

Newsletter

Henry County Master Gardener Volunteers

From the President:

Happy 2017, Master Gardeners!

I am looking forward to a new year, with new adventures and projects with our organization! We are starting off with MG SPROUTS already in full force in multiple locations. Our 2017 INTERNS are in class! We have 13 new interns ready to serve alongside of us!

We have ARBOR DAY around the corner in February and the PLANT SALE will be here before we know it! Start working on those new plants!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the February 7th meeting at 10:00 AM!

Happy 2017 and here's to a great MGEV year!

*Sue Kilgore
President*



“A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.”

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The New Newsletter (tips, comments, and plans)

A new year and a redesigned newsletter to begin another year of volunteering.

First of all, let's all give a round of recognition to the previous newsletter "wrangler". I've done this sort of thing before and for the uninitiated, it can be a bit of a headache.

Thanks, Debra!

Hopefully, this newsletter will be a tiny bit easier to navigate through. The Table of Contents appears on the first page and if you point your cursor at the small flowers to the left of the topics, you will notice they are hyperlinks that you can click on. Now, it's likely most people will just scroll through the pages but should you open the newsletter at a later date looking to review a topic you read earlier, it will be a click away to get to it. Also notice the up-arrows at the left and right bottom of each page. Clicking either of these will return you to the first page.

I had originally planned to imbed slide shows for any visual items but after research, it seems it might cause more trouble than it is worth because, I assume, lots of people use their phone to look at email and phones aren't always "nice" when it comes to animation. Especially, iPhones.

Get your cameras ready and stay tuned for further information—I plan to use some photographs from our members to show off your successes and inspire other members.

I have other ideas—pending approval and opportunity—that could possibly adorn these pages. And be prepared to be "bubbled" 😊



And now, a little bit of information about me.

Beginning my second year as a master gardener, I am assuming responsibility for our newsletter. I don't claim to possess the requisite amount of writing ability to "keep you glued to the pages" but my knowledge of computers and design should be esthetically acceptable. In my last career, I did a lot of design that spanned the Atlanta area, the Southeast, and a few that found recipients across the US.

I look forward to any feedback and, as such, will be providing my email address in the "Links" section.

PS: If my writing style seems to remind you of letters you receive from the government, it's because old habits are hard to correct. (wink)



Arbor Day Information



ANNUAL TREE GIVEAWAY

Sponsored by

THE HENRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 17

DISTRICT 8:30 AM Until
Gone

In Partnership with The Henry County BOC, Master Gardeners and Extension Office, The Cities of McDonough, Locust Grove and Hampton

The two species selected for this year's giveaway are Flowering Dogwood and Crepe Myrtle which are used as ornamental trees as well as for wildlife food and cover.

Tree Seedlings Will
Be Available At the
Following Locations:

The Aubrey
Harvey AG Building

333 Phillips Drive
McDonough, GA

Heritage Park

97 Lake Dow Rd.,
McDonough, GA

The Locust Grove
Municipal Building

3644 Hwy 42 S.
Locust Grove, GA

City of Hampton
Hampton Depot

20 East Main Street S.
Hampton, GA

Stay tuned for volunteer information. Volunteers will be needed to prepare the trees after receipt and, of course, volunteers will be needed to help distribute the trees in all locations on Arbor Day.

Annual Plant Sale

Plant Sale - Start working on your plants, seedlings, and divisions for the plant sale! Drop off will be on April 27 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the arena in Heritage park.

The plant sale will be held April 28 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. We will be there at 8:00 am for set up and cleanup will finish about 3:00 PM. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

Yellow plant tags will be available in March. All plants need to be labeled before drop off!



A record number of plants at the 2016 Annual Plant Sale

Remember: The annual plant sale is the largest source of income for our planned projects.



Glimpse of Gibbs Gardens

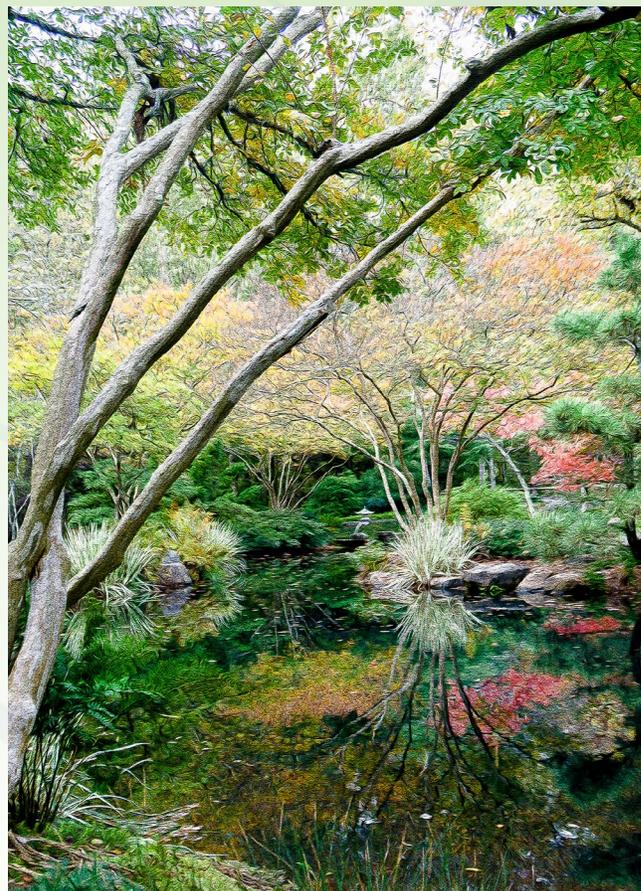
From the Gibbs Gardens website:

“Jim Gibbs traveled for 15 years covering the nation and the world viewing gardens of every style and decided that he wanted to design and build a world class garden. He spent six years looking for a suitable site with a strong source of water and beautiful mature trees covering a rolling topography. It was truly “a dream come true” when he found the most beautiful site in the nation to construct the garden. The property is 292 acres and the house and gardens include 220 acres, making it one of the nation’s largest residential estate gardens.”

(more [here](#))



It’s a bit of a drive from Henry County to Gibbs Gardens but if you appreciate impeccable Japanese design, then you should make the journey as I did last Autumn.



I have posted a couple of the many photos I took during my visit. Certainly, I took plenty more as there is garden beauty at every turn.

I have included this short topic in the newsletter because GMGA is planning a trip to Gibbs Gardens in the near future.



Upcoming

Lunch and Learn - 12:00 Noon at the Henry County Extension (770) 288-8421

February 14 (Tuesday): **Small Fruit** (Dr. Erick Smith UGA, Fruit Specialist)

March 28 (Tuesday): **Vegetable Gardening** (Dr. Tim Coolong, Vegetable Garden Specialist)

Meetings and Events

February 7 (Tuesday) 10:00 AM: **MG General Meeting**

February 16 (Thursday) (time TBD): **Arbor Day** tree preparation

February 17 (Friday) 8:30 AM till all trees are gone: **Arbor Day** giveaway

March 14 (Tuesday) 10:45 AM: **Daffodil Festival** at Gibbs Gardens (more info at GMGA link)



The Compost Pile: Links and Miscellaneous Innuendo

Planting Mix

Is anyone interested in the potting mix we ordered last year? Another order will be considered if there are any of you who would like to buy some. The price was somewhere between \$13-14 per bag. If you are interested, please email/contact Sue Kilgore.

Calling All Photographers

See that square photo in the upper-right corner of the first page? That is a seasonal photo of mine I used as a—hopefully—pleasing visual. As a master gardener or burgeoning master gardener, there must surely be some pride in some of your growing efforts that compel you to pull out your camera. Why not pick out one of your most artistic photos and send it to me (see links below) and I'll choose one, edit it, and plop it right in that corner. Remember, seasonally-related photos. Photos should be full-size.

And, remember, if I don't receive any interest, you'll be stuck with my own photos...(wink)

Yes, I Make Mistakes

Though I prefer and strive for accuracy, my fingers have their own ideas. Should you notice that a link isn't working as it should, please let me know. If I haven't included a useful link that I should, please let me know.

If I have made a typo in the newsletter text, please inform me so I can fix it before it is placed on the MGEV portion of the website.



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Useful Links

Master Gardeners Log	www.ugamgev.org
Henry County MGEV Program	Shortened link
Atlanta Botanical Gardens	www.atlantabg.org
Atlanta Botanical Gardens "Clippings" issues	www.issuu.com/atlantabotanicalgarden
Atlanta Botanical Gardens - Dining at Longleaf	www.atlantabg.org/visit/longleaf
Georgia Master Gardeners Association	www.georgiamastergardeners.org
Gibbs Gardens	www.gibbsgardens.com
Walter Reeves - The Georgia Gardener	www.walterreeves.com
Wilson Brothers Nursery	www.wilsonbrosnursery.com

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