

# Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers

## 2021 Speakers Bureau



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**T**he Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (MGEV) help University of Georgia Extension staff provide research-based information about gardening and related subjects to the public. MGEVs receive classroom training and continue lifelong learning through ongoing training and practical experiences.

The MGEV Speakers Bureau provides trained volunteers to speak to civic groups, neighborhood associations, garden clubs, schools and other groups on a variety of garden topics. Their mission is to educate the public about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices to build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. The speakers have expertise and personal interest in their chosen topics. Topics offered for 2021 are listed at right.

To request a speaker, contact UGA Extension Coweta County by email at [coweta.extension@uga.edu](mailto:coweta.extension@uga.edu) or by phone at 770-254-2620. An MGEV will contact you to discuss your requested topic, location, date, time, media requirements and expected attendance.

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Topic	Presentation Title
Shade Gardening	Gardening in the Shade
Rain Gardens	One Way to Harvest Rain Water
Lawn Care	How YOU Can Have a Healthy Home Lawn
Container Gardening	Joy of Container Gardening
Butterfly Gardening	The Butterfly Lady's Guide to Attracting & Feeding Butterflies
Composting	Composting Can Be Easy
Native Plants	Using Native Plants In Your Landscape
Garden Design	Color in Garden Design
Vegetable Gardening	7 Tips for Beginning Vegetable Gardeners
Wildflowers	Wild About Wildflowers
Roadside Wildflowers	Roadside Treasures
Edible Landscaping	Beautiful and Tasty
Gardening 101	Spring (or Fall) Garden Planning
Herbs	Growing Herbs for Health and Pleasure
Attracting Birds	Gardening for the birds
James McGuffey Nature Center	1. Walk and Talk on the Trail 2. James McGuffey Nature Center Restoration

# Coweta County MGEV Speakers Bureau— 2021 Presentation Summaries



**Gardening In The Shade** – You can have a lovely garden even in a fully shaded yard. Learn the special considerations for shade gardens and recommended plantings to produce a beautiful shade landscape.

**Rain Gardens: One Way to Harvest Rain Water** – Learn what a rain garden is, best locations to build one, how and why to build it, and the plants that do best in this both wet and dry location. Also learn the environmental importance of collecting the rainwater that comes off our roofs, driveways and streets.

**How YOU Can Have a Healthy Home Lawn** – Learn the basic steps to maintain a “healthy” lawn that will minimize battles with weeds and disease. This covers essential routine maintenance activities, basic weed control practices and how to identify and control several common diseases.

**Joy of Container Gardening** – Gardening in containers can provide a full range of gardening even in limited space or striking additions to conventional landscapes. Get introduced to growing outdoor plants in containers and learn the advantages of container gardening over in-ground planting. Here’s what you’ll need to start a container garden, how to do it and how to care for it, along with plenty of photo illustrations for inspiration.

**The Butterfly Lady’s Guide to Attracting & Feeding Butterflies** – Want pretty butterflies in your yard? Learn which garden plants attract butterflies and which plants are food sources for the caterpillars that become those beautiful butterflies.

**Composting Can Be Easy** – Composting is easy when you learn the simple what, where, why and how to compost in your yard. Learn how composting is a way to improve your garden soil naturally with a minimum investment of your time and effort – while benefitting the environment.



**Using Native Plants in Your Landscape** – Learn the benefits of using native plants and examples that are well-adapted to our area. Discover sources of information about native plants and how transitioning to mainly natives can lower your garden maintenance. You’ll also learn about problems created by exotic plants and which ones to avoid.

**Color in Garden Design** – How can you best utilize color in your garden? Learn the dynamics of color theory and the role of color in garden design. You’ll learn to combine colors to make your garden look fabulous.

**7 Tips for Beginning Vegetable Gardeners** – Would you like to keep fit, eat healthier, save money AND get your children to eat their veggies? Start a vegetable garden! With the increased interest in “healthy eating,” more people are beginning to grow their own vegetables. Topics cover growing vegetables at home (even in modest spaces), site selection, garden style, soil enrichment, plant selection, insect control and many tips for success.

**Wild About Wildflowers** – Georgia is blessed with an abundance of wildflowers that are native to our state and our region. Discover their growth habits and environmental needs to see which ones might do well in your garden.

**Roadside Treasures** – See a “close-up” view of some of the wildflowers we see along highways and country roads. This presentation will help you appreciate their beauty and enable you to identify these “natural wonders.”

**Edible Landscapes: Beautiful and Tasty** – Did you know that fruits, vegetables and herbs can do double duty in your landscape? They can provide color and beauty as well as nutritious food. This presentation will cover specific plants and growing



needs, design concepts in plots and pots, and benefits of such a landscape to the grower and to the ecosystem.

**Gardening 101: Spring (or Fall version) Garden Planning** – Learn the basic steps to successful home landscape gardening in Georgia – and also “what to do when” in a month-by-month review of Georgia gardening activities from January through May (or, Fall version, August through October).

**Growing Herbs for Health and Pleasure** – Learn the historical impacts of herbs, uses, growing guide, and how-tos including recipes and tips to get the most from your herb garden.

**Gardening for the Birds** – Love watching birds but don’t want to keep filling a bird feeder? Learn how to provide year-round food for a variety of birds by planting native trees, shrubs and plants in your own yard. Create a habitat that allows the birds to take their natural place in the eco-system.

**James McGuffey Nature Center** (next to the Coweta County Fairgrounds) Two options are offered:

- **Walk and Talk on the Trail** – Your group can enjoy the outdoors and nature while learning about plants. This Master Gardener Extension Volunteer-led walk will emphasize tree identification, native plants and invasive plants. The trail is 1/8 mile, paved and handicapped accessible, located at the Coweta Fairgrounds Nature Center. Scheduled upon request, during daylight hours and weather permitting.

- **James McGuffey Nature Center Restoration** – This presentation gives an overview of the ongoing restoration of the Nature Center—in and around the pavilion and the walking trails. Learn about the overall plan for improvements, the steps that have been accomplished so far and see the current results. You will also learn how native plants restore the ecological balance at the Center and in your own home landscape.