



*Pleasures are like poppies spread,  
You seize the flower, the bloom is shed.*

Robert Burns

April 28, 2008

Dear Gardeners and Habitat Owners,

I just had to include the poppies pictured above, as mine are starting to bloom now and they are wonderful! When it is time to collect the seeds, I will be glad to share some with you. Mine came originally from the garden of Margaret Moseley, a well-known Southern lady who has been featured on a number of TV shows.

We want to welcome **Murphey-Candler Homeowners Association** and their members to our meetings! Your interest inspires us, and I hope we can interest you in the Community Habitat Project. Please join with us next Monday!

Next Meeting - Monday, May 5, 2008 7:30 PM D'Youville Condominiums Clubhouse

Since our program chairmen, Pat and Ed Mercer live in D'Youville, we are delighted that we may now have our meetings in their clubhouse, free of charge. This is GREAT news! D'Youville is a Certified Habitat, and also some of the individual owners have certified their own properties. D'Youville is on Chamblee Dunwoody Road across from First United Methodist Church. Turn in, cross the bridge, and follow the road to the right to the top of the hill and the clubhouse. We hope the residents of D'Youville will join us in our meetings, and we offer our thanks to the Homeowners' Association and President Jim Mayer and the Leasing Office for granting us meeting rights! As we do not meet during the summer, we will begin our meetings there again in September.

We welcome our speaker, Susan Meyers, head of MAG (Monarchs Across Georgia), a member of the Governor's Council on Environmental Education, and leader of annual trips to the Mexican hibernation home of the Monarch butterflies. I guarantee her program and slides will be one of the best ever! Please don't miss this special presentation – and remember, all guests are welcome.

International Migratory Bird Day, May 10, 9AM – 1 PM. Piedmont Park

Your new coordinator, Tom Reilly, and I will be representing the Chamblee Community Wildlife Habitat and the National Wildlife Federation at this show. There will be many booths set up and much fun and information to be shared. It would be great to see some familiar faces at the park! Come on down.

Chamblee Habitat Garden Tour, Saturday, May 31, 9 AM – 3 PM

Our gardens are looking good, thanks to great spring weather, and we are looking forward to welcoming a large crowd to our tour again this year. The publicity is outstanding – we are being advertised along with the Taste of Chamblee, which begins after the tour near City Hall at 4 PM. . There will be great music, fun and good food for all, along with a beer and wine garden. Watch the newspapers, and look for the great posters! Melissa Roberts of City Hall and our own Shannon Mulligan are doing a great job in getting our name out! Tickets are \$10 and are well worth it. They may be purchased at Ashe-Simpson Nursery before the tour, or at Leslie Robson's, 3747 Longview Drive, the day of the tour. Still need a few volunteer helpers- call me! The Chamblee Arts Alliance will feature artists at some of the gardens, and we hope to have a plant sale as well.

I hope you all heeded my warning about not getting your annuals until after April 15<sup>th</sup>! The late frost was unexpected. NOW you can do it – and remember to divide your perennials and pot some up for our sale at the Tour. Too much news today for a gardening section. We will try to get that in during the summer – any ideas for field trips?

Much love to you all - *Kay*