



Greetings!

Summer is here and we welcome you to the UGA Extension Gwinnett quarterly newsletter.

Articles come from our Extension agents to heighten awareness of summer activities in Georgia.

We hope that you enjoy reading this e-publication. Please help spread the word about everything we have to offer here at UGA Extension Gwinnett.

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**Visit with the Master Gardeners at your local
Farmers Market this Summer**

FARMERS MARKETS

Visit with the
Master Gardeners!

Grayson Farmers Market

Grayson Community Park
475 Grayson Parkway • Grayson

Wednesdays

3:30pm – 7:30pm

June 13 • July 18 • August 15

Lilburn

Farmers Market

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
1400 Killian Road SW • Lilburn

Fridays

4:00pm – 8:00pm

June 8 • July 13 • August 10

Norcross Community Market

Lillian Webb Park
5 College Street NW • Norcross

Saturdays

9:00am – 1:00pm

June 2 • July 7 • August 4

Snellville Farmers Market

Snellville Towne Green
2342 Oak Road • Snellville

Saturdays

8:30am – 12:30pm

June 2 • June 16 • June 30
July 14 • July 28
August 11 • August 25

Suwanee Farmers Market

Suwanee Town Square
330 Town Center Avenue • Suwanee

Saturdays

8:00am – 12:00pm

May 12 • May 19 • June 9 • June 23
July 7 • July 21 • August 4 • August 18

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Congratulations Kathy Parent!

We would like to congratulate our ANR Program Assistant, Kathy Parent for receiving a Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for her thirty years of service as a Master Gardener Extension Volunteer. Kathy will be retiring in August of this year after twenty years of service as a Gwinnett County employee.

We can't thank her enough for all of her time, hard work, dedication and love as our Master Gardener Coordinator. Kathy has contributed so much to our Extension staff and our customers. She will be sorely missed.

Congratulations Kathy -- we wish you all the best in this next adventure in life!



Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Teacher Training for Gwinnett County Teachers



Agriculture and Natural Resources staff, Kim Fritz (far right), Program Assistant and Tim Daly, County Agent, recently collaborated with UGA Specialists, Gwinnett County Master Gardeners and Gwinnett Technical College to offer the Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer training to 15 Gwinnett County teachers. The training was designed to enhance the horticulture knowledge of teachers who want to incorporate school-based demonstration gardens in teaching the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum to their students.

Become a **tech wizard!**
Register for classes today!
Ages 50+



Have you always wanted to sharpen up your computer skills or learn the social media platform? The Tech Wizard classes that are offered in July are just for you. These classes are taught by our 4-H students. Learning will be interactive and fun! Click the banner above for all the details.

Mark Your Calendars for 4-H Farm Friends Exhibit

Meet us at the big red barn at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds! Come interact with animals and explore farmlife activities.

- Watch the playful goats romp in the barnyard
- Milk our wooden sawhorse cow Daisy
- Feel the soft fur of young bunnies
- Try your hand at barnyard trivia

For the dates and times open to the general public, click [here](#).

We invite all daycare centers to reserve a time for a special group tour of Farm Friends. Contact Barbara Larson at Barbara.larson@gwinnettcountry.com. For any additional questions, contact our office at 678.377.4010.



2018 Gwinnett County Master Gardener Trainees

Congrats Class of 2018

Our Gwinnett County Master Gardener Extension Volunteer (*Winter session*) Class of 2018 caught during mid-session for a photo-op. Currently, all have completed their training and are working towards their 50-hour volunteer requirement for their Master Gardener certification.

Arbor Day

In celebration of the Gwinnett County Bicentennial and in recognition of Arbor Day, UGA Extension Gwinnett collaborated with the Natural & Cultural Resource Management (NCRM)/Parks and Recreation team, the Horticulture Department at Gwinnett Technical College and Master Gardener Extension Volunteers on an Arbor Day event held on Saturday, April 28. Educational booths were set up outdoors under native trees (about 150 years old) with information on how trees help the environment at four Gwinnett parks; Best Friend, Little Mulberry, McDaniel Farm and Isaac Adair. Those interested were able to “vote” for their favorite native tree. Free saplings were also offered to those interested in planting a tree at home.



Alex Velker (left) and Kim Fritz (right) trying to wrap their arms around a large tree in Little Mulberry Park.



Nathan Gruel (left) and Susan Varlamoff (right) showing their love for trees at Best Friend Park.

Roses are Worth the Extra Effort

Roses are one of the most popular garden flowers. Roses come in a multitude of colors, shapes, and sizes with over 6,000 cultivated varieties. They generally require a higher level of care than most other garden plants, but the results are worth the extra effort. Roses require full sun and well-drained soil. The fall and winter months are the best time for planting. Roses should be planted in holes that are twice the size of the root ball and no



deeper than the top of it. Then apply a two to four-inch layer of mulch to the ground beneath the plants. They should be thoroughly watered once a week with the water penetrating deeply into the root zone. Once established, apply three tablespoons of all-purpose fertilizer, such as 10-10-10, to each plant monthly during the growing season. Distribute it in a circular pattern on the ground around the plants. In general, roses should be pruned in late winter before new growth appears in spring to help promote increased blooming. Use sharp pruning tools and make the cuts just above the buds.

Several pests trouble roses. Aphids and spider mites are frequently a problem. Avoid applying excessive amounts of fertilizer since this will encourage the production of lush, new growth that is attractive to these insects. Black spot fungal disease causes discoloration and leaf drop. To reduce the likelihood of infection, make sure the roses are planted three to five feet apart to allow for adequate air circulation.

If you are willing to do a little extra work in your garden, roses will produce attractive, colorful blooms throughout the growing season. Their display of beauty is why roses are among the most favorite of garden plants.

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Events and Classes

Mosquito Control for Homeowners

July 24
6:30pm to 7:30pm



Free! Learn from Tim Daly, UGA Extension Agent, on how to keep annoying mosquitos at bay. The class will be held in the second floor conference room of the Gwinnett County Government Annex Building, 750 S. Perry Street, Lawrenceville. Pre-register by July 23 at Rachel.warner@gwinnettcounty.com or 678.377.4010.



Join Our 4-H Kickoff!

**August 18
10:30am to 1:00pm**

4-H is a youth development program provided by UGA Extension Gwinnett for boys and girls, grades K-12. It is a program designed with kids in mind, focused on peer support rather than peer pressure. The program is open to anyone. No dues or uniforms are required.

4-H offers an array of leadership development and learning opportunities for young people, such as Horse Club, forestry, public speaking, Life Smarts, Tech Wizards mentor program, Team S.A.F.E., environmental awareness, volunteerism, and outdoor adventures at Camp Rock Eagle.

This fun event will be located at Alexander Park at 800 Old Snellville Highway, Lawrenceville. Questions? Contact our office at 678.377.4010.

Preventing Mosquito Infestation Might Be Easier Than You Think

Tip 'n' Toss for Mosquito Prevention

Fight infestation and mosquito-borne diseases by eliminating non-treated standing water from your home. **Check regularly, including after storms and lawn watering.**

Garden

- Bird baths
- Watering cans
- Plant trays

Driveway

- Tarps and vehicle covers
- Tires and debris
- Uncovered boats

Yard

- Kiddie pools
- Hollow tree stumps
- Holes and ditches
- Pet bowls

House

- Drains and gutters
- Flat roofs
- Leaky faucets



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