

The New Leaf

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

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*MARK HESS, MGEV
PRESIDENT*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great holiday. Personally, I'm looking forward to (hopefully) a COVID free 2022! We have a lot of exciting things coming up this year that we will be sharing with you over the next couple of months.

First, I would like to thank Donna Dietz for the wonderful job she did leading us last year! It was truly a pleasure serving with her and continuing to serve with her this year! Accolades go to Kris Carpenter as well. After many faithful years of service, Kris is stepping down as MGEV Treasurer. The Board welcomes Colleen Stephens as our new Treasurer and Shanna Campbell as our new Secretary.

Also, a big congratulations goes to Ed Atkinson for being selected as Master Gardener of the Year for 2021! Believe me, this was not an easy choice. There were several very deserving Master Gardeners and a lot of healthy discussion about these worthy candidates. In the end, Ed won out due to all his volunteer efforts and especially for spearheading "Rooting for Newnan." I feel that Rooting for Newnan is the epitome of what we strive for as a MGEV project: helping the community, educating about horticulture and (most importantly) getting our hands dirty!

Pay special attention to our committee page included in the New Leaf. We have some new faces trying out some new areas. I would encourage all of us to get outside our comfort zone occasionally and tackle an area you may not be 100% comfortable with. This is what keeps life interesting! I look forward to seeing everyone (yes, everyone) at our January business meeting scheduled for Thursday, Jan 13, 2022. Please, make an effort to be there and connect with your fellow gardener friends.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" - Audrey Hepburn

Respectfully submitted by Mark Hess



NEWS FROM THE NATURE TRAIL

Submitted by Ed Atkinson

Hard to recognize, but this is the area behind the horse arena that has now been completely cleared of privet. This was a very large undertaking. Thank you to all who participated.

Future workdays:

Right now, we are scheduled to work on Monday, January 3 and 10, from 10am until 12pm.

Tentatively, we are looking at workdays on every Monday and the 3rd Saturday of each month, skipping the Monday after the Saturday work days. Please come and join us.



Support the McGuffey Nature Center AND Create a Lasting Family Legacy



A view of the McGuffey Nature Center in the Spring...

The Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers are offering a wonderful opportunity to support the McGuffey Nature Center Project and create a lasting legacy for your family.

Since 2015, the Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers have been working on a project to restore the McGuffey Nature Trails located at the Coweta County Fairgrounds. Their efforts have removed harmful invasive plant species and replaced

them with native plants. They have also added interpretative signs to give visitors information about plants and wildlife along the trails.

Your donation will help fund native trees, shrubs and plants that attract birds and wildlife and enhance this beautiful community green-space.

You can help by purchasing engraved bricks to honor loved ones, remember a special friend or departed love one, mark a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation), or simply to support the project.

The bricks will be placed just outside the Nature Center Building along one of the trails. You and your family can see your lasting tribute while enjoying the natural outdoor setting.

You may purchase a brick for a donation of \$50. Purchasing information and order forms may be found at our website, uge2077@uga.edu or visiting the Coweta County Extension Office located at 255 Pine Road, Newnan, GA 30263, to pick up an order form. Call 770-254-2620 for more information.



Bricks are gray. The 3 lines of type include a message of your choice.

Donor Brick Order Form – Order Deadline May 27, 2022

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Telephone: _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____

> Each 4 x 8 Engraved Brick – \$50 > Text on brick: 3 lines, 20 spaces per line

Fill in Blocks below for text on Brick; each line limited to 20 spaces.

Line 1 – Select an Option: In Memory of In Honor of

Line 2 – Name of Recipient (honoree or donor), Optional Information (20 spaces)

Line 3 – Commemorative Date(s) or Optional Information (20 spaces)

Bring in or mail checks payable to Coweta County Extension 4-H, 255 Pine Road, Newnan, GA 30263. Credit card and cash accepted in person at Extension Office only. Questions? Call 770-254-2620 or Email: uge2077@uga.edu. Thanks for your support of this project!



MASTER GARDENER PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Who are those ladies in PINK? Left to right:

Julie Bull, Class of 2016,
Marcy Ward, Class of 2014,
Jan Bowyer, Class of 2002 & MGEV President 2017,
Barbara France, Class of 2002.

All hard working and dedicated Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers!



THANK YOU, KAREN

Submitted by Donna Dietz



Karen came over to my house on December 15th. Jan Bowyer and I visited with her and gave her the gifts from the MGEVs, the Honorary CCMGEV plaque as seen in the photo and the cash gift. She has already seen the video Mark Hess made. She was blown away with the amount of the gift and the tributes. We will miss her.

Letter from Karen:

Dear MGEV friends,

I want to thank each one of you for welcoming me as the UGA Coweta County Extension ANR Program Assistant in 2017. Change is never easy, but always constant. At the beginning of October, I announced that I would be resigning from the UGA Coweta County Extension office due to the position changing from part time to full time. Being your ANR Program Assistant has been such a rewarding experience and is one that has helped shape me not only as a professional but as a person in general. I had no idea how much the communities of Coweta County would affect my life. Thank you all for believing in me, trusting me and supporting the programs hosted in the community over the past four years. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with and become friends with many of you. I will miss serving as your program assistant.

I felt so blessed while watching the presentation you made for me during your MGEV Holiday Gathering. Words cannot express the joy I felt while I watched it with your heartfelt well wishes, it was proof that my work at the Extension office was worth it. You made me feel important, appreciated and you clearly put a lot of time and effort into it. Thank you for making me an honorary Coweta County Master Gardener, the honorary brick at the nature center and for the very thoughtful cash gift.

I enjoyed working with you and I will remember all the committee planning meetings, workshops, education/demonstration projects, farmers markets, plant sales, county fairs, training courses, listening to people from all aspects of the organization and from the community and being overwhelmed by requests for gardening information, fondly. You all have the passion for learning and the willingness to share your knowledge with others. I enjoyed and appreciated being a part of your gardening life while sharing our gardening experiences together. Happy Gardening!

*I sincerely thank you for your generosity,
Karen Mansour*

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

- Clean, repair and organize garden tools.
- Make a garden plan for spring and summer.
- Get a soil test.
- Remove invasive non-native vines and plants such as privet, kudzu and eleagnus.
- Purchase native trees and shrubs which attract birds and butterflies.
- Transplant small leafless shrubs and trees when the ground is not frozen.

BACKYARD ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Lyn Matthews

The first BYA Christmas get together since Covid, was December 6, 2021. We had a tremendous turnout considering the weather was not great. As usual, the food was excellent. Did you ever notice that gardeners are usually great cooks too? And, it's always a treat seeing what masterpiece Amy Keller has come up with. This year was no exception. Yummy and beautiful. Thanks Amy.

The new slate of officers was introduced as was the MGEV of the Year, Ed Atkinson. Congrats Ed, well deserved. For me, the highlight of the evening was a beautiful tribute to Karen Mansour. She will be remembered by all and missed.

In January, BYA will present "Pruning 101 for Woody Ornamentals." The presenter will be Hills and Dales' Horticulturist, Jeremy Oxford. This is a great time of year for this program because we have time to check out our trees and shrubs and make notes on what needs to be done. Jeremy has been with Hills and Dales since 2012. Before that he was with the landscape industry. He is also a Certified Arborist. I look forward to hearing his presentation and gathering some of his knowledge.

Hope to see everyone at the January 11, BYA.

MGEV HOLIDAY PARTY



Starting Top Left: Amy Keller (and Donna), Kim Magyar (and Donna), Susan Mills, (with Donna and Patty), Dale Senko (and Donna), Cathy LeBar (and Donna), Kathy Olmstead (and Donna), Dianne Teer (with Donna and Patty), Deberah Williams (and Donna) Barbara France (with Patty and Donna)

The Holiday Gathering took place on Monday, December 6. A good time was had by all and service awards were presented to many worthy MGEVs.

Hours Worked 2021:

100 hours (one year): Donna Dietz, Patty Ellis, Amy Keller, Ed Atkinson, Melanie Atkinson, Kathy Olmsted, Deberah Williams, Cathy LeBar, Pat Farmer, Dale Senko.

250 hours (one year): Cathy LeBar, Deberah Williams

Lifetime Hours Worked:

500 hours: Ed Atkinson, Melanie Atkinson, Cathy LeBar, Kathy Olmstead

1500 hours: Barbara France, Dianne Teer

2000 hours: Deberah Williams

Anniversary Awards:

5 years: Blake Adcock, Jennie Adcock, Julie Bull, Cecelia Burroughs, Denise Dasher, Kris Carpenter, Alice Jackson, Amy Keller, Stuart (Bo) Kersey, Richard Kozma, Kim Magyar, Susan Mills, Marcie Moore, Bernie Parks, Amy Sharpe, Kimberly Weatherly

15 years: Faye Haynes, Judy Lippman, Rhett McCorkle, Dianne Teer, Marilu Poole, Ann Rouse

MASTER GARDENER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to a dedicated MGEV. Ed Atkinson is the 2021 Master Gardener of the Year. Ed's hard work at the Nature Trail and his leadership on the Rooting for Newnan project make him an excellent choice for this award. Well done, Ed!

Stump the Master Gardener



DECEMBER CHALLENGE

winner is Kim Maygar. She identified the plant as Tractor Seat plant or Leopard plant

Farfugium japonicum

This aptly named plant does best in partial to full shade. It blooms in the late fall.

JANUARY CHALLENGE

You will smell this plant before you see it. In winter, after the leaves fall off they are replaced by lovely fragrant white flowers.

Send answers to:

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2022 Master Gardener Coweta County Committee Chairs

Ask MG/Market Day	Harley Stewart
Backyard Association	Allen Summerlin, Deberah Williams
Scholarship	Jennie Adcock
Speakers Bureau	Dan Gentry
Adv. Training/Continue Ed	Nancy Coats
Youth Education/Boys & Girls	Sonjia Lambeck, Kris Carpenter
Ext. Support/MGEV Help Desk	Susan Mills (library), Patty Ellis, Kathy Olmsted
Finance	Colleen Stephens
Fundraising	Diane Cook
Garden Tour	Diane Cook
Spring Plant Sale	Kathy Olmsted, Kim Magyar
Fall Plant Sale	Kathy Olmsted
Greenhouse	Audrey Harrelson, Mark Hess, Jerry Allen
Demonstration Garden	Kathy Olmsted, Amy Keller
Media/PR/Coweta Shopper	Vicki Sewell, Marci Moore, Kim Magyar, Shanna Campbell
Nature Trail	Ed Atkinson, Melanie Atkinson, Audrey Harrelson
Nominating Committee	2022 MGEV Board/plus other members
Volunteer Management/Support	Mark Hess, Carol Fuller
Directory	Mark Hess
Hospitality	Kim Magyar, Amy Sharpe
The New Leaf	Pat Farmer, Dianne Teer, Patty Ellis
Sunshine	Sara Hanson
Volunteer Awards	Patty Ellis

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