



## Henderson County Master Gardeners Weekly News Article July 23, 2018

### Meet the Masters: Sherry Sorrell by Lydia Holley

Sherry Sorrell laughs when she talks about her decision, based mostly on a whim, to become a Master Gardener. “I went to a meet and greet at the library last summer because I wanted to learn more about gardening. I didn’t know about the Master Gardener program, so I was hesitant about attending the classes. Nevertheless, I thought it would be a good way to meet people since I was new to the area, so I enrolled.”



Although becoming a Master Gardener was not something she had considered before, Sorrell is happy she made the plunge. “So many new friends have come my way, and I have grown so much by being involved with Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA). Although I’m a novice, I now know where to go to find the answers. I love learning and researching.”

When Sorrell moved to Athens, she started with a plan. “We knew we wanted three things: white crape myrtles lining the driveway with magnolias on either side of the gate; a square-foot vegetable garden; and to hide the aerobic septic system.” Those three things now completed, Sorrell is “still in the process of building”, so she restrains herself from “getting too carried away with the gardens.” Even so, she delights in “thumbing through seed catalogs, choosing way too many things to grow in my little temporary garden.”

She also appreciates the fresh food she grows in her vegetable garden. “I love seeing the little tomato blossoms become tiny tomatoes. I love when the beans I poked into the ground poke their little green leaves back out of the ground a couple of weeks later.”

After completing the Master Gardener class, HCMGA members serve as an intern for the first year. Sorrell is completing her year as an intern, and she is enjoying the experience. “The intern class of 2018 collectively decided to produce a gardening guidebook for our intern project. Sharing a vision, using our knowledge, researching material, and working together as one voice to create something has been fun, strengthening, and very rewarding.” The guidebook will be available this fall.

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