



Athens-Clarke County 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.





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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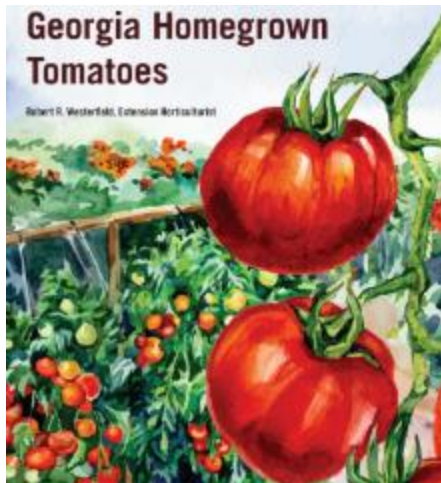
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Ask-a-MG Desk Volunteers

(ACC Extension Office)

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. athensmg@uga.edu





State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S Milledge Ave, Athens GA)

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.





Native Landscape Team (ACC Extension Office)

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 and provides an aesthetically pleasing landscape with year-round interest. The landscape surrounds the front and side half of the ACC Extension Office.





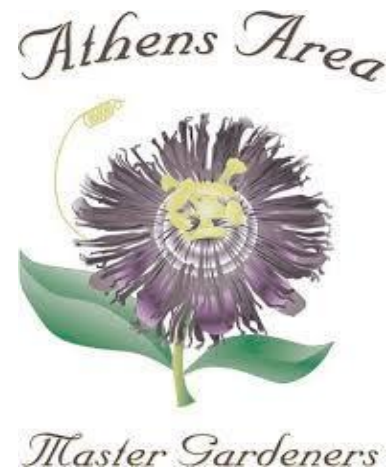
UGA Trial Gardens (1030 W. Green St Athens GA 30602)

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.



JJ Harris Elementary After School Garden Club



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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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. Open to visitors anytime.

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

John Aitkens manages vegetables and Kristi Sego manages ornamentals.





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.





Oconee Plant A Row for the Hungry

6091 Macon Highway Bishop, GA 30621

In 2024, Athens Master Gardeners harvested over 3,000 lbs. of produce for low-income seniors in Oconee County at the The Oconee Plant A Row garden (OPAR). OPAR is a 1/2 acre vegetable garden that supports the community and is a great training and experiential garden for volunteers who work 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.





Farmer's Markets and Community Events

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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



ACC/Dudley Park Bat Gardens

Volunteers help maintain the Dudley Park Bat Garden and the ACC Demo Bat Gardens which were developed as a partnership between Clarke County Extension, ACC Trails and Open Spaces, and GA DNR. Pollinator plants that attract beneficial insects for bats are selected. Bats are actively living in the houses at Dudley Park and educational events are held at this location. Bat houses were installed behind the ACC Demo Garden in November 2023 and we are hopeful that bats will arrive soon!

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