

Lumpkin County Master Gardeners 2010 Annual Summary

Annual County Summary of Activities For 2010

- ö 44 — Veteran Master Gardeners
- ö Number of Volunteer Hours = 2,843
- ö Number of In-Person Contacts = 3,476
- ö Total Value of MG Hours = \$ 56,153.20



2010 Lumpkin County Master Gardeners' Special Projects

- ö Planned & Conducted the Garden Expo and Plant Sale during the Mtn. Flower Festival. Master Gardeners gave demonstrations, exhibits and a information booth.
- ö Work in the Garden of the Indians @ LCHS
- ö Volunteered to help 4-H'ers with Rabies Clinic and Gold Rush parking fundraisers. Also, helped the City of Dahlonega with the Christmas decoration around the city square.

Upcoming Events

- ö Cloverleaf — Summer Camp Sign up coming soon.
- ö Feb 2nd — Groundhog Day
- ö Feb 8th — Lumpkin Area Livestock Mtg.
- ö Feb 14th — Valentine's Day
- ö Feb 18th — Arbor Day Tree Planting.



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January 2011 Highlights

Junior and Senior 4-H'ers Preparing for DPA



Sr. 4-H'ers working on their
DPA projects



"I'm finished!"



Sr. 4-H'er Kathleen Crocker
gets it down on paper



Jr. 4-H'ers working on their DPA
projects

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- In-school programs were held in the shortened school schedule. Fifth graders learned about eating proper portions by understanding and reading the food label. Sixth grader members learned how atmosphere changes are affecting the populations of amphibians around the world.
- Seventeen 4-H project portfolios were submitted for judging. The Juniors 4-Hers (7th and 8th graders) and Senior 4-Hers (high schoolers), prepared a portfolio highlighting their activities and accomplishments over the last year. Once scored, this completes the first step leading up to the March district competition at Rock Eagle. At that time, they prepare and present a demonstration about their project. This could be in a form of a how-to presentation to a short performance. The 4-H members will be competing the weekend of March 5-6.
- The monthly homeschool members learned about food labels and the April Poultry Judging contest.
- Ian chaired the monthly Family Connection collaborative held at NGCSU Continued Education building.
- Collegiate student Trey McMillan attended 4-H Camp Counselor Selection Weekend at Rock Eagle. Participants go through a series of interviews with 4-H agents and 4-H alumni while involved with team building activities. By the end of the 2-day session, first year applicants are selected. Seasoned camp counselors submit an application and interest form. Unfortunately, Trey was not selected for this camp season; More than 90 applicants for about 30 spots. Second year counselor Ben Mayfield was asked to serve as a counselor at Wahsega 4-H Center beginning in June.
- Ian attended the district Winter School session in Athens; he also participated in online trainings the following days. He learned of 4-H successes this last year and upcoming program changes.
- District officer, Drew Bodney, attended the quarterly board meeting. He helped with planning the upcoming district project contest. Drew, who is an 8th grader, had a newspaper article published explaining what is involved with preparing a portfolio.
- Working with Family Connection challenge course director, Roger Greer, Ian helped present a proposal for a youth leadership project. Support comes from the Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Lumpkin, and North Georgia College and State University.

Summer Camp Sign Up Coming Soon



**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Greg Sheppard,
County Extension Coordinator**

- After retiring last October, Greg Sheppard was rehired by the University of Georgia in January to work part time as the County Extension Coordinator and Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Lumpkin County. Greg will be working approximately ½ time and will be in the office most mornings. This is a temporary measure for one year. Hopefully, by the end of the year the State budget situation will improve and a new agent can be hired.
- Greg met with officials at Dahlonega City Hall and the city arborist to discuss and develop a plan of work for tree maintenance within the city of Dahlonega.
- Participated in an Extension “Winter School” session at UGA. Plans for restructuring the Extension Service were discussed as well as the development of the annual plan of work in Agriculture & Natural Resources.
- Taught a class on Shade Tree Selection and Maintenance for a group of Master Gardeners.
- Made a number of home and farm troubleshooting visits as requested throughout the month.

