



Photo special to the MDJ  
The Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta will sponsor an outdoor community involvement event at Camp Pine Acres in Acworth on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Above:** Participants proudly stand with their newly planted Elm tree.

## CELEBRATION OF POETRY ON APRIL 24 AT AVISCA FINE ART

**MARIETTA** — The Marietta-Roswell Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will present "Well Versed: The Art of Eloquence" on April 24 from 7-10 p.m at Avisca Fine Art Gallery, located at 507 Roswell St. NE.

The chapter is celebrating National Poetry Month with a night of spoken word poetry and prose inspired by the feelings, reflections and revelations of life in 2010. The event will feature Atlanta authors and spoken word artists.

The event is free and open to adults age 21 and older. For more information, visit [www.dstrnac.com](http://www.dstrnac.com).

## ANNUAL MARCH FOR BABIES AT MARIETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

**MARIETTA** — The March of Dimes annual March for Babies event — the nation's oldest walk fundraiser dedicated to raising critical funds to help all babies be born healthy — is April 24 at 8:30 a.m. at Marietta Middle School.

The event chair is **Gannon Gingrey Manning** and honorary chair is Congressman **Phil Gingrey**. Approximately 1,500 families and community leaders are expected to support the event.

For more information, contact **Laura L. Johnson** at [LLJohnson@marchofdimes.com](mailto:LLJohnson@marchofdimes.com) or (404) 350-9800.

## GEORGIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SPRING SALE ON APRIL 24

**MARIETTA** — The 11th Annual Georgia Native Plant Society's Spring Plant Sale is April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, at McFarlane Nature Park. This will be the first time the sale has been conducted in Marietta. McFarlane Nature Park is a Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County project, and most of those master gardeners are also members of Georgia Native Plant Society.

Sale proceeds benefit activities of the GNPS, such as workshops, field trips and scholarships. For more information, contact chair **Sheri George** at [lovingga@aol.com](mailto:lovingga@aol.com) or (770) 612-0676.

## KENNESAW

— The 34th annual Big Shanty Festival is expected to bring almost 50,000 visitors to downtown Kennesaw this weekend, as the city's \$3 million pedestrian underpass will be used for the first time since construction began in

"We'll do the formal opening later, and there's still some finish work to be done, but it will be open for use Friday," Mayor Mark Maews said. "Weather has played a major part in pushing the project back, but we wanted to have it open specifically for the festival to make the area safer for people coming to the festival as they cross over the railroad tracks."

The festival, which is one of the city's biggest events each year, will begin with a parade at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Hundreds of vendors, including artists and craft experts, will set up in the downtown area from a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

In addition to vendors and art booths, the festival will also feature live, local entertainment, including the Kennesaw Mountain Cloggers and martial arts demonstrations.

J.O. Stephenson Avenue at Cherokee Street will be closed from Dakota Street to Big Shanty beginning at

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Facial hair not just above the

**By Samantha Critchell**  
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**NEW YORK** — News-

man John Stossel says growing his signature mustache was a turning point. As someone who always looked younger than his years, it was the mustache, maligned as it may be, that got him some respect.

Suddenly people took him more seriously — and women started paying attention.

"The mustache changed my life," he says. "I had always looked younger. When I was 21, I looked like a teenager. When I was 19, I looked 14 — and it sucked." Stossel, 63, of Fox Business Network, grew his signature 'stache back in the '70s, around the time Burt

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