

Our Master Gardener Extension Volunteers



Our group has more than 60 Master Gardener Extension Volunteers who assist on projects in Putnam, Baldwin, Greene, Jasper, Jones and Wilkinson counties. Our program is sponsored by the UGA Extension in Putnam County.

We are committed to educating residents of these six counties with home horticulture problems, sponsoring gardening programs, and providing volunteer service on over 40 projects in middle Georgia.

Master Gardener Extension Volunteers are available to speak to community groups on a variety of gardening subjects. Contact the Putnam Extension office for information on our educational programs.

Our volunteer projects are centered on passing along our gardening knowledge to others in hope of inspiring others to enjoy the world around us.

Here are just a few examples.

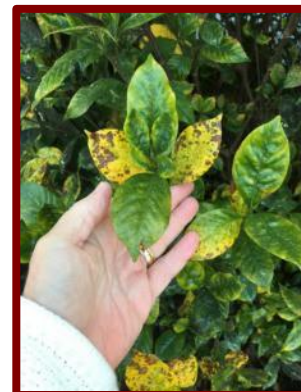
Extension Leadership:

Volunteers assist extension by facilitating educational meetings in all aspects of the community. We provide office assistance, maintain the landscaping, help with 4H fundraising projects and will soon begin construction on a new trial garden.



Home Hort Team

Requests for assistance received from homeowners by the extension office in Putnam and Baldwin counties for routine horticulture problems are forwarded to members of the team. The team members serve as fact finders for the extension agent by collecting samples, documenting problems, photographing the site and returning this information to the agent for review and recommendations. This program is at the core of being a Master Gardener Extension Volunteer by providing an opportunity to educate the public on horticulture.



Lockerly Arboretum

The beautiful grounds of the Lockerly Arboretum are located in Baldwin County. The arboretum offers the public an opportunity to learn about many trees and woody ornamental plants. Many of our MGEVs work with their Dirt Diggers program. The Dirt Diggers assist with the landscape plants, propagate cuttings for plant sales and assist with an ongoing program of plant identification on the grounds.

Rock Hawk Effigy and Trails

Putnam County's Rock Hawk Effigy is an outdoor classroom that has hundreds of displays and miles of trails. Volunteers assist other sponsors in maintaining the educational displays, assisting the public with tours and providing assistance with special events.

Putnam County Primary School Garden Club

Getting our children outside to discover the wonders of gardening is paramount in teaching them how food is produced. Led by a teacher who is also a MGEV, the program provides classroom instruction and hands on cultivation of a year round garden. Master Gardeners assist along with parent volunteers to teach techniques in planting and cultivation of vegetable gardening.



These projects represent only a small list of the many diverse projects our volunteers donate hundreds of hours to each year. Check out the main page on how you can become involved with the UGA Master Gardener Program.