students. This is for a great cause and a wonderful time to get together with other gardening friends and our community.

Thank you everyone for your help and support. We couldn’t do this without you!

Heather Gray-Jordan and Donna McPipkin-Yates
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**May the road rise up to meet you.**
**May the wind be always at your back.**
**May the sun shine warm upon your face,**
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again, may God
hold you in the palm of His hand.
**MARCH GARDENING CHORES**

**Fertilize** pansies. Since the soil is warming, use any water soluble houseplant fertilizer, one half pint to one pint of solution per plant.

**Start** seed of tomatoes and annual flowers indoors. You'll need six weeks to grow strong transplants.

**Now** is the time to prune giant holly shrubs back to a manageable size. Don’t be shy - you can cut them to eighteen inches tall and they will come back.

**Plant** bare-root roses in soil that contains plenty of organic matter and which has been thoroughly tilled.

**Divide** overgrown clumps of hosta now that you can see the leaves unfurling aboveground.

**Fertilize** pecan trees with one pound of 10-10-10 for every inch of trunk thickness.

**Examine** the backside of euonymus and camellia leaves for scale insects. Thoroughly spray with horticultural oil if the pests are found.

**Remove** spent camellia blooms from the bush and from the ground. You'll prevent camellia petal blight.

**Last** chance to prune bush roses to approximately one half their present size.

**Repot** houseplants you plan to move outdoors. Their roots will need more room as they grow rapidly in the sun.

**Wait** to plant gladiolus, canna and caladium bulbs until mid-April - they all need warm soil in which to grow.

**Plant** beets, cauliflower, mustard, radish and turnips in your garden.

**Prune** boxwood - but not with shears. Use a hand pruner to make foliage holes" in the greenery so light can penetrate to the trunk.

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**Facts about the four-leaf clover:**

Real four-leaf clovers come from the White Clover plant, *trifolium repens*, considered to be the Original Shamrock. You may find others saying leaves are four-leaf clovers that are not genuine. These are actually Pepperwort or Water Clover (*Marsilea Quadrifolia*) or Oxalis (*Oxalis depepi* or *Oxalis tetraphylla*) plants that produce all four leaves. Another way of identifying a real four-leaf clover is that the fourth leaf is **usually smaller** than the other three leaves.

**History of the four-leaf clover:**

The four-leaf clover is a universally accepted symbol of good luck with its origin ages old. According to legend, Eve carried a four leaf clover from the Garden of Eden.

"The clovers also occupied a position in the cultural life of early peoples. White clover (T. repens L.) in particular was held in high esteem by the early Celts of Wales as a charm against evil spirits." *Clover Science and Technology*, N.L. Taylor, 1985.

Druids held the 4 leaf clover in high esteem and considered them a sign of luck. In 1620, Sir John Melton wrote: "If a man walking in the fields find any four-leaved grass, he shall in a small while after find some good thing.

The mystique of the four-leaf clover continues today, since finding a real four leaf clover is still a rare occurrence and an omen of good luck.

**What do the leaves symbolize?**

One leaf is for **Faith**.

The second for **Hope**...

The third for **Love**...

And the fourth for **Luck**...

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**Wood Sorrel or False Shamrock**

*Atropurpurea* Oxalis triangularis subsp. papilionaceae

This "purple shamrock" is often sold as a gift plant around St. Patrick's Day. It isn't really a shamrock, but it's sure to bring a smile to the lucky recipient's face, with its cheerful purple leaves with pink markings, and lavender flowers.

*Oxalis regnellii*, along with its many naturally-occurring varieties and patented cultivars, is also catching on as an outdoor accent plant for use in containers or as a bedding plant. It is a tender South African bulb that is not hardy in many parts of the U.S., but it can be overwintered outdoors, or treated as an annual. Plant it around taller, leggier plants to provide a mass of colorful foliage while hiding gangly bare stems of nearby plants. » Read more about this plant

**Type of plant:** Perennials

**Bloom color:** Pale Pink, Pink

**Bloom time of year:** Late Spring/Early Summer

**Sun requirements:** Light Shade

**Cold hardiness:** Zone 8a to Zone 11

**Height:** 6-12 in. (15-30 cm)

**Spacing:** 12-15 in. (30-38 cm)
Cottingham: Plants for landscaping a slope

Last month, I visited a new subdivision in Lawrenceville, with every home perched on a patch of level ground between a sloped front and back yard. If any topsoil was left in this subdivision, I’m not sure where it went. A few homes had professional landscaping and retaining walls, but the majority had bare clay banks, often too steep to mow safely.

These slopes are a challenge when designing the home landscape. With a healthy budget, professional landscapers and heavy equipment can create a series of retaining walls, a waterfall cascading into a pond and steps leading up to a series of paths. But after buying window treatments and furniture, signing contracts for pest control and security systems and unexpected calls to repairmen, budget is often an issue when landscaping.

An important first step is to evaluate drainage. If there is a drainage problem, if the slope directs water to your house or water sits at the base of the slope, fixing that drainage problem is your first priority. No amount of pretty will make up for a drainage problem. When coming up with a design for your slope, make sure it does not negatively affect your drainage.

Second is to evaluate the exposure. If the slope is under deciduous trees, it will be in full sun in the winter and full shade in the summer and the trees leave the site very dry. If the slope receives sunlight in the morning and shade all afternoon, almost any plant listed will be content there. If the slope only gets four hours of sunlight, but it is in the afternoon, choose plants only from the "full sun" list because of the brutal sun it does get.

A low wall at the base of the slope can add definition. Place the wall into the slope and the result can expand the level area at the base of the slope. Pull the wall away from the slope and an area is created where you can add good fill, improving growing conditions at the wall. We discussed a curved wall that gave us the best of both: an area cut into the bank for a slightly raised patio surrounded by low wall, comfortable for sitting. Then the wall can curve outward, holding fill for a perennial collection surrounding a shade tree. Balancing cut and fill also minimizes soil to be removed from the back yard.

You can design a beautiful, low-maintenance landscape planting for a sloped area. I like to build the design with large shrubs and trees, leaving pockets for drifts of perennials. A spreading perennial can choke out weeds when allowed to fill an area, plus it is easier to weed if there are only a few plants to identify. For a hot, sunny spot, consider a large forsythia to anchor one corner, ornamental grasses for vertical and winter interest, a few junipers or hollies for an evergreen base, drifts of daylilies, iris and red cascade rose for blooms and redbud trees to soften the intense sunlight.

You may want to create a mini retaining wall when planting a shrub or grouping of perennials on a slope, using scrap lumber or brick to create a level patch to plant and dam the water long enough to catch water for the plant. Boulders can add interest and serve as retaining walls at the same time.

All plantings must be watered for the first year. A soaker hose, placed uphill from the plant roots and under mulch, can let water seep into the ground slowly, reaching the roots instead of running down the hill. Mulch also can help keep moisture in the ground, as well as deter runoff and weeds. Pine straw and shredded bark has better staying power on a slope: Bark chips will float away in the first rain. Burlap or a biodegradable fabric may be useful on steep, bare slopes.

A bare slope, especially sunbaked subsoil, can be a challenge to plant, but also can become a beautiful, low-maintenance part of your landscape. Every gardener has a percentage of plants that don’t make it - count on that percentage when planting a slope. At right are some plants that tolerate slope, some also tolerating poor soil. By using this list and planting in drifts, you should be able to convert you problem area into a hillside garden.

Check out this UGA Extension site for more information: http://georgiafaces.caes.uga.edu/index.cfm?public=viewStory&pk_id=4623

Originally published in the Athens Banner-Herald in April, 2004. Written by AAMGA member Connie Cottingham. Sign up for her free weekly garden tips: Love Notes from the Garden at conniecottingham@gmail.com. Connie is a landscape architect, registered in Georgia, who lives and gardens in Athens.
Drawings at Monthly Meetings

If you want to bring something for our drawing at the next meeting, please give Anne Walker a call. She wants to be sure we don’t have more than 20 prizes at a meeting. 3 tickets for $2!

Anne Walker  706.342.9471

2014 INTERNS AT JANUARY 20, 2015 GREENUP CEREMONY

Left to Right: (Back Row) Mike Davidson, Angela Rosemond, Lis Lohmueller, Dave Hagaman, Lamara Martin, Heather Reed, Ellen Purvis, Cyndy Corley, Judy Goltzer, Carole Taylor, Nancy Watkins, Marianne Stipe, Cindy Karp
(Front Row/Sitting) Linda Tedrow, Julie Barker, Virginia Wells
Don't forget to mark your calendars for **Plantapalooza 2015!!!**

**Plantapalooza:**
The State Botanical Garden of Georgia, The UGA Horticulture Club and The Trial Gardens at UGA Combine Spring Plant Sales in Athens on April 11th

Athens, GA. – Three plant sales in one day, in one city known for its horticulture. On Saturday, April 11th, 2015, from 8 am to 2 pm, plant enthusiasts and gardeners will journey to Athens to attend the annual Plantapalooza, plant sales that take place at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, the UGA Horticulture Club, and the Trial Gardens at UGA. Plantapalooza features a wide range of garden plants that thrive in the Southeastern United States. Horticulturists, volunteers, and Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer help with plant selections. Admission is free.

Athens, Georgia, is a college town known for its restaurants, music, and horticulture. Public gardens that are part of the University of Georgia campus include the Founders’ Garden, Ethnobotanical Garden, UGA Trial Garden, and State Botanical Garden of Georgia. Specialty nurseries abound in the area; many are offering 5-15% off full price plants when presented with special cards that are stamped at the Plantapalooza plant sales.

The Trial Gardens at UGA (220 West Green Street) grows, and tests the newest annuals and perennials from plant breeders throughout the world. The Trial Gardens will offer unique plants that are difficult to find anywhere else. Dr. Ruter, the director of the Trial Gardens, and an endowed professor in the Horticulture Department at UGA specializing in ornamental plants, and conifers, will be available to sign his latest book *Landscaping with Conifers and Ginkgo for the Southeast*. Profits from the plant sale help fund research, and continued support for the garden.

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 South Milledge Avenue) is visited by over 200,000 people each year. It is the headquarters of the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance, and the Georgia Gold Medal Plant Program. Gold Medal plants will be noted among its broad selection of trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables, and more. A special area for native plants will be staffed by knowledgeable experts and volunteers. The Garden Gift Shop, and Donderos’ Kitchen (offering coffee drinks and a selection of handmade breakfast, and lunch items) will be open.

The UGA Horticulture Club will be selling a wide range of garden and landscape plants near the intersection of Riverbend Road and College Station Road. These plants are perfect for beginner gardeners, plant enthusiasts, and landscapers alike. Horticulture students and Horticultural Department professors will be there to offer help with plant selections. Profits from all sales help fund Horticulture Club Scholarships and educational activities at UGA.

Directions and information about participating retailers are available online at [plantapalooza.uga.edu](http://plantapalooza.uga.edu). Plantapalooza 2015 will be taking place rain or shine.