

# Newsletter

Henry County Master Gardener Volunteers

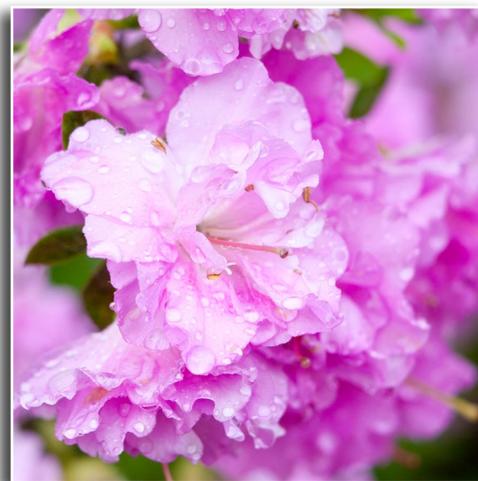
## From the President:

*Fellow Master Gardeners, you are AMAZING!! This has been a busy, busy month and you have all stepped up to help in so many areas!! We will finish the month strong with our annual plant sale!! Thanks ahead of time for making it the success it will be!!*

*It was nice to see some of our Master Gardeners at the Appreciation Picnic at UGA Griffin. It was a beautiful day getting to know other Master Gardeners from around the area. I look forward to seeing you all at the plant sale and at our Spring picnic!*

*Thanks again for serving!! You are the heart and soul of our Master Gardener organization.*

*—Sue Kilgore*



*“Weather means more when you have a garden. There’s nothing like listening to a shower and thinking how it is soaking in around your green beans.”*

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## Plant Sale: Almost Here!

It's here! Plant sale week! Please take time to help pass the word on about the sale! A flyer for the sale has been emailed which you can print out and take to your favorite places. You can email it out to your friends or even post it on Facebook or other social media if you're on it. Also, please refer to the email Sue sent out to familiarize yourself with the instructions and schedule.



Jason T. Harper Event Center at Heritage Park, 97 Lake Dow Rd McDonough  
For additional information, contact (770) 288-8421

## Intern Graduation



Congratulations to the Master Gardener intern graduates of 2017! And just look at this issue of the newsletter to see how active they are in our busy weeks gone by.

And a huge “pat on the back” for the impressive graduation celebration provided by some of our MG volunteers who, undoubtedly, have some sort of professional catering and decorating experience.



# Field Trip: GSU Perimeter College Garden Tour

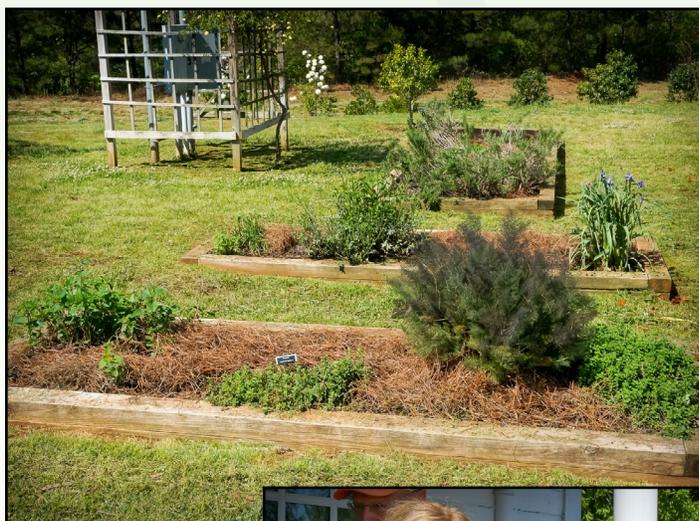
There was a good turnout for our first field trip of the year. Two interesting speakers, a tour through the native gardens there, an indoor presentation, and an opportunity to buy some plants from their sale—all ingredients to a successful event. Below are some photos from the trip.



## Busy Master Gardeners, Interns, and Extension Office



Nolan House cleanup was once again well-attended and a fine job they did! Check out the raised beds. Thanks to Candy and June for leading this committee and thanks to the Master Gardeners for the lunch reward.



## Busy Master Gardeners, Interns, and Extension Office (cont.)



Oh my! Look at all the hard work that was needed to transform the beds around the extension office shade house.

A hearty thanks to the Master Gardeners and interns for their efforts to transform that area to something plant-able!

*Photos courtesy Donna Schoenrock*



## Busy Master Gardeners, Interns, and Extension Office (cont.)

Deby's "potting Party" is always a mainstay of the Master Gardeners. Deby is likely the largest plant contributor to the annual plant sale and you can see in the photo to the right just part of what needs to be done.



In the photo to the left, masterful re-potting instructions are given by Deby.



And now the team of volunteers gets to work on a long job.



Deby adds the final touch, mulch to all the repotted plants. And, as usual, a reward of food at the end of the job.



## Busy Master Gardeners, Interns, and Extension Office (cont.)

The Henry County Extension Office has also been busy. Near the end of March, Tim Coolong was lined up to speak on vegetable gardening.

His presentation was sprinkled with images and interesting facts about US vegetable production, Georgia vegetable production, and advice/growing tips.

The Lunch and Learn session was attended by many interested gardeners and burgeoning farmers.



### Vegetable Production in leading countries

USDA Economic Research Service

<b>China</b>	<b>10,131</b>
India	2,000
United States	833 ( <i>includes potato</i> )
Turkey	589
Egypt	447
Iran	360
Others	6,386
World	20,748

Units are in million hundred weight (cwt). 1 cwt = 100 million lbs.



## Busy Master Gardeners, Interns, and Extension Office (cont.)

With the help of some Master Gardener interns and under the guidance of Frank, the Henry County Extension Office works on the tomato beds with “home style” tomato cages and irrigation.



*Photos courtesy Donna Schoenrock*

Left and bottom, we can see the irrigation line and the cages being installed.

The rest of us Master Gardeners look forward to free tomatoes!



## Busy Master Gardeners, Interns, and Extension Office (cont.)

Last but not least—as the old saying goes—the Henry County Extension Office annual fruit tree sale. Customers talk with Master Gardeners and interns to get advice and tips on having success with their plantings.



*Photos courtesy Donna Schoenrock*



## Upcoming

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

May 23 (Tuesday): **Pesticide Update** (Dr. Dan Suiter, Entomologist UGA Griffin)

### **Meetings and Events**

April 28 (Friday) 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Plant Sale Drop-off**

April 29 (Saturday) 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM **Plant Sale**

May 2 (Tuesday) ~ 10:45 AM **Past President Plaque Dedication for Sandy Adams**

May 2 (Tuesday) 11:00 AM **MG Picnic at the Nolan House**



# The Compost Pile: Links and Miscellaneous Innuendo

## Plant Sale

Please share either the printed or digital plant sale flyer on the day before the sale as a final reminder to potential interested customers.

## Master Gardener Picnic Theme

A Kentucky Derby theme has been selected for our picnic, so do some Internet searching and see how to join in the spirit. Fried chicken will be the food focus and it will be accompanied by side dishes, and desert. There will be door prizes, too!

## MG Sprouts Activity Information

We have a final confirmation on the time and dates of the Fairview Library. Lyra has volunteered to lead this project and now we will need three helpers each week. Review the schedule below and see if you have some available time for this beneficial and rewarding activity and Sue will pass your name on to Laura Parks. Some volunteers have already "raised their hand".

An email listing supply needs has been circulated.

The sessions will take place at two different libraries (Fairview and Cockeran) on Tuesdays at 2:30 PM AND 4:30 PM.

June 13, 20, 27

July 11, 18, 25

Thanks, Laura, for helping get this together!

## Pavilion Farmers Market

Opening day is Thursday, May 25th.

## Useful Link?

Send me any link you think would be useful to our readers and I will add it to the "Compost Pile"



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## Useful Links

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

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