

Douglas County Dirt

Douglas County (Georgia) Master Gardener Association Newsletter

June 2021

June President's Letter

Dear Master Gardeners,

WE DID IT! In just seven weeks we teamed-together and made the Plant Sale success. Thank you to the Master Gardeners who worked and/or donated plants. We stuck to UGA Covid guidelines and used a different format. Many of our shoppers were complimentary of the plant organization for the sale.

Every Monday morning we had a team meeting and invited other members to join us as well. Decisions were made as a team and individuals picked the tasks for the week. Many MGs came several days a week donating many hours.

We learned many lessons using the new format and may continue it in the future. We also discussed having a Fall sale for trees, shrubs and bulbs. The summer activities will include making a map of the propagation beds, inventory of current plants, trees, shrubs and bulbs and maintenance of the greenhouse, tools, wheelbarrows and wagons.

A last minute decision to have a booth at the Taste of Douglasville was fun and gave us greater visibility in the community about our organization and activities.

I would like to encourage each of you to continue work on your projects/and or work at the greenhouse to achieve our mission. I hope to have the July meeting on the grounds of the greenhouse.

Pat

Zoom meeting June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker TBA

Fellowship Hall of the Douglasville Seventh Day Adventist Church at 2838 Bright Star Road, 30134. dcmastergardener.org

**Garden hours:
T, F 9-11am**

**Garden mentors are:
Marjorie Stansel, Cecelia Vincent, Jenny Harwood, Roseanne Foley.**

**GREENHOUSE:
Monday and Thursday
9:00 a.m.**



Observations from the CAC BFG



Not to disparage any of our male Master Gardeners (Especially Randy Cooper, our eminent creator of the garden) or our wonderful Master Gardener Associate husbands who have contributed their time and efforts to the nurturing of the Cultural Arts Center Butterfly Garden, but the following lecture by Jennifer Jewell is such an inspiration and is highly recommended. Find an hour of your time to be moved and encouraged that our efforts are worthwhile.



The Earth in Her Hands: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants

Cherokee Garden Library Talk: Jennifer Jewell

Google YouTube and enter Jennifer Jewell in its search engine and click onto The Atlanta History Center Talk...

You will not be disappointed.

The Earth in Her Hands is available for purchase online at [**A Cappella Books**](#).

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SUPERnatural: Glass Art in Bloom

Details

Start:

May 15

End:

October 31

SUPERnatural: Glass Art in Bloom brings dozens of large-scale contemporary glass sculptures by Jason Gamrath, reflecting the beauty of nature to the Garden. The 13 installations of about 150 pieces of brilliantly colorful sculptures will all represent blooming plants. Of those, the Seattle-based artist has created about 30 exclusively for the Garden's exhibition. Displayed throughout both indoors and out, the sculptures feature orchids, pitcher plants, aloes, lotuses and more. Gamrath is known for his internationally acclaimed exhibitions of his colorful take on nature.



Topic: DCMG Monthly Meeting

Time: Jun 3, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the First Thu, until Sep 2, 2021, 4 occurrence(s)

Jun 3, 2021 06:30 PM

Jul 1, 2021 06:30 PM

Aug 5, 2021 06:30 PM

Sep 2, 2021 06:30 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcvd-GhqD8qHtaV3xjkTy1qKTJXVCYEg8Ko/ics?](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcvd-GhqD8qHtaV3xjkTy1qKTJXVCYEg8Ko/ics?icsTo-ken=98tyKuGrrDsiE9KRsb2FRpwqAligWfPwpilfgrdcqkz9CStne1LnHdZoCoRcKf3X)

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Join Zoom Meeting

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MASTER GARDENERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

Minutes ZOOM Online

May 6, 2021

OFFICERS

President	Pat Sendelbach
President Elect	Marjorie Stansel
Vice President, Programming	Donald Stewart
Treasurer	Connie Flowers
Secretary	Janet Isert

Due to Coronavirus Quarantine, necessary adjustments have been made for the monthly meetings, working at the greenhouse, and yearly Master Gardener projects. A ZOOM Online Video Master Gardener Meeting was held May 6, 2021, with 15 members present.

GUEST SPEAKER

None

BUSINESS MEETING

President Pat Sendelbach called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

MINUTES

The April minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Connie Flowers gave the Treasurer's report as follows:

Starting Balance:	\$16,199.41
Income:	178.24
Expenses:	<u>914.64</u>
Ending Balance:	\$15,383.05

OLD BUSINESS

Plant sale - Pre-sale on May 1st went well. A request was made for plants in the beds to be potted. Volunteers for May 14th & 15th are Debbie, Marjorie, Clay, Ro, & Judy.

Farmers Market is from 3-7pm the 2nd & 4th Tuesday from May until September. We need 3 people to work the "Ask a Master Gardener" booth. May 11- Pat & Ro; May 25th - Judy & Janet; June 8 - Connie. Please contact Kevin to sign up for a shift or two.

Taste of Douglasville – No booth this year. (*This decision was changed later in the month & we did have a booth from 12-5pm.*)

501C3 Status – Application has been submitted to the state of Georgia. Once we receive the state certificate, we will file for the Federal certification

Greenhouse - Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with the cleanup & organization of the greenhouse prior to the plant sale. New greenhouse goals are:

- have a fall tree/shrub & bulb sale

- define the mission & purpose of the greenhouse - “Field to Fork”, etc.

- continuing a collaborative effort on all greenhouse projects

NEW BUSINESS

Requirements for the 25 volunteer hours per year should include: booth shifts, plant sales, community vegetable garden, office hours, greenhouse, & butterfly gardens. Please contact Pat if you have restriction that will keep you from working any of these projects.

Sweetwater State Park rooftop garden – Laura has stepped down as project leader. If you are interested in becoming a project leader for this garden, please contact Pat. Liz is currently the liaison with the park rangers. We need to schedule a workday soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm
Respectfully - Janet Isert, Secretary

Seasonal Calendar – June

FIRST WEEK:

- How much water should you apply? Each week a shrub needs one gallon per foot of height. Visit [Shrub Watering](#)
- Low limbs in the way when you mow? You can safely remove one fourth of the foliage of any healthy tree during the growing season.
- Collect the seeds from foxglove stalks. Scratch the soil around the plant, scatter the seed and cover with a bit of earth. Water occasionally and the seedlings that sprout this year will bloom next year.
- Look for small new seedlings under your Lenten rose. They can be transplanted now to other spots.
- Lure slugs and snails under a hollowed out half-cantaloupe near your hosta. Check at noon every few days and scrape them into a bucket of soapy water.

SECOND WEEK:

- Use soaker hoses and a water timer to irrigate annuals, perennials and shrubs. The hose conserves water and the timer makes it easy. Most hoses apply 1 gallon per foot per hour.
- Check your lawn for circular, dead, brown spots. Could be “Brown Patch” but correct your fertilization and watering practices before you reach for a fungicide. Visit [Lawn Care Calendars](#)
- Remove stakes and guy wires from trees that have been planted for several months. They can stand on their own now.
- Mulch your vegetable garden. Try using three sheets of newspaper to cover the ground around each plant, then cover the paper with straw or leaves. Otherwise, pine straw or wheat straw by itself works fine.

THIRD WEEK:

- Plant annuals in small beds that make a visual impact but are still easy to water. Try color bowls or large container plantings near the entry to your home
- Fertilize outdoor houseplants regularly. Constant watering in the summer washes nutrients from the soil.
- Raise the height of your mower by one notch. It will help your lawn grass withstand dry weather. Remove the faded flowers from geraniums and marigolds to help them make more blooms.
- Pick okra and squash regularly. Just one fully ripe fruit halts blooming on the entire plant.

FOURTH WEEK:

- Keep your lawnmower blade sharp. A ragged cut makes grass use more water.
- Big green caterpillars on parsley and fennel are the precursors to beautiful swallowtail butterflies. Try not to kill them if you can help it.
- Tree roots are almost bone dry! Give them 15 gallons per inch of trunk thickness once each week if regulations allow. Visit www.georgiadrought.com
- Prune back your hydrangeas when most of the blooms have faded. You’ll quickly get lots of new branches, which may give more flowers this fall.
- If restrictions allow, water your lawn only once per week but make it a deep, thorough soaking: one inch of precipitation.