



DIRTY DIGS



Entertain, Educate, Elevate

September, 2022



President's Message

As the season officially changed this month, I'm sure Mother Nature was laughing because we had some of the hottest temperatures of the year right after the Autumn Equinox! Blessedly, those temperatures have cooled somewhat and the humidity is lower. So now, it feels like fall may actually be coming! As I was working in my garden this morning and the breezes were blowing, I looked up to see that MANY leaves were falling from the trees. Drat! In my garden that means that for the next five months I'll be raking and chopping leaves. On the plus side, those leaves will be transformed into beautiful compost and leaf mold that will then be put back into the garden. Another benefit I discovered while watching my baby goats is that they love the leaves. It was so funny to watch them chasing and catching the falling leaves. Once caught, they didn't last long as they became a tasty snack. They seemed to really prefer the sweet gum and maple leaves to the others. That's a few less leaves to rake!

Our public gardens are also changing with the seasons. The summer veggies are winding down and the last of that harvest continues to be donated to AICC. Fall transplants are being tucked in the beds when the summer crops are finished anticipating a whole new palate of veggies. Of course, those tender transplants have called the critters back to the garden for dinner. The race is on to see who will persevere! Right now, the critters are in the lead, but the Demo Garden crew has a plan! At Prattvillage, the summer blooms are finishing and the fall perennials are waiting to burst into bloom for their season to shine. Every morsel of our parsley, dill and fennel has been consumed by the swallowtail caterpillars and we've taken many home to release when they became butterflies. The Gulf fritillaries have finally found the passion vine and in the space of about ten days they decimated our vines. I think we need a sign that says 'Happy caterpillars dined here!!!'

What changes are you seeing in your garden?

Time doesn't stop and the year is winding down. That means that my time as your president is coming to an end. It has been a joy and a privilege to lead our association, but it is time for the next leaders to step up to guide our association into the future. There will always be projects to be completed, gardens to be tended, new interns to mentor, and much education to be imparted to the public. Are you willing to step up if called? The nominating committee is actively working to find those new leaders. Please consider saying YES if asked.



Always remember time began in a garden!

Debbie

Autauga County Master Gardeners Association
2023 Membership Renewal Form

Annual County membership dues for 2023 are \$15. State dues are \$10 and optional. State dues entitle you to State Membership and **Pathways Newsletter**. You can also receive state awards such as Reach for the Stars. Please complete this form and return it to the Treasurer, **NO LATER THAN OCT. 15th 2022**. After the deadline, there is a \$10.00 late fee.

NAME _____

____ Check if your information in the 2022 ACMGA Membership Directory is correct. If no changes, it is unnecessary to complete the information below.

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____ DOB _____
(Only give email address if you wish to receive info via email) mm/dd

COUNTY OF TRAINING _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

	Local Dues	State Dues
____ Active Member Local & State (Includes graduating interns)	\$15	\$10
____ Active Member Local Only (Includes graduating interns)	\$15	\$0
____ Active Member w/ current State Lifetime	\$15	\$0
____ Active member w/ new State Lifetime	\$15 (one-time fee)	\$150

____ Yes, I am a dual member. County of primary membership _____

Make check payable to ACMGA.

Mail or give to:

Dian Owens
1120 Newton Street
Prattville, AL 36066-5404

Check _____

Cash _____

Receipt # _____



Guidelines for Cake Auction Submissions:

Just cakes and cupcakes may be submitted this year. **Cakes cannot need refrigeration.**

Deadline date for cake submission: October 28, 2022

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Check what kind of cake you are submitting:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One layer -8" cake | <input type="checkbox"/> Pound Loaf or Round |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two layers - 8" cake | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet 9 X 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three layers- 8" cake | <input type="checkbox"/> Cupcakes (12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bundt | |

Your cake ingredients should be **printed or typed on a 3 X 5 card** or paper. This will provide bidders allergy information. You do not have to give your recipe, only ingredients. Please tape this to your cake box.

Cake boxes will be provided at the November association meeting. See Lisa Carrick or if you cannot attend, please call her at **907-841-5095** to arrange a time to pick up a box.

Your cake donation is required to be delivered to the December meeting in a cake box. This will keep it clean and deliverable. All cakes to be delivered by **TBA** to the Autauga Extension meeting room.

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address; _____

Best time to contact: _____

****Your hours to prepare your cake will go under Fund Raiser. The value of what it cost for you to prepare your donated cake should go at the bottom of your volunteer hours form.**

Spinners Booth #82 **October 21-23, 2023**
Sondrahenley@gmail.com **205-567-3333 (call or text, do not leave voice mail)**

Friday, October 21

Tent and Table team of 4, come to Chapel at 3:30 to take to Spinners and set up at booth # 82.

Members: **Deliver your plants and crafts to Prattville, Noon to 4:00**

They will be taken to our booth and displayed.

If you want to help with display, please let me know.

Plants are to be in **1 gallon containers**, tagged with plant, tree or shrub name (common and Latin), sun/shade needs, color if blooms, what time of year blooms, water needs or drought resistance, etc. Have this printed or typed on a card or paper and in a baggie attached to the plant. All 1-gallon containers are \$5.00
Crafts should be tagged and described. \$5.00 increments. (i.e. I have 4 Okra Santa Claus Ornaments in a bag and priced it at \$5)

**MAKE SURE THERE IS A WARNING ON YOUR TAG
IF YOU ARE USING POTENTIAL ALLERGENS LIKE PEANUTS ON
YOUR BIRD FEEDERS!**

Saturday October 22 – Sunday 23

All persons signed up to help in booth have been notified of their time to arrive.

If you want to go through the craft booths, please plan to do so before your time or after.

IF FOR ANY REASON YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE TEXT ME YOUR REPLACEMENT'S NAME.

Sunday, October 23 – Table and Tent Team -3:30 take down and return tents and tables to the Chapel.

Any leftover crafts will be stored for the spring plant sale.

Any left-over plants will need to be taken to members' greenhouses.

If you want your craft(s) returned you must have your name printed on the back of your tag.

Calendar of Events

Dates and times are subject to change



Recurring Events

Governor's Mansion, Mondays at 8am

October: 3, 10, 17, 24

Demo Garden Tuesdays at 8am, Tuesdays at Prattville 9am (see 'Weekly Happenings' for updates)

October: 4, 11, 18, 25

Intern Class Thursdays at 11:30am at Autauga County Extension Office

October: 6, 13, 20, 27



October

Shakespeare Garden Field Trip

Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park

Please let Nancy Waggoner know if you are able to participate.

Email: gnwaggoner@gmail.com

9:15 am: Meet in the parking lot across from:

The First Baptist Church of Prattville at 138 S. Washington Street.

We will carpool to the park in Montgomery or just meet us at the gardens in the park by 10.

10:00 am: Meet Karen Weber, Master Gardener and Horticulturist, who will conduct a tour for ACMGA members and interns of the garden at the grounds of Blount Cultural Park near the Alabama Shakespeare theater in Montgomery. The garden contains plants referenced in Shakespeare's plays.

A Garden Transforming

AMGA 2022 Fall Seminar

Auburn University

See page 10 for more details

Mushroom Mania- Growing Shiitake Mushroom Logs

Horticulturist and Extension Agent, Rhonda Britton will talk about growing Shiitake Mushrooms in your back yard, then if you would like to inoculate a log and take one home you can stay after and use the tools needed. You must call the Elmore County office (334-567-6301) to pre-register for the log so we know how many to prepare for. (Limit 3 logs per person- \$5 Each) Collected the day of the program. To attend the program is FREE, only a charge for a log and open to the public. Water is provided, bring a sack lunch and a friend!

First Presbyterian Church

Event web page: <https://www.aces.edu/event/mushroom-mania-growing-shiitake-mushroom-logs-2/>

Monday, October 3
9:15AM

Thursday, October 6
8:30AM-4:00PM

Tuesday, October 11
12:00PM-1:00PM

Add to your calendar: <https://www.aces.edu/event/mushroom-mania-growing-shiitake-mushroom-logs-2/?ical=1>

Pumpkin Succulent Class

Create a unique fall table or porch display with us! Join Chilton County Office for a workshop on how to make a pumpkin succulent arrangement perfect for fall décor. Each participant will get a pumpkin, a variety of succulents and moss décor, plus hands-on training so you can go home with a complete fall centerpiece.

Wednesday, October 12
10:00AM-11:30AM

Chilton County Extension Office

Event web page: <https://www.aces.edu/event/pumpkin-succulent-class/>
Add to your calendar: <https://www.aces.edu/event/pumpkin-succulent-class/?ical=1>

Fermentation- Autauga County Lunch & Learn

Master Gardener, Deborah Kelso will present on the different fermentation methods used to preserve and make different foods like cheese, meats, breads and Kombucha too. This event is free to the public. Water provided, bring a sack lunch and a friend too!

Wednesday, October 19
12:00PM-1:00PM

Trinity United Methodist Church

Event web page: <https://www.aces.edu/event/fermentation-autauga-county-lunch-learn/>
Add to your calendar: <https://www.aces.edu/event/fermentation-autauga-county-lunch-learn/?ical=1>

Friday, October 21 thru
Sunday, October 23

Spinners Booth #82 – Plant and Craft Sale

See page 4 for more details



November

2022 Fall Landowner Tour

Wednesday, November 2
8:00AM-2:00PM

TOUR TOPICS:

- Bee Keeping—Prattville Honey
- Pollinators—AU Bees

- Fruit Orchards—Mallory Kelly
- Pasture to Pines—Dr. Richard Cristian
- Gully Erosion Control—Jeff Allred
- Hystoplasmosis

Evergreen Hills Farm

See page 11 for flyer and details

Ancient Grains & Sour Dough Bread Making

Master Gardeners, Debbie Kelso and Mary McCroan will talk about the history and genetics of grains and techniques for making delicious sour dough breads. This event is free to the public. Water is provided, bring a sack lunch and a friend!

Tuesday, November 8
12:00PM-1:00PM

First Presbyterian Church

Event web page: <https://www.aces.edu/event/ancient-grains-sour-dough-bread-making/>

Add to your calendar: <https://www.aces.edu/event/ancient-grains-sour-dough-bread-making/?ical=1>

Decorating with Nature- Autauga County Lunch & Learn

Horticulturist, Jane McCarthy will show different plants and ideas you can use to create beautiful decorations for your home through the holidays. This event is free to the public. Water is provided, bring a sack lunch and a friend too!

Wednesday, November 16
12:00PM-1:00PM

Trinity United Methodist Church

Event web page: <https://www.aces.edu/event/decorating-with-nature-autauga-county-lunch-learn/>

Add to your calendar: <https://www.aces.edu/event/decorating-with-nature-autauga-county-lunch-learn/?ical=1>

Event data courtesy of ACES

See: <https://www.aces.edu/calendar/>

Event Locations:

- First Presbyterian Church, 100 West Bridge Street, Wetumpka, AL
- Trinity United Methodist Church, 610 Fairview Ave., Prattville, AL, 36066
- Autauga County Extension Office, 2226 AL Hwy 14 West, Autaugaville, AL, 36003
- Chilton Research/Extension Center, 120 County Road 756, Clanton, AL, 35045
- Auburn University Nursing Building, 710 S Donahue Dr, Auburn, AL 36849
- Blount Cultural Park, 1 Festival Dr, Montgomery, AL 36117
- Spinners Park, 390 W Sixth St, Prattville, AL 36067
- Evergreen Hills Farm, 2228 CR 40, Billingsly, AL 36006



"I'm so glad I live in a
world where there
are Octobers"

- L. M. Montgomery,
Anne of Green Gables

Waterfall image from the October 2015 Alabama State Parks Newsletter



October 6, 2022 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

A Garden Transforming

**Alabama Master Gardener Association 2022
Fall Seminar**

Auburn University



AUBURN
HORTICULTURE

Registration: \$35
Lunch included
On-line Registration
Web Website:

<https://aub.ie/AMGA2022FallSeminar>

**Registration Deadline:
Sept 19, 2022**

Auburn University
Nursing Building
710 S Donahue Dr
Auburn, AL 36849

Nearby Hotels:

TownePlace Suites by Marriott
Auburn

1117 S College St,
Auburn, AL
(334) 466-8390

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Auburn

2013 S College St,
Auburn, AL
(334) 502-1090

Courtyard by Marriott Auburn

2420 W Pace Blvd,
Auburn, AL
(334) 502-0111

For More Information Call:

Renee Thompson
Andrea Ramey
Auburn Extension Office
334-844-3041



2022 Fall Landowner Tour

In conjunction with Farm-City Week

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

In case of rain - Tour Date will be Thursday, November 3, 2022

8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Registration 8:00 to 8:45 – Tour starts promptly at 9AM

INTERNATIONAL  PAPER

Trustmark Bank is providing a variety of biscuits and donuts

Riverbank is providing Conecuh Sausage

Alabama Ag Credit will have good ole southern grits



TOUR TOPICS:

- Bee Keeping—Prattville Honey
- Pollinators—AU Bees
- Fruit Orchards—Mallory Kelly
- Pasture to Pines—Dr. Richard Cristian
- Gully Erosion Control—Jeff Allred
- Hystoplasmosis

Tour and Lunch From Cater Up - \$20

Trailers provided for the riding tour.

CFE and PLM Credit Available

Featuring Evergreen Hills Farm

2228 CR 40, Billingsley, AL, 36006 [32.551, -86.741] (This can be entered into any navigation system.)
From Autauga County Courthouse go West on US-82 11.25 miles. Turn left onto CR 40 W. Go 7.4 miles on CR 40 and turn right into the driveway. There will be directional signs along the way from the intersection of Highway 82 and County Road 40 W.

Registration Form

Name & Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Include your \$20.00 with this registration form. ONE ATTENDEE PER REGISTRATION FORM.

Make checks payable to AFWSC (Autauga Forestry & Wildlife Stewardship Council)

2226 Hwy 14 W, Suite I, Autaugaville, AL, 36003

For Questions Call: 334-239-5258



What's Bugging You?

Anthony Yarbrough



**Do you know the name of this critter?
Is it beneficial or
destructive or both?**

Answer and information can be found on Page 16



Sorry if your birthday is not listed.
Please contact Debbie Boutelier to
get your birthday added to our list.
- Thank You!

September

- 03 Vicki Williamson
- 05 Albert Striplin
- 14 Glenda Harris
- 20 Lori Terrell

October

- 14 Valerie Bice
- 18 Charles Gibson
- 20 Linda McCullough
- 21 Pam Hattemer
- 22 Kathryn Whaley
- 30 Karen Bell
- Lee Ann Marona
- 31 Ann Fuller

“We're not getting old...we just need re-potting!”

- Berni Parker

SWEET PICKLED PEPPER RECIPE

Every Master Gardener grows an abundance of peppers.

Here is a great recipe

Glenn Huovinen



Pickled Peppers are simple to make at home in your own kitchen. Sweet Pickled Peppers are amazing on sandwiches, steak and cheese subs, and in salads.

Ingredients

Pickled Sweet Peppers

- 1 tablespoon pickling or kosher salt
- 6 cups cider vinegar
- 2 cups white vinegar
- 4 cups water
- 6 cups granulated sugar
- 8-10 cloves garlic smashed
- 1/2 tablespoon turmeric powder
- 1 tablespoon whole peppercorns
- 1 teaspoon mustard seed
- 1 teaspoon celery seed

- 4 1/2 to 5 pounds red, green, and orange bell peppers sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 large onion halved and sliced thinly

Instructions

Pickled Sweet Peppers

- In a large pot, make the brine. Place the salt, cider and white vinegar, water, sugar, garlic, and spices in a large pan and bring to a boil over medium to high heat.
- Sterilize your jars in a 16-quart canning pot. Place the sliced peppers and onions into the jars. Press down to compact and make sure you have plenty of peppers and onions in each jar, as they will rise up to the surface during the processing.
- Using a wide-mouth funnel, ladle hot pickling brine over top of the peppers and onions, leaving 1/2-inch head space. Remove any air bubbles. Wipe the rim with a clean, damp paper towel. Center the lid on the jar. Apply the band until the fit is fingertip tight.
- Place the jars in a water bath and process for 15 minutes, adjusting for altitude. Remove from the water bath. Allow to cool completely on the counter for 24 hours. For best flavor, let stand for 3 to 4 weeks before enjoying. Store the jars in a cool, dry place for up to 1 year.
- Once opened, store in the refrigerator



Recipe Source Link:

<https://afarmgirlskitchen.com/pickled-sweet-peppers/#recipe>



What's Bugging You Answer:

Caterpillar of Gulf Fritillary

Adult is Beneficial as a Pollinator

Butterfly image source:

<https://www.insectimages.org/browse/detail.cfm?imgnum=5493494#collapseseven>

- Anthony



Fund Raising Activities

Sondra Henley

October 22-23 is The Spinners Craft Fair. – ACMGA has a booth this year and we need a variety of crafts and plants/trees/shrubs that can be planted in the fall. If you have not committed to helping make it a success, please call or text Sondra Henley and let her know what you can help with. Sondra's phone number: 205-567 -3333.



Aprons for sale - Members are requested to purchase and wear an Autauga County MGA green apron to any events where members need to be recognized. These dark green aprons are on sale for \$18.00 each. Interns may borrow one until they certify and graduate. The aprons for loan will be available just for the event.

Cake Auction at December Luncheon – If you are going to bake a cake or cupcakes to donate to the Cake Auction, there is a form you need to fill out and turn in to Lisa Carrick. The auction will be a Silent Auction at our annual December Luncheon. Come early and bring your money and buy that special cake for your Christmas guests!



Honor Bricks – and while you are thinking on what to get for that someone who really has everything. Why not honor them with an Autauga County MGA Brick. It will be placed in the Honor Pavilion at Prattville. Order forms are included in the *Weekly Happenings*.

Lessons From the Garden

Anthony Yarbrough

Probably the most important lessons I learned from gardening came from working alongside my grandfather on the family farm when I was growing up. I remember hoeing weeds out of long rows of vegetables. I would think, I can beat ole Granddaddy to the end of the row. Rushing at ninety miles an hour I would see how fast I could make it to the end. But I would have to stop to rest. I had a good lead on the old man. He had a slow but steady pace. Soon I was having to rest more often. It wasn't long before I was passed, and Granddad made it to the end of the row before I did. As I looked back on my accomplishment, I had left a lot of weeds while my grandfather's row was clean of weeds. This taught me that slow and steady is actually faster and more efficient than speeding along.

Being slow and steady brings up another point. Do I have the time to be slow and steady when working my gardens? For gardens to be successful, they take much care, usually daily. Necessary tasks will include planning, locating the best place, preparing the soil, planting, weeding, watering, scouting for insects, harvesting, and doing most of it all again on subsequent days. Then at the end when plants are no longer productive, all plant residue must be removed to cut down on destructive insects. Time to plan again.

While planning there are things to consider. How much time I must devote, at least every other day, should determine the size of the garden. For vegetables I should plant only what the family likes to eat. Location for most vegetables should be in a place that receives a minimum of 6 hours of sunlight each day. Is the garden accessible to water? Who is going to look after the garden in my absence? These are just a few.

It takes time to garden. Remember, slow and steady.

Ms Judy May

Re-potting Orchids at an Intern Class

Glenn Huovinen



My Papa's Garden

Elijah Pugh

My Papa was interested in vegetable gardening long before I was born. His interest was heightened by his visit to the Callaway Gardens as a parent chaperone for his daughter's (my auntie) elementary school class field trip. My Papa experienced the magic of the Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center, the beautiful hiking trails, the excellent educational wildlife exhibits, and the culmination of the visit with a tour of the vegetable gardens.

After returning home my Papa quickly dug a small garden on the side of his home. A reminder: always call 811, the national call-before-you-dig phone number, before you dig in new areas so that buried utilities and cable lines can be marked with paint or flags. My Papa used a pitchfork to do the digging, but the garden tiller is less back breaking. Another good idea is to get a soil test and pick a sunny location.

My Papa started his garden with squash, tomatoes, and bell pepper plants. Eventually, my Papa started planting seeds to get more diversity. Due to the limited planting space, my Papa limited his selection to tomatoes and hot peppers. My Papa planted these tomato seeds: Mr. Stripey (Tigerella), Red Robin, Dr. Carolyn, Sun Gold Hybrid, Sun Sugar FT¹ Hybrid, Big Red Dwarf, Snow White, Lemon Cherry VFF² Hybrid, Green Doctor, Black Cherry, Red Rose, Sugary, Red Pear, Yellow Pear, Sweet Gold FT Hybrid, Limmony, Sweetie, Cherry Cascade Hybrid, Micro Tom, and Garden Leader Monster.

This year my Papa added:

Chocolate Sprinkles, Indigo Rose, Yellow Jelly Bean Hybrid, Sugar Rush Hybrid, Super Sweet 100 VF Hybrid, and Tangella seeds. These seeds have maturity times from 55 to 80 days. They grow from heights of eight inches to long vines in pots or on the ground. The tomatoes that have smaller heights, often referred to as a "bush" are classified as determinate. These varieties of tomatoes grow to a fixed mature size and ripen all of their fruit in a short period of time. The tomatoes that grow with long vines are classified as indeterminate and keep growing for the whole growing season.

My Papa stakes both determinate and indeterminate varieties for support, although the determinate variety usually do not need support. Also, he uses almost anything for

1 **T** = tobacco mosaic virus, **F and FF** = fusarium wilt

2 **V** = verticillium wilt, **F and FF** = fusarium wilt

stakes like wooden and metal broom handles, metal cylinders from broken furniture, cut tree branches, home grown bamboo sticks, and purchased six foot wooden stakes. He uses nylon strings that have been cut in different lengths with the ends melted to keep them from unraveling. My Papa uses slip knots so the strings can be easily re-positioned or removed and washed for use for next season.

All varieties of tomatoes should be pruned to remove lower leaves and lower suckers. Also, varieties of tomatoes plants have side shoots that appear in the junction between the stems and branches of the plants. The shoots prevent infections of plants with bacteria due to water splashes from the ground and to avoid suckers competing for nutrients with the original plant.

My Papa makes sure not to prune too high to enable me and Elyana, to pick tomatoes. When left to grow, suckers will become another main stem with branches, flowers, fruit, and even more suckers of their own. Your plant may have more fruit if you let the suckers grow, but the tomatoes will be smaller and the plant will be more cumbersome, requiring a lot of effort to stake. My Papa is a sucker for suckers. He cannot bring himself to throw away suckers when pruning. Tomato suckers can be used to increase the number of your tomato plants. Suckers can be placed directly into the soil, treated with root growth powder, and placed into the soil or in water until the roots form and then be planted.

My Papa grows the seven hottest peppers in the world from seeds. The Carolina Reaper, the present verified hottest pepper; Trinidad Moruga Scorpion; White Bhut Jolokia; Bhut Jolokia (Ghost) Pepper; Trinidad 7 Pot – Primo; Trinidad Scorpion Butch T; and Big Sun Habanero. My Papa stakes the pepper plants in a similar manner as tomato plants. I am not allowed to touch the peppers.







Interns at the Demo Garden

Bionca Lindsey



October Alabama Gardener's Calendar

Fruits and Nuts

- Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama.
- Clean up orchard area.
- Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

Shrubs

- Plant new trees and shrubs in the landscape
- Water when needed.
- Note varieties of camellias and other landscape plants in bloom.
- Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

Lawns

- Perform a soil test to determine if limestone is recommended and apply anytime this fall.
- If winter or spring weeds were a concern this year, apply pre-emergent herbicides.
- Fertilize fescue lawns at 1 pound slow-release nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.
- As fall rain returns, monitor for fungal disease in fescue.

Roses

- Continue insect and disease control practices.
- New rose catalogs will be coming in.
- Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

Annuals and Perennials

- Visit flower shows and gardens.
- List desirable varieties of mums.
- Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost. Plant half-hardy annuals, such as snapdragons.

Bulbs

- Plant tulip, hyacinth, daffodil, crocus, Dutch iris, anemone, and ranunculus.

- Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in a warm place.

Miscellaneous

- Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds.
- Loosen mulches that have packed down.
- Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc.
- Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds.
- Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

Vegetable Seeds

- **South:** This is the last fall month to plant the winter garden. Plant carrots, collards, kale, mustard, onion seeds, radishes, spinach, and turnips. Plant Swiss chard in early October.
- **Central and South:** Continue planting winter-hardy crops such as beets, carrots, collards, kale, parsley, and spinach.
- **North:** Plant onion seeds and radishes in early October.

Vegetable Transplants

- **Whole state:** Continue planting winter-hardy transplants.
- Soil test garden soil and apply limestone as recommended anytime this fall³.



³ Gardener's calendar courtesy of ACES.

Image from <https://thegraphicsfairy.com/sweet-vintage-playing-leaves-picture/>

Demo Garden 9/27

Glenn Huovinen

Critters have been nibbling on our broccoli. We are installing netting over them to hopefully save them. Al Booth, George Walthall and Jaelon a very helpful volunteer.



Installing netting



Editors Corner

Master Gardeners from Autauga, Elmore, and Montgomery showed up at the Alabama Nature Center (ANC) Honey Festival to sell plants, answer questions from the public, cook hot dogs, and pitch in wherever they were needed. It was nice to see that we had a good turnout. It was also nice to sit and chat during slow periods.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Honey Festival!





During the Honey Festival, I had the opportunity to attend a talk given by Claude Jenkins on Alabama native flowers. This was an extremely enjoyable and informative talk. If you get a chance to listen to Claude's talk, I highly recommend it!



Please send me any pictures, articles, birthdays etc., to be included in the next newsletter. My email is:

johnny@happy2bee.com

May God continue to Bless each and every one of you.

John Carrick

Honor Bricks



If you are interested in purchasing a brick, get your order to Bionca Lindsey by the 15th of each month.

The application form can be found at:

<https://donationbricks.com/acmga>

Complete and print form; submit to Bionca with a \$50.00 check.

Bionca will also have some blank forms.

This is a great way to honor someone.



<https://donationbricks.com/acmga>

Order Now