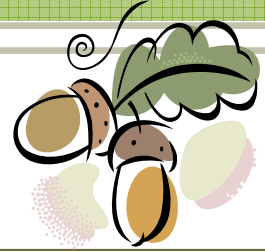


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Master Gardener Fall BBQ

October 27th From 6:00 Until ?

7 Heritage Trace, Newnan

*Please bring a dessert for all to share,
For your comfort - bring a chair.
Plates, utensils and dinner will be there.
We hope to see you soon - take care!*

RSVP by 10/16/09

Extension Office 770-254-2620



Catered by: Big Dave's BBQ - Dave Granroos



PASSALONG PLANTS

I am looking for the following plants:

- a. lirioppe - green and white stripe
- b. hostas

If anyone has an excess of either of these that they will share, please let me know.

Thanks,
Marian Seals
770-252-3073

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I am looking for hardy begonia. If you have plants to pass along please let me know.

Thanks,
Edie Scott
770-251-3828



ASK THE MASTER GARDENER

By Ray Prior

This happened several years ago when the office was on E. Washington St. and Render Ward was the agent. A lady asked us, "Did we think creosote was the reason why her daffodils did poorly?"

She showed Render and me a sample of some nice looking black mulch which she had spread around her flower beds. She went on to say that she asked an employee of a local garden center the same question and he told her there was creosote in the mulch which was probably the cause of the problem. We assured her that there was no creosote in the mulch or in any commercial mulch. There must be some other reason why her flowers did not do well.

I loved Render's next remark. He said, "With all due respect to _____, the person who told you that probably worked in the plumbing department the week before."

NOT A BAD IDEA

By Ray Prior

Once in a while I get a good idea. My rain barrel is close to my vegetable garden and flower beds. Several times a day I wash the soil off my hands and my tools, but I didn't like bending over all the time to get to the faucet which is near the bottom. I solved the problem by simply installing another faucet several inches from the top of the barrel. Yeah! Problem solved unless it doesn't rain for several days.



Save the Date!

Please mark your calendar to help with the 2009 Wreath Project. We will be making wreaths at the Ag Building Tuesday, November 24 – Sunday, December 6. Sign-up sheets and additional information will be available soon, so please save the date.

We can't do it without you!

The telephone committee could use backups and we would appreciate any volunteers. It is not difficult, but very useful.

**Thanks,
Sarah Russell
Chairperson, Telephone Committee**



Sunshine Committee Report

By Dianne Teer

August has blessed us with a few cooler days and some wonderful rain. We are so thankful for that.

Please keep Cindy Bruce and her family in your prayers. Cindy's mother is undergoing intense chemotherapy, and her father-in-law has had heart catheterization and a hip replacement. The Master Gardeners sent Cindy a "Sunshine" gift certificate to her favorite nail salon.

We have sent cards to Cindy's mother, Faye Brown, Roger Echols, and Greg Emerson. Roger had a varicose vein removed and Greg is undergoing treatment for neck pain. We wish all our Master Gardeners and their loved ones good health.

The Master Gardeners send our condolences to Susan Psalmonds whose brother passed away. We sent her a card.

Janet Robinson sent the Master Gardeners a thank you note for the gift certificate she received when she had her eye surgery. The surgery must have been a success as Janet reports she bought several gardening magazines and read them cover to cover.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Wendy Patrick--Sept. 2 Steve Rydzewski--Sept. 23
 Eddie Manning--Sept. 4 Rhett McCorkle--Sept. 27
 Howard Wilson--Sept. 17 Mike Cunningham--Sept. 29
 Diane Massey--Sept. 21

Please remember to keep the Sunshine Committee informed of any issues that need our attention. Members are Linda Henry, Rhett McCorkle, Karen Ray, Dianne Teer.
 Have a lovely fall.

Proposed Constitution Change

August 20, 2009

By Steve Rydzewski

The Membership Committee has asked for a clarification of the Lifetime Master Gardener 10-year service requirement.

After some research and discussion, the Bylaws Committee and the Executive Board recommend modifying Section 8 of Article III (Members) of the Constitution as shown below in bold:

Section 8. Lifetime Master Gardener (LTMG) is a Master Gardener who has completed 10 years of Active Volunteer Service in Georgia, **whether or not those years are consecutive**. Must volunteer 25 hours per year to remain active. Is not required to pay Association dues.

We will ask you to approve this change at the next (October) membership meeting.

TRIPS

By Janet Robinson

-Day Trips-

- Thursday, September 24th Berry College, Rome, GA
- Thursday, October 8th : Griffin, GA - Display Garden @ UGA Griffin Campus & Plant Emporium Garden Center

-Overnight Trip-

- Tuesday & Wednesday, December 1st & 2nd : Bellingrath Gardens, Mobile, AL

-For Reservations Call-

Janet Robinson, 770-251-1742 - day trips

Ruth Fahl, 770-251-1811 - overnight trip

Mini-Bus available for all three trips



Greenhouse Report

By Allen Summerlin

The activities around the greenhouse have slowed down a little during the hottest part of the summer. However, we had a great soft cuttings propagation class in June with 18 Master Gardeners attending with Mike Cunningham teaching. With Mike's wonderful instructions, the students skillful response and the magic of our new "Magic Leaf" misting system, we had over a 95% survival rate on our plants.

In July and August we completed our shaded planted storage area adjacent to the greenhouse. The plants from the June class have now been relocated to this area and will be cared for future use. Angela Natho is organizing a special class on "Seed collection and Propagation from Cuttings" that will be taught by Master Gardeners during the County Fair.

The Greenhouse Committee is looking for ways to best utilize the greenhouse this fall finishing out a very busy year.

Photos –

1. **June class – Linda Henry, Jean Duflo, Carol Fuller, Dale Senko, Janice Wise, Barbara Kleese**
2. **Angela Natho's husband Larry – Allen's neighbor Gary Fraker**
3. **Jean and Mike**
4. **Ron and Allen**



LEFT-
Photo 1

RIGHT-
Photo 2



LEFT-
Photo 3

RIGHT-
Photo 4





Wreath Orders

By Steve Rydzewski

With autumn just around the corner, it's time once again to start thinking about wreath orders.

We currently have 300+ names on our mailing list. This list includes people who ordered wreaths in previous years as well any additional names that you gave us last year.

In October, we will mail order forms directly to those 300+ people. Included will be instructions to return the completed forms (and checks) to our post office box by November 16 and then to pick up their wreaths at the Ag Building.

If you have any additional people that you want added to that mailing list, please let me have their names and addresses by September 21.

On the other hand, if you have people whose orders you prefer to handle personally -- in other words, you will take their order, provide us with their payment, and then deliver their wreaths -- you can still do that using the same order form as follows:

- If you think that receiving an order form in the mail from us might confuse those people, just let me have their names before September 21 and I will be sure that they are NOT on the mailing list.
- In order for us to maintain control over production and payments, you will need to send us a completed order form for each person's order by the November 16 deadline date. Be sure to include your name as well on the form, so that we know that you will be picking up that order.
- Wreath orders must be prepaid to avoid collection problems, so you will need to include payment when you send in your orders.

The order forms will be available in October (both via the *New Leaf* and at the Extension Office). You can return the forms (along with payment) to the post office box shown on the form.

Thanks for your cooperation. We want to keep the ordering process as simple as possible for everyone while still maintaining control over the funds at the heart of this fund-raising project.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Coweta County Master Gardeners' Association
Business Meeting
August 20, 2009**

President Cindy Bruce called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approval of the minutes from May 14, 2009 - Cindy requested the minutes be approved. Roger Echols made a motion the minutes be accepted. Janet Robinson seconded. Motion carried.

Awards and Recognitions

MGs Earning Hours Awards - Ruth Fahl was awarded a 4000 hours pin; Jane Kluttz 1000 hours pin; Ron Stephens and Sandy Smith 500 hours pin.

Certificates awarded to - Sandy Smith and Harvey Garcia for Green Space Urban Tree Training and Ed Mellon for Green Space Water Quality Management.

Board Action from August 12 Board Meeting

Board approved the By Laws Committee's proposed change to clarify Lifetime Master Gardener requirement. Proposal will be presented at August 20 meeting and published in the September Newsletter. Membership will vote at the October Business Meeting.

Board approved following the state guidelines for special recognition to Master Gardeners completing 5000 volunteer hours.

Board reviewed the budget and approved no change for this fiscal year.

Committee Reports

By Laws - Steve Rydzewski announced proposed Constitution changes are in the draft handed out at the meeting. Membership will vote on the proposed changes at the October meeting.

Awards Committee - Pat Clayton reported the three recipients are good deserving students. Irene verified checks have been processed.

Plant Sale Committee - Cindy indicated we need a volunteer to coordinate this project.

Garden Tour Committee - Cindy advised five gardens have been selected. Date for the tour has not been selected.

Hospitality Committee - Rhett McCorkle informed members the October 27 picnic will be held at the home and garden of David and Nancy Granroos beginning at 6 pm. David will prepare bar-be-cue and side dishes. Members will provide desserts. More details to follow.

Sunshine Committee - Dianne Teer reported Janet Robinson had an eye injury. Janet is improving and was in attendance at the meeting.

Greenhouse Committee - Allen Summerlin reported the class taught by Mike Cunningham in June was a success. Details are being worked out for a propagation demonstration class for the fair. A class for the general public is being planned for February. A demonstration for the Sharpsburg Garden Club is in the works.

Fair Committee - Fair will be in October. Information will follow.

Powers Crossroads Committee - Andy's Nursery booth will include Ask the MG table along with gardening information brochures. Contact Debra Roberts to volunteer.

Travel Committee - Janet Robinson reported the following trip schedule:
September 24 - Berry College and Oak Hill Gardens in Rome.
October 8 - UGA Gardens in Griffin,
December 1 and 2 - Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile. Need at least 20 people to sign up.

Backyard Association - September Meeting will feature John Hendrickson, an expert on tree assessment. October meeting will feature Michael Stratton.

Membership Committee - Carol Rouse requested members turn in their hours.

Wreath Committee - Cindy advised chairperson for this project is needed. Denise and Marion will work with the chairperson. Cindy and Steve indicated it will be acceptable for MGs to sell wreaths, write up the form, collect the money, then issue a personal check for their sales, and deliver wreaths.

Treasurer - Irene Hamm noted the board reviewed the budget and made no changes. Irene indicated the 4H budget is for the Food Tasting Project and three camp scholarships. Irene will add a spreadsheet with the budget to the next report.

Old Business

Bench - Janet Robinson advised the concrete bench costing \$180.00 for the Extension Office front has been ordered. Carlos indicated it should be available in two weeks.

Stephanie Butcher - Stephanie presented the MGs with a plaque for their support in the purchase of the bus. Plaque will hang in the MG office.

Stephanie noted there was a problem with accessing the Newsletter file for August and this is being addressed. She indicated there are copies in the office.

Status of the Training Room - It is in the drying in stage. No timetable at present for completion.

Stephanie advised the 2010 class application deadline will be October 15. There will be a maximum class size of 30. She reported the class will be set up in a new format. The speakers will be via a link from the state office. Class will start on January 12 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will need MG volunteers.

General

Denise Best requested assistance from the MGs for the Nature Center near Fairburn. She asked Stephanie if she would give approval for hours to be earned, since this is in another county. Stephanie approved. See Denise if you are interested in this program.

Cindy advised the next meeting is October 15 at 9:30 am at the Expo Center on Temple Avenue.

Roger Echols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. C. Carpenter seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.