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**We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!  
At the Region III Office we are excited with all the  
events and possibilities the new year brings.**

**This issue of our newsletter highlights the events from  
the end of 2024 and planned programs for 2025.**

**As always, if anyone has any suggestions or areas of  
concern or events for us to promote please contact us.**

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Fall is always packed with Ag/Farm Days in our Districts - this past year was no exception!



A fun, but WINDY K-5 Ag Day was held at Wheeler County Schools! GSWCC's Miki Smith was there with much appreciated help from Ms. Bobbie Davis and three reps from the Ag Program, Brantley, Mallory and Jaleigh. We made pinecone bird feeders with the students before they left for Thanksgiving break. #WheelerCoSchools #ohoopeeswcd





# Montgomery County Farm Day!

CRM NancyAnne Conner and RS Christi Brantley were on hand to teach the students the importance of pollinators followed by a fun relay race!





# Fall Festival Fun!

CRM NancyAnne Conner and AA Miki Smith were pleasantly and thoroughly exhausted after constructing “Pumpkin Bowling Lanes” for the enjoyment of the students of Wheeler County Elementary School for their 2024 Fall Festival! It was quite a night!





**Treutlen Elementary School Ag Day with RS Christi Brantley**  
Students participated in a very competitive relay race and learned about pollination in all the fun!





## RS Christi Brantley's Soil Lesson at Treutlen Middle School with Rose Cauley's 7th grade Ag class





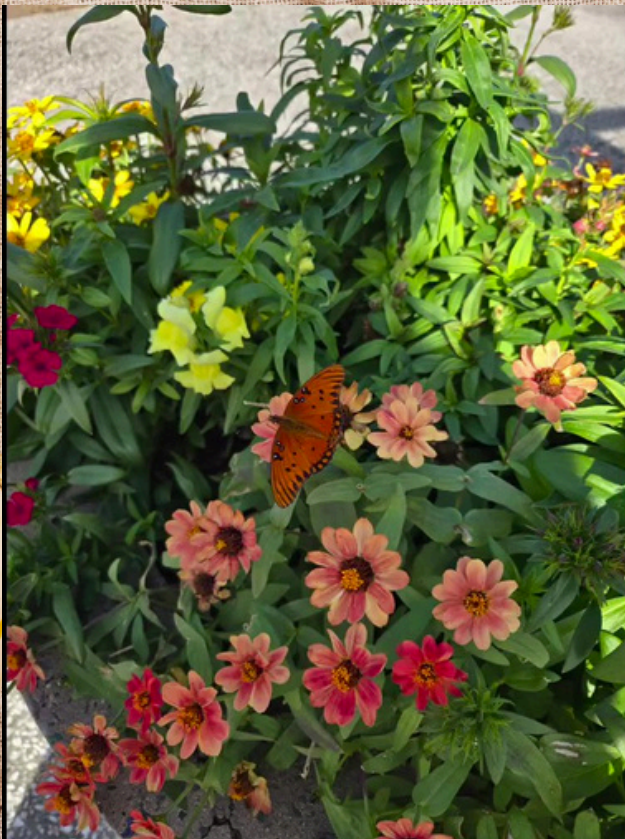
# Farm Bureau Conference

GSWCC was among several vendors that participated in the 87th Annual Farm Bureau Convention held on Jekyll Island in December 2024. Members from all over Georgia had the opportunity to listen in on inspirational speeches, networking, and register for giveaways, along with the business and voting aspects. FEMA was also on hand to provide help and information. A great time was had by all! With CRM NancyAnne Conner representing Region III.





## More pics from Farm Bureau Convention





# Continued Outreach in Schools

Christi Brantley will continue our outreach mission with several projects this year in District classrooms.

Starting seeds early in milk jugs is a low-maintenance method called winter sowing. It involves placing seeds in milk jugs and leaving them outside to germinate during the winter. The jugs act as mini greenhouses that protect the seeds from the elements and allow them to germinate earlier than direct sowing.



And going to each District to build a jar terrarium with students. It's a great way to spend the colder months when your outdoor garden is dormant. A terrarium is a special type of container garden that forms a decorative display piece in a clear vessel. It is either completely or partially closed and creates and maintains its own unique ecosystem.







## Project Updates

We had a great experience with our Butterfly Atrium last year. The excitement and interest from the students and teachers where we were able to take our Caterpillar to Butterfly lessons encouraged us to continue it again this year! We have plans of bigger and better and expanding our lesson to include the benefits of roly-polies!



Miki Smith has been getting the pollinator garden ready and seeds started for raising Monarch Butterflies in our office atrium and in classrooms!





# Upcoming Events



**If you have an upcoming event that you would like for us to promote please contact us !**

**Check out our Facebook page for updates and our live stream that will be featured in the Butterfly Atrium to watch the Monarch's life cycle!**

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