Presentation Item #3

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Extension Service	Presenter(s):	Kim Toal; Sandy Edwards
Meeting Date:	February 6, 2014	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of the 2013 Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Service Program.

Background/History/Details:

The Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program is a wonderful way for Fayette county citizens to give back to their community. Individuals in this program are trained through the Cooperative Extension Office and provide research-based answers to home garden questions.

Our volunteers have worked extremely hard this year and will be recognized by presenting a "check" to the citizens of Fayette County of their volunteer contributions in 2013.

Additionally, four volunteers that contributed over 100 hours each to education efforts that will be recognized.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of the 2013 Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Service Program.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	No

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Floyd Jones

From: Sandra J. Edwards
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 1:48 PM
To: Sandra J. Edwards (sedwards@FAYETTECOUNTYGA.GOV)
Subject: 2013 GRAND TOTALS - FAYETTE COUNTY

This is worthy news and I suppose you could say we're tooting our own horn (toot, toot). I know many of you are well acquainted with the Fayette County Extension Office and the Master Gardener Extension Volunteers. As most organizations, we always provide the annual figures and accomplishments to our District Office, however I think you should also know.

On February 6 at the Thursday night Commissioner's Meeting (7 pm - Commissioner's Public Meeting Room) the Master Gardener Extension Volunteers will present a "faux check" to the "Residents of Fayette County" for $153,458.98. This check represents the estimated value of the volunteer hours, mileage and produce from the Plant-a-Row for the Hungry that is donated to charitable groups in our county. The e-mail below is the one sent to our Master Gardener Extension Volunteers to congratulate them on their commitment and excellence in our county.

If you can attend this recognition meeting on Feb 6th that would be wonderful. We really appreciate your continued support of our classes and projects – everything we do is for the education and outreach into the community. Thanks, Sandy

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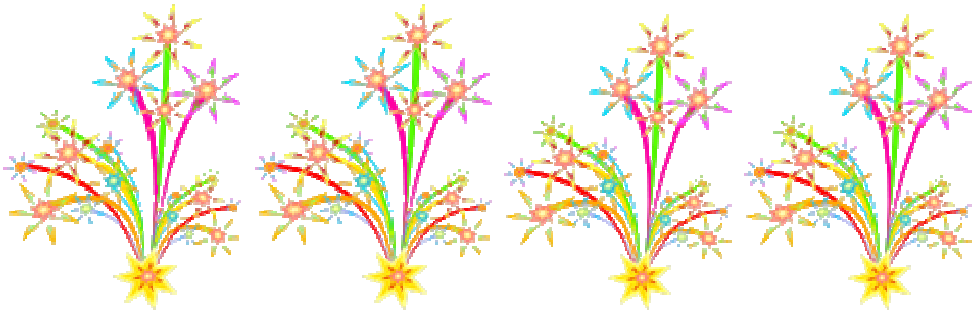
Master Gardener

Congratulations – Master Gardener Extension Volunteers - 2013



THE GRAND TOTALS FOR THE FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE ARE VERY IMPRESSIVE. THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS PUT AN ESTIMATED MONETARY VALUE ON THE VOLUNTEER HOURS & MILEAGE SO ALL OFFICES WILL BE ON THE SAME PLAYING FIELD. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ONE HUGE ADVANTAGE – AND THAT'S THE ADDITION OF THE PLANT-A-ROW (aka PAR) FOR THE HUNGRY POUNDAGE/DONATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

2013 VOLUNTEER HOURS	4,838	Estimated monetary value	$95,560.38
2013 VOLUNTEER *MILEAGE	26,303	Estimated monetary value	13,151.50
2013 PAR POUNDS	40,011	Estimated monetary value	44,747.10

TOTAL = $153,458.98 TO FAYETTE COUNTY RESIDENTS

*To put the mileage in perspective, it's 25,000 around the world – you went around the world once and then a one way side trip to Jamaica.

Thanks for all your fine efforts and for extending yourselves into the community on behalf of the Fayette County Extension Office. You are a great group of Master Gardener Extension Volunteers!

Sandy – on behalf of the entire office staff