

Many hands make light work

Master Gardeners, Interns came from far and wide to clear storm debris for one of their own

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Close to 20 Master Gardeners and Interns, some as far away as Morgan County and Tennessee, drove to South Huntsville on July 27, 2011, to help **Jackie LeMay** (F 95) clear out storm debris from her back yard and haul it to the street for city pickup.

The task took just over an hour, with **Peter Ashley, Jim Neelon, Ron Sales** and **Joe White** staying another 40 minutes to help move logs.

With the initial call for help sent out by **Cyndia Montgomery**, it was Peter who agreed to be the Team Leader

and coordinate volunteers on site. He has been volunteering at Jackie's by cutting trees that came down from the now notorious April 27 storm.

Along with Peter, Jim, Ron and Joe, Master Gardeners volunteering at Jackie's included **Cathy Cousins, Andria Cummings, Bill Fuller, Tom Gilbert, Ida Hunt, Judy Johnson, Barbara Locke, Ann Mitchell, Brenda Myers, Marti Newlon, Liz Orr, Eloisa Stokes, Sue Toole** and **Candy Trowbridge**.

Peter tells us there might be a "Chipper Day" at Jackie's in the fall to get rid of the rest of the brush. If so, we'll get the word out.

Some Master Gardeners took home pine straw. Ron took home "a monster trunk piece that took all four guys to lift into the truck," Peter said. "Joe took some small stuff to try on his lathe. And Jim took a truckload of firewood."

Anyone needing firewood, please contact Peter at 256-880-7186 to arrange pickup.



There was this much more debris hauled up along Jackie LeMay's property in South Huntsville that just did not fit in the camera lens area. And 18 Master Gardener volunteers made short work of this project on July 27, 2011. From left: **Tom Gilbert, Candy Trowbridge, Ann Mitchell, Judy**

Johnson, Sue Toole, Marti Newlon, Eloisa Stokes, Barbara Locke, Ida Hunt, Liz Orr, Bill Fuller, Cathy Cousins, Brenda Myers, Joe White, Jackie LeMay, Ron Sales and **Team Leader Peter Ashley**. Not shown, **Andria Cummings** taking the photo.