

The Mission of MGVOCC is to advance the horticultural education and practices of its members, and to promote the knowledge of and interest in gardening to the members and the public.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER GARDEN AT KEMP ELEMENTARY:

Visitors can't help but be impressed by this large garden built and tended by students in grades 3 through 5 at Kemp Elementary as an after-school project. This special garden includes wheelchair-accessible raised beds filled with flowers, vines, and vegetables, many of which have won awards at the North Georgia Fair. The program at Kemp follows the national Junior Master Gardener curriculum, and is led by Master Gardeners Electa Keil and Karen Miller.

THE GARDEN OF JACK DRISKELL

Jack is one of metro-Atlanta's best known gardeners, and you'll understand why once you've toured his garden! This large shady property got its "bones" from the 1000 plants Jack moved here ten years ago from his previous garden, and he hasn't stopped adding since then. Jack's garden features award-winning collections of hostas, epimediums, and other shade lovers.

THE GARDEN OF SUZANNE SHINALL

Suzanne has been nurturing this shady Smyrna garden for more than 30 years, and it has a sophistication that only a mature garden can possess. Japanese maples, hydrangeas and conifers abound, and Suzanne takes advantage of every inch of sun to mix in a few vegetables, as well!

THE GARDEN OF SHARON BURNS

Three acres of plants on less than a half acre! Sharon downsized from a much larger garden a few years ago, and just couldn't part with most of her plants! You will be amazed when you pass through the gate into this hidden gem of a garden (and you won't want to ever leave)!

THE RAIN GARDEN AT THE COBB COUNTY WATER DEPARTMENT

The Cobb Water, Rain and Wildlife Garden serves the community by providing public space where people can learn how wildlife and rain gardens can be built, maintained and enjoyed. Citizens learn about habitat specific plant selections for our area and they can observe the life cycle of pollinators as they collect pollen in an urban garden. Various educational programs are delivered, including Landscape Options for Storm Water Management, Environmental Stewardship and Pollinator Education to name a few.

THE KASTNER AND HANKERSON GARDEN

Take this opportunity to stop by this working vegetable and bramble fruit garden. See the new growth on vegetables planted in April in tilled rows and raised beds. Spend some time visiting the chicken coop, seeing the bird dogs, and learning about this wonderful communal donation garden. Tucked away on busy Dallas Highway; it is a wonderful surprise to experience.