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Annual Report

40 years of growing a better Georgia

Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program
Impacting Youth, Life Quality, Health, and Communities

FROM THE COORDINATOR



Dear friends,

Greetings! I hope that this note finds you well and elbow-deep in your gardens! Chances are, there is a Master Gardener nearby, offering advice and sharing recommendations. I have worked with Master Gardeners for many years and in many states. Regardless of where they live, Master Gardeners all share a passion for plants and gardening and a commitment to Extension to educate others. I am so thankful for their contagious energy and strong partnership!

In 2019, the Georgia MGEV program celebrated its 40th year. That's a lot of volunteers, hours, and projects! We were blessed with the opportunity to hear from Dr. David Gibby, one of the original program founders, noting how the MGEV program always has and continues to focus on the needs of the public. Whether we are addressing pollinator stewardship, water-wise gardening, or growing food, MGEVs provide a knowledgeable resource to Georgia communities, extending and multiplying Extension's wealth of unbiased, research-based information.

In this expanded report, we are excited to share with you a deeper look at how MGEVs provide vital assistance to Extension for meeting its educational mission. MGEVs are truly passionate and committed volunteers. This shows in their countless hours supporting projects in their communities and their continued pursuit of learning about all things gardening.

In the pages that follow, it is our desire that you see the enthusiasm and joy that these cherished volunteers bring to their neighbors and communities. They bring to life plants, gardens, and communities, helping Georgians beautify their home and enhance their wellbeing while protecting our natural resources and the environment. Join me in singing their praises!

-Sheri Dorn
*State Coordinator, Georgia Master Gardener
Extension Volunteer Program*

A photograph of several yellow Black-eyed Susan flowers with dark brown centers, growing in a lush green field. The image is partially obscured by white, torn-paper-like shapes on the left side.

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SINCE 1979 | CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



"It doesn't matter if they've been in for 10 or 20 years or if they've been in for two years. They're hooked and they like it because they know they're doing good. They know they're helping people. They've seen it ... And the nice thing is that, once they've done that service, they feel good about themselves. They feel they're making a contribution to their community and to themselves." -Dr. David Gibby

GA MGEVs, Extension agents, and UGA CAES administration gathered at the State Botanical Garden in Athens, GA in April 2019 in celebration of 40 years of service.

WHERE WE STARTED

The idea of Master Gardeners began on the west coast more than 40 years ago. Overwhelmed by requests for gardening information, Extension agents from Washington State University recruited volunteers from the community to help respond to demands. In exchange for specialized training in horticulture, these volunteers committed to supporting Extension events. The first plant clinic staffed by Master Gardeners in 1973 served more than 300 people in a single day.

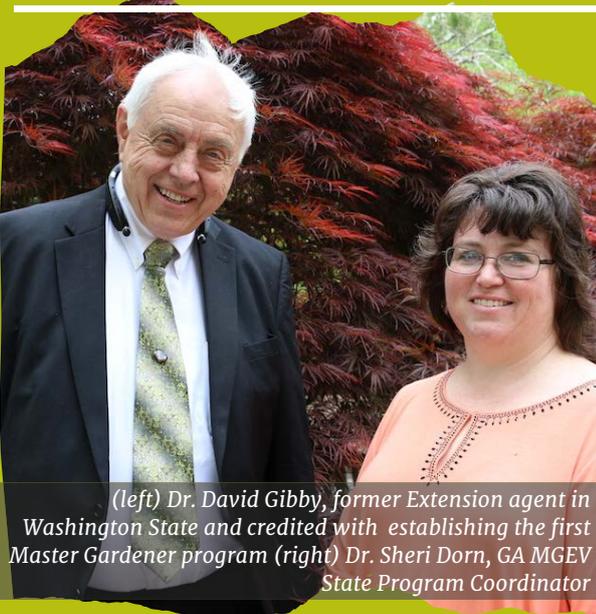
The Master Gardener program was wildly successful, eventually spreading to all 50 states. Georgia launched its first Master Gardener program in 1979 in the metro Atlanta area. Organized by Dr. Butch Ferree and led by Extension agents, including Gary Peiffer, Robert Brannen, and the late Newton Hogg, the class had 140 participants, with a waiting list of several hundred people. Over time, other counties in Georgia launched MGEV programs.

Individuals interested in gardening were recruited to the Georgia MGEV Program to

assist Extension with its consumer horticulture programming. Initial projects focused on response to individual inquiry, such as "Ask-a-Master-Gardener" help desks at Extension offices and plant clinics at public venues. Over time, projects expanded to include programs to change gardening behaviors and targeted programming for special populations. In some counties, MGEV roles have expanded to include program coordination support.

The first textbook was a collection of UGA Extension publications about various home gardening topics. In later years, the textbook was upgraded to the 600+ page *Georgia Master Gardener Handbook*. As volunteer numbers increased and interest in continued training expanded, a state organization, the Georgia Master Gardener Association, was formed; conferences were hosted; and an Advanced Training program was developed to further equip Master Gardeners for extending innovative programming to the public.

WHERE WE ARE NOW



(left) Dr. David Gibby, former Extension agent in Washington State and credited with establishing the first Master Gardener program (right) Dr. Sheri Dorn, GA MGEV State Program Coordinator

Our 40th year finds our program as adaptive and resilient as gardeners tend to be. Moving at a steady pace in the digital age, MGEVs have embraced a new online recordkeeping system, keeping their volunteer service hours and continuing education hours up-to-date for agents and program coordinators. We have expanded our Advanced Training program to include hybrid classes (taught partially online and partially in person) as well as courses taught completely at a distance. We even have counties exploring digital diagnostic options, receiving and responding to requests and inquiries through digital platforms, such as email.

As we adapt and transform our program to anticipate the needs and interests of a digital community, we still maintain the relationships and social connections unique and essential to the MGEV experience. MGEVs enjoy meals, field trips, and tours together, continuing the learning that drew them to the program in the first place. We remain, as ever, a community of plantspeople dedicated to protecting the environment and our natural resources, enhancing our health and life quality, and growing Georgia communities through plants and horticulture.



Congratulations to Fayette County Extension Agent Kim Toal for receiving the first-ever Award of Excellence in Consumer Horticulture presented by the Georgia Master Gardener Association (GMGA)!

Based on applicants' consumer horticulture programming in the five state initiative areas, the award recognizes leadership and coordination of MGEVs, including training of volunteers and program accomplishments.



GMGA board members with Kim Toal, ANR Agent in Fayette County and recipient of the 2019 Excellence in Consumer Horticulture award.

A YEAR'S OVERVIEW

OUR MISSION

The Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer (MGEV) Program connects UGA Extension, plant enthusiasts, and communities across the state. MGEVs share UGA Extension consumer horticulture programming about selection and care of plants for ornamental value, recreation, and home food production. Master Gardeners teach community members how to use plants and gardening to improve their environment, personal health, and quality of life. The Georgia MGEV Program centers programming around five **state initiatives**:

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

projects targeting specific environmental issues related to gardening

GARDENING WITH YOUTH

projects introducing youth to the joy and wonder of plants

VALUE OF LANDSCAPES

projects with community or economic development aspects

HEALTH BENEFITS

projects that address plant benefits to human health, well-being, and quality of life

HOME FOOD PRODUCTION

projects that teach people to grow fruits and vegetables for personal use

2,330
active
volunteers

179,788
volunteer
hours

\$4,340,082
given back to
communities

240,243
Georgians
educated

1,135,384
telephone/email/
media contacts

9,906
continuing
education hours

2,142
advanced
training hours

WHERE WE GROW

TOGETHER WE ARE

As residents actively working in the community through the MGEV Program coordinated by UGA Extension, MGEVs are education partners with UGA Extension.

Volunteers like MGEVs are absolutely essential to Extension's work. Volunteers have necessary energy and passion as well as experiences, talents, skills, and community connections.

Volunteers bring to life Extension's philosophy that active citizen participation in program planning and implementation ensures success.

**GROWING A
BETTER GEORGIA
FROM THE
GROUND UP.**

IN OUR COMMUNITIES

1-30 VOLUNTEERS

Baker	Jackson
Barrow	Lee
Burke	Lowndes
Camden	Mitchell
Catoosa	Morgan
Chattooga	Paulding
Clayton	Pickens
Columbia	Rabun
Crawford	Spalding
Dade	Taliaferro
Dougherty	Taylor
Effingham	Terrell
Gilmer	Troup
Glynn	Walker
Greene	White
Habersham	Whitfield

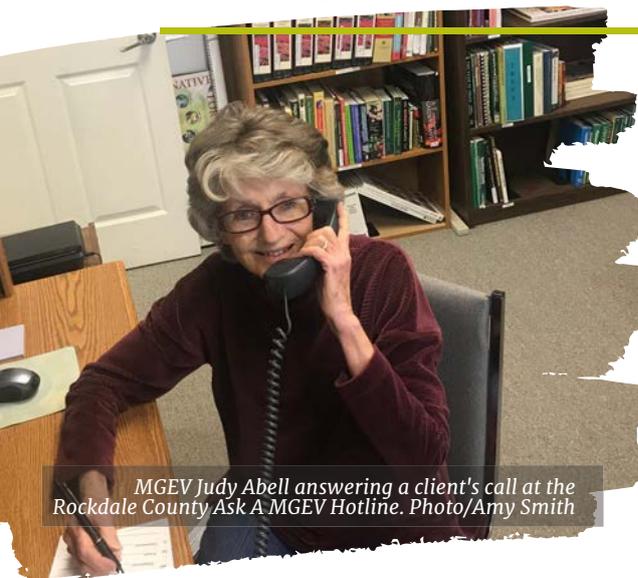
31-100 VOLUNTEERS

Baldwin	Henry
Bartow	Houston
Bibb	Jasper
Carroll	Lumpkin
Chatham	Muscogee
Cherokee	Pulaski
Coweta	Putnam
Crawford	Richmond
Dawson	Rockdale
Douglas	Taylor
Fannin	Towns
Fayette	Twiggs
Floyd	Union
Forsyth	Walton

100+ VOLUNTEERS

Clarke
Cobb
DeKalb
Fulton
Gwinnett
Hall

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



MGEV Judy Abell answering a client's call at the Rockdale County Ask A MGEV Hotline. Photo/Amy Smith

Georgia's population exceeds 10.6 million people, including 3.6 million households. Many of these households make daily lawn and garden decisions that impact the environment and natural resources in positive and negative ways. For example, fertilizers and pesticides used in caring for lawns and landscapes can improve plant health and increase property values, but can also enter surface and groundwater. Techniques for maintaining landscapes can increase or reduce habitats for beneficial birds and insects, including native insects and nonnative honeybees; increase or minimize yard waste placed in landfills; and support or displace native plant populations with plant selection.

To assist individuals in making sound choices, MGEVs partner with Extension to educate individuals about sustainable landscape management. By teaching and demonstrating proper management of all aspects of the residential landscape, including soil, plants, insects, diseases, and wildlife, landscapes and gardens can be attractive and environmentally sound. Signature Environmental Stewardship efforts offered by MGEVs include:

Diagnostics. To help diagnose landscape problems and determine the best solution, MGEVs volunteer at Extension office help desks, responding to telephone calls, emails, and walk-in questions. Plant clinics are also offered at various locations in the community, such as at farmers' markets and retail locations. MGEVs in 38 counties offered help desk services and plant clinics, reporting more than 48,000 hours statewide in support of diagnostic services to the public. Additionally, 28 counties offered home visits and on-site consultations, providing an additional 9,211 hours of diagnostic support.

Raising Awareness. Sharing information about landscape maintenance, potential garden pests, or sustainable practices gives individuals the knowledge to make good gardening decisions. MGEVs reported 40,899 hours offering presentations, workshops, and tours of demonstration gardens to familiarize individuals with Extension's research-based information. They served 20,524 hours writing newspaper and website articles on plants for Georgia gardens, timely gardening tasks, and potential insect and disease pests. More than 20,000 hours were reported in support of exhibits and displays sharing gardening information at public events and fairs.



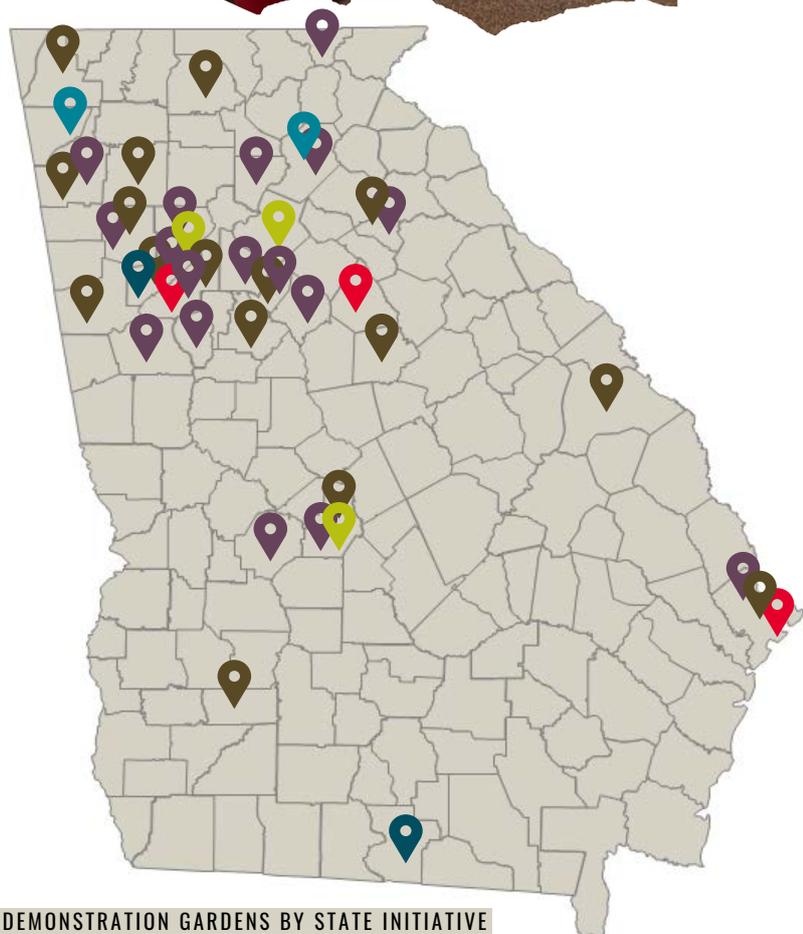
2019 Houston County Extension Booth at Georgia National Fair. MGEV Walter Williams, MGEV Diane Stephens, and CAES student Madison Thornhill. Photo/Charlotte Meeks

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Demonstration Gardens. To reinforce the information shared through presentations and workshops, MGEVs in 24 counties reported 21,646 hours in 2019 supporting demonstration gardens that focus on timely gardening topics, such as plants for pollinator food and shelter, native plants suitable for home landscapes, or even collections of UGA-recommended plants.

Partnerships with Public Gardens. Georgia has public gardens of many sizes where people can observe plants and benefit from the exercise and restoration associated with garden interactions. In 2019, MGEVs reported more than 10,420 hours in support of 15 public and university gardens throughout the state, providing support ranging from staffing help desks, giving presentations, leading youth tours, assisting with curatorial tasks, and even creating and maintaining plant collections and gardens.

MGEVs offer a wide range of projects that share research-based information with the public, encouraging skill development and ultimately changing landscape behaviors. Diverse projects, including plant clinics, Ask-A-Master-Gardener booths, public presentations, demonstration gardens, nature trails, tours, and workshops teach people to garden sustainably. Collectively, this effort results in better plant selections and care with fewer and more accurate fertilizer and pesticide applications, with numerous indirect human benefits including physical activity, mental restoration, and improved community health.



HOME FOOD PRODUCTION & HEALTH BENEFITS

109,056 POUNDS

fresh produce donated to food pantries and community programs

327,170 SERVINGS

MGEVs donated enough produce to feed 299 people 3 servings of fruits and vegetables per day for a year.

Growing fruits and vegetables provides a source of nutritious food and physical exercise, while also serving as a source of stress relief and mental restoration. Growing fresh produce offers a source of fresh food for communities challenged by low income and access to grocery stores, potentially reducing risk for serious health issues, including poor diet, obesity, diabetes, and more. The act of gardening meets the American Heart Association's guidelines for low- and moderate-intensity physical activity, providing a way to reduce risk for chronic health issues. Gardening and interactions with green spaces have had positive effects on blood pressure and even the waistline!

Interest in growing fresh produce continues to increase, as individuals understand associated health

benefits. A 2018 National Garden Association survey indicated that about one-quarter of responding American households engage in vegetable gardening. Georgia MGEVs respond to the need for fresh food in their communities in several ways.

MGEVs may organize or coordinate **community gardens**, land gardened collectively by a group of people, utilizing either individual or shared plots on private or public land, to produce fruit, vegetables, and/or flowering plants. Georgia MGEVs reported nearly 5,000 hours in support of community gardens in 14 counties throughout the state, offering individuals a place to grow their own food as well as educational support for how to grow and solve problems.

Some MGEVs coordinate **donation gardens** and **Plant-a-Row** programs (encouraging gardeners to plant an extra row of produce each year) that are cultivated for the purpose of producing food for donation to charitable organizations, such as food pantries, local meal programs, food banks, or other community efforts. MGEVs will sometimes also coordinate **gleaning** efforts to gather for donation of leftover crops from farmers' fields after they have been commercially harvested or on fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest. Five counties reported more than 2,700 hours in support of donation gardens.

Other counties, such as Paulding and Gwinnett, maintain **demonstration gardens** that demonstrate techniques for growing food for personal consumption. Together, more than 109,000 pounds of fresh produce from these gardens were donated to food pantries and community programs in 2019.



Floyd County Advanced Hypertufa workshop

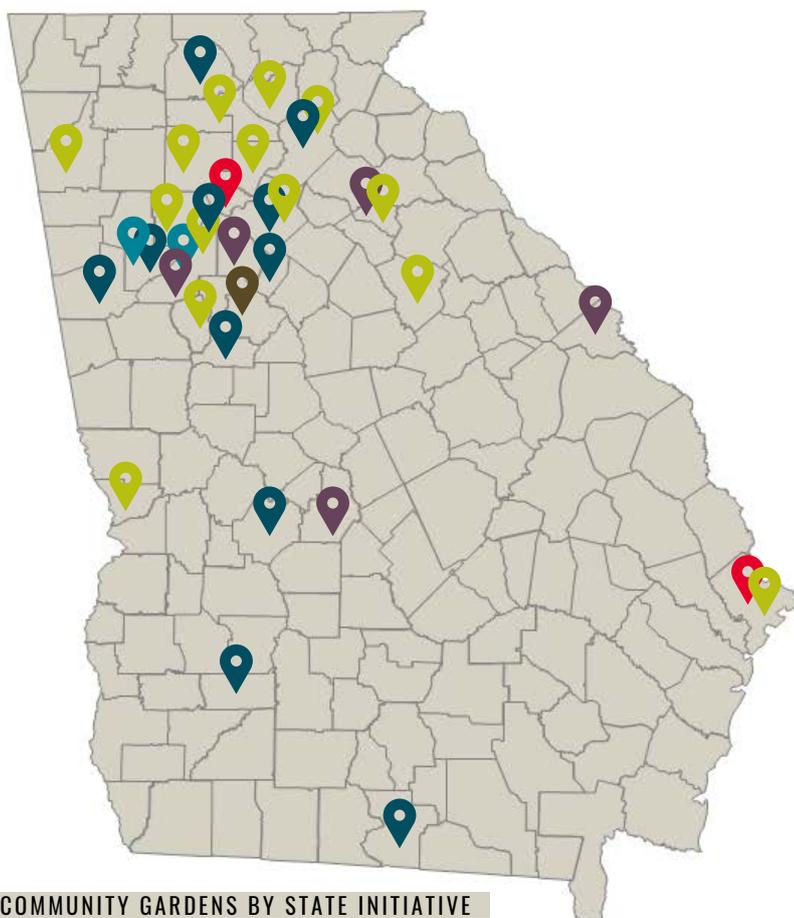
HOME FOOD PRODUCTION & HEALTH BENEFITS

The **educational programs** that MGEVs offer in conjunction with these projects increase participants' knowledge of and skill at growing food. Georgia MGEVs offer countless workshops and presentations to individuals interested in learning how to grow food. Topics range from basic seed sowing, grafting and pruning fruit trees, and health-related gardening topics. Diagnostic services are offered at Extension offices and plant clinics so that home gardeners can get solutions to their disease, insect, and cultural issues affecting their vegetables and fruits.

Several other projects help share gardening how-to with individuals interested in growing food. Six counties, including Chattooga, Cherokee, Fulton, Walton, Fannin, and Gilmer, sponsored seed libraries for the public. Volunteers collected, packaged, and maintained seed inventories available to the public for free. MGEVs in Clayton and Lumpkin County distributed how-to information at local farmers' markets, while Houston MGEVs offered workshops. Douglas County MGEVs sponsored a vegetable garden contest and supported a county effort, Growing Families, which teaches healthy food selection and preparation, including growing fresh vegetables. MGEVs in Greene County contribute to a similar project in Taliaferro County.

In addition to physical and nutritional benefits gained from gardening, social and well-being benefits abound. Gardening can engender a sense of belonging and connectedness to our communities. For example, seniors engaged in gardening activities are more social with neighbors and enjoy a sense of purpose derived from care of plants. MGEVs in Clarke, Forsyth, Richmond, and Spalding reported 160 hours in support of projects that engage senior citizens in gardening. Viewing plants and gardens can also have therapeutic effects on patients, often reducing recovery time and the number of pain medications required. MGEVs in Cobb and Richmond Counties reported 204 hours in support of projects at hospitals and therapeutic sites.

Together, these projects focused on the many benefits of gardening contributed to the health and well-being of individuals and communities throughout Georgia.



COMMUNITY GARDENS BY STATE INITIATIVE

- Health Benefits of Gardening
- General Extension Support
- Home Food Production
- Environmental Stewardship
- Gardening with Youth
- Value of Landscapes

GARDENING WITH YOUTH

Research findings indicate that values for plants, nature, and the environment begin in early years. A child's gardening experience can grow an environmental steward, a person likely to grow up to value the environment and take care of it. Adults who view nature in positive and meaningful ways likely had significant and positive exposure to nature as children. A caring adult mentor, such as a MGEV, is an important part of the positive experience.

MGEVs across Georgia share the joy and wonder of gardening with hundreds of youth each year, reporting 19,132 hours for this initiative. These volunteers are the caring adults, leading activities that introduce children to the world of horticulture. Projects are diverse, ranging from small group settings to ongoing club activities, and include:

- **Junior Master Gardener (JMG)** lessons covering basics of soil and plant care. Offered in eleven counties, the JMG program provides a fun and exciting context for learning lifelong science lessons. Georgia MGEVs reported 3,583 hours in support of JMG programs in 2019.
- **MG SPROUTS**, a Georgia MGEV project using children's literature to introduce youth to plants. Lessons in seed sowing, plant care, and human value for plants are shared with youth in grades one through three, often offered at local libraries. MGEVs across the state reported 899 hours in support of SPROUTS projects.
- **Summer camps** offering a more in-depth gardening experience. MGEVs in Bartow, Carroll, and Coweta Counties (777 hours) offer daily sessions that span several days or a week, often exploring plants through the lens of pollinator stewardship or health and nutrition.



Rockdale County MG SPROUTS participants making seed tapes.



Newnan/Coweta Boys and Girls "I Can Garden" Club, Coweta County MGEV Jan Bowyer

GARDENING WITH YOUTH



Houston County Junior Master Gardener (JMG) participants

- **School gardens** to supplement classroom lessons. These gardens offer a great opportunity to reach children of all ages and their parents. MGEVs in 17 counties reported 6,541 hours in support of school gardens, teaching lessons in multiple disciplines, such as science and math. In some locations, the gardens are a part of STEM certification.
- **Garden clubs** to further explore an interest in plants. Clubs offer a forum for youth to explore plants and gardening while also connecting with other youth with similar interests. In Georgia, MGEVs offer leadership for a dozen youth garden clubs, reporting 1,342 hours for these projects.
- **Agriculture days** to increase youth knowledge of all facets of agriculture. MGEVs in Barrow, Burke, Greene, and Hall Counties reported 115 hours in support of youth agriculture events.



Youth sharing fresh vegetables at the Spalding County Healthy Life Community Garden.

MGEVs also provide support to community sites and programs that engage youth with plants. For example, MGEVs in Clarke County served 119 hours as guides at Sandy Creek Nature Center and 244 hours leading youth field trip tours at the State Botanical Garden. MGEVs in DeKalb support the Dunwoody Nature Center (248 hours), MGEVs in Fulton support the Roswell Teaching Museum (28 hours), and MGEVs in Muscogee support programming at the Walker Peters Langdon House (205 hours). MGEVs in Cobb, Gwinnett, Pickens, and Walker also provide educational programming for youth at residential programs, such as the Center for Children and Young Adults in Marietta.

By investing time and energy in youth projects, MGEVs increase young people's awareness and understanding of the value of horticulture and landscaping. By leading garden clubs, JMG programs, and supporting school gardens, they are introducing Georgia's youth to the joy and wonder of nurturing plants. They are providing the essential guidance of a caring adult and a significant life experience that will contribute to the shaping of today's youth into tomorrow's leaders.

IN 2019, MGEVS GAVE \$63,450.00.
29 college scholarships = \$50,000.00
11 4-H scholarships = \$13,450.00

VALUE OF LANDSCAPES

Gardens and landscaping have tremendous value to people and communities. From an economical standpoint, landscaping a business or home can have significant return on investment. Well-landscaped properties have shorter durations on the real estate market, selling at a higher price than non-landscaped equivalents. Neighborhoods then become desirable places to live, where crime rates are lower and residents are more sociable with each other.



Clarke County MGEV Dave Hagan at Athens-Clarke County Demonstration Garden

These landscapes draw on community assets, such as plants and gardening knowledge, to enhance a sense of place. Additionally, gardens, parks, and green spaces are popular “third spaces,” places other than home or work where people come together to socialize. Designing public spaces to support health, happiness, and well-being is a process known as placemaking.

MGEVs reported 34,717 hours in active support of numerous projects that contribute to their communities through economic or social components. Examples of these projects include:

- **Historic properties** that provide information about a community’s past. MGEVs are often called upon for their expertise about period-appropriate plants for the properties, to host garden and plant tours to educate visitors, and to contribute to the preservation of these important community assets. In 2019, MGEVs in Muscogee, Henry, Bartow, Chatham, and Walton reported 1,159 hours supporting historic property projects.



Henry County MGEV Peggy Dawson gives a tour of the Heritage Park herb garden to a field trip group. Photo/Kendle Duncan

- **Home and garden shows** that generate interest in goods and services. MGEVs provided the leadership to coordinate the events, line up vendors, arrange space, and organize the many other MGEVs to staff the events. Attendees received research-based gardening information from trained Extension volunteers, products sold by vendors resulted in economic gain for the business, and MGEV-led Extension projects received support from the funds raised. MGEVs in Bibb, Cobb, Douglas, Floyd, Hall, Houston, Richmond, Towns, and Union Counties reported 4,986 hours in support of these events.

VALUE OF LANDSCAPES



Burke County 18th annual Master Gardener plant sale

- **Habitat for Humanity** collaborations that received support from MGEVs. More than 1,350 hours were volunteered in 8 counties, including Bibb, Clarke, Cobb, Floyd, Fulton, Houston, and Pickens, in support of educating new homeowners about plant selection and installation, designing garden spaces, and installing the plant materials.
- **Flower shows** offering an opportunity to showcase plants grown by amateur gardeners. These events are often judged, providing recognition for individual's efforts. The result is often a spurred interest in a particular type of plant or gardening in general. MGEVs in Bartow, Putnam, Lowndes, and Richmond reported 151 hours supporting such events.

- **Demonstration gardens** that model gardening techniques or plant choices that are part of Extension recommendations. These gardens often contain themed plantings, such as Gold Medal plants (a former plant selection program offered by UGA), trees planted in memory of community members, or new plant introductions. MGEVs in 17 counties reported more than 5,640 hours in support of demonstration gardens with an economic or community focus.
- **Garden tours** offering the public a guided interpretation of new garden and landscape ideas. The tours can include an opportunity to raise funds to support other educational projects. MGEVs reported 3,044 hours locating gardens suitable for tours, organizing the event, and guiding visitors with a narrated tour.
- **Plant Sales** that provide the community opportunity to purchase recommended plants to enhance their homes and businesses. Proceeds fund 4-H camp scholarships, college scholarships, and materials and supplies for other educational projects offered by MGEVs. More than 14,700 hours were reported in support of 2019 plant sales.
- **Community beautification** that adds to sense of place. Container gardens, town square plantings, and parks and recreation projects are just a few ways that MGEVs contribute to the public landscapes of their communities that enhance shopping districts and increase community pride. Nearly 2,000 hours were contributed to community beautification in 2019.

These projects supporting the Value of Landscapes initiative have the potential to enhance public spaces that truly grow Georgia communities.



Paulding County MGEVs contributing to Downtown Hiram community beautification project

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Moving into our fifth decade as an active Extension volunteer program, we understand that MGEVs play a vital role in the consumer horticulture industry that contributes \$196 billion to the U.S. economy and creates more than 2 million jobs. MGEVs provide essential information and knowledge to a new generation of plantspeople who are keenly aware of the economic, environmental, community, and health benefits derived from plants.

As we continue to sow into our Georgia communities, we will do so in ways new and unexplored for our program, but with the same enthusiasm, energy, and commitment characteristic of our past. We will find new ways to connect people with UGA's research-based, unbiased information. We will find ourselves greeting public interest in plants and gardening with more digital resources than ever before. We will thrill to see plants permeate every aspect of our lives.

In all of the new, we will remember our roots. We will remember our history, where we began, and the many triumphs, growth pains, and achievements along the way. We are grateful to each Master Gardener Extension volunteer, past, present, and future, who has and will continue to partner with UGA Extension to teach others about the selection and care of plants such that the natural resources and environment are protected and the communities and lives are enhanced.



Cobb County MGEVs were recognized at the 2019 International Master Gardener Conference for winning 1st place in the David Gibby Search for Excellence awards, research category. Search for Excellence (SFE) is the recognition program of the Extension Master Gardener (EMG) volunteer work throughout the United States, Canada, and South Korea. SFE has seven categories in which EMGs can demonstrate their outstanding contributions to their communities.

FROM THE BEGINNING

Becky Blades, 1979
Robert Brannen, 1979
Gary Peiffer, 1979
Eddie Rhoades, 1979

30+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Mimi Soileau	Marlene Westrom
Dot Ransom	Sharon Cassidy
Von Woods	Glenda Patterson
Mickey Gazaway	Kathy Parent
Sharyn Altman	Suzi Chaapel
Mary Ann Maher	

*"Working as a Master Gardener has opened lots of doors to great experiences and new friends all across the state."
-Becky Blades*

2019 AWARD RECIPIENTS

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Allen, Jo Anne
Williams, Jackie

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Best, Denise
Colquett, Jean
Monroe, Connie
Scott, Edie
Smith, Ruth

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Brosche, Suzanne
Crumley, Linda
Drinkard, Susan
Emerson, Greg
English, Donna
Freed, Dorinda
Garrett, Bert
Hendrix, Martha
Hindes, Mary Ann
Howd, Judy
Johnson, Cheryl
Johnson, Frank

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Arts, Regina
Barbas, Doris
Barnes, Leslie L.
Bergeron, Margaret
Betsill, Shannon
Blankinship, Gere
Blankinship, Randy
Brackett, Jane
Brown, Columbus
Byrd, Mary
Caines, Judy
Coogle, Sharon
Daniel, Erby
Davey, Shirley
Devine, Susan
Dorgan, Mert
Dunis, Daiga
Evers, John
Gazaway, Stan
Gordon, Cindy
Gunter, Larry
Haist, Cathy
Hart, Lilla Kate
Hightower, Kathy
Holt, Kathleen
Hopgood, Annette
Kail, Ruth
Lanier, Julie
Leach, Lee
Little, Marcia
Livingston, Angie
McArthur, Deanna
Oliver, Maggie
Phillips, Donna
Ristroph, Betsy
Sellers, Diane
Shelton, Kathy
Smith, Helen
Stevens, Carol
Tarver, Elizabeth C.
Thomas, Suzanne Dixon
Tsurutis, Mike
Verner, Alice
Ward, Kaye
Williams, Paula
Wilson, Hilary

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Adair, Jan
Adams, Andrew
Alderman, Carolyn
Allison, Charlene
Anfinson, Beth
Angell, Nicole
Baumgardner, Barbara
Besharat, Gerry
Best, David
Black, Mary
Bliss, Elaine
Boland, Patricia
Bonislawski, Ann Marie
Borden, Brita
Breeding, William
Brinkman, Doug
Brinkman, Kathy
Brown, Donna
Campbell, Joanne
Carman, Judy
Carr, Sharon
Combs, Ginger
Corbett III, Ray
Egbert, Joan M.
Evers, John
Fritz, Kim
Gamble, Kitty
Gaston, John
Greenwood, Robert
Hagler, Linda
Hall, Lisa
Hanson, Sara
Hardman, Rose Marie
Harrison, Jean
Harvey, Leigh Anne C.
Hicks, Arthur Jeffrey
House, Julia
Jarocki, Susan
Johnson, Cynthia
Julian, Larry
Kelly, Christine
Kennedy, Richard
Kusuk, Gayle
Landrum, Melanie
Leslein, Martha
Luckenbach, Ellen
Massey, Gail
Matthews, Lynda
Mellor, Jane
Morris, Susan
Nettleton, Wesley A.
Ogden, Judy
Peebles, Belinda
Pennington, Joan
Quarterman, Gretchen
Roberts, Peggie
Seago, Gene
Seglund, Janie
Sims, Chris
Smith, Pat
Spratley, Kathleen
Stark, Ellen
Steward, Freda B.
Stewart, James
Strange, Sue
Thompson, Carolyn
Thong, Chan Kei
Troxell, Suzi
Ward, Marcy
Williams, Deberah

ADVANCED TRAINING STAR PROGRAM

GOLD STARS

Adsit, Patricia
Brandau, L. A.
Carr, Gail
English, Donna
Wolfe, Suzanne

SILVER STARS

Bolton, Harry
Cheatham, Vivian
D'Ambrosio, Walter
Fleming, Billie
Fleming, Charles
King, Phyllis
Pollock, Lynda
Weiner, David

OUR LEADERS



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
Laura Ney



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
Joanna Wright



BARROW COUNTY
Alicia Holloway



BARTOW COUNTY
Paul Pugliese



BIBB COUNTY
Karol Kelly



BIBB COUNTY
Kathy Hensley



BURKE COUNTY
J. Peyton Sapp



GAMDEN COUNTY
Jessica Warren



CARROLL COUNTY
Paula J. Burke



CARROLL COUNTY
Kyrie Adkins



CATOOSA COUNTY
Julia Willingham



CHATHAM COUNTY
Tim Davis



CHATHAM COUNTY
Jill Detwiler



CHATTOOGA COUNTY
Kendra Stallings



CHEROKEE COUNTY
Josh Fuder



CLAYTON COUNTY
Brandon Crumsey



CLAYTON COUNTY
Dominique Feloss



COBB COUNTY
Renae Lemon



COLUMBIA COUNTY
Tripp Williams



COWETA COUNTY
Stephanie Butcher



COWETA COUNTY
Karen Mansour



DAWSON/LUMPKIN COUNTY
Clark MacAllister



DEKALB COUNTY
Sarah Brodd



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