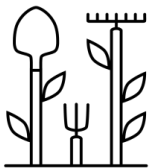


Learn and be Inspired!

The Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County want you to learn and be inspired as you visit our four (4) beautiful and unique gardens selected for the Tour. This year, we will demonstrate how individuals can become responsible stewards for their environment, focusing on protecting natural resources, increasing plant and animal biodiversity, conserving soil and water, providing habitats for pollinators and wildlife, and improving public and environmental health. 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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Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County 23rd Annual Garden Tour

Theme: Grow Your Greenscape

**Saturday, May 9, 2026
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**



Tickets

\$15 per person

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

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

www.cobbmastergardeners.com

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

Creeks of Contemplation

The St. Jean Garden

1952 River Forest Dr, Marietta, GA 30068

Set on the border of Cobb and Fulton counties, the St. Jean garden blends natural beauty with thoughtful stewardship, inviting visitors to slow down, rest on one of the many available benches, and listen to the gentle sound of two creeks that wind through the landscape before flowing to the Chattahoochee River. Ask the homeowners about the roaming deer and how they plant for visiting wildlife!

Seasonal highlights include rescued azaleas with an inspiring history—once discarded as “dead,” now flourishing after decades of care and rejuvenation pruning. Whether you come to admire the textures of old leaves, enjoy the cool shade, or simply sit and reflect, this garden offers a rare and restorative escape into nature’s quiet resilience.

For the kids: Children can learn how plants grow and take home their own planted seeds!



Backyard Biodiversity

The Lessans Garden

1622 Pintail Point, Marietta, GA 30068

The Lessans garden faces typical garden hurdles for a suburban lot, such as heavy clay soil, limited space, and low sunlight. To meet these challenges, many plants have been

selected to adapt to this environment, such as native Sparkleberry, Bottlebrush Buckeye, and Florida Hobblebush shrubs. By adding organic ingredients to the soil from the unusual compost bin and removing invasive species, these plants have thrived!

Extra attention has been placed on pollinators in this garden - providing adequate food, shelter, and water has allowed the bird, butterfly, bee, and wasp populations to come back year-over-year. Learn how sustainable practices such as these can reduce water waste, enhance plant diversity, and attract local pollinators like birds and bees!



Designed by Nature, Guided by People

The McFarlane Nature Park

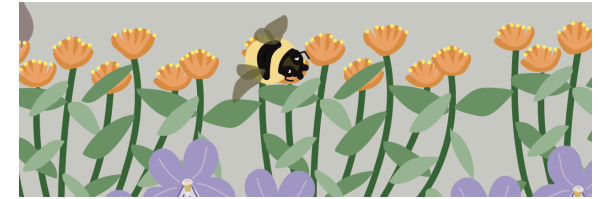
280 Farm Rd SE, Marietta, GA 30067

Come explore this expansive 11-acre passive park! Home to the original 1940s caretaker house and outbuildings, horse grazing fields, a woodland, a bee garden, a sun border, and a stumpery, the McFarlane Nature Park is considered a hidden natural gem in East Cobb because it has retained the ethos of the property (to keep the passive park in tune with native plants and wildlife). This has been enhanced through the addition of Piedmont native trees, shrubs, and perennials.

Listen to talks by local experts on how to care for birds and bees. Speak to MGVOCC Master Gardeners on site about the plantings and

history of the Park. Walk the marked paths and enjoy some lovely photo opportunities. This is truly a special place.

For the kids: Children can participate in a scavenger hunt.



Perennial Playground

The Madsen Garden

1410 Waterford Green Dr, Marietta, GA 30068

Perennial Playground is a thoughtfully designed landscape that blends beauty, biodiversity, and year-round interest. Bees and butterflies move purposefully among vibrant perennial plantings, supporting a healthy ecosystem while adding gentle energy to the space. A refined water feature provides a calming focal point, complemented by birdhouses that encourage regular visits from many different bird species.

The greenhouses, blueberry bushes, and peach tree highlight the garden’s focus on sustainability and abundance, while the many different trees offer structure, shade, and timeless character. Altogether, the yard creates an engaging, welcoming environment that guests are naturally drawn to explore and enjoy.

For the kids: Get creative by making your own bug masks and pet rocks!