Annual Spring Fling on Tap for April 21 AAMGA Meeting
The annual Spring Fling for AAMGA members and their guests will be held Tuesday, April 21 at 6 pm at the home and garden of Jean Colquett, 395 Sandstone Drive in Cedar Creek subdivision. Jean has a beautiful woodland garden for us to explore and enjoy. The event will be outdoors, weather permitting, so please bring a lawn chair. Dinner will be potluck, so also bring your favorite salad, casserole, hors d'oeuvres, or dessert to share. We need a few items for the monthly raffle, so if you have something you can share (plant or garden-related item), please bring it (not mandatory). A brief business meeting will be held. Please invite one or more graduates from the 2014 class or interns and mentees from the 2015 class.

DIRECTIONS: From Gaines School Road, turn onto Cedar Creek Drive, the main entrance to the sub-division. Turn right at the 3rd stop sign onto Sandstone Drive. 395 Sandstone Dr. will be the 7th house on the left.

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
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TREASURER’S REPORT
Feb 18 to Mar 18, 2015

Beginning Balance 15,918.30

Deposit-Member Dues 355.00
Deposit-Raffle Sales 28.00

Expenses:
Scrapbook Supplies 35.99
Adm. Supplies-Treasurer 13.51
Speaker Gift Certificate 25.00

Total Expenses: 74.50

Ending Balance: 16,226.80

Submitted by Shirley Baker, Treasurer
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Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.
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Minutes for March 17th AAMGA Meeting

The March Meeting of AAMGA was held at the SBG Gardenside Room on Tuesday March 17th, 2015 with Vice President Gary Wade, presiding. Refreshments were served, including many St. Patrick’s day treats.

Gary Wade introduced our speakers Pandra and Jeff Williams from Beech Hallow Wildflower Farms. They gave an interesting presentation about the importance of growing and protecting native plants to provide the proper food for plant pollinators. Many species of bees and butterflies were discussed. Raffle tickets were sold before the business meeting began.

MEETING BEGINS
The Business meeting was called to order by Vice President Gary Wade at approximately 6:30 P.M. President Jackie Williams was not present due to a family illness. Gary thanked our speakers and the food committee for the St. Patrick’s Day refreshments. Copies of the Proposed April 1, 2015-March 31. 2016 AAMGA Budget were distributed to the membership

February minutes: Approved as submitted by Secretary, Carol Wolf in the February Newsletter.
February Treasurer’s Report: Approved as submitted by Treasurer, Shirley Baker in the February Newsletter.

AAMGA Budget Discussion
Budget Chairman Doug Lair, Project Chairman Brenda Beckham and all the chairman of AAMGA projects gave input into the budget. The budget had been approved by the AAMGA board and needed approval by the AAMGA membership. The membership discussed many items including the Reserve and how to cut budget items if we need to decrease our spending. Mention was made that in previous years Project chairman did not use all of their budgeted amounts. Dave Hagaman moved that the AAMGA membership approve the April 1, 2015-March 31, 2016 AAMGA Budget. The motion was seconded by Barbara Turner. All members voted in favor to adopt the AAMGA Budget.

Project Reports
Clarke Middle
No report. Some of the beds need to be moved. A work day will be planned.

Oconee PAR
After 4 years of being in charge of the Oconee PAR Helen Wenner is giving up the chairmanship. Preferably someone in Oconee needs to step in and take over the leadership. Discussion followed and Gary Wade and Frank Johnson agreed to co-chair the Oconee PAR this year. There will be an organizational meeting at 9AM next Thursday March 26th at Thomas Orchards.

Oconee Senior Center Garden
Brenda Revill reported that in October she, Jack Striling, and Patty Hopaluk-Gay were asked by Athens Area Council on Aging to be in charge of the garden at the center. They are having a work day on Saturday March 21st from 9-1 and also on Saturday March 28th from 9-1. There is a lot going on and they need help.

Junior Garden Club
Brenda Beckham and Heather Gray-Jordan have started this year’s garden club at Gaines Elementary. They have a class of 6 students. They have already done some planting with the children.

Spring Plant Sale
Heather Gray-Jordan reported that she has fliers with her to take and distribute to advertise our April 25th plant sale. She also has a sign up sheet for volunteers and labels with her. If you need pots for your plants call her. Ann Walker has 12 to 13 types of plants at her house that you can pot up for the sale. George Watson has hellebore you can pot up for the sale. Bring any yard art you want to donate when you drop off your plants on Friday April 24. Shirley Baker and Brenda Beckham will be setting up table of herbs. Call Shirley if you have any herb plants to donate.

Bulb Project Discussed
Andrea Woodall reported that the 12 varieties of bulbs will be on the AAMGA website and in the next newsletter. There will be an order form you can print out from the website on which you place your order. Send your orders, with the order form and a check, to our treasurer, Shirley Baker. If you have friends who want to order bulbs they must be included in your order.

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Orders can only be placed by Master Gardeners and staff members of the SBG. You may include your friends in your order and distribute the bulbs to them when they come. The cut off date for orders is June 15th, the earlier you order the better. Bulbs will come in time to plant this fall.

**Horticultural Therapy Project**
Gary Wade reported they meet every Wednesday. There are 15 patients involved at each meeting and more help is always needed. Call Gary if you are interested.

**Pollinator Garden**
Shirley Baker reported that they are waiting to see which plants come back after being dormant this winter. We are also waiting to see if we can get the garden certified. There will be a workday called.

**Barnyard Garden**
Nothing is happening. It has been too wet. We are waiting for David Berle to plow so we can put in beds. Our May AAMGA meeting will be at the Barnyard Garden site.

**Salvation Army Garden**
Dave Hagaman reported the winter crops are finished and they are ready to plant summer crops. A work day is coming up this Saturday March 21st. There are 10 horticulture students and 6 trainees coming to help. We have been asked to present an educational program. It was also reported that John Aikens made a beautiful bench and donated it to the Salvation Army project.

**Old Business**
Barbara Turner reported that the Friends of SBG trip to Gibbs Garden is full. If you still want to go there is a waiting list. If someone cancels you would be called to fill their spot. Call the gardens if you want to be on the list.

**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. Your spouse/significant other is welcome at both garden parties.

**This Friday Annual Friends Meeting**
Jenks Farmer will be speaking at the Friends of the Garden Annual Meeting. His talk will be called "An Evening of Deep-Rooted Wisdom."

**Dues**
This year’s membership dues need to be paid.

**Election of officers**
The chairman of the nominating committee, Jean Colquett, presented a new slate of officers for the coming year. She thanked the current officers for their service. There were no nominations from the floor. The following officers were elected by unanimous vote of the membership.

**President**-Anne Walker
**Vice President**-Mike Sikes
**Secretary**-Kay Petroff
**Treasurer**-Shirley Baker

**April Meeting**
Jean Colquett will host the April meeting in her garden at 395 Sandstone Drive, Athens, Georgia. Everyone needs to bring a covered dish to the meeting.

**Raffle**
Items were raffled off to the members who purchased a ticket. The monies go into our treasury to help fund projects.

The Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Gary Wade at 8:15 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Carol Wolf, Secretary
2015 Tomatoes and Peppers selected for the PAR Gardens and AAMGA Plant Sale

Gary L. Wade, outgoing AAMGA Vice-president and Program Chair

It’s always a challenge selecting tomato and pepper plants for the Plant-a-Row gardens because there are so many from which to choose. I try to stick with mostly determinate varieties that do not out-grow their cages. Indeterminate varieties get unruly and flop over the top of the cages and are more difficult to maintain. Heirloom tomatoes are great, but most are indeterminate and require a step ladder to maintain the plants. For the most part, we know the Food Bank does not particularly want cherry tomatoes, and their clientele like a mix of bell peppers, sweet banana peppers and hot peppers. However, the ratio of sweet to hot is 80:20 because the hot pepper plants are so prolific.

This year, for the first time, the students at Clarke Middle School are growing the tomato and pepper plants for the gardens, which frees up a lot of space in my cold frame for growing some plants for the AAMGA plant sale. Let’s cross our fingers that Mother Nature brings us an early spring and great growing season! After the past winter, we deserve it don’t you think??

PAR Tomatoes:

**Carolina Gold:** Resistant to gray wall, a common problem with many varieties. Plants produce extra-large yellow-gold low-acid fruit. They are vigorous medium-tall. Determinate.

**Celebrity:** This All-American Selection Award Winner established a new standard for hybrids and has multiple disease resistance. It is highly adaptable from Canada to the deep South. The globe-shaped fruits are crack-resistant and average 7 oz. each. The plant is semi-determinate.

**Defiant:** This variety cracks the genetic code to produce the first tomato bred for Late Blight resistance. This high yielding plant produces 6 to 8 ounce globe-shaped fruits that combine disease resistance with great old-fashioned tomato flavor. (Authors note: I have NOT grown this tomato before, but the blight resistance caught my eye, which is a major problem in our southern gardens. We’ll see if it lives up to the hype)

**Homesweet:** Developed specifically for home gardeners, its sugar-like flavor ranks among the sweetest of all mid-size tomatoes. Fruits average up to 6 oz. The plant is very disease resistant. It is an improved Homestead-type tomato.

**Shady Lady:** Already the most widely grown fresh market tomato in California, and fast taking the country by storm! An upright growth habit and sturdy vines provide good sun protection without excess foliage at harvest time. Medium-sized, globe-shaped fruit average 7 to 8 oz. with smooth red skins and uniform, green shoulders.

PAR Peppers:

**Great Stuff:** This Burpee exclusive produces enormous peppers at 7” long and 5” wide, ripening from green to dark red. It is a very productive stuffer with disease-resistant. It produces excellent yields under varied conditions. (We grew this one last year and it lived up to its name and reputation.)

**Bananarama:** If you like banana peppers, you’ll love this hybrid whopper. Each fruit is up to 8 inches long and meatier than the common Sweet Banana. They start yellow and mature orange-red, so you can pick them at any stage you like. They are great for pickles, salads or grilling. (Authors note: this one was a true performer in last year’s gardens. I had 3 plants in my own garden and they produced an amazing crop until first frost).

**Big Guy Jalapeño:** Large jalapeño fruit perfect pepper for pickling, stuffing and slicing. At 5” long and 1” thick, this pepper is ready to spark up any salsa.

*During my seed search, some okra seeds got my attention, not only because we live in the Bulldog nation, but also because the plants are compact, reaching about 3 ½ feet tall. However, it was not bred for the Bulldogs and is not even a product of Southeastern plant breeders. It is an Asian introduction. We’ll put it to the test in the PAR gardens (see description below).*
Ramblings from the Field, continued

**Bulldog Okra:** Who would ever dream that the prettiest plant in your patio containers would be an okra? Bull Dog is just magnificent, its color a shade between orange and red, vibrant and spreading through the axil and stem as well as the fruit itself. And as a bonus, this vegetable tastes as good as it looks! Bulldog Okra is an Asian variety, with very meaty, succulent pods that develop with a uniform curved shape, finishing fast on sturdy, upright, well-branched plants. It's quite a productive variety for canning, frying or fresh eating.

**Tomatoes for the Plant Sale:**

**Container’s Choice:** This tomato was bred especially for containers, so it would be great for those who like to grow patio tomatoes. Vigorous, high-yielding plants have unusual wrinkled leaves. Fruit are bright red, 6 to 8-oz., and ripen uniformly with no green shoulders. Plants are determinate.

**Celebrity:** (Also growing for PAR Gardens): This All-American Selection Award Winner established a new standard for hybrids and has multiple disease resistance. It is highly adaptable from Canada to the deep South. Medium-sized globe-shaped fruits are crack-resistant and average 7 oz. each. It is semi-determinate.

**Valley Cat:** Large, 9-oz., bright red, meaty beefsteak-type fruit have extended shelf life. The fruit keep up to two weeks on the vine! High-yielding determinate vines need no staking. The plant has great disease resistance.

**Carolina Gold:** (also growing for PAR gardens): Fruit are resistant to gray wall, a common problem with many varieties. Plants produce extra-large yellow-gold low-acid fruit. Vigorous plants require staking, but they are determinate.

**Peppers for the Plant Sale:**

**Big Bertha:** Tasty, 3-lobed fruit are slightly tapered to a blunt end. Plants produce consistently high yields of extra-sweet large fruit. They ripen from light yellow to red on compact plants growing about 22 inches high. Great for home gardens with limited space.

**Big Jim Chile Pepper (hot):** This is the largest of all the chile peppers at 10 to 12-in. long and 4 oz. in weight. It is the perfect ingredient for chile rellanos. Medium-hot fruit mature on vines that grow to 30 inches tall.

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Free Herb Gardening Workshop

Athens-Clarke County Extension is holding a free Herb Gardening Workshop on Wednesday, April 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Athens-Clarke County Library. Taught by an Athens Area Master Gardener, the workshop will review what herbs to start from seed, ideal growing conditions, pruning, maintenance, fertilizer and more. The workshop is open to the public, and gardeners of all levels are welcome. To register, please call 706-613-3640 or email atedrow@uga.edu. For more information, visit www.ugaextension.com/clarke/anr.
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@georgiacenter.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
Not too often do we talk about those plants that just don’t get along. It’s like we are gossiping about the neighbors or something. I mean, even though we love having sunflowers in the neighborhood they sure don’t play well with others. They emit a toxin from their roots that inhibits other plants from growing too close to them as they want all the nutrients in the surrounding soil. Who knew?

Well, I’m here to give you the dish on what plants to NOT plant together when you are companion planting, even if they would look just perfect in your vegetable or herb garden next to each other.

Anything in the bean family, whether it is growing string green beans or bush beans all the way to lima beans don’t get along with quite a few other vegetables. Their biggest nemeses in the garden are chives, garlic, leeks, and onions. They are not fans of bulb-type vegetables (luckily, you can grow many bulb vegetables from kitchen scraps)! Beans also don’t do well with peppers, either the sweet green peppers or their fiery cousins the jalapeños. One plant that I was shocked that beans don’t get along with are marigolds, which are typically crowd pleasers as they deter pests. In fact, all the plants that the bean family shuns are those that deter pests. Go figure!

Peas are cousins to beans and they also loathe the bulb veggies including chives, garlic, leeks, and onions.

Both broccoli and cauliflower have a few enemies in the vegetable world. Growing broccoli is really easy and fun, but you want to do it right. They are not fans of peppers, all types of squash including yellow squash and even pumpkins (and yes – this means that if you are growing zucchini, you need to plant them far away). How they don’t care for strawberries or tomatoes I will never know, but they don’t. It seems the cool season crops of broccoli and cauliflower have something against those fruits and veggies that like it a little hotter to grow.

Besides cauliflower and broccoli, steer clear of planting cilantro and cucumbers near tomatoes. Dill and carrots would rather be at other ends of the planter bed too.

So now you know too who would rather stay on their own sides of the garden!

To sum it all up – when companion planting:

**Beans:** Don’t plant near chives, garlic, leeks, onions, peppers, marigolds

**Peas:** Don’t plant near chives, garlic, leeks, onions, peppers

**Broccoli and Cauliflower:** Don’t plant near peppers, squash, strawberries, tomatoes

**Tomatoes:** Don’t plant near broccoli, cauliflower, cilantro, cucumbers

**Dill:** Don’t plant near carrots

**Sunflowers** need to be planted at least 12 inches away from any other plant.

Published in Pinterest
Cottingham: Three sisters—corn, squash and beans

The latest raised bed is complete. The sides are just one-by-sixes, but being 4 feet by 20 feet, it holds many, many wheelbarrows of soil. In the process, I emptied one bin of compost and leveled the pile of aged horse manure. Next week, I hope to level a pile of mulch as the pathway between raised beds gets mulched.

So who are the three sisters? The three sisters are three plants that complement each other in the garden and the kitchen: Corn, bean and squash. According to one legend, when Sky Mother’s daughter died during childbirth, Sky Mother buried her in the earth. Corn, beans and squash rose from the grave, becoming sustainers of life for American Indians.

Another legend tells of three bickering sisters who were shown how corn, beans and squash all support each other and the sisters stopped fighting and were inseparable after that lesson.

Many American Indians planted these three crops together, utilizing companion planting long before gardening magazines told us it was cool. This is one of many examples of centuries-old tradition now supported by science.

These three plants complement one another in many ways:

• In the garden: Beans are able to convert nitrogen from the air and “fix” it into the soil, while the corn is a heavy feeder that wants nitrogen. The corn stalks support the climbing beans but are not shaded out by the beans’ small leaves. The squash becomes a living mulch, shading out weeds and keeping roots cool and moist.

• In the pantry: All three are easily preserved. Stores of dried corn, beans and squash could sustain a village through the winter. Butternut squash can be stored for months. Pumpkin and squash seeds also are dried and eaten.

• In the kitchen: These three foods complement one another in nutrition and taste. Recipes abound on the Internet for Three Sisters stews, chowders and casseroles. These three foods could provide an almost balanced diet. Corn provides carbohydrates, beans provide protein and squash is rich in Vitamin A. Squash seeds provide vegetable fats. The two essential amino acids lacking in corn are found in beans. The main thing missing from this combination is Vitamin C.

To plant three sisters, the corn and beans are inter-planted and surrounded by squash. These are on mounds about a foot high and 4 feet apart, letting the squash vines fill in the areas between. One source recommends planting the corn, then mounding soil around the corn a week later and planting the beans, then planting the squash a week after that.

Others plant corn and beans together and squash a week later. I think all three are so tough you could plant them at the same time. We planted corn and pole beans, then surrounded that with zucchini, spaghetti squash and cucumbers. Just remember to plant the corn deep, to help support the stalks. My first attempt at growing corn ended up with stalks laying on the ground after a strong wind blew through.
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GMGA: www.georgiamastergardeners.org

The Athens Area Master Gardener Association’s

Annual Spring Plant Sale

Saturday April 25, 2015
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
2152 West Broad Street
Athens Clarke County Extension Office

Herbs Vegetable Plants Annuals Perennials
Trees Shrubs Ferns Ground Covers Seedlings

All plants are from our members’ gardens and profits will be used for our projects such as Plant A Row for the Hungry and scholarships
ANNOUNCING!!
2015 Dazzling Daffodil Bulb Sale
(Exclusively for AAMGA Members and SBG Staff)

The Athens Area Master Gardeners Association and the State Botanical Garden of Georgia are co-sponsoring the first-ever daffodil bulb sale in the Athens area. The 2015 sale is exclusively for members of AAMGA and the staff at the SBG. It is not open to the public this first year while the group experiments with the process. If successful, a public sale is planned in 2016.

AAMGA members and staff at the SBG can take orders from their friends and families, but only members of these two groups can submit orders. Please DO NOT copy and distribute the descriptions and order form to the general public. Orders coming directly from the public will be returned.

The objectives of the bulb sale, beyond its obvious fund-raising potential, are to provide top-quality bulbs well-suited for our southern climate as well as new and unusual selections local gardeners may not have tried.

Descriptions and order form for the 2015 daffodil selections are printed in the AAMGA newsletter and on the AAMGA web site: [http://www.caes.uga.edu/extension/clarke/anr/aamga.html](http://www.caes.uga.edu/extension/clarke/anr/aamga.html)

Orders must be accompanied by a check to reserve bulbs. Deadline for ordering is June 15, 2015. Bulbs will be available for pick-up at the State Botanical Garden during a one-week period in early October. Specific dates and times for pick-up will be announced to purchasers by email or post-card in late September.

Questions can be directed to Andrea Woodall, aawoodall58@gmail.com Ph. 706/510-3708, or Jean Colquett, greent39@yahoo.com Ph. 706/548-6612, co-chairs of the bulb sale.

Both the bulb poster and the bulb order form are attached to the email.
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.
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