

# THE TROWEL

December 2011

## TROUP COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

### CALENDER OF EVENT-

Next MG meeting will be December 8th at 7:00pm-This will be our Christmas dinner. Bring your favorite dish and join us in celebrating this joyful season! Invitations have been sent to those who have paid their dues. Please respond to your invitation by emailing Molly Link. Officers for 2012-2013 will be installed into office at this meeting.



### Notes from the November meeting

19 people attended the November MG meeting.

\$7,525 checking balance was reported by MG treasurer, Molly Link.

Please turn in your volunteer hours to Jane Kirby by 12-19-11.

Carol Crews presented the Slate of Officers for the 2012-2013 term.

President - Vickie Anderson

President Elect - Vacant

Vice President – Helen Rice

Treasurer – Molly Link

Secretary – Tabitha Prestridge

Immediate Past President – Fern Bergeron

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## Notes from the November Meeting (continued)

After much discussion on pursuing 501c3 tax exempt status and the pros and cons for being a corporation or being included within the Cooperative Extension, Larry Flynn made a motion to not pursue 501c3 status and to dissolve our corporation. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken to proceed with the dissolution of the corporation.

## Volunteer Opportunities-

We are always looking for people to bring refreshments to our MG meetings. Please sign up to help or see Linda Scott.

Annice Whatley is trying to find assistance with Jr. MG in the Troup County School system.

We are always on the lookout for anyone willing to help plan garden tours & road trips.

We need a Chairperson for the project committee. Please consider volunteering!!



## Thank you for a wonderful year

A special thanks to Joan Benz & Rose Meister and all the others who helped with the new MG class. Jacque Hornsby, Steve Griffin, Ken Carpenter, Linda Scott, Ann Fischer, Myrlene Murray, Libba Traylor Charlotte Lamb and others were among those who played a major part in making it a success. The class just graduated 20 new Master Gardeners!!

It was also a great help to have our new Extension Agent, Randy Drinkard, with us for almost all of the classes. A real blessing!

Thank you to Leigh, Becky, Carol & Molly for serving on the Christmas committee.

Thanks also to Peggy Genova, Carol Crews & Becky McLeod for serving on the Nominating Committee.

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## The 2011 Master Gardener Class

Center front: Nannie Ferguson

First row Left to Right: Paschall Prickett, Mike Searcy, Jack

Morman, Jeff Wright, Beth Welcher, Marilyn Williamson, LaGrada Smith,  
Ellen Lovenguth, Chris Gomez, Lauranne Buchanan, Dot Jackson, Betty Maniaci

Back row: Ron Martin, Trent Mann, Rodney Harmon, Martha Wood, Jane  
Sagnella, Lisa Goodwin, Jesse O'Neal

Troup County Master Gardeners have 20 new members. The class of 2011 graduated on November 5th. They are in the process of working on their class project, which is to renovate the plantings around the Ag Center. Since we use the Ag Center for our meetings and plant sale

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free of charge, this is a way that we can thank the Cattlemen's Association for the use of the building.

## News

The planter project was a huge success. Next time you are in downtown LaGrange take a look at the beautiful planters.

We need to make sure the AG building is left clean after our meetings and lights, fans and thermostats are turned off. Please also check the bathrooms to be sure toilets are flushed and there are no problems.

Please take advantage of the Master Gardener Program Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/UGAMasterGardener> .

## Resources

The new Cooperative Extension pages have a calendar feature to promote Extension events.



Have a Merry Christmas!!!