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President's Message

Tom Wilson

This will be my last article for Bug Bytes and I want you to know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as an officer on the board the past two years. The time has gone by quickly and it has been a truly enjoyable experience.

Most of all, I want to thank all of you for your support and willingness to volunteer this past year. We all know the Master Gardener program is a volunteer effort, but I think we sometimes forget that it takes all of us being involved to keep it from becoming a burden on a few. I don't think that happened this year and I believe most of you enjoyed the time you spent working on committees; volunteering at the PAR Garden; Native Garden; Plant Sale; Garden Tour; Extension Office and all the other volunteering opportunities that came up during the year. By any measurement, I think we had a good year in 2011 and it took all of us to make that happen. You guys did all the work and you deserve all the credit.

I am looking forward to 2012 and the good things that are going to happen. I know you will show Bonnie and her team the same support you gave us this past year.

Calendar of Events

December 12—Deadline to report your 2011 hours - See last page of November Bug Bytes.

Tuesday, December 20—Holiday Party
11.30 a.m. at the Fayetteville First Baptist Church

Tuesday, January 17, 2012—10:00 a.m. Master Gardener Extension Volunteer meeting—11:00 a.m. Demonstration by David Brown on how to make a centerpiece with things that you find in your garden now.

Friday, May 4, 2012—Noon—4:00 p.m. Garden Tour for volunteers on the 5th.

Saturday, May 5, 2012—8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.—
PLANT SALE

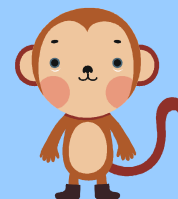
Saturday, May 5, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—
GARDEN TOUR

DO NOT FORGET

Monday the 12th is the deadline to turn in your hours.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G5K57XC>

Fill out the required spaces. Print before you submit, if you want a copy for your file!



Extension Office



**Master Gardeners Extension Volunteers Welcome
New Ag Agent, Kimberly JACKSON**

Growing up in Coweta County, I was surrounded by agriculture throughout my childhood. My parents and grandparents have been involved in agriculture through livestock, participating at the state farmers market, beekeeping, and backyard gardening. By growing up around this industry, I realized how important it is for individuals to properly understand and be educated on the concepts of agriculture to be suc-

cessful. I therefore decided to pursue a degree in an environmental field. In 2007, I received my Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science at the University of Georgia Griffin Campus. After working at the University of Georgia and further understanding the impact plant pests have on all aspects of the industry, I completed a Master's degree in Plant Pathology at the University of Georgia under the advisement of Dr. Pingsheng Ji. In my master's thesis, I studied an extremely devastating and production limiting soil borne disease to vegetables known as *Phytophthora capsici*.

Throughout my research and education, I have come to learn how important it is to educate individuals on proper gardening techniques and plant selections to increase their gardening success. In January 2011, I accepted the Horticulture and Forestry Agent position in Franklin County at North Carolina State University and began my career in Cooperative Extension. This position allowed me to effectively develop meaningful and education programs that benefited homeowners and commercial growers throughout the county. Although I thoroughly enjoyed my time in North Carolina and grew professionally and individually, I wanted to help those in my home state. I therefore accepted the Fayette County Agricultural and Natural Resource Agent position at the University of Georgia on December 1, 2011. I look forward to working with the citizens of Fayette County to further educate and enrich their lives through the development of effective educational workshops and classes.

Kim's email address is klj07@uga.edu

2012 OFFICERS

At the November meeting the following officers were unanimously elected:

President-Elect: Karen BORG

Recording Secretary: Judy COLEMAN

Treasurer: Cynthia McCRARY

Corresponding Secretary: Leigh THOMAS

Bonnie HELANDER will be President.



Education

Joyce Spindler

The mission statement for the Master Gardener Program in Georgia is to assist the Cooperative Extension Service in providing unbiased information through volunteer service and educational projects. This is what we agreed to do when we signed up to become a MG. I think you will find it on the first page of your manual. Did you read it?

That statement is why we have an Education Committee that has, therefore, the principle job for which we exist as a group. All of our fund raising projects need to be for the purpose of furthering our ability to pass on information to our community. This can mean buying a new camera for the DDDY services we perform or a projector so we can present programs more effectively. It can also mean bringing in experts in various areas of horticulture to present programs for the general public and it means working plant clinics, working Earth Day Projects, teaching JMGs and 4H kids and school kids and seniors and our neighbors and friends. We have members who can and do generously give time to present programs on horticulture subjects to all kinds of groups throughout the community. This committee does not require that you be willing to present programs but only that you be interested in helping to coordinate events, assisting at plant clinics, acting as room monitors for programs, and coming up with ideas to do more of what our real job is.

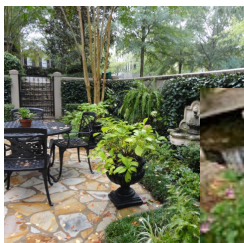
After my plea for committee membership last month many of you responded and I really soooo appreciate you. More are welcome as we have lots of sub-committees to fill and lots of areas to cover. I really want us to fulfill our mission this year.

Garden Tour

The monthly meeting took place on December 2, 2011. 6 Gardens have been secured. The garden descriptions have been distributed to the committee members and have been sent to Bonnie Helander for a blog. A picture taken of some committee members will be submitted to papers announcing the date of tour and plant sale.

A first draft of the passes was emailed to the committee. The Save the Dates will be bookmarks. The volunteer coordinators have the 6 team leaders and 25 volunteers already willing to work at the gardens. The volunteer coordinators and the set up coordinator will work together to standardize plant ID signs.

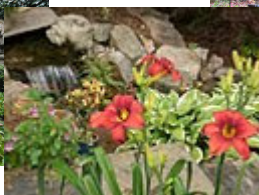
The Set Up coordinator will also write the directions to the gardens and will contact Southern Traditions to see if they will sell our passes. The pass sales coordinator is looking into improving the sales at Pike Nursery in Peachtree City.



2012 Garden



Photos Sue Nelson
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Plant a Row for the Hungry

**Kudos to that great committee of hard
workers!**

79,231.5 pounds

Is the grand total for 2011

*By spending less money than
budgeted and receiving donations,
the cost of one pound of produce was*

0.8 cents

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale is on the same day as the Garden Tour—May 5, 2012—and will probably be at the same location as the other years.

Several committees chairs are in place, but we do need more help if we want the Plant Sale to be a similar success as it has been these past years. Remember that most of the proceeds go to Education.

The following positions are available:

OVERALL CHAIRPERSON

Administration, Fees and Finances

**Ask the Master Gardener Extension Volunteer
Booth**

Demonstrations

4-H Involvement

Raffle

Please, Volunteer for this important happening. We especially need you for the educational part of the event!



Photos Myriam Cousin

Joy BALLARD's son David finished law school, passed the Georgia Bar and was sworn into practice law on November 1, 2011

David Ballard with his sister Melanie

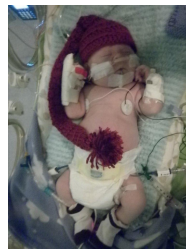


Jamie HOLMES' son, Jonathan, graduated on December 10, 2011 from the University of West Georgia. He has a Bachelor in Art and History and a Minor in Creative Writing.

Babies



Vauna Bellury grandson, Brylee, who was born on December 16, 2010 was able to come home from Egleston Hospital in April 2011. The two pictures show him at the Hospital and now.



Janet LESTER had two grandsons—John Addison Lester, V (Jack) was born on March 12, and he lives in Senoia.



Grady Mays Lester (Grady) was born on March 17, and he lives in Denver, CO

Aches and Pains

On November 3rd, **Sandy EDWARDS** had her first Stryker Titanium Hip Joint Replacement. If you thought that Sandy had energy before, wait until you see the Bionic Woman at the Christmas luncheon. She can't wait to see you all.



Verena TYSON has recovered from injuries that she incurred during a car accident.

Ed PYRON also was in a car crash last winter and had his foot shattered.

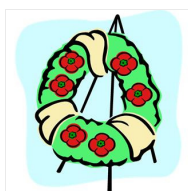
Passings:

Anne FOLEY's husband, Pat Rabbitt, passed away in February.

Hope PAYNE's husband passed away

Jean Wall DAVIS, class of 1991, passed away in November 2011.

Valerie MORRIS lost her mother and her mother-in-law this past year.



Weddings

Mickey SEIGLE (2008) will be marrying Rev. Charles Robinson on January 14, 2012 and moving to Lilburn where he pastors Mountain Park United Methodist Church.

Chuck and Jo-Ann WRIGHT celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2011.

Peggy GONCZI's daughter got married this spring.

Nils and Rasha Cousin-Bakhit celebrated their Union in Amman, Jordan on September 9. Nils is **Myriam COUSIN's** son.



Miles Jameson Cuff was born in Sarasota, FL on July 29th. He is the first grandbaby of **Myriam COUSIN**



Myra Grace Grillo was born in Brooklyn NY on August 9, weighing in at 8'9"

She is **Sandy EDWARDS' first** grandchild.



Valerie MORRIS and **Carolyn CASPARI** will welcome their 1st grandchild in May. Christine, Val's daughter is married to Kevin Caspary, Carolyn's son.

Other Honors

Barbara BUCKLEY's garden was featured in the GEORGIA GARDENING magazine.

Vauna BELLURY and **Janet LESTER** were on the cover of Fayette Woman together and **Jane LANGFORD** was on the cover two months later.