

**Ordinary to Extraordinary**

**The Doyle Garden**

5631 Conway Drive, Marietta 30068

Perfectly perched with a view above the Chattahoochee River, this property underwent serious transformations beginning in 2015 when owner Don became a Master Gardener. Armed with new horticultural knowledge, he and his wife, Regenia, set about correcting “all the erroneous plantings and reducing the amount of grass in open areas.” The results speak for themselves. The garden now carries a wildlife habitat certification. Focal points include multiple intimate seating areas, unobstructed views of the river and a lovely collection of garden art.



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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.*

**18th Annual Garden Tour**

**Saturday, May 22, 2021**

**10 am to 5 pm**

***Learn and be Inspired!***

The Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County want you to learn



and be inspired as you visit our five (5) beautiful and unique gardens selected for the Tour. This year's theme, "*Flying Colors Amid the Garden,*" will showcase the value of creating habitats that attract butterflies and other important pollinators. All gardens are located in the East Cobb and downtown Marietta area. Our docents will usher you through a boutique urban

backyard getaway to a Greek-inspired estate, *while complying with UGA Cobb County COVID-19 safety protocols.* Each garden will include docents to answer your questions and offer educational information to help you improve your gardening skills. Your support helps provide funding for our horticultural educational programs and demonstration and community gardens throughout Cobb County. We hope you enjoy your day and thank you for helping us Grow Gardeners!

**\$15 in advance; \$20 if purchased day of tour**

**Please note:** Tickets are non-refundable. Event is held rain or shine. Children 17 and under free! **MASKS REQUIRED!**

*Gardens may be visited in any order. Gardens are not wheelchair accessible; some have multiple stairs or levels. Please wear appropriate footwear and masks. No pets please!*

### ***Urban Oasis***

#### ***The Lopez Garden***

394 Freyer Drive NE, Marietta 30060

The Lopez garden offers a great example of how to make the most of a small-lot shade garden. Stone pathways, garden beds that provide year-round color and a koi pond all come together forming a relaxing retreat. *And* it is located not five minutes from downtown Marietta! Slope, accessibility and shade are several of the major challenges that Linda overcame when developing a well-appointed, low maintenance and functional landscape for all family members to enjoy. There are many lessons to be shared from this garden.

### ***Raising the Bar on Vegetables***

#### ***Reconnecting Our Roots Community Garden***

271 Lemon Street, Marietta 30060

Come learn the finer points of vegetable gardening *and* see how a community garden can reshape a neighborhood! Reconnecting Our Roots Community Garden (RORCG) was adopted as a project of the Cobb Master Gardeners in 2014. It contains 58 raised beds (some handicap accessible), a large shed, picnic tables, gazebo and “little library.” Raised beds are rented to community members who wish to grow their own vegetables, herbs and flowers. An Audubon Certified Wildlife Sanctuary, this garden is surrounded by pollinator plants which attract birds, butterflies and other beneficial wildlife. It is open to visitors who wish to sit and enjoy the scenery. RORCG stands out as a garden that has developed partnerships with the community. The land is owned by the adjacent Zion Church, who graciously offered it for the betterment of the community. RORCG also formed valuable partnerships with the Rotary Club, nearby schools and residents. They are particularly proud of their relationship with local veterans, who also help volunteer at the garden. Come on downtown!

### ***Opa, Opa! Celebrate Outdoors***

#### ***The Demestihos Garden***

3530 Knight Road, Marietta 30066

Greeks use the words “*opa!*” and “*opa, opa!*” to express a range of emotions from oops! to happy nods for dancing brides and grooms. No doubt, visitors will be moved to shout *opa, opa!* when they discover this nine-acre wooded haven. When looking for acreage, near owner Evan’s office, the Demestihoses worked tirelessly to mold this property into a space where they can enjoy their love of nature, gardening, family, heritage and hobbies. The landscape works with, in and around the hilly terrain and many native trees to create focal points. These include a greenhouse, stable and St. Stylianos Greek Chapel with a rooftop overlook of Sweat Mountain! The property also includes a solar power array. Now retired, Evan is testing his gardening skills by growing olive trees and edibles that are a bit of a challenge for most places in Georgia. Evan aspires to be a Master Gardener soon, but is clearly off to a great start!

### ***Discovery Garden***

#### ***The Swearingin Garden***

1500 Dansford Court North, Marietta 30062

Birds singing, water trickling, flowers blooming, places to gaze, nooks for neighborhood children to explore and lush resting places, all come together in this half-acre garden. Started in 2005 as a retirement project, Master Gardener Van created a special place for family and friends to relax, wander and enjoy the sounds of nature. Water features, including two koi ponds, a waterfall and a variety of pollinator plants are some of the highlights in this colorful landscape. The Swearingin Garden is a certified wildlife habitat. Come smell the roses!