



The Paulding Vine

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President's Corner

I want to thank everyone for electing me as President this year. I promise to do my very best and plan to be a very active President. My goal this year is to get everyone involved in making our Master Gardener organization more self-reliant and less dependent on our Extension Agent, Mary Carol Sheffield. We all need to understand that Mary Carol's role within our Master Gardener organization is as an advisor. She is here to offer us guidance and direction when needed. This is our organization and we need to be responsible for making decisions and starting and following through to the end with all projects, events, and etc. However in order to make this happen, I need everyone's help and cooperation in meeting this challenge.

I will be asking each of you to serve on at least one committee. OUR GOAL is to reach more Paulding County citizens with gardening education to better improve our soil and water conservation. We are growing in numbers with five new interns this year. This proves to be a busy and exciting year. There are a lot of exciting new things happening and again I look forward to seeing and working with each of you to make things happen. **CAN I COUNT ON YOU?**

Betty Scarbro-Cosgrove, President

Georgia's Arbor Day 2012 will be celebrated on Friday, February 17th

In honor of Arbor in Georgia, Paulding County Master Gardeners are planning a bare-root tree give away for the citizens of Paulding County. We are planning to use 2 locations in the county – Downtown Dallas and the Paulding County Government complex. Two trees have been selected: a Sawtooth Oak and a Dogwood. These trees were selected on the basis of their hardiness; the Sawtooth Oak is a tree that grows best in the sun and the Dogwood grow best in the shade. We plan to give each person 2 trees either a sun and shade tree or 2 shade or 2 sun trees - whichever is best suited to where they plan to plant the trees. There will be a demonstration on how to plant bare root trees as well an information sheet to take home about the trees and instructions on how to plant bare-root trees.

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Sawtooth Oak



Dogwood

2012 Master Gardener Interns



Carole Corbett

After spending most of my young adulthood as a gypsy, the gardening bug began to take hold when my husband was transferred to England. When we came home to the U.S. (MI), I wanted to recreate those wonderful gardens on our tiny little lot. Success! So when we moved to Georgia I insisted on a big lot (1 acre) and have been trying to wrestle beauty from the weeds, bugs, and hard clay ever since. My husband Cliff provides the engineering for my ideas, my son Sean provides a lot of muscle, and the two spoiled rotten cats sometimes provide protection from snakes. I am hoping that the Masters course will provide that missing “something” that keeps my visions from being unfulfilled.



Marcia Riley

I am a lifelong resident of Georgia having moved from Cobb County to Paulding County about 5 years ago. My husband Lemuel and I have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren. I enjoy gardening, reading and travel. Joining the Master Gardeners Program will definitely increase my knowledge of gardening and allow me to help out with future gardening projects.



John Shipley

I grew up in an agricultural environment in western Pennsylvania. Both grandparents had farms and I spent many summers with them learning to appreciate the satisfaction of farm life. My parents also had a few acres on which we raised some farm animals and had a garden and truck patch. As with most kids, I didn't care too much for gardening chores at the time but their value has stuck with me over the years.

After high school, I went to Pennsylvania State University and studied agronomy. I interned with the Soil Conservation Service for two summers, intending to pursue a career as a soil scientist. However, the Viet Nam War changed plans and I joined the Marine Corps upon graduation.

In 1979 I hired on with CSX railroad and worked as a trackman, locomotive engineer, trainmaster, and instructor. I moved to Atlanta in 2005 to finish my railroad career with CSX at its centralized training center and retired in 2010.

Over the years I have tinkered with gardening and lawn care. Now that I am retired I want to enhance my gardening and lawn care knowledge. I believe that the Master Gardening program will be a good vehicle to meet that desire and it will also enable me to participate in activities to assist and inform the community of the satisfaction

found in gardening.

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Anne C. Thompson

I moved to Georgia in 1989 after growing up in the deserts of Nevada and "young" adulthood in Oklahoma and Texas. That is when I realized I'd been "deprived" of trees, 4 seasons and beautiful rolling terrain all of my life. I became an addicted gardener almost overnight once I moved to Paulding County in 1994 and had lots of dirt to play with. I've been passionate about herbs all along but am now really excited to learn more about vegetables, composting, soil and how to be more water-wise. And tree identification. And native plants. And old roses. I'm sure there's more I can't think of right now.....

Arbor Day History

Arbor Day is a day set aside for schools, civic clubs, and other organizations, as well as individuals, to reflect on the importance of trees in our state and across our nation. J. Sterling Morton, the father of Arbor Day, initiated the holiday in Nebraska in 1872. He said, "Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future."

The first Georgia Arbor Day was proclaimed by the Georgia General Assembly in December, 1890. In 1941, the General Assembly set the third Friday in February as the day of our state Arbor Day. While National Arbor Day is the third Friday in April, it is too warm at that time of the year to plant trees in Georgia. Trees should be planted between November and mid-March so they will have a better chance of becoming established before the onset of summer heat.

Every tree planted on Arbor Day helps clean the air and water, beautify neighborhoods, provide homes for wildlife, conserve energy, and prevent soil erosion, among many other benefits. Arbor Day gives everyone an opportunity to learn about trees and the environmental, social, economic and health benefits they provide to communities.

The state tree of Georgia is the live oak (*Quercus virginiana*). The largest live oak in Georgia, a National Co-Champion, is 77 feet tall, with a limb spread of 140 feet. This **Georgia Champion Tree** is in Waycross, GA.



McGarity Elementary Gardeners Junior Master Garden Club

By Laurie Bartron Paulding Master Gardener

Our 2011-2012 Garden Club held our first club meeting in September. This group is not afraid to get their hands dirty. During our first club meeting members created individual scarp books to use during our club meetings. This year we have many fun activities planned.



This group is not afraid to get their hands dirty.



McGarity's Garden Club members with paper bag scrap books they created.



In October we created large indoor potted plant arrangements. This will help add color and plants to our hallways.



The fifth grade gardeners are responsible for keeping the bird feeders full in the courtyard. We have many feathered friends that visit the feeders in the courtyard. We have a bluebird family that has taken residency in the courtyard.

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The cold weather isn't stopping our garden club. During our November meeting we created decoupage water bottle vases. They were beautiful. The gardeners took home their bottles, and other bottles created will be used as table decorations for our parent volunteer breakfast in the spring.



Wow! Look at our beautiful decoupage water bottle vases

Ms. Lizz Dennis, granddaughter of Mrs. Dallas Anne Dennis, Paulding Master Gardener, gave a presentation on how to plant bulbs in a container. Also during our December meeting students learned how to force bulbs inside for winter blooms. The students took home their own bulbs to force.



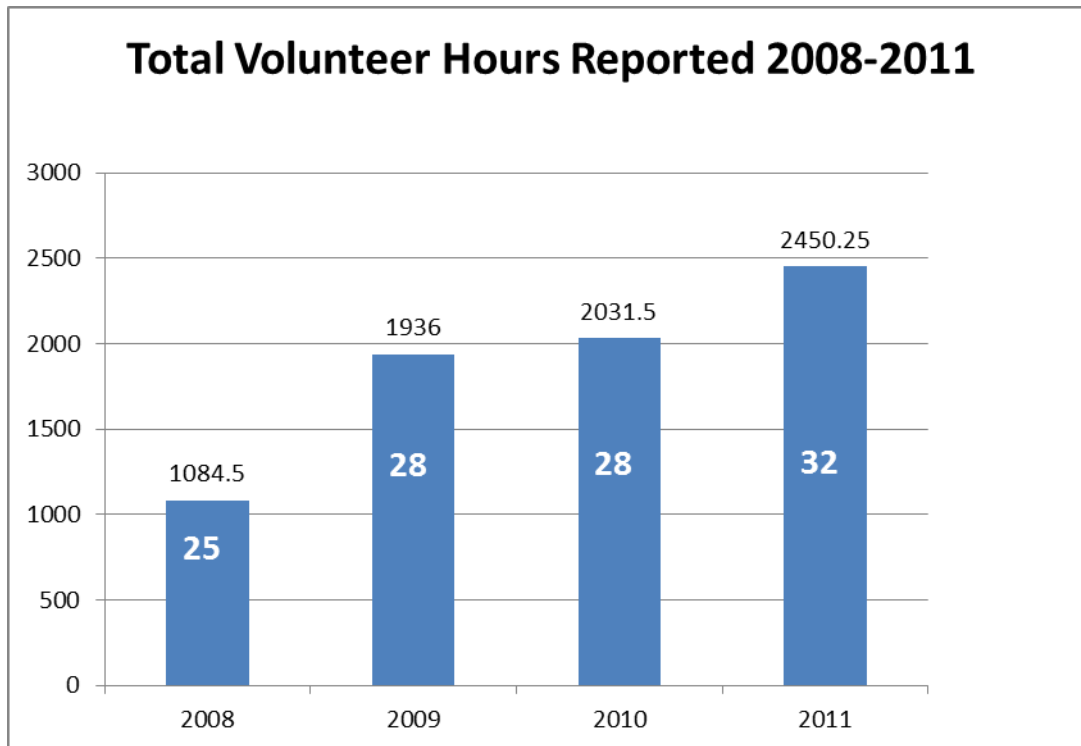
Ms. Lizz Dennis, sharing bulbs for students to plant, with Jr. Master Gardener Sarah

Another Year on the Books!

Mary Carol Sheffield, Paulding County Extension Agent

At the Extension Office, we are thankful for exceptional volunteers who give of their time and talents to help improve the lives of others in Paulding County! Master Gardeners contributed 2450 hours in 2011. Your volunteer time has a calculated value to our county of more than \$48,000! The graph below represents total volunteer hours reported by Paulding County Extension Volunteers for the last 4 years. The number on the bar indicates how many volunteers contributed to that year's total. You can see that your volunteer time has increased steadily since 2008. We are grateful for your continued service.

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We are off and running for 2012. Many of you have never slowed down, even through the month of December, you've just kept buzzing away! With that in mind, I'd like to remind everyone to begin recording your volunteer activities. I'll be requesting quarterly logs and summaries of your activities this year, in an effort to help make our reporting a little more accurate. I've updated the forms online and you can find them under the "Log sheet in Excel" link on the Paulding County Master Gardener Webpage:

<http://www.caes.uga.edu/extension/paulding/anr/mastergardener.html> . I'm hoping this allow me to help a little more along the way with some reminders. The biggest change is that I've added a column to the summary report, asking you to calculate the number of hours you have put towards a particular volunteer activity, in addition to how many times you participated in the activity.

Please mark your calendar to turn in your first report of the year on February 23rd at the monthly Master Gardener Meeting. Here are a few things you may have helped with since November 1st that you can go ahead and record on your log:

- Harvest Dinner Prep/Organization Activities (Code #17)
- Master Gardener Storage Building Construction (Code #17)
- MG Board Meetings/Administrative Activities/Committee Meetings (Code #17)
- Writing and editing Publications (Newspaper and Newsletter, as well as blogs) (Code #9, 10, or 12)
- Junior Master Gardener Activities (Code #1)
- Mentoring new Master Gardener Interns (Code #17)
- 4-H Activities (Code #1)
- ANR Program Development Team Activities (Code #15)
- Extension Office Volunteers (Code #6)

I am looking forward to another great year and look forward to working with all of you as we strive to reach more Paulding County citizens with gardening education to improve our soil and water conservation!

Harvest Dinner 2011

A great time was had with a lot of very good food. We have some good cooks in our group. The speaker was Karen Garland who spoke on Night Time Gardening. We enjoyed her presentation. At our Harvest Dinner on November 10th the following Master Gardeners were recognized with these awards for 2011.

2011 OFFICERS

Co-Presidents – Jerry Colclasure and Tommy Gordon

Vice President – Betty Scarbro-Cosgrove

Co-Secretaries – Shirley Davey and Nanci Shipley

Co-Treasurers – Dallas Ann Dennis and Travis Jordan



Tommy Gordon, Dallas Ann Dennis, Mary Carol Sheffield, Nanci Shipley and Betty Scarbro-Cosgrove
(Not pictured Jerry Colclasure, Shirley Davey and Travis Jordan)

NEWLY CERTIFIED FOR 2011



Mary Carol Sheffield, Linda Godsey (not pictured Kristy Baumgart)

ONE HUNDRED HOURS OR MORE FOR 2011 BULLDOGS FOR EXTENSION



Mary Carol Sheffield, Rachel Dutton, Betty Scarbro-Cosgrove, Earl Cosgrove (not pictured Jerry Colclasure)

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4-H DATA ENTRY



Rachel Dutton, Maggie Sheffield, Mary Carol Sheffield, Betty Scarbro-Cosgrove, Earl Cosgrove, Alisa Hagemann , Marsha Rauscher , Marguerite Todd (not pictured Shirley Davey, Martha Dennis, Donna Phillips, Nanci Shipley)

Urban Forestry Specialty

LIFETIME MG AWARDS – 10 YEARS OF RECORDED SERVICE



Mary Carol Sheffield, Rachel Dutton



Mary Carol Sheffield, Tona Rogers, Dallas Ann Dennis (not pictured LuAnne Reed from 2010)

Submitted and photos by Betty Scarbro-Cosgrove, additional photos by Rachel Dutton

Master Gardener Storage Building

Submitted and photographed by Nanci Shipley

It was a cold and cloudy day...much like a Charlie Brown comic...but in this case day #1 of the construction of the new Master Gardener Storage Building. Earl Cosgrove, Jerry Colclasure, Marsha & Don Rauscher, and Nanci & John Shipley showed up with tools, boxes of parts, a blueprint, and a camera to put the project under roof and in our scrap book.

It was a 3 day event that took all the hammering and sawing and measuring that would be required for a much larger structure. The new building at the back of the Extension Office is sturdy and ready for the final inventory of all our shovels, hoes, rakes, hoses, etc.



John Shipley, Marsha Rauscher, Don Rauscher, Jerry Colclasure and Kate, Earl Cosgrove.



Marsha Rauscher puts her foot into it while John Shipley nails the flooring.



Don and Marsha Rauscher help to secure the new siding on the new storage building.



Jerry Colclasure and Earl Cosgrove putting the finishing touches on the MG shed.

Spring Forward Paulding! Green Living Festival

Date: March 10, 2012

Time: 10:00am-3:00 pm

Location: The Paulding County High School

1297 Villa Rica Highway

Dallas, GA 30157



Come learn about vegetable and landscape gardening, water conservation, energy conservation, raising a backyard flock, beekeeping, local food and farmers markets, and local businesses from experts and enthusiasts including Paulding County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers, Paulding County Farm Bureau, Paulding County Water Department, and Paulding County 4-H'ers, UGA Cooperative Extension, Elrod Garden Center and many others!

Walter Reeves, "The Georgia Gardener", will be the keynote speaker. Walter hosts "The Lawn and Garden Show with Walter Reeves" on News Talk WSB every Saturday morning as well as "Your Southern Garden" on Georgia Public Television. Walter will speak at 1 pm and this portion of the festival requires a ticket.

Entry to the festival demonstrations is free, but tickets for Walter's appearance must be purchased in advance for \$5 at the Paulding County Extension Office or at Elrod Garden Center. If any seats are available on the day of the festival, tickets will be available at the door for \$10.

***Cash or check only - we are not able to process credit or debit card payments.



Environmental Benefits of Urban Trees

We do not often think about the trees in our surrounding, we often take them for granted. We are fortunate that we live in an area with an abundance of trees and we can enjoy the many benefits of the trees that surround us. Now that we are preparing to give trees away for Arbor Day, it is a good time to remember the benefits we get from trees everyday besides their beauty in the landscape.

Cleaner, Cooler Air: In exchange for giving oxygen, trees absorb carbon dioxide produced from the combustion of various fuels. Trees remove or trap lung-damaging dust, ash, pollen and smoke from the air, in addition to providing shade for people and conserving energy.

Cleaner Water: Trees also act as natural water filters and help significantly slow the movement of storm water, which lowers total runoff volume, soil erosion and flooding. Urban noise is reduced by trees absorbing sound waves. Trees also provide wildlife habitats for many species.

Economic Benefits of Trees:

Increased business value: Trees enhance community economic stability by attracting businesses and tourists

Increased home value: Healthy trees can add up to 15 percent to residential property value.

Decreased health care costs: Trees remove or trap lung-damaging dust, ash, pollen and smoke from the air. Greenspace and shaded sidewalks encourage outdoor activity.

Health Benefits of Urban Trees:

Studies have found a correlation between community forests and the average amount of physical activity exerted by neighborhood residents. People are more inclined to get outdoors and exercise when their surroundings are greener.

Social Benefits of Urban Trees:

Studies have identified a direct correlation between the amount of trees and grass in community common spaces and the use of those common spaces by residents, which leads to more opportunities for informal social interaction and greater relationships between neighbors.

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Kathy Wolf, College of Forest Resources at the University of Washington

Jeffery Dorfman, The Land Use Study Initiative at the University of Georgia

Center for Urban Forest Research, Rachel and Stephen Kaplan, University of Michigan

2012 Paulding County Master Gardener Officers

President – Betty Scarbro-Cosgrove
Program Chairman – Donna Phillips
Secretary – Nanci Shipley
Treasurer – Travis Jordan

Calendar of Events

January 26 – Paulding County Master Gardener Business Meeting at the Paulding County Extension Office – 10:00 am.

February 8 – Master Gardener Intern Midterm and Office Orientation

February 17 – Arbor Day Tree Celebration - Downtown Dallas at the **Civil War Memorial Trailhead Park** and the **Paulding County Government Complex**. Time 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

February 23-Master Gardener Meeting -10:00 am

February 23 – Quarterly Log and Summary reports due at Master Gardener meeting

February 27 and March 7 – Paulding County Master Gardeners Host Northwest MG Training at Bartow County Extension Office, 8:30 am until 3:30 pm

March 10 – Spring Forward Paulding, Green Living Festival at Paulding County High School. Time 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

March 22 – Master Gardener Meeting

