

The New Leaf

Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers Newsletter
University of Georgia Extension – Coweta County

SEPTEMBER 2021

*DONNA DIETZ MGEV
PRESIDENT*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The FAIR is coming to town! To be exact, the Kiwanis Coweta County Fair will be an event from September 16-26, 2021. The Fair has been held every year but one since 1947. Proceeds benefit dozens of non-profits in the county including 4-H. It is a great time for MGEVs to help out and to support 4-H by volunteering at the Exhibit Hall and possibly the 4-H concessions. Refer to the August 2nd Listserv from Karen to sign up for exhibit check-in. I will be there on September 15. See you at the FAIR!!!

In conjunction with the Fair, the Demonstration Garden team and the Nature Trail team are continuing to spruce up their areas along Kiwanis Drive, the main road that winds through the fairground campus. Hopefully, fair goers will notice and enjoy our efforts.

Looking forward, we are planning to FINALLY have a graduation celebration for the MGEV class of 2020. It is scheduled for October 19 @ 10 AM. Details will be forthcoming. We are also looking forward to our annual (well except for last year) Christmas dinner party, which is on the calendar for December 6.

Speaking of calendars, have you ordered your 2022 MGEV calendars featuring Trees of Coweta County yet? I stopped by the Extension office and ordered mine after a workday at the Demonstration Garden. I got two, one for myself and one to give away. Of course, you may order as many as you like. Just do it before they are all sold.

Stay safe, be well and keep on **volunteering!**



TWO WORDAYS IN

AUGUST

On August 10 Jack, Amy S, Lyn, Vicki, Audrey, Martha, Rebecca, Allen and the NT Team tackled some nasty weeds on the purple and red trails and courtyard. Creeping cucumber is new to the trails and stilt grass is rearing its head in numerous locations. If you aren't familiar with these weeds, search them online. We also removed some mariana ferns which were invading the fern glen.

We had a great group of MG volunteers on August 18. Don T, Audrey, Donna, Barbara, and the NT Team weeded around the native leucothoes we planted last year. We also removed unwanted ferns on the Red Trail.

The pollinator plants in the courtyard area are doing the job of supplying nectar to our insect friends.

**THANK YOU TO
THESE HARDWORKING
"VOLUNTEERS**

NATURE TRAIL NEWS



MGEVS Extraordinaire



Amy Sharpe , Class of 2016, waters the 500 Oaks for ROOTING FOR NEWNAN.



Cathy Dodd, Class of 2020, keeps the Extension Office Garden hydrated!!



Volunteers at Demonstration Garden – August 6th



PHOTOS FROM THE NATURE TRAIL

Photos by Ed Atkinson

September is different from all other months. It is more magical. I feel the strange chemical change in the earth which produces mushrooms is the cause, too, of the extra 'life' in the air - a resilience, a sparkle. Katherine Mansfield



Black Trumpet

Why did the mushroom go to the party?
Because he's a fungi!



Polypore



Brittle Gill,

Advice is like mushrooms.
The wrong kind can prove fatal.



Common Fiber Vase

BACK YARD ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Lyn Matthews

What a wonderful meeting we had August 10. The place was filled with an interested audience and had a most interesting speaker. David Brown has been with us several times but this was a five star performance. He was full of design ideas and just good fun. I appreciate David because he knows the rules and more importantly, when to break them or at least bend them. He peppered the demonstration with some personal stories and was a joy.

If you haven't seen the video on our YouTube channel, please watch it. Even if you were in attendance, it's well worth enjoying again. It's too hot to be outside so just watch all the BYA videos. Best way to beat the heat.

September 14th at 7pm will feature the one and only Jim Rogers of Nearly Native Nursery in Fayetteville. Jim has been a speaker for us before, but it has been several years. All who heard him will remember his passion for all things in nature. He is a man of many talents which he will share with us. His topic will be "Collecting, Cleaning and Sowing Native Seeds." Additionally, I feel certain he will be happy to answer any questions from the audience on any subject you may have.



Backyard Association
A LIVE Presentation by
Coweta Master Gardener Extension Volunteers



Jim Rogers
Nearly Native Nursery
Fayetteville, GA

**Tuesday,
September 14
at 7:00pm**

**"Collecting,
Cleaning and Sowing
Native Seeds"**

UGA Extension – Coweta County
255 Pine Rd, Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 254-2620 / coweta.extension@uga.edu

Registration is not required to attend, but those who call in advance and register will be entered into a drawing for door prizes.

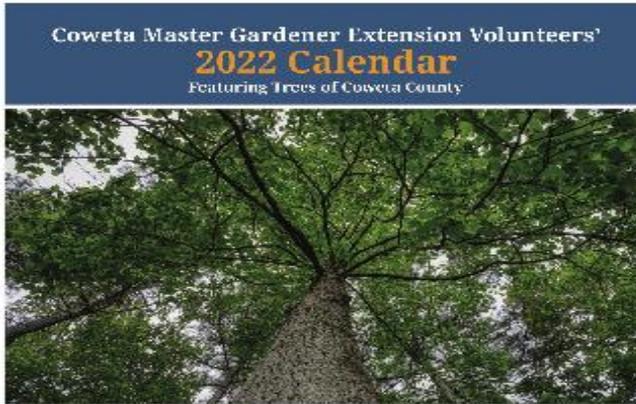


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START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW!

2022 Calendar Featuring Coweta's Trees

Coweta Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (MGEVs) proudly present a brand new 2022 Calendar featuring vistas of beautiful trees, Coweta landmarks, and information about why trees are important for our environment and landscapes.



- Look for monthly MGEV sponsored events such as BYA, plant sales and Market Days on the Square.
- Find helpful information about trees.
- Learn why trees are important for birds, butterflies, beneficial insects and woodland animals.
- Includes "Tree Notes" section for dates of plantings, and other gardening and personal information.

Calendars are only \$12 each.
Order now during Pre-sale/
Advance sale.

Great gift idea for gardeners and nature lovers. Makes really nice Christmas gifts.
Reserve your calendars soon. Only a limited amount of calendars will be available for sale.

Pre-Order/Advance Sale Order Form
Coweta Master Gardener Extension Volunteers' 2022 Calendar
 Don't miss out! Last year we sold out early! Place your order now.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____

Number of Calendars _____ X \$12 each = Total \$ _____

I prefer to pick up my calendar(s). Please mail my calendar(s) to the address above.

Pay by: Check—Payable to Coweta County Extension/4-H (Mail or delivered to office or drop box)
 Cash—Delivered in person only to office
 Credit card—Accepted in person only in office

Submit this order form with payment to:
 Coweta UGA Extension Office, 255 Pine Road, Newnan, GA 30263
 Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 am until 5:00 pm
**You will be contacted when calendars are available
 for pickup in October.**



Help sell the 2022 calendar! We want to have as many advance sales as possible so we print the right amount- not too many but enough for all customer requests. This approach has always worked for the wreath sale so we are using it with the calendar sale.

Here is how you can help:

- Place your own orders during advance sales.
- Take orders from others – have them fill out the order form and facilitate payment and delivery for the customer.
- Post on your social media groups.
- Pass out order forms at functions you attend.
- Text the order form to people you know (take a photo or scan the form in this newsletter).

With your help we can make this fundraiser a success! Please contact Dale, Deb, Karen or Pat if you have any questions.

HOT TOPICS FROM THE MGEV HELP DESK

Submitted by Patty Ellis

Things have quieted down a bit from the hectic days of spring and summer, but we still get plenty of calls for help from our Coweta County neighbors dealing with pests and diseases in their gardens, and sometimes the questions even come when Dan Gentry runs into someone while out shopping. Here is a sampling of recent questions that the help desk has researched:

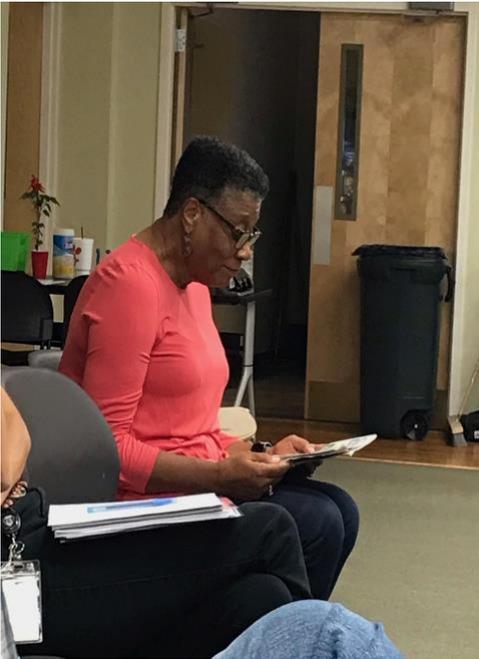
- Kathy spoke with a client whose irises were dying due to iris borers. The client wondered if we have had any other reports of problems with this pest, but we haven't. Iris borer eggs overwinter until they hatch in April. The larvae feed on the leaves and then bore into them and make their way to the rhizomes, where they hollow them out and the plant is usually then attacked by bacteria causing rot and death. Learn more about iris borers here: <https://site.caes.uga.edu/sehp/files/2020/04/KSU-Iris-Borer.pdf>
- Pat assisted a client who wanted to know about growing pecan trees from seed. While this is possible, it takes some work, and there is no guarantee that you will get a vigorous tree that produces well. Grafted trees are recommended instead. Here is information from UGA about growing pecan trees at home: <https://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.html?number=B1348&title=Pecan%20Trees%20for%20the%20Home%20or%20Backyard%20Orchard>
- Dan assists with all matters turf related and advised a client who wanted to know if it was too late to put out centipede grass seed. He explained that late August is pretty late, but it's technically still possible, though the seed may not grow as well and the lawn will not be as robust. We have packets of information for every type of lawn ,and he sent him the centipede lawn packet for more information.
- We've had several inquiries about hammerhead worms recently, and these little buggers seem to be more common in Georgia now. They are an invasive species, and if you see them they should be reported for tracking. The bizarre thing is that if you try to kill them by chopping them, the pieces turn into more worms! They also secrete a neurotoxin, so handling them is not recommended. Here is a presentation from the UGA center called Bugwood that discusses this interesting creature and how to report it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZRXdakcO8>

As the seasons change from summer to fall the questions that we encounter are sure to change as well. But the intrepid MGEVs who staff the help desk are ready with science based information for whatever problem comes our way.

SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

- Buy spring flowering bulbs but wait to plant until soil temperatures are cooler.
- Divide daylilies and irises.
- Cut back dead flowers and brown foliage on perennials.
- Check vegetable garden calendar to plant seedlings for cool season vegetables and schedule planting according to frost date.
- Replace mulch under rose bushes to prevent diseases next year

MASTER GARDENER PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



At work and play Rebecca Gibson, Class of 2020. An avid gardener and former Public School Administrator, Rebecca loves to spread the joy of gardening throughout the community.

Stump the Master Gardener



AUGUST'S WINNER – EDIE SCOTT was the first to identify the Tiger Swallowtail on lantana.



Can anyone identify this plant? Big hint is the seed pods. The flowers are great for attracting Hummingbirds.

Send answers to: patfarmer100@gmail.com

Pruning Tips From CR

When one refers to page 259 of Month-by-Month Gardening in Georgia, Walter reeves and Erica Glasener's bible, we read: 'Prune dead or diseased wood from established shrubs. If there are any wild shoots or suckers, you can also remove them. (Suckers are shoots that rise from roots or underground stems.)' BUT BE CAREFUL what shrubs you prune! Azaleas and Camellias , as an example, have set their buds and are to be left alone until after they bloom next spring!"

Ask MG/Market Day	Harley Stewart
Backyard Association	Allen Summerlin, Deberah Williams, Melanie Landrum
Scholarship	Jennie Adcock, Karen Mansour
Education: Speakers Bureau,	Dan Gentry
Adv. Training/Continue Ed.	Dan Gentry
Youth Education/Boys & Girls	Vacant
Ext. Support/MGEV Help Desk	Susan Mills (library), Patty Ellis, Kathy Olmsted
Finance	Kris Carpenter
Fundraising	Kris Carpenter, Diane Cook
Garden Tour	Diane Cook
Spring Plant Sale	Kathy Olmsted, Kim Magyar
Fall Plant Sale	Kathy Olmsted
Greenhouse	Audrey Harrelson, Amy Keller, Mark Hess
Demonstration Garden	Kathy Olmsted, Amy Keller
Media/PR/Coweta Shopper	Vicki Sewell, Marci Moore, Martha Woodham, Kim Magyar, Shanna Campbell
Nature Trail Project	Dale Senko, Pat Farmer, Ed Atkinson, Melanie Atkinson
Nominating Committee	2021 MGEV Board/plus other members
Volunteer Management/Support	Donna Dietz, Carol Fuller
Directory	Mark Hess
Hospitality	Kim Magyar, Amy Sharpe
The New Leaf Newsletter	Pat Farmer, Dianne Teer, Patty Ellis
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