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ACC Demonstration Garden

275 Cleveland RD
Bogart, GA 30622

The ACC Demonstration Garden is a creative, relaxing space where the public can experience seasonal ornamental plants as well as a thriving vegetable garden. Many of the flowers and plants are neatly labeled. The Master Gardeners who curate this space have provided examples and inspiration for any kind of gardener. From up-cycled trellises and birdhouses to a native pollinator palace and towering corn or okra, there are ideas and new experiences for everyone.

Workdays are Tuesdays and Saturdays, typically 8-11 am.

John Aitkens manages vegetables, Kristi Segó manages ornamentals.

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Native Landscape Plant Team

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Athens Master Gardeners maintain the Native Plant Landscape, a habitat that demonstrates the use of Georgia native shrubs and perennials. It is a great pollinator habitat that is also drought friendly, providing an aesthetically pleasing landscape with year-round interest. The landscape surrounds the front and side half of the ACC Extension Office.

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Farmer's Markets and Community Events

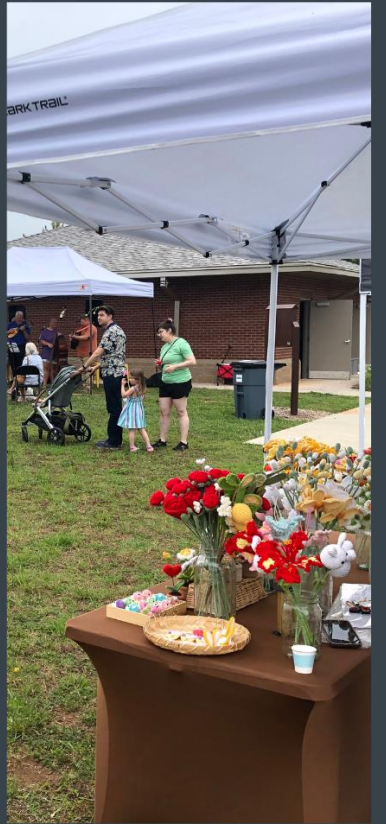
Athens-Clarke County

Athens Master Gardeners bring free seeds and research-based information to county farmer's markets and community events. MG's will conduct children's activities including newspaper pot making, edible compost, among others .

Athens Farmer's Market: Saturdays at Bishop Park
 Marigold Market: Saturdays at Pittard Park, Winterville

West Broad Market: Saturdays at S. Rocksprings St
 ACC Water Festival
 ACC Vulture Festival
 Athens-Area Honey Bee Festival
 Harvest Festival
 Insectival at State Botanical Garden
 Marigold Festival
 4-H activities

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JJ Harris Elementary After School Garden

J.J. Harris after-school Gardening Club provides students with exciting, hands-on adventures in gardening. Students explore the natural world with activities designed to develop a love of gardening, a deeper understanding of their environment and a commitment to their community. Students work to create garden habitats as they deepen their understanding of plant growth, needs and propagation. Activities also include opportunities to engage in service-learning projects within their school community.

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Oconee Plant A Row for the Hungry

6091 Macon Highway
Bishop, GA 30621

The Oconee Plant A Row (PAR) is a 1/2 acre vegetable garden where Master Gardeners grow thousands of pounds of produce each year. This produce is donated to local organizations that feed those in need. The PAR garden serves as a way to support the community and is a great training and experiential garden for the Master Gardeners that volunteer there.

The garden is located at Farm 441, which donates the land for the garden.

As of August 2024, the garden had produced 462 lbs of cucumbers and 342 lbs of tomatoes in a single season. Also included in summer plantings are peppers, eggplant, okra, bush beans and southern peas. Fall rotations include turnips, collards, spinach and lettuce among others.

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Piedmont Pollinator Garden

Talmadge Dr, Athens GA

The Piedmont Pollinator garden is located adjacent to the Athens Regional Hospital Reflection Gardens and is a space where hospital patients and the public can relax and enjoy local wildlife. The goals of the project are to improve bird and pollinator habitat around the hospital, engage students in service to their community, and to enhance the aesthetic and educational value of the area for hospital patients, staff, and visitors.

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UGA Trial Gardens

1030 W. Green St
Athens GA 30602

Our volunteers play a major role in the seasonal, year-round upkeep of our garden, grounds, and greenhouse.

The Trial Garden is an ornamental breeding space for the Horticulture department and breeding companies from around the world to test new varieties. Our volunteers assist the Director Dr. John Ruter, Garden Manager Sandy Begani, and the students of Horticulture in planting, pruning, weeding, and maintaining our 1-acre growing space. Master Gardener Volunteers assist during our Plant Sales, Open House Events, and Tours by assisting and educating visitors about the plants we offer and display in the garden. We work with both new and veteran Master Gardeners, and other community members. Most volunteers are committed to a weekly workday, and we are open to new volunteers but parking is limited. Please contact Sandy for more information and scheduling.

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Plant and Bulb Sales

ACC Extension Office

MGs volunteer with plant sales hosted by the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, UGA Trial Gardens, and Athens Area Master Gardener Association (AAMGA). Each spring AAMGA holds two plant sales. All plants at the sale are grown by our local Master Gardeners. The first plant sale typically takes place on the last Saturday of April from 8 am to 1 pm at the ACC Extension Office. The second is at the Winterville Marigold Festival. The third sale focuses on Dazzling Daffodils and other spring-flowering beauties. This annual bulb sale usually includes deer resistant daffodils, crocuses, bluebells, and irises. Proceeds from the plant sales fund Master Gardener Projects such as Plant A Row for the Hungry and scholarship opportunities.



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Honey Bee Team

ACC Extension Office

Master Gardeners and members of the Eastern Piedmont Beekeeper's Association (EPBA) team up to maintain 4 hives owned by Clarke County Extension. These hives are used for public education surrounding beekeeping through various demonstrations and workshops. The Athens Area Honey Bee Festival is held annually where the hives are opened to the public. The festival also features craft projects for kids, honey vendors, and live music.

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Dudley Park Bat Garden

100 Dudley Park RD
Athens, GA 30601

Volunteers help maintain the Dudley Park Bat Garden which was developed as a partnership between Clarke County Extension and Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful. Pollinator plants are selected based upon the insects they attract which are beneficial to bats. Bats are actively living in the houses at Dudley Park and educational events are held at this location.

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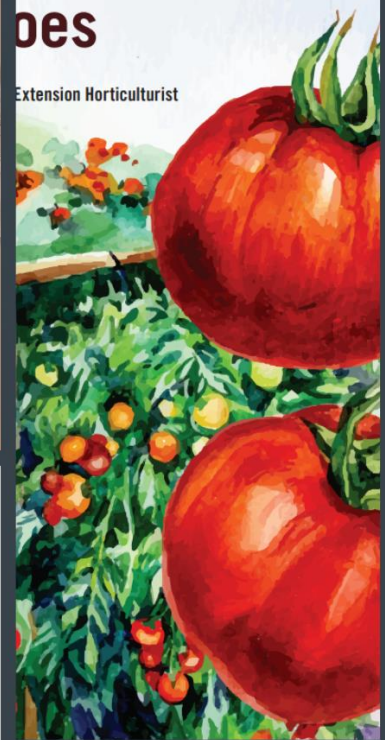


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Extension Horticulturist



Desk Helper- ACC Extension Office

275 Cleveland RD

**Volunteers assist the County
Agriculture Agent with homeowner
plant, insect and disease questions. If
you have questions about how to start a
garden, how to take care of your lawn,
which species of shrubs or trees are
best for this area, or how to treat
common pest or diseases, call or email
our office to speak with a Master
Gardener.**

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State Botanical Garden of Georgia

2450 S Milledge Ave

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia is a 323 acre garden and nature conservatory owned and operated by the University of Georgia. Volunteers assist garden staff with labor in the garden and daily public and school field trip tours. There is a Ask-a-Master Gardener Desk that is staffed daily inside the garden Atrium.

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