



Shades of Green

Athens-Clarke County Agriculture and Natural Resources E-Newsletter

March-April 2023



Welcome to this spring's abbreviated edition of **Shades of Green**. We wanted to let you know about the wonderful upcoming events in the Clarke County area. A full edition will follow soon. Until then...

Happy Gardening

A note from Athens-Clarke County Agriculture & Natural Resources

Hello readers and happy March ! In this edition of Shades of Green we jump right into Spring. We enjoy providing you all with timely events and information to satisfy your interest in gardening, farming, homesteading, etc. We hope you enjoy this month's content and we look forward to sharing more with you this year!

Upcoming 2023 Green Thumb Lectures

March 20, 2023 Cooking With Compost

We hope you enjoy this month's issue of "Shades of Green".

Take care,
Athens-Clarke County Agriculture and Natural Resources



Athens-Clarke County Extension
Green Thumb Lectures

2023 Free Monthly Gardening Class Series



**March: Native Plants for
the Athens Area**

Please join us for an informative presentation by Cliff Brock on topics including

- Favorite garden-tested ephemerals, perennials, and shrubs for the southern landscape
- Which cultivars and individual species perform best in our climate
- Ways in which you can easily propagate and share your plants

Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome.

WHEN:

Monday, March 20
6:00 -7:30 pm

WHERE:

The Athens-Clarke County Extension Office, 275 Cleveland Rd, Bogart, GA 30529

TO REGISTER:

Please register by March 19th by visiting www.accgov.com/gardening



For questions:

Contact Laura Ney, Extension Agent at lney@uga.edu

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Local March - April Events

Piedmont Tour of Gardens is
April 15th, 2023, 10am to 4pm.

6 beautiful local gardens will be featured.

[More information found at
piedmontgardeners.org.](http://piedmontgardeners.org)

UGA Trial Gardens

Spring Plant Sale 2023 will be held on

April 1st, from 8 am to 1pm.

200 W. Green Street

The [UGA Hort. Club Spring Plant Sale](#)

Is **March 31—April 2** from 9 am-6 pm.

111 Riverbend Road

Athens, GA 30602

Plant Sale

Fruits, Vegetables, & Herbs

UGA Biology Department

Tate Student Center & Center for Applied
Genetics and Technology

April 1 from 9-6 p.m.

Georgia Questival

March 19 from 1—5 pm

Alice H. Richards Children's Garden

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Green Thumb Lecture Series

Native Plants for the Athens Area

March 20, 6:00p.m.—7:00p.m.

Register Here

accgov.com/gardening

The **State Botanical Garden of Georgia**
Spring Plant Sale is **April 14th & 15**

The **SBGG** has great local events occurring
each month. Make sure to check out their [event
calendar](#) or [discover education activities for
home](#).

UGA Extension offices around the state are
working hard at developing quality online
presentations on various topics.

Visit the UGA Extension [event calendar](#) to see
events happening local to our county as well as
virtual opportunities.

The **Athens Area Master Gardener's**
Association Plant Sale is

April 22nd from 8 am –1 pm.

Here at the

ACC Extension Office

275 Cleveland Rd. Bogart, GA.

The **Athens Area Master Gardener's**
Association Bulb Sale

Online Sale

March 1—April 30

tinyurl.com/aamga2023bulbsale

Sandy Creek Nature Center

205 Old Commerce Rd

Celebrate Wetlands

March 25th from 1—4 pm

Exhibits, touch tanks, VR marsh walk and
hike (Wear shoes that can get muddy.)

Reptile talk by Berkeley Boone

April 6 at 7pm

Free parking and open to the public. Suitable for
all ages.

Local Farmers Markets



The **Athens Farmers Market** is taking place on Saturdays from 8am-12pm at Bishop Park. Make sure to visit [their website](#) for updates and details.

Find them on Facebook: [@AthensFarmers-Market](#)

Follow them on Instagram: [@athensfarmersmarket](#)



West Broad Farmers Market

Returns to in-person markets beginning Sat. April 1—December 16

Visit [their website](#) for more information.

Find them on Facebook: [@WestBroadMarketGarden](#)

MARIGOLD



MARKET

The **Winterville Farmers Market** is taking place on Saturdays from 10am-2pm starting May 1 at Pittard Park. Visit [their website](#) for more information.

Find out more on Facebook: [@marigoldmarketwinterville](#)

Instagram: [@marigoldmarketwinterville](#)

SPRING FLOWERING BULB SALE 2023

Athens Area Master Gardener Association

For the order forms and descriptions and photos of the bulbs, please visit:

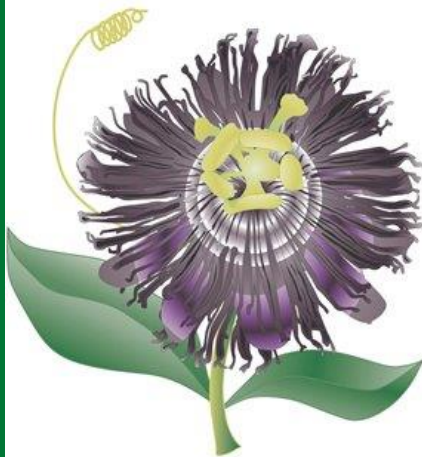
tinyurl.com/aamga2023bulbsale

Order Bulbs Through May 1

*Sale Proceeds support local community gardens and UGA
Horticultural Scholarships.*



Athens Area



Master Gardeners

Pick Up Location:

Athens-Clarke County

Extension Office

275 Cleveland Rd

Bogart, GA 30622



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For more information:
accgov.com/compost
or accgov.com/charm

International Compost Awareness Week May 1 - 7, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	ACC Commercial Compost Facility Tours	Storytime @ ACC Library Garden Gnome @ State Bot Garden	Green Thumb Lecture Virtual	Sweet Pea Club @ State Bot Garden Compost Teen Activity @ ACC Library		Compost Bin Sale @ Markets Garden Gnome @ State Bot Garden



ALL WEEK:

Get Caught Composting

Post your best photos getting caught in the act of composting or using: #compost #fcompost #ICAW #cooltheclimate #caughtcompostinginGeorgia

Half Price Compost Sale

Athens-Clarke Landfill 5700 Lexington Rd
\$10/cubic yard - Limit of 5 yards per customer

Food Scraps Drop-off Program

Residents can bring food scraps & other compostable material for free composting.

Food Scraps Drop-off Locations

ACC Compost & Landfill
5700 Lexington Rd
Monday-Saturday
8 am-3 pm

Athens Farmers Market
Saturday
8 am- noon

CHaRM
1005 College Ave
carts available 24/7

Solid Waste Admin Office
725 Hancock Industrial Way
carts available 24/7

OTHER EVENTS:

ACC Commercial Composting Facility Tour

Monday, May 2nd- Register for times at accgov.com/icaw
5700 Lexington Rd, Winterville, GA 30683

Compost Storytime: ACC Library

Tuesday May 3rd 10:30 am
2025 Baxter St, Athens, GA 30606

Garden Gnome Compost Program: State Botanical Gardens

Tuesday May 3rd 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm AND Saturday May 7th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
2450 S Milledge Ave, Athens, GA 30605

Green Thumb Lecture: Composting Basics with Suki Janssen, ACC Solid Waste

Wednesday May 4th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Virtual - Register at accgov.com/gardening

Sweet Pea Club: State Botanical Gardens

Thursday May 5th from 9 am to 10:30 am
Register at <https://botgarden.uga.edu/event/sweet-pea-club/all/> *Be sure to register for 5/3/2022
2450 S Milledge Ave, Athens, GA 30605

Edible Compost Teen Activity: ACC Library

Thursday May 5th 4 pm
2025 Baxter St, Athens, GA 30606

Compost Bin Sale: West Broad Farmers' Market & Marigold Market

Saturday, May 7
West Broad Market: 1573 West Broad Street Athens, GA, 30606, 9 AM to 1 PM
Marigold Market: 115 Parkview Rd., Winterville, GA 30683, 10 AM to 2 PM
Proceeds benefit Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful

Visit accgov.com/icaw for a full list of events



State Botanical Garden of Georgia
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Join Athens-Clarke County 4-H!



Students in 5th - 12th grades in Athens-Clarke County can sign up for 4-H now. The mission of Georgia 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. 4-H meetings will look different this year and are online. There is no charge to be a member or participate in a competition.

To start your 4-H Adventure e-mail the ACC 4-H Agent, Elizabeth Conway, at ebarber@uga.edu today!



Virtual 4-H Programs can be viewed on the ACC 4-H website:

<https://tinyurl.com/acc4hvirtual>

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THE PIEDMONT GARDENERS

PRESENT THE

30TH GARDEN TOUR OF ATHENS

Saturday, April 15, 2023

10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Rain or Shine

Tickets available at
APPOINTMENTS AT FIVE
ATHENS INTERIORS MARKET
ATHENS SEED LAWN & GARDEN
COFER'S HOME & GARDEN SHOWPLACE
FARM 441 @ THOMAS ORCHARDS
THE STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA GIFT SHOP
WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED


\$20 in advance, \$25 on tour day at gardens, \$10 for students with ID,
\$25 online at the website

Proceeds go to The Piedmont Gardeners Scholarship for Landscape
Architecture and Horticulture students at UGA.

We will be following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention (CDC), State Health Department and local
guidelines to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Please visit www.piedmontgardeners.org for current
information and online ticket sales





Athens Area Master Gardener Association's

Annual Spring Plant Sale

Saturday April 22, 2023

8:00am – 1:00pm

Athens Clarke County Extension Office

275 Cleveland Rd. Bogart, Ga. 30622

Rain or Shine Cash or Check only

Herbs Vegetable Plants Annuals Perennials

Trees Shrubs Ferns Ground Covers

Seedlings Bulbs

All profits will be used for our projects such as

Plant-A-Row for the Hungry


Horticulture scholarships



Concerned about the state of your garden?

Are weeds taking over your landscape?

No need to fear, Clarke is here!

Follow @gardenwithclarke on Instagram  and learn how to battle pests, identify weeds, build your soil and so much more as you garden alongside Clarke, Athens-Clarke County's super gardener!



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UGA Extension Athens-Clarke County





Helpful resources online:

[Find My Local Extension Office](#)

[Bugwood— Pest Images](#)

[Landscape Alerts Online](#)

[Pest Management Handbook](#)

[Georgia Turf](#)

[Free Online Webinars](#)

[Pesticide Applicator Info](#)

[Georgia Certified Plant Professional](#)

[SE Ornamental Horticulture Production & IPM Blog](#)

[UGA Center for Urban Agriculture](#)

[Extension Publications](#)

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Mission Statement

The UGA Athens-Clarke County Extension's mission is to respond to the people's needs and interest in Agriculture, the Environment, Families, and 4-H/youth in Athens-Clarke County with unbiased, research-based education and information.

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