



September 30, 2008

WOW! Monday, September 22, a day I'll remember forever! The City of Chamblee and National Wildlife Federation honored me by dedicating a tree to me in Huntley Hills Park - and of course, it was my favorite - a southern wax myrtle (thanks to Leslie). The biggest surprise was that Dave Mizejewski from NWF Headquarters flew down just for this

ceremony! My "son, the TV star" is seen above with Tom and me, going over the goodies from the Chamblee Centennial that City Hall gave me! You may remember Dave from the book signing that I held for him several years ago. About 50 people showed up - not bad for a Monday morning - and I appreciate each and every one of you! Also - the cards, flowers and e-mails added to the day!

You will be able to view all the pictures and also the Garden Tour pictures soon on our website, [www.chambleewildlifehabitat.com](http://www.chambleewildlifehabitat.com). Many thanks to Dee Bradford-Smith and Roy Goldenburg for the photos.

Our next meeting is next Monday, October 6, at D'Youville at 7:30 PM. Our speaker will be Leah Knowlton, an environmental attorney with DeKalb County. She will be sharing some of her cases with us. This should be most interesting!

On November 2, Michael Ellis from AWARE will bring some of our native wildlife to see us - and to talk about how important it is to keep our habitats up and thriving. Stacey Meltzer from here in D'Youville is an active volunteer and will be here also.

Now - here it is October already - and a dry one at that. Not too much can be done until we get some rain. When we do, it's time to divide and transplant perennials, shrubs and trees. Also - compost leaves and garden debris. I like to leave the leaves where they fall. You may see me picking up leaves and pinestraw at curbsides!

A fun veggie garden for both children and adults is to plant (in a sunny spot) cloves of garlic with the points up about 2 inches deep. They will be ready to harvest in late winter. Collards ("Green Glaze" and "Georgia") and turnips ("Purple Top White Globe") can be planted from seed. To avoid a bitter taste, harvest after the first frost. Cilantro - one of our great herbs, can also be in your winter garden.

Watch for ginger lilies, pink muhly grass and tea olive blooming in your fall gardens.

Dunwoody Nature Center has a great fall Native Plant sale going on now through Oct. 24. See their website at [www.dunwoodynature.org](http://www.dunwoodynature.org) to order - I already have. Also the GA Perimeter Botanical Garden on Panthersville Road, has their walks and lectures every Wednesday this month, beginning at 11AM. Plant sales will be held after each session - and they have the greatest and the hardest to find! Between DNC and GA Botanical, almost all my plants have come from there.

Special thanks to Allison Metheny for having a work day in my garden last Saturday. It's SO much better! Thanks to Jean and Dave Otness and Tom Reilly for their help also.

Pattie Baker and Connie Weathers - keep up the good work in Dunwoody and Norcross!

Love to all - *Kay*

**REMEMBER** - October 11, 10 AM, Huntley Hills Park - Rivers Alive! Stream Clean-up. For more info contact Heather Dyke at [hhd@mindspring.com](mailto:hhd@mindspring.com).