

2002
MASTER GARDENER CALENDAR OF EVENTS
NOVEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
THU NOV 7	M G ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING This will be the second gathering of the Board. The agenda is mostly organizational in nature, that is, establish work groups, identify topics, etc.	10 TO 12
THU NOV 14	M G MONTHLY MEETING Today we'll learn about annuals for winter color and seeds we can plant for our spring garden. Sue Watkins will present this program. Bring a steel rake and garden trowel (little shovel) if you have either as we will also actually plant some things in the demonstration garden.	9 TO 12
MON NOV 18	DEMONSTRATION GARDEN WORKDAY November should provide cooler working conditions, so bring your tools, brown bag lunch and come help work in the gardens.	9 TO 12

DECEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
THU DEC 5	HOLIDAY PARTY This is our annual winter holiday party. Bring a covered dish and come join in the festivities. But before we dive into the food, our tree expert Stan Rosenthal will discuss trees commonly used for holiday decorations.	10 TO 1
MON DEC 16	DEMONSTRATION GARDEN WORKDAY December provides us with another of our cool weather work days, so remember to bring your tools and brown bag lunch and come on out.	9 TO 12

(All events are held at the Extension Office unless otherwise stated).

MG'ERS NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION FOR THE MASTER GARDENERS OF LEON COUNTY

Editor: Jim King

WELCOME to the “restart” of the MG’ers newsletter. The workgroup which recommended the establishment of the Master Gardeners Association of Leon County, also suggested we publish a newsletter. Everyone thought it was a very good idea, and so, here we go!

PROBLEM number one surfaced quickly.

Anyone who has been responsible for putting together a newsletter knows about the work involved. So finding someone willing to be the editor was not easy. Finally I said I’d be willing to do it – just to get it underway. The fact that I’ve never been a newsletter editor in the past has not deterred me, because I believe in the importance of getting Master Gardening information to you. Also, I think that when experienced editors see this first publication, they will all volunteer to take over! ☺

THE ASSOCIATION: A brief history.

In June of this year, a small group of currently active Master Gardeners was asked by David and Zulema to help solve a problem. The problem was “How can we encourage and maintain Master Gardener participation and interest in the program once their training has been completed.

The group accepted the challenge and has had several very productive meetings. So many suggestions, ideas, and comments were forthcoming that it was quickly determined we needed some form guidance (the Articles of Association) and someone to be the guides (the Board of Directors)!

Thus was born the MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION OF LEON COUNTY.

A REUNION was one of the ideas from that first association meeting.

What a success! Rene Craig-Bolek coordinated this event and what a bang-up job she did! We had a grand turnout of MG’ers, including some from the first class of 1985. David and Zulema knew everyone of course and it was like old home week for them. We hope getting back together will encourage everyone not presently active to come back “to the fold”.

The auditorium was not only filled with people. We had displays with pictures of past MG events, handouts of

upcoming programs, sign-up sheets for those interested in special programs and vases of flowers everywhere. By the way, all of those flowers were from the yard of MG'er Doris Storey.

We also used the reunion to distribute copies of the Articles of Association, which by now had gone through several draft revisions. Our thanks to Mary Anne Price for all her work and patience on the Articles! Rene gave a brief overview of what we were trying to do, and encouraged anyone interested in a position on the Board of Directors to sign up!

And finally there was the food – more than an army could have consumed, but some of us did our best! We probably ought to do one of these reunion things again!

AN EXTRAVAGANZA also came from that first association meeting.

Held on Saturday, October 19, the Horticultural Extravaganza gave MG'ers the chance to showcase all their work in the Ag Center Demonstration Gardens, present lectures, do demonstrations, conduct tours and answer gardening questions in the office. Lots of folks helped but it was Katherine LaRosa who was the Superwoman of the day!

This event was originated by the District Garden Clubs, however, they readily accepted Katherine's suggestion to have Master Gardener participation. Great job KL.

JUST FRUITS (but no nuts)

Our monthly meeting in October sent us down to Crawfordville to the Just Fruits nursery. Before our program there, we took time to explain to those in attendance about the new Association and the slate of officers proposed for the Board of Directors. We voted on both with unanimous approval. Of course there are always those who don't get the word, so a few attendees didn't know what we were talking about. We hope to eliminate that problem in the future.

We were given a brief history of the nursery and a tour which highlighted the best of the best. Several of our MG'ers were so taken with some of the plants that they had to use wagons to cart all the stuff they bought to their cars or trucks. Some even had to borrow space in other people's cars to haul all their purchases!

We thank the owners and staff of Just Fruits for treating us as their special guests, their hospitality and the cookies and drinks!

THE BOARD of Directors has its work cut out for it.

President:	Cheryl Naylor
Vice President:	Jim King
Secretary:	Pam Sawyer
Treasurer:	Marcia Taliaferro

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We're working on putting round pegs into round holes, that is, to form work groups (alias committees) into appropriate functional roles. As this gets worked out, I should have more to report to you next month.

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