

WHAT IS THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM?

The Georgia Master Gardener Volunteer Program is an educational program offered through county offices of the Georgia Cooperative Extension. Through this program, individuals are trained and certified in horticulture and related areas.

These individuals, in turn, volunteer their expertise and services, under the direction of their County Extension Agent, to help others through horticultural projects that benefit the community. Master Gardeners bring the latest horticultural information and practices from the world of research to their communities' landscapes and gardens.

Through the Master Gardener program, thousands of people in the United States and Canada have been trained as volunteers.



To stimulate the love for and increase the knowledge of gardening, and to voluntarily and enthusiastically share this knowledge with others.

CLAYTON COUNTY EXTENSION
1262 GOVERNMENT CIRCLE
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Directions to The Beach: Enter Clayton County International Park, "The Beach", from Hwy 138 at Olympic Parkway, 2300 Hwy 138, and follow signs to the VIP Complex (right® at second stop sign). Enter through double doors facing the beach and take stairs/elevator to 2nd floor.

www.claytoncountymastergardeners.org/

REMEMBER: The classes are free, but you must let us know you are coming. Register at 770-473-5434, or email hortpa@uga.edu

The Cooperative Extension offers educational programs, assistance and materials to all people without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. An equal opportunity affirmative action organization.



Come join us for

Noontime Knowledge January ~ March

Sponsored by
Clayton County Extension &
Clayton County Master Gardeners
Bring your sack lunch,
a pad and pen and learn
something while you eat!

**FREE classes are held the
4th Thursday of each month
from 12:15 to 1 p.m. at
Clayton County International Park,
"The Beach".**

Thursday, January 26, 2012

12:15 - 1 P.M.

"Soil is More Than Dirt"

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just a beginner, there is one simple truth: the better the soil, the better your garden.



garden ever.

Larry Dove of Two Doves Farm in Fayetteville will return to discuss soil testing and soil preparation for your most successful vegetable

He says it would be a good idea for you to have your soil tested prior to the program so he can help interpret the results.

To take a soil sample, take several random shovels-full, approximately 6 inches deep, from your garden space. Mix together; remove rocks, weeds, and take about one cup of mixture to your county Cooperative Extension Services office. Label it "Vegetable", "Flower", "Turf", or whatever you plan to grow in that area. They will send to UGA; results will be sent to you. Cost is \$6.00

Taught by
Larry Dove
Two Doves Farm



Thursday, February 23, 2012

12:15 - 1 P.M.

"Tomato Sandwich, Anyone?"

Tomatoes are the most popular home-grown vegetable in the country. Remember how good that first juicy tomato sandwich of the year tastes?

Whole books are written about growing tomatoes. You won't have to read all those books - just attend this program given by farmer Tom.

Taught by
Tom Bonnell
Clayton County Master Gardener

Thursday, March 22, 2012

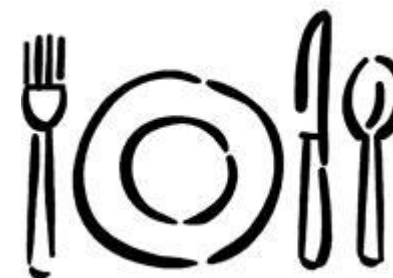
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"Edible Ornamentals"

Erase the distinct line between your flower garden and your vegetable/fruit garden. Consider integrating ornamental and food crops, extending the plant palette beyond the predictable.

Garden plants can not only look pretty; they can be tasty too. Discover ways to use edible plants as ornamental plants - and vice versa.

Taught by
Sylvia Deitze
Clayton County Master Gardener



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