

# The Plot

Official Newsletter of The Carroll County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers

September 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Master Gardeners,

The first thing I would like to do is thank Norman Lundin for his service as Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors.

I would also like to welcome Neville Brewer back as Treasurer for the remainder of the year. Lastly, I would like to give a big “thank you” to Jim Langham and Barry Williams for the mouthwatering barbeque at the Harvest Dinner.

August was a busy month behind the scenes. Paula and our various committees have been setting events and classes for fall/winter and into the New Year. The schedule for a new class of Master Gardeners has been set. Two advanced training classes have been scheduled, one on September 14<sup>th</sup> and the other on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Heritage Days will occur on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and we have an exciting Education Committee Workshop on October 21<sup>st</sup> with Felder Rushing. The Buffalo Creek Garden Committee has been hard at work, the results are spectacular. The Committee has put in an irrigation system with the help of Patrick Dost and is in the process of adding security cameras.

A group of Master Gardeners is meeting with CHIP homeowners to help them with their landscaping, and the Junior Master Gardener program is up and running.

The trees have been ordered and Wreath Sale Committee is making its final plans for the Christmas Wreath Sale.

To sum things up, Carroll County Master Gardeners have been busy. Don't be left out of the fun and friendship. There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer. Come and join us.

Happy Gardening. See you at the meeting.  
Nancy Dombrowsky



## LOOKING AHEAD

**CCMGA** September 14, 2017 Monthly meeting. Pot-luck starts 6:15 PM. Presentation and meeting begins at 7:00 PM. This month's speaker is Jason Chapman of Predator Control Services. His topic is Wildlife Control, and his bio can be found below in the Speaker's Corner.

**CCMGA Fall Program** October 21, 2017 "Pleasure and Pain of Home Landscaping", 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A day of fun and educational presentations on gardening with keynote speaker Felder Rushing. Additional speakers to be announced. Garden supply, décor, and plant vendors on site. Catered lunch provided. Charge: \$15 per person, advance registration required.

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## Master Gardener Birthdays September 2017

Neville Brewer	1	Joan Bagwell	21
Kim Littleton	4	Ann Lundin	22
Phyllis King	7	Bill McGee	23
Sandra Bryant	8	Carol Ozier	24
Kim Langham	9	Wendy Crager	28
Debbie Novak	14	Sue Askin	29
Gail Williams	16	Tee Davis	30
Norman Lundin	19		

### THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER'S CORNER

Jason Chapman is the owner of Predator Control Services, LLC. A full time professional trapper specializing in urban and rural nuisance wildlife removal. He has over 20 years' experience in a variety of terrains and trapping techniques including both modern and primitive approaches. This unique perspective added with a love of wildlife makes his presentations entertaining and informative. Mr. Chapman is a State of Georgia Licensed Commercial Wildlife Control Operator. [www.predatorcontrolservices.com](http://www.predatorcontrolservices.com) His specialties include coyote, beaver, fox, raccoon, armadillo, and moles.



### Look who came to dinner August Meeting 2017

Members	Friends	Guests	Honorary members	Total
37	4	3		44.

# Garden Checklist

SEPTEMBER 2017 -- OCTOBER 2017

## SEPTEMBER

### THIRD WEEK:

Spring-flowering bulbs are on sale now. You can buy them – but don't put them in the ground until soil temperatures are in the 60's or cooler in early October.

Time to plant cool season vegetable seedlings. Broccoli, collards and cabbage plants should be available at garden centers.

Watch out for saddleback caterpillars feeding on the leaves of trees and weeds. Their poisonous bristles can leave a nasty welt on your skin.

Examine patio plants for insects if you intend to bring them indoors. Treat with insecticide if necessary.

Time for the first application of fertilizer on fescue grass. This cool season turf needs fertilizer in

September, November, February and April.

### FOURTH WEEK:

Cooler weather means it's time to plant shrubs and trees. Make sure to dig a hole three times as wide as the [root ball](#).

Propagate limber-limbed hydrangea, grape and forsythia plants by placing a thin branch on the ground and partially covering it with soil and a brick.

Planting a new fescue lawn? Use 6 pounds of seed per 1000 square feet.

Replace all of the [mulch](#) under roses, red tip *photinia* and crabapples. You'll prevent diseases on next year's leaves.

## OCTOBER

### FIRST WEEK:

Fall fescue planting season officially begins! Watering restrictions are still in force in many places so make SURE you have good soil-seed contact. [Aerate](#) before seeding, roll afterwards, water when you can.

Last chance to apply a weed preventer to bermudagrass, zoysiagrass and centipede grass lawns to thwart winter weeds like chickweed and [annual](#) bluegrass. You can still get 75% control at this point in the season.

If you want your poinsettia to turn color by Christmas, now's the time to begin giving it 14 hours of darkness and 10 hours of bright light each day.

Trim back by one fourth any woody plants you've kept outdoors during the summer, to help them fit inside your home for the winter.

Fertilize newly planted fescue with a high-phosphorus starter fertilizer.

### SECOND WEEK:

The pansy planting season begins now! Plant "six-pack" pansies eight inches apart, larger plants can be spaced ten inches apart.

Cut brown flower stems of purple coneflower, black-eyed Susan, daylily and hosta back to ground level.

Move patio plants into shade for two weeks before bringing them inside. This will help prevent leaf drop.

Drench newly-planted pansies with water-soluble houseplant fertilizer at the rate shown on the label.

This will push them off to a fast start.

(source: Walter Reeves, [GeorgiaGardener.com/seasonalplantingguide/AUGUST2017/SEPT2017](http://GeorgiaGardener.com/seasonalplantingguide/AUGUST2017/SEPT2017))

## Other Horticultural Events on Our Area

### **Atlanta Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary Tour**

**Date:** 16 September 2017

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Cost:** \$24 for Atlanta Audubon and Atlanta History Center Members; \$30 for non-members

**Location:** Various locations in Fulton County

**Phone:** (678) 973-2437

**Details:**

Join Atlanta Audubon for the 2017 Wildlife Sanctuary Tour featuring properties in north Atlanta. In 2017, Atlanta Audubon is excited to partner with the Atlanta History Center to include the Goizueta Gardens on the 2017 tour. Each property has been certified by Atlanta Audubon Society as a Certified Wildlife Sanctuary because it provides five essential criteria for attracting wildlife and birds: food sources, nesting sites, bird feeders, and water.

### **Walter Reeves speaks at Fayette Master Gardener Association**

**Date:** 19 September 2017

**Time:** 10:00AM-12:00PM

**Cost:** FREE

**Location:** The Bridge Community Center, 225 Willow Bend Road, Peachtree City, GA

**Phone:** (678) 817-1758

**Details:**

The public is invited to this free presentation by Walter Reeves: "When Bad Things Happen to Good Gardeners". As there is limited seating, reservations must be made by sending an email to [fayettemga@gmail.com](mailto:fayettemga@gmail.com). Carpooling is also encouraged!

### **Arts Festival and Monet Waterlily Festival**

**Date:** 23 September 2017 - 24 September 2017

**Time:** 9:00AM-5:00PM

**Cost:** \$10 Adults, \$5 Children

**Location:** Gibbs Gardens, Ball Ground, GA 30107

**Phone:** (770) 893-1881

**Details:**

Fall Arts Festival and Monet Waterlily Festival "Refresh Your Sense Of Wonder." Celebrate with us during our French inspired festival. Hundreds of Waterlilies in bloom! Let your sight take in the beauty of the Gardens as well as a juried art show where artists and crafters will sell original work. A French market features chocolates, flowers, produce and more. Overwhelm your sense of taste with French-inspired cuisine available for purchase from food masters Gerard Monte and Hector Rosano.

### **Georgia Native Plant Society Annual Fall Plant Sale**

**Date:** 23 September 2017

**Time:** 10:00AM - 2:00PM

**Cost:** FREE

**Location:** Walking Trails Parking Lot

**Phone:** (770) 343-6000

**Details:**

Our biggest Fall Plant sale! Attendance is FREE for the Plant Sale & Native Fest! A wide variety of perennials, ferns, vines, grasses, shrubs, trees, & 300+ azaleas for sale with knowledgeable GNPS volunteers, native plant & Audubon Society experts to answer questions. Our native plants are rescued with special permission from different sites within GA, propagated by our members, donated, or purchased from local nurseries. Enjoy educational activities, merchandise, & GNPS Habitat Certification

### **Fall Native Plant Sale**

**Date:** 28 September 2017 - 30 September 2017

**Time:** Members Only: Thursday, September 28, 4-7 pm General Public Sale: Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, 10 AM – 5 PM

**Cost:** Free Admission to the Greenhouse

**Location:** Chattahoochee Nature Center

**Phone:** (770) 992-2055

**Details:**

Fall is the PERFECT time for planting! A long cold winter enables plants to develop dense root systems for strong healthy growth in the spring. Native plants adapt easily, require less maintenance, and exhibit lower pest loads. All proceeds support gardens, education, and conservation by the Horticulture department. Admission is free to the horticulture area and the sale is a great way to meet Master Gardeners who can give you advice for your garden questions

### **Hall County Master Gardener Fall Garden Expo**

**Date:** 29 September 2017 - 30 September 2017

**Time:** 8:30AM-5:00PM Friday; 8:30AM-4:00 PM Saturday

**Cost:** Adults \$2, Children Free, No Pets

**Location:** Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center, 1855 Calvary Church Road, Gainesville, GA 30507 Two miles from Exit 20 off I-985

**Phone:** (770) 535-8293

**Details:**

The Fall Garden Expo has over 40 garden related vendors from Georgia and neighboring states in a breezy open-air covered arena. Vendors have more variety of annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, vegetable plants, garden art, hardware, garden accessories, crafts, garden jewelry and clothes and other fun stuff! Four expert speakers offering free sessions on Getting Started on Composting, Gardening Habits To Help Save Our Bees, Preserving Local Flavors For The Off-Season, and Basic Organic Gardening.

### **Historic Oakland Cemetery Fall Plant Sale**

**Date:** 30 September 2017

**Time:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 248 Oakland Avenue SE, Atlanta, GA 30312

**Phone:** (404) 688-2017

**Details:**

Historic Oakland Foundation's Fall Plant Sale offers a wide range of blooms, heirloom specimens, and unique plants. The Fall Plant Sale will be held at the Beaumont Allen Greenhouse.

All proceeds from the Fall Plant Sale benefit Historic Oakland Foundation's gardens team. Cash, check, and credit card accepted. Historic Oakland Foundation members receive advance access to Oakland Cemetery's Fall Plant Sale, with a special Members Only Preview Event on Friday, September 22.

### **Elms & Roses Garden Lecture with Jason Powell**

**Date:** 23 October 2017

**Time:** 5:30PM - 7:30PM

**Cost:** \$20 in advance; \$25 at door

**Location:** Del'Avant, 141 Main Street, LaGrange, GA

**Phone:** (706) 884-5081

**Details:**

Elms & Roses Garden Council will sponsor its 4th Garden Lecture with Jason Powell, owner of Petals from the Past, Jemison, AL, at Del'Avant, 141 Main Street, LaGrange, GA. The event begins with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception and plant sale with Petals from the Past at 5:30 followed by the lecture (Tough Plants for Southern Gardens) at 6:30. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For information or tickets by mail, call 706 884 5081.

### **American Hydrangea Society Meeting with speaker Robert Mallet**

**Date:** 23 October 2017

**Time:** 7:00pm Social 7:30 Meeting

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Woodruff Auditorium in McElreath Hall at the Atlanta History Center 130 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30305

**Details:**

Please join us for a very special evening on Monday, October 23rd. Robert Mallet, noted plantsman, author and Director of the Shamrock Collection, the largest collection of hydrangeas in the world, will be our speaker. His topic will be The Ultimate Exhibitionist: Hydrangeas from Private to Public.

Hospitality is at 7 PM Meeting is at 7:30 PM. Spectacular Plant Raffle following the meeting.

Dr Michael Dirr will be bringing exciting new plants he has kindly propagated for our October raffle!

**Avondale Estates Tree Walk**

**Date:** 28 October 2017

**Time:** 10 A.M--Noon rain or shine

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Lake Avondale on Lakeshore Dr.

**Details:**

“From a Clearing to a Canopy” is the theme of this year’s Tree Walk—a conservation project of the Avondale Estates Garden Club. Choose 1 of 6 routes and Certified Arborists will identify a variety of trees on that route and point out features to help you recognize them in your own neighborhood.

CCMG 2017 EXPENDITURE V BUDGET AS AT8/31/2017

	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET TOTAL	BUDGET	STILL AVAILABLE
ADMINISTRATIVE	1,225	(1,803)	(578)	2,000	1,422
AG HERITAGE	0	(18)	(18)	500	482
CHRISTMAS PARTY	30	(32)	(2)	2,000	1,998
DEMO GARDEN	0	(4,916)	(4,916)	5,000	84
DONATIONS	1,075	(3,500)	(2,425)	3,000	575
EDUCATION*	0	(2,315)	(2,315)	5,000	2,685
GRANTS*	0	(500)	(500)	2,500	2,000
HOSPITALITY	14	(191)	(177)	1,000	823
JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS	445	(258)	187	3,000	3,187
MEMBERSHIP	1,532	0	1,532	(1,000)	532
SCHOLARSHIP	0	(4,000)	(4,000)	3,500	(500)
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS	0	0	0	2,500	2,500
CCMG MEMORIAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0
HIDDEN GARDEN TOURS	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
PLANT SALE	12,599	(3,794)	8,805	(8,000)	805
WREATH SALE	0	(1,453)	(1,453)	(9,000)	(10,453)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	0	0	0	2,500	2,500
<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>\$16,920</b>	<b>(\$22,781)</b>	<b>(\$5,862)</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>	<b>\$9,638</b>

**Bank Balances**

Checking	\$18,913
Money Market	\$11,336
CD	\$1,055
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,304</b>

**OMG Who Needs me? CCMGA!**  
**Committee reports, requests and information**

**Education Committee – Phyllis King and Joyce McArthur, co-chairs**

**October 21 Pleasure and Pain of Home Landscaping 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

A day of fun and educational presentations on gardening with keynote speaker Felder Rushing. Additional speakers to be announced. Garden supply, décor, and plant vendors on site. Catered lunch provided.  
Charge: \$15 per person, advance registration required.

**Junior Master Gardener Program --Elaine DeMarce, chair.**

**\*\*\*JMG Meeting, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:00PM at the Ag Ctr.\*\*\***

JMG enrollment is in full swing and we are in anticipation of our first meeting of the season. The meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from September to May from 4:30 to 6:00PM at the Carroll County Ag Center.

The September 11<sup>th</sup> program will highlight herbs. Along with discussion and interaction with Phyllis King on the properties and uses of herbs, the activities include a Smell-Me icebreaker and Make-Your-Own biscuits to be enjoyed with herbed butters and other snacks.

If anyone is looking for an opportunity to be of assistance, even in a small way, we have several ways you can help. September 11<sup>th</sup>, being the first meeting of the new season, anyone who would like to be an extra set of hands would be most welcome. We have openings for anyone who would like to provide a snack for the January, February or April meetings. If you have tidbits of information or spare plants you would like to share with the group, they would be put to good use. Or if you just enjoy the lively banter of a bright, well-behaved group of children, you can't go wrong with the Junior Master Gardeners. They never fail to amaze with their eagerness to learn and ability to grasp of the material. So feel free to drop in and interact.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or know someone with a child who would like to join, just send me a note at [e\\_demarce@bellsouth.net](mailto:e_demarce@bellsouth.net) or call me at 404-626-2498.

**Hospitality Committee—Cherrie Glover and Kim Littleton**

Now you get to go to the front of the food line two times a year at Master Gardeners. If it's your turn to help cleanup after the meal, just take a "Be nice to me" sign and go right on up front with the birthday folks.

If you miss your month to cleanup just email Kim Littleton at [khlittleton@yahoo.com](mailto:khlittleton@yahoo.com) and let her know when you can help. Also, if you want to help out one month without being asked just take a sign, go to the front of the line to eat, and show up in the kitchen at 6:45.

**From the Agent’s Desk – Paula Burke County Extension Coordinator UGA Carroll County**

**Advanced Trainings in Carroll and Douglas County**

Financial Literacy – November 10. Registration coming soon.

**Heritage Days Volunteers Needed**

Our annual Heritage Days program for 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on September 28 and 29. Volunteers for tour guides, heritage presentations, parking, and breakfast are now needed. Please contact Paula or Michelle at the Extension office if you would like to volunteer.

**Whitesburg Elementary school Project – Robert Miller CCMGA**

I am now working at the Whitesburg Elementary School upper level students to grow vegetable at the Whitesburg Elementary School (WES) grounds. I will still be working with the WES lower grades to grow vegetables at the Whitesburg Library raised beds. The WES classes will start at 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM and the Library classes will meet from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. The Following are the dates for the classes:

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Aug. 31         | Feb            |
| Sept. 29        | Mar. 2         |
| Nov. 17         | Mar. 30        |
| Dec. no classes | Apr. 27        |
| Jan. 26         | May no classes |



- Pictures are: (l – r)
- WES new garden location
- WES new garden location
- We are still getting kale
- Getting the ground ready for 2017-2018

I would accept any help on the above projects, and the Whitesburg community is hoping to fill the food bank.

**\*\*\*Ask a Master Gardener Columns\*\*\***

**Ask a Master Gardener**

**August 8, 2017**

**Lynn Jackson, Carroll County Master Gardener Volunteer**

**Q: We had new shrubbery planted along the foundation of our house a few years ago and some of it is beginning to need something, though we are not certain what. We have cut them back, but they seem to grow even faster! They seem crowded and dense, but some have bare limbs toward the bottom. We also have a few trees that need some pruning, but we want to do it right. Can you help us?**

A: Pruning is important part of plant maintenance in the landscape. It involves the *selective or targeted* removal of specific plant parts of woody ornamentals. Included in this list are trees, shrubs, fruits and nuts. There are various reasons for pruning, as well as differing techniques. The desire to maintain a size or shape, promote growth, flowering or fruiting, or to remove branches or limbs which have been damaged whether by insects, disease or excessive cold which resulted in injury, are among those reasons. Each plant in any landscape has its own growth habit, mature size, and bloom time and will therefore have varied requirements for pruning. There is no universal rule of thumb for all woody ornamentals, so I'll discuss some general guidelines in this article. Always seek specific information regarding how and when to prune each type of woody ornamental.

There are two basic pruning methodologies: heading and thinning. Heading or shearing involves the non-selective removal of branches back from the tips. This pruning technique is often utilized to maintain or reduce the size of existing plants – plants which were perhaps planted in the wrong location when considering their mature sizes. Heading results in dense thick growth within 6-8 inches of each of the cuts. It stimulates rapid growth which quickly shades out the interior of the plant resulting in loss of foliage within the canopy. If your goal is low maintenance, to reduce the frequency of pruning, then keep shearing to a minimum. Thinning one or two times a year, as needed, is preferable to monthly shearing! Thinning is best for most ornamental plants because it allows air circulation and light into the interior of the plant and does not alter the natural growth form.

Time for pruning varies with plant species. As a general rule spring-flowering trees and shrubs should be pruned soon after flowering. Pruning later could result in the removal of flower buds for the next year. Among these plants are clematis, deutzia, dogwood, forsythia, and oakleaf hydrangeas, to name just a few. On the other hand, summer-flowering trees and shrubs usually bloom on new wood, and can and should be pruned in late winter, 4-6 weeks before new growth begins. Beautyberry, fragrant tea olive, crepe myrtle, spirea, barberry, redbud and glossy abelia are among these plants. Before pruning, consult an authority regarding timing. Avoid pruning in late summer and fall as this could result in rapid, tender

regrowth near the site of the cut and create a situation where the plant is more susceptible to cold injury.

Most broadleaf shrubs can tolerate severe pruning – cutting the entire plant back to within 12 inches of the ground. Plants included in this category include azaleas, camellias, abelia, nandina, crepe myrtle and ligustrum, to name a few. However, many others do not respond well when severely pruned and may decline. Included in this category are boxwood, cypress, pines, yew and many other narrow-leaf evergreens.

When pruning, use the very best tools you can afford to purchase. Start with a few, and add other quality tools as your budget allows. Most pruning projects can be accomplished with hand pruners, lopping shears, pruning saws, pole pruners, and hedge shears. Insure the blades are sharp and have been sterilized between plants, in order to insure that no transfer of disease occurs.

As you can see, the subject of pruning is a complex one, very specific to the plant species. It's impossible for any one person to know the rules for all plant pruning. Remember that technique, timing and conditions of tools to be used are crucial. Consult an authority before beginning. If you have any other questions how, when and with which tool to prune woody ornamentals, or any other horticultural questions, contact a Master Gardener Volunteer at the UGA Cooperative Extension Carroll County Office at 900 Newnan Road, Carrollton at 770-836-8546 or via email at [ccmg@uga.edu](mailto:ccmg@uga.edu).

**Volunteers-A garden bonus**  
**By Marilyn Van Pelt**  
**Carroll County Master Gardener Volunteer**

Volunteers. I'm not talking about people who are willing to help you weed your garden. I'm referring to the name given to plants other than weeds that grow in your garden without having been planted. Most gardeners and composters know what I mean. My friend, Jill Hendricks, wrote this while walking in her garden recently; "It's the time of year when the gardens take over and do their own thing. Their unruly and often accidental beauty brings me such joy and peace when I get home each day."

For months I dutifully put my vegetable scraps, crushed egg shells and coffee grounds in a cute stainless steel container on my kitchen counter to add to grass clippings and fall leaves for making "black gold" (compost). Late in the fall or early in the spring I add my compost to a vegetable or flower garden bed. Later that season I will see familiar, but unexpected plants. Hmmm, are they weeds or not? It can be difficult at times to tell. After I let them grow a bit I find that I have keeper volunteers.

This summer I allowed volunteer cantaloupes and tomatoes to grow. When large volunteer plants — such as cantaloupes, tomatoes, and squash — appear anywhere in the garden, you have to decide if it is worth sacrificing the space. Also, keep in mind that tomatoes grown from hybrid seeds are a real surprise since they won't be like the parent plant but they could be something better, or worse. Many times, they are cherry tomatoes which I like.

Volunteers choose to grow where they will thrive. Once I bought a lovely purple plant that was labeled "Purple Basil." After 15 years, I still have that pesky plant reseeding all over my garden and the garden next door. By the way, it was a plant called perilla--not basil. Everyone admires it when it is showing off in early spring. It has a great look like a coleus or a Black Basil but it will grow in the cracks of the sidewalk. I wouldn't knowingly share perilla or kudzu or other invasive plants!

As I wander in my garden in early August, I don't see as much color except for the bright yellow-orange of the cheerful Black-eyed Susans. Almost all of them are volunteers. They are known for their long bloom period and survivability. The flower heads remain attractive even after the petals fall and the seeds provide food for birds.

Other volunteers that are prolific in my garden are Crape Myrtles and Rose of Sharon. I am a sucker for suckers (a new stem away from the main stem) and other seedlings. I find them everywhere. Instead of weed whacking them, I have a habit of potting them to give away. I don't always know for sure what color the blooms will be because I have many varieties in close proximity. I offer a disclaimer concerning color with these gifts.

I love to look for Japanese maple seedlings hiding among the garden shrubs. Japanese maples grown from seed do not necessarily feature the same characteristics of the parent plant, but they are always pretty to me. When seedlings sprout up around a parent Japanese maple tree, you may transplant them into a container or shady, protected area in the landscape to encourage their survival. Whenever possible, water and dig up the seedlings in late winter when the Japanese maples are dormant on a mild day with little sun or wind. They can be quite pricey at the store.

I find that after several days of rain, it is easy to gently dig (or pull) small plants out of the ground to pot or replant. It is always best to try to get a root ball if possible but sometimes a bare root will live, with care. I have a shady, hidden place under trees that I call my nursery. I have an outdoor faucet to keep my recues alive as they root in pots. I eventually find homes for all of them.

There is one way to encourage annual or perennial volunteers. Don't be such a neat freak. Leave the flower heads on the plants until they go to seed, then deadhead them and throw the dried flowers into the garden bed. Mulch can discourage them, unfortunately. Mulch has many benefits, like shading roots, discouraging weed seed germination and retaining moisture. When you give nature a little more control, a serendipitous garden is full of pleasant surprises. For more information on all of your horticulture questions, contact a Carroll County Master Gardener Volunteer at the UGA Extension Carroll County Office at 900 Newnan Road, Carrollton by phone at 770-836-8546 or via email at [ccmg@uga.edu](mailto:ccmg@uga.edu).



**Ask a Master Gardener  
August 22, 2017**

**Nancy Dombrowsky, Carroll County Master Gardener Extension volunteer**

**Angel's Trumpet**

Q. I have seen this stunning plant in several different places. It can get to be 10 feet tall and has beautiful long, bell shaped flowers. I have no idea of its name. Can you help me?

A. If it is the plant I am thinking of it is called Angel's Trumpet. As a northern transplant, I was amazed the first time I drove by a house that had these plants in bloom. I almost stopped and knocked on the door to find out more about them. The plant is huge and the flowers are stunning.

The scientific name is *Brugmansia*. The plant was named after Sebald Brugmans, who was a natural history professor in Holland. Its common name is Angel's Trumpet but it is sometimes called the Trumpet of Death because all parts of the plant are poisonous. I will say that again. As beautiful as this plant is, **all parts of the plant are poisonous**. So, if you have small children or pets that like to eat your plants, you need to plant these beauties in areas that are not readily accessible to little teeth. Some websites even recommend that you use gloves when working with this plant.

Angel's Trumpet is a member of the Nightshade family. Nightshades are a large and diverse family of plants. A lot of these plants are poisonous, especially the unripe fruits. Well known plants in this family include ornamentals such as Belladonna (deadly nightshade), *Brugmansia* and *Nicotiana* (tobacco plant). It also includes tomatoes, potatoes, eggplant and petunias.

Now for the good news! It is easy to grow and loves the hot humid summers found in the South. It is a highly attractive and popular flowering plant with trumpet shaped blooms. The flowers are very fragrant and the colors include white, peach, yellow and orange. Most people think of it as a tree, because if you want the maximum number of blooms you shape it as a tree. However, it is actually a perennial shrub. It is native to South America and can grow up to 20 feet tall. They prefer full sun, but will tolerate partial shade. Angel's Trumpets are heavy feeders so they like very rich soil and lots of water. Make sure you amend the soil with compost prior to planting. You may also need to add additional general purpose fertilizer every two to three weeks to keep them happy.

If you want a shrub that can transform your deck or porch into a tropical getaway, Angel's Trumpet is your plant. It can be grown in pots and boasts huge blooms that perfume the air. Make sure to use a container that is big enough for this fast growing plant. In hot, dry weather you may need to water it daily and feed it once a week. The temptation is to put it in a saucer of water but resist doing that! They do not like wet feet. The large, coarsely textured leaves complement the enormous blooms but wind can cause problems for the plant. Make sure you choose a protected location like a prominent spot on or near a deck, terrace, or entryway. Angel's Trumpet is easy to share with family and friends. Cut a tip from the plant and remove all but a few small leaves at the top or cut some of the new stems sprouting from the plant's base. You can even save older branches when pruning the plant. Cut each stem into 6 to 8 inch long pieces directly above a node. Fill containers with moist potting soil, and gently push the bottom of each stem at least halfway into the mix. Place the cuttings in a shady place and keep the soil moist. Within several weeks, the plants should root and new leaves will begin to emerge. This plant has an unusual habit. As the new plant begins to grow it must create a [Y shape in the trunk \(a fork\)](#) before it will bloom. All of the flowers form above this Y.

There are a number of cultivars of Angel's Trumpet. Here are just a few. Common Angel's Trumpet (*Brugmansia arborea*) is a treelike plant with 6-inch white flowers that have a delicate scent. It grows 6-12 feet tall. Yellow Angel's Trumpet (*Brugmansia aurea*) bears either yellow or white blooms that can get to be up to 10 inches long. The plant blooms from summer into fall and can reach a height of 20 feet. Double White Angel's Trumpet (*Brugmansia* 'Double White') is a hybrid with pure-white double blooms. The plant height falls between common angel's trumpet and yellow angel's trumpet. Charles Grimaldi Angel's Trumpet (*Brugmansia* 'Charles Grimaldi') is a large cultivar that has 12-inch-long orange-yellow flowers. It grows 12 feet tall and 12 feet wide. Grand Marnier Angel's Trumpet (*Brugmansia* 'Grand Marnier') has blooms that may reach a foot in length. It produces peachy pink flowers. Mango Crush Angel's Trumpet (*Brugmansia* 'Mango Crush') produces large, mango-peach flowers. Outdoors it can grow 15 feet, in containers; it gets to be about 6 feet tall.

If you are interested in trying to grow any of the *Brugmansia* cultivars, there are several websites that will give you tips on successful flowering of these beautiful plants. Just look for Brugmansia Growers International or Trumpet flowers.

For additional details or more information, you can contact us for questions about any gardening issues; call a Master Gardener volunteer at the UGA Cooperative Extension Carroll County Office at 900 Newnan Road, Carrollton at 770-836-8546 or via email at [ccmg@uga.edu](mailto:ccmg@uga.edu). Or for any other details go to <http://www.ugaextension.com/carroll/anr/MasterGardenerPage.html>.



**Ask a Master Gardener  
August 15, 2017**

**Susan B. Garrett, Carroll County Master Gardener Volunteer**

**Fall Is Fabulous**

As you can see, I lost interest in my summer vegetable garden some time ago. The rainy weather allowed an abundance of weeds to grow amongst my vegetables, and the hot, humid temperatures of July and August have kept me from caring very much at all about the garden. However, since cooler temperatures are just around the corner, my mind is beginning to conjure up a plan for the fall.

There are several reasons why it is better to plant in the fall. The most important is soil temperature. Roots grow best when the soil is warm, between 55 and 75 degrees F. The ideal temperatures of September and October are a perfect time to plant or transplant vegetables such as, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, collards, lettuce, mustard, onions, radishes, spinach and turnips. As Extension Horticulturist, Robert Westerfield says in the UGA publication, *Home Gardening*, "Fall vegetables are usually of very high quality. If you supply water as needed, use pesticides properly and fertilize according to label recommendations, you will be rewarded with tender vegetables in a season when few people are enjoying such delicacies." To get them far enough along that they reach maturity before a hard freeze damages the more tender crops, he suggests they be planted according to UGA's *Vegetable Planting Chart*.

September and October also provide ideal temperatures to get perennial plants off to a good start. A fall installed tree, shrub, or perennial receives several weeks of vigorous root growth to ready itself for winter and for years of healthy growth. There are also good economic reasons for fall planting of perennials. Nurseries often have plants that have been growing in the same containers all season. These plants will be bigger and they will make a more immediate visual impact. Prices may actually be lower as nurseries clear out for the next season's inventory. The plants may look tired or not blooming, but rest assured that their half price tag makes up for their temporary lack of beauty. September and October are also the months to plant spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, narcissus and hyacinths. Cooler temperatures condition bulbs to grow healthy roots that produce attractive blooms next spring. After planting, be sure to place chicken wire over the beds to prevent squirrels and chipmunks from digging up your bulbs.

The mild temperatures of September and October are also the perfect time to complete important garden chores. Pull up and remove vegetable plants that may harbor insects or

disease organisms and provide shelter for overwintering stages. These diseases and pests will reproduce again next spring and add to next year's pest problem. Add compost or organic matter and incorporate these materials into the soil to improve aeration and drainage. Till in leaves and any insect and disease free plants to improve soil. Rather than bagging or burning leaves, take a few extra minutes and spread falling leaves as a layer of mulch in flower and vegetable gardens. Leaves serve as a barrier to help preserve soil moisture and add organic matter to the soil as they decay during the winter months. Chop up extra leaves by mulching with the lawnmower and then add to your compost pile.

This is also the time to cut back faded annual flowers by half, then water and lightly fertilize with liquid 20-20-20 or equivalent. You will see a second season of blooms appear in two weeks. Examine your flowerbeds for tired out perennials like Shasta daisy, black-eyed Susan and purple coneflower. You can cut off dead flowers and brown foliage to neaten the plants for fall. Salvia and chrysanthemum will reward you with lots of blooms later this fall with an application of liquid plant food now. Divide daylily, iris and monkey grass while you still have several weeks of warm weather to encourage root growth.

As you can see, fall provides many opportunities for gardening. Although our prime gardening season is over, September and October are the perfect months to plant perennials, some vegetables, and complete chores in preparation for next year's gardening season. Happy Fall Gardening!

If you have any further questions about fall gardening in Georgia, contact a Master Gardener Volunteer at the UGA Cooperative Extension Carroll County Office at 900 Newnan Road, Carrollton at 770-836-8546 or via email at [ccmg@uga.edu](mailto:ccmg@uga.edu).



\*\*\*Article submitted by Claire Crawford CCMGA\*\*\*

### Southern Slender Ladies Tresses

#### *Spiranthes lacera var Gracilis*

Last week, in the middle of August, I was introduced to a thin, beautiful member of Orchidaceae (the Orchid Family). My sister Beth, often takes a long morning walk - rain or shine, hot or cold. She can be seen striding purposefully through the woods and across the open fields spider web stick in hand. She says it's not only good exercise but also a time to put the coming day in order while immersed in the sights and sounds found in our little piece of Carroll County. On this particular day, "this fascinating little flower caught my attention immediately as I was walking from the woods to the meadow!" Beth recalled. She marked the spot with a fallen branch and, after finishing her walk, came back with her camera to get a few pictures.

That afternoon, my dad mentioned Beth's find to me and Kim, another sister. We had to go take a look, too! Never have I seen a flower "in the wild" that is as fascinating as this. It has a single row of tiny, white, trumpet-like flowers spiraling up to the tip of a slender stalk. The individual flowers are one quarter inch or less in length, and nodding. The center of the lower lip is tinged green. The spike is about 15" tall and as straight as an arrow! There were no leaves present, as the leaves of this variety of *Spiranthes lacera* wither before it blooms.

Later that evening, when I had time for a little research, I found what I was looking for in my Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Wildflowers - Eastern USA. I have since been all over the internet following this link and that link looking for information on the distribution of this little orchid, *Gracilis*, in Georgia. I found that they are native to North America, ranging from Canada to Florida. They are on a Watch List for Georgia, that means *Spiranthes lacera var Gracilis* is being actively monitored to determine its status. It is a perennial, though this is the first year that anyone in our family has run across it. My dad, who has spent 60+ years as a field geologist in the Southeast, says he has never seen this flower and he covered much of the Georgia Piedmont/Blue Ridge on foot! I also found that the Ojibwa used the roots of *Gracilis* as an ingredient in a charm to bring luck to hunters. My family, searchers of Nature's many small wonders, considers ourselves fortunate to have had the opportunity to see and photograph this slender braided stalk of tiny spiraling white bells.



## CCMG MEETING MINUTES - August 10, 2017

David Weiner brought us up-to-date with an informative talk on Ticks! He discussed the tick-borne diseases found in Georgia and those that may be heading our way, as well as, possible ways to control or at least limit exposure to ticks! He ended with information regarding the US National Tick Collection (yes, there really is a huge - 1,000,000 plus - tick collection) at Georgia Southern University, and products designed to kill ticks - including the fungus *Metarhizium anisopliae*.

Nancy called the business meeting to order at 7:50. The August minutes were presented with Phyllis making a motion to approve and Bob C. seconding. The motion carried. There was no Treasurer's Report. Our current Treasurer, Norm Lundin, has found that the position requires more time than he has to devote to it, at this time. He has agreed to step down and Neville has agreed to step up and finish the 2017 year as our Treasurer. Thank you both!

Paula reminded us of the remaining 2017 local Advanced Training sessions - August 18, Water Efficiency; September 14, Natives vs Invasives and November 10, Financial Literacy. The applications are out the the 2018 Master Gardener Class and she is once again looking for members interested in mentoring these new students. Also, please get your Risk Management Training done!. There will be a Beekeeping Workshop Wednesday at 6:00 - cost \$10.00, and Paula is looking for volunteers to harvest wine grapes at Trillium Vineyard on Friday, August 12. She then presented Lisa Todd with her Master Gardener Certificate. Congratulations, Lisa!

Claire quickly updated the members on the progress and plans which relate to the Garden. We now have drip irrigation on two of the raised beds! Thank you, Patrick, Barb, Grant and Claire. A shade cloth has been added to the pergola bringing much needed shade from the summer heat; Carroll County has been asked to extend the crusher run paths to include all the main garden paths, and we have submitted a grant to help fund additional benches and irrigation. We are also joining the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail! Buffalo Creek Garden will be added to their list of public, private and school gardens which are butterfly friendly. Finally, as Fall approaches, we are looking for ideas on Fall Workshops in the Garden. So far we've had Plant Swap, Tag Plants Day, Decorating for Fall, Pruning Fruit Trees and Sharpening Garden Tools suggested. Be sure to check out the Newsletter for more information in the coming weeks and we hope to see you in the Garden soon! Grant added that the security cameras have arrived and will be installed this coming Monday.

Elaine announced that enrollment is now open for the Junior Master Gardener Program! Sept 11, the first meeting, JMG will be learning about herbs. Please contact Elaine Demarce with questions. Nancy followed, complementing Elaine on a great job organizing JMG and asking for volunteers to help with snacks or overseeing the children during their meetings.

Phyllis spoke on the Education Committee's upcoming events - field trip to Fernridge Farms on September 9 and a workshop with Felder Rushing on October 21.

### **In New Business:**

The first Wreath Sale meeting information will be coming to your inbox soon; the BOD is working on a couple of changes to the By-Laws; we received a nice Thank You for our donation to the GA Assn of County Agricultural Agents, and the 22nd Annual Heritage Day event will be held Sept 28 & 29.

A big Thank You! for all the wonderful foods that made our Harvest Dinner a delicious success and a special Thanks! to Jim and Barry for the wonderful BBQ.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.  
The next BOD Meeting is September 7 with the Membership Meeting on September 14.

## CCMGA PHOTO GALLERY

(photos courtesy of David Weiner)



**Paula awards the coveted Certified Master Gardener Certificate to Lisa Todd CCMGA. Welcome, Ms. Lisa!!**

## Wreath Sale 2017 Dates and Times

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Times</b>
October 12	Bow Making	9:00-12:00
October 19	Bow Making	9:00-12:00
October 26	Bow Making	9:00-12:00
November 2	Bows/ Potpourri Prep	9:00-12:00
November 9	Bows/ Potpourri Prep	9:00-12:00
November 14	<b>Trees Arrive</b>	<b>?????</b>
November 15	Wreath Making	9:00-2:00
November 16	Wreath Making	9:00-2:00
November 17	Wreath Making	9:00-2:00
November 18	Wreath Making	9:00-2:00
November 19	Wreath Making/ <b>Bazaar</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>8:00-4:00</b>
November 21	Wreath Making	9:00-2:00
November 22	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>10:00-2:00</b>
November 23	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>10:00-6:00</b>
November 24	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	
November 25	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>10:00-4:00</b>
November 26	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>10:00-2:00</b>
November 28	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>10:00-2:00</b>
November 29	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>10:00-2:00</b>
November 30	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>12:00-6:00</b>
December 1	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>10:00-2:00</b>
December 2	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>10:00-2:00</b>
December 3	Wreath Making/ <b>Sales</b>	9:00-2:00/ <b>10:00-2:00</b>
December 5	<b>Clean Up</b>	<b>9:00 - ????</b>

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