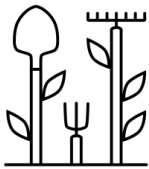


Learn and be Inspired!

The Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County want you to learn and be inspired as you visit our six (6) beautiful and unique gardens selected for the Tour. This year we will showcase pollinators and how we can provide for and protect them. Each garden will include docents to answer your questions and offer educational information to help you improve your gardening skills. Your support helps fund our horticultural educational programs, demonstrations, and community gardens throughout Cobb County. We hope you enjoy your day and thank you for helping us Grow Gardeners!



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Please note: Gardens may be visited in any order. Gardens are not ADA-compliant or wheelchair accessible - some have multiple stairs or levels. Please wear appropriate footwear. No pets, please!

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The Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County supports the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and strives to improve the quality of life in our community by delivering research-based horticultural information, educational programs, and projects. All proceeds benefit the programs and projects of the Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County.

Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County **21st Annual Garden Tour**

Theme: Protecting Our Pollinators

Saturday, May 18, 2024
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Tickets

\$21 in advance;
\$25 purchased the day of the Tour

Tickets are non-refundable.
The event is held rain or shine.
Children 17 and under are free!

For more information regarding Tour tickets, map, or directions, please visit:

www.cobbmastergardeners.com

Tickets may also be purchased at any of the gardens on the day of the Tour.

Heirlooms for Today
The Root House Garden

80 N Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA 30060
Restrooms available at this stop.

Take a walk through history by visiting The William Root House Garden, once owned by Hannah and William Root! Learn about gardening practices circa 1845 when exploring the three gardens on property - an ornamental garden in front of the house with flowers and shrubs, a kitchen garden near the cookhouse with culinary and medicinal herbs, and a vegetable garden. Ask about the heirloom plants that are true to that time period.



Bee An Urban Sanctuary
The Esler Garden

2171 Elmont Way Smyrna, GA 30080

Downsizing doesn't have to be the end of your gardening; landscaping in a small area can be easy and fun. The Eslers have curated their cozy outdoors into an urban sanctuary using some of their favorite native plants, giving the space a calming effect perfect for improving your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Being a certified wildlife sanctuary, they share their beautiful space with all of nature's splendor, including pollinators, birds, and, of course, bees!

The Eclectic DIY
The Thagard-Avgikos Garden

4108 Charleston Trail SE Smyrna, GA 30080

In this fast-paced age in which we live, the Thagard-Avgikos Garden reminds us that good things come to those who wait. Over a quarter century, the homeowners have incorporated touches of folk art into several types of gardens: water and pond, sun, shade, and vegetable. The property is certified as both a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation as well as a pollinator sanctuary. Learn about mosquito control that works and is safe for pollinators. This is a must-see stop on our tour!

A Pollinator Paradise
The Kicklighter-Hunter Garden

6221 Traymore Trace SE Smyrna, GA 30082

The Kicklighter-Hunter garden offers the best of both gardening worlds. The formal, sculpted front yard belies the natural woodlands in the back. Sun, shade, slope, stream, and HOA rules all converge in this special garden. Charles and Jana have removed and replaced invasive species with native plants including trilliums, arisaemas, native azaleas, rhododendrons, and more. This Audubon Society and Georgia Native Plant Society certified garden showcases a special new style of shade garden in addition to collections of plants native to Japan, China, Taiwan, and Korea.

*Visit between 10-2 to learn about best practices for creating a habitat that supports pollinators from a **Monarchs Across Georgia** representative.*

Bringing Nature Home with Natives
The Whitlock Garden

1464 Fenwick Drive Marietta, GA 30064

Drawing upon her vast experience as a former rescue facilitator, Diana has created a habitat featuring natives at the Whitlock garden. Certified as a Pollinator Garden with Monarchs Across Georgia, a Wildlife Sanctuary with Georgia Birder, and a Native Plant Habitat with Georgia Native Plant Society, this garden features an outdoor butterfly habitat, a medicinal garden, raised beds for veggies and fruits, and adores native azaleas. Come learn about the fundamentals of growing plants and nurturing pollinators.



Growing Food for Our Community
The Wellness Garden

2850 Powder Springs Rd. Marietta, GA 30064
Restrooms available at businesses nearby; park behind the Bureau.

The Cobb County Farm Bureau, MGVOCC, Cobb Water & Soil Conservation District, and WellStar Health Systems joined together in 2022 to create a space dedicated to growing produce for those in need in our area and to teach recipients ways of incorporating fresh fruits and vegetables into their diets. Visitors will see the many ways food can be successfully grown at home whether you have a large or small space available.