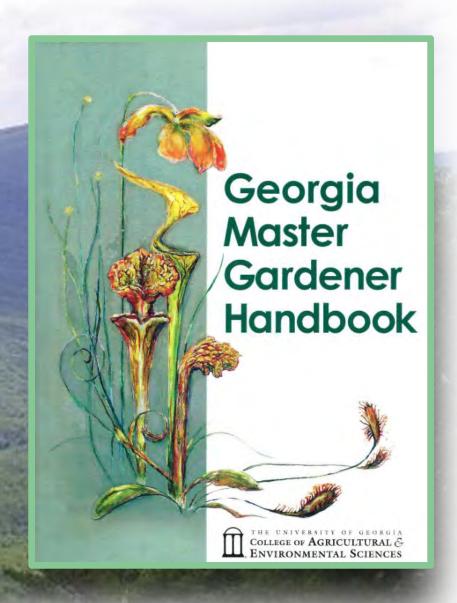


Time to learn!

February 2014

New class of future Master Gardeners begins at the GMREC in Blairsville, Ga.



We attended class for 10 weeks and covered a variety of subjects



















Perennials

Plant Pathology

. The study of plant diseases caused by

conditions

- Pathogen identification - Disease cycle - Epidemiology

infectious organisms and environmental

row and change and die, but Iso rise again and astonish

My 10 favorite flowering native shrubs

Native Shrubs



Diseases of Vegetables

Stephen Mullis UGA Mountain Research and **Education Center**

Oxygen Hydrogen Potassium

Nitrogen

Phosphorus

Copper Boron

Insects of Vegetables and **Ornamentals**



he Science of Understanding Plants Their Classification, Form and Function





















■ Growth rate Branching pattern

= Leaves Flowers, fruit, seeds and bark





Our Mentors, the best Master Gardeners in Georgia





MG Jo Anne Allen



















A Very Special Thank You to Our Instructors (Non-MG)

Stephen Mullins Steven Patrick Robert Brewer

Jean Williams-Woodward Clint Waltz Silas Brown

Clare Johnston Bob Westerfield Eddie Ayers

Forest Connelly Paul Pugliese Mickey Cummings

Sheri Dorn

and our Amazing Volunteer Guides

Glen Henderson Sylvia Purcupile

Master Gardener Class of 2014 Georgia Mountain Research and Education Cente

Time to put our skills to good use

Going to class and passing the test is just the beginning in becoming a Master Gardener.

Now we have until April 2015 to put in 50 hours of service by supporting the county extension office and working in our area master gardener projects. As this is the next step in becoming a Georgia Master Gardener.

We have all been digging in at various projects:

- GMREC
- Farmers Market Gold Medal Gardens
- Nell's Dahlia Gardens
- Hamilton Gardens
- Glenda Gooch House
- Pioneer House
- Ask a Master Gardener Booth at the Union County Farmers Market and the Georgia Mountain Fair

Just to name a few.



Master Gardener Trainees are often found in the gardens at the GMREC center, pulling weeds, trimming, laying mulch or even working as Garden Tour Guides.







Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Trainees working at Gold Medal Garden at Blairsville Farmers Market



Nell Brown's Dahlia's quickly became a favorite of some trainee's providing a world of knowledge and a bounty of beauty.



It's not always a work day, here we are getting a private tour of Hamilton Gardens with Catherine Hensen



Here we are at the Glenda Gooch House







We have been seen digging in at The Memory Garden at Union General Hospital









Master Gardener Trainee Joan used her Grant writing skills and TUMGA was awarded a \$500.00 grant to purchase much needed signs for two of our area projects.



We had a great time with some Union County 1st Graders when they came to the GMREC for their Johnny Appleseed Field Day.



There have been many work days at the Pioneer House all well attended by veteran Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Trainees.



We had a nice time with this great group of fifth graders from Towns County. Not a great weather day for the Hamilton Gardens Life Lab Classroom experience but it didn't stop them from learning.





Many of us have worked at the Memory Garden, not all of the growth is in gardening. It sure has come a long way since my first work day visit to it.



We created some good publicity with our hard work, the community is more aware of what TUMGA does and the projects we support.



We attend and participate in monthly TUMGA meetings.



Now this was a cold day! But we still managed to plant over 400 daffodil bulbs in record time. Maybe we should have checked out the Guinness Book of records to see if we qualified.



We got together for a little creativity to help prepare for the Kris Kringle Market, a big fund raiser where TUMGA sells nature inspired crafts.



