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President's Notes by John Fitzhugh

As we all know, 2016 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary year for Baldwin County Master Gardeners. We still have active members who, though few in number, were in the first intern class.

With the recent passing of Harry Anderson, a BCMG past president and a Wayne de la Rua award recipient, it occurred to me that our organization is much like an English country garden and each member represents a flowering plant that adds unique color, texture, and beauty to the overall design. Some flowering plants produce many blooms that last for weeks, while other plants produce a single flower that may only last for a day. However, together, all of the different varieties of flowering plants create a canvas of beauty, which brings pleasure and delight to all.

Master Gardeners know each flower in a garden has a natural life cycle that extends from a planted seed to a mature blooming plant to compost material that helps nourish and sustain the garden for the future. While Harry Anderson, Carter Jones, Travis Mitchell, Ross and Urte Bollen and many other members have left us over the past twenty-five years, their collective contribution enables our garden to continue to flourish.

October is going to be a busy and exciting month for all Baldwin County Master Gardeners. The month kicks off with the Weeks Bay Native Plant Sale. Volunteers are needed from Tuesday through Sunday, October 4 -9. Tuesday through Thursday, we will unload, set out, and care for plants. Volunteers will assist with plant sales Friday through Sunday. Our monthly membership meeting will be held at the plant sale site on Thursday, October 6, at 10:00 am.

The month concludes with the "Go Wild, Go Native" Fall Seminar to be held at the Fairhope Civic Center on Thursday, October 27, with doors opening at 8:30 am. Those interested in helping with decorations, food, and door prizes, please contact Paula Pritchett at 251-971-1025.

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French moralist and essayist Joseph Joubert once said, "All gardeners live in beautiful places because they make them so."





Dynamic Duos by Pat Greer

This is the second in our series on Dynamic Duos—those who are couples that work together or separately on various Master Gardener Programs.

Roy and Kazuko Russell

Kazuko, who became a Master Gardener in 2000, has been providing her special propagated roses for sale at the Plant Sales for approximately 15 years. She also occasionally brings other plants for the sales; in fact, she is an accomplished propagator and can grow almost anything. Roy is her “right hand man”. He not only finances Kazuko’s efforts, but also does most of the spraying, maintenance, and transportation that she needs.

Jim and Kathie Whitson

Jim and Kathie were both in the class of 2015, and have become wonderful and active volunteers. Kathie is a regular at the Daphne Greenhouse, which propagates plants for our Spring Plant Sale. She and Jim both work on getting ready for Arbor Day in Daphne and work at the Plant Sales. They also were both in the group that collected information on the Tree Study in Fairhope. Jim is the keeper of the external email list. He gathers those from all our Outreach events and goes to the local Garden Clubs for their information. He is also part of the Master Gardener Finance Committee.

Fred and Moe Nation

Moe was in the 1992 class of Baldwin County Master Gardeners, and Fred was the first State Honorary member. Fred has taught classes to the Interns of both Baldwin County and Mobile County for over 20 years. He also is one of the instructors for our Tuesday Night classes in late winter. Besides landscaping the Pitcher Plant Bog, Fred has been a facilitator at all the Plant Sales since 1993. He and Moe were the first editors of *Grass Roots* and held this position for 5 years. Moe handles the Fall Plant Sale and coordinates the kitchen for both the Fall and Spring Plant Sales. She is the Senior Master Gardener from her class of 1992, served as Vice President, and has been on all committees within the Baldwin County Master Gardeners. Moe was also the first person to receive the Wayne de la Rua Award after its namesake.

Denim and Diamonds

63RD ANNUAL FALL FLOWER SHOW AT THE ALABAMA NATIONAL FAIR

Garrett Coliseum - 2nd floor
October 28-November 6, 2016

Presented by

Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs

- Large variety of plants
- Creative floral designs
- New this year

Photography Division Floral Demonstrations

Entry times:

Photography: Pre-register by Oct. 7 Containers: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Thurs., Oct. 27

Horticulture-1st Show: 7:30 am–9:30 am, Friday, Oct. 28

Horticulture-2nd Show: 7:30 am–9:30 am, Wednesday Nov. 2

See www.alnationalfair.org for rules under Competitions tab

For more information: Rose Winkler 334-270-0884 or Marie Updike 334-328-0164.





Fall Seminar by Paula Pritchett

Can You Feel It?

Fall always brings excitement to Baldwin County. We never have cool weather to celebrate, so many people concentrate on SEC football. But this year, we have something else to celebrate. Our Fall Continuing Education Seminar, **Go Wild, Go Native**, will soon be here!

This year it will be new and different. It will be held at the Fairhope Civic Center on Thursday, October 27, from 9 until 3. Our planning committee is larger than usual and working in many different directions. We will have a raffle as well as door prizes. Members of different BCMG classes are volunteering to create baskets to be raffled. Fairhope Merchants Association and Hampton Inn are our sponsors and are helping with expenses. BCMG now has a Facebook page. In addition, it has a seminar website, <http://baldwinmastergardeners.businesscatalyst.com> to share seminar information.

Seminar excitement has spilled over to members who are stepping up and offering to sell tickets. Another ticket idea is to buy a ticket for yourself as well as a friend. Also, start planning to bring something to add to the Refreshment table on seminar day. Together, we will make this seminar a success!

Our morning speaker will be Mark Ballard. His topic is "The Call of Fall." He will create a fall wreath and then demonstrate a recipe from one of his cookbooks. Denise Heubach from ACES will do a *mini*-presentation after lunch followed by Ben Raines' presentation of "Alabama's Unique Landscapes." The raffle items and door prizes will be drawn at the end of the seminar. You must be present to win.

- Tickets: Mia Martin (251) 402-5804 or miamartin808@gmail.com
- More Info: Paula Pritchett (251) 752-0609 or pdpritchett@gmail.com



Fall Seminar Planning Team: Pictured L-R: Bernie Fogarty, Paula Pritchett (Co-Coordinator), Joyce Price, Terri Withee, Sharon Thoele (Co-Coordinator), Tany's Waldron. Missing from photo are: Laurel Fleming, Myra Lassere, Mia Martin



Wayne de la Rua Award Nominations by Sam Andrews

Our Wayne de la Rua Award is such an extraordinary honor because hard-working, observant Master Gardeners take the time, often with others, to write and promote individuals that they note making a crucial difference in their organization and its mission. As Committee Chairman, I must ask each for submissions, but there are always good people who make the effort to do so.

Another way that the Wayne de la Rua is unique is that YOU, a BCMG member in good standing, take the time to read and discuss the candidates so that you and the membership select the best WDLR honoree.

In a sense, the process defines and inspires each of us. We are all Wayne de la Rua winners to some degree as we participate in our local and state Master Gardener activities. Whether we earn the actual honor or not, we strive to be like these wonderful people, and we push forward those who actually do deserve the award. Often we *feel* their energy as we work and meet with them.

For 2016, you have nominated four sterling candidates. Special kudos go to Pat and Loree who have been nominated several times before. What an honor that is in itself!

Please remember that your vote is a reward for a long-term contribution of extraordinary service. The peer-nominated and peer-selected winner may only earn this award once in their Master Gardener career. The WDLR Award is the highest honor that you and our organization can bestow on one of our members.

The vote for the WDLR Award will occur from November 1st until the end of the regular meeting on November 10th. You will receive a ballot through the BCMG email communication system and at the meeting. Sometime after the November 10th monthly meeting, the WDLR Committee will count the votes to determine the winner. We present the 2016 Wayne de la Rua Award at the December Luncheon.

Now for the next three pages, please read carefully the nominations of each candidate. Discuss the subject seriously amongst yourselves and VOTE in early November.

NOMINATION OF MYRA LASSERE by John Fitzhugh, Gene Sellier, Frieda Romanchuk and Sam Andrews

Myra Lassere has been an outstanding leader and contributor to the Baldwin County Master Gardeners organization since her internship in 2010.

- At the December 2015 Awards Luncheon, Myra received a Sapphire Star in recognition of achieving over 6,000 hours of lifetime volunteer service. She also received the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service Volunteer of the Year Award for 2015.
- She is a regular program presenter at the BCMG Spring Education Workshops during which she shares her passion for and expertise in organic gardening.
- She exhibited outstanding vision and leadership as BCMG President in 2015 and has continued to provide excellent guidance of our organization this year while serving on the 2016 Board of Directors as Past President.
- Myra continues to be an active and productive member of our organization serving as chairperson of an ad hoc committee to review, revise and update the BCMG Policy and Procedures manual. She is also currently an important contributor on the Fall Seminar Committee.
- Myra is an outstanding spokesperson for BCMG as an active member of the Alabama Master Gardeners Association Board of Directors where she is currently serving as one of three members of the State Nominating Committee.
- At this year's AMGA state awards conference in Dothan, Myra received the State Top Hours Award for 2016 for her 2,007 hours of volunteer service in 2015.



I can think of no other active member of our organization who is more deserving of our chapter's recognition for outstanding achievement and dedicated service than Myra Lassere.

—**John Fitzhugh**



Wayne de la Rua Award Nominations (continued)

NOMINATION OF MYRA LASSERE (continued)

Myra Lassere would be a great choice for the Wayne de la Rua Award.

- While I was president, she served as vice president and put together an interesting series of programs for the monthly meetings.
- We were also involved with the 2014 AMGA conference, and she attended state meetings out of town in my place.
- As president-elect, she was also very helpful in the final plans and execution of the conference
- As president, she brought a new look to our monthly meetings with some creative exercises for the meeting.
- Myra has been very active in AMGA and will probably be AMGA Master Gardener of the year soon.

In short, if you want something done, just ask Myra.

—***Gene Sellier***

Myra has been the Advisory Council alternate representative for the last few years: she attends when I can't because Baldwin County is known to bring up topics that usually become discussion topics at the meetings. Being a 'newbie' Myra did not hesitate to bring up a topic or lead the discussion. Walking into a group of 60 people cold is a challenge to most. Myra's openness and willingness to work within the group has made her an easy fit as the alternate.

Not wanting to give up my AC job and seeing that Myra was/is interested in the state AMGA level, it was easy to suggest her for the Nominating Committee and have her accepted as a nominee. Nominating Committee members seek BOD members, Officers, and Chairmen from around the state. They must know as many people as they possibly can. Myra easily is meeting many, many people from around the state at the AC meetings. When either the AC, the local associations, or others suggest nominees for state positions, it is in the best interest of all for the Nominating Committee members to not only be able to read their resumes but to actually get to know them as well. That alone is a challenge, but with the current Nominating Committee representing the North, Central, and South Alabama, at least one of the committee members is having contact with those being nominated.

Myra has attended all AMGA BOD meetings since being elected to the Nominating Committee. This in turn means that she is getting a very good understanding of the workings of the state organization and learning to work with those folks as well. I have only heard positives from a few I spoke to at the state level. Myra is very engaged in this next phase of her Master Gardener 'career'!

—***Frieda Romanchuk***

As an Intern, Myra Lassere made an instant impression, especially on her classmates who clamored for her to help them understand concepts or tutor them with their homework. Myra has an open, friendly, uncompetitive manner and appearance that welcomes all, communicating: "I am not anyone special". It says "I am just one of you" in her now retired, Master Gardener volunteer work. It belies the very high educational and professional accomplishments of her pre-retired life. It does not show the very brilliant, observant mind and high energy personality that lie underneath. It does reflect the truth of her character and her genuine concern for her fellow human beings. It was very interesting to this observer that she volunteered during her first year for an often unwanted post: Monthly Meeting Hostess. She made a lot of friends wearing that apron!

Myra displays, and will continue to display, the epitome of leadership and service whether from the front, back or the middle. Family is her first priority. However, if it needs doing, she will volunteer. WDLR is a lifetime award honoring the quantity, but, more importantly, the quality of the work toward our Baldwin County Master Gardener group's mission. For Myra, whether on the local or the State level, she will continue to bless us with her leadership, hard work, and friendship for many more years to come.

—***Sam Andrews***



Wayne de la Rua Award Nominations (continued)

NOMINATION OF PAT GREER by *Caterina Kenworthy and Barb Comstock*

I am submitting the name of PAT GREER as a worthy nominee for the Wayne de la Rua Award and for the recognition that goes with it. As one of the oldest members of our organization.

Because of her kind and humble personality, maybe the members are not fully aware of how much she has done and continues to do. Below is a list:

- Registration Chairperson for the 2014 State Conference; on the Steering Committee for three plus years.
- Recording Secretary for the MG Board for four years.
- Manager of the Help Line Office for five years.
- Co-handling merchandise sales for four years.
- Put together the Second Edition of the MG Cookbook.
- Handling sales at the Outreach Booth at both Plant Sales – cookbooks and seminar tickets.
- Mentored an intern student from 2009 to present, all of whom are still very good volunteers.
- Librarian for the books at the Help Line office.
- Handling the duties of Memorial, special birthdays, and get well notices as part of the Recording Secretary position.
- Keeping historical data together.
- Managing and filing of archived material.

As you see, Pat has been a very important member of Master Gardeners, and it is time to recognize it.

The section above is a copy of the nomination by *Caterina R. Kenworthy*. I want to add my nomination for Pat because of her kindness, not only to me personally, but to old timers and newcomers alike. Pat has faced some challenges recently, yet her cheerful smile continues to greet one and all at events and meetings. She should be recognized for her former and continuing efforts on behalf of the Baldwin County Master Gardeners

—*Barb Comstock*

NOMINATION OF LOREE HADLEY by *Jimmie Van Valkenburgh and George & Phyllis Holman*

It is with great honor that I nominate Loree Hadley for the 2016 Wayne de la Rua Award. Loree grew up in a farming family, and this was where her love of gardening began.

- Loree lives in Lillian, AL, and has built several gardening features on her property with her greenhouses.
- She began the Master Gardener Intern Class and graduated in 2007. After graduation, she began volunteering as a Mentor for the Intern Class from 2008 – 2014.
- Loree helps with the educational programs each year as needed. She is remembered as an “amaryllis enthusiast” and would win the title of *Miss Amaryllis*, if there was such an award. She grows Japanese Maples for our yearly plant sale and, also, works there as a volunteer.
- She teaches Intern Classes on different subjects. They come to her house as a classroom setting and enjoy her sharing her knowledge and hospitality. They get to tour her lovely gardens and greenhouses and have a delicious meal. What a treat for anyone! She has devoted many hours as a volunteer in working on projects in Lillian.
- We have Loree to thank for creating the Pictorial Directory. This takes many hours to get the member information, assemble it and get it printed for our group. She created the *25th Anniversary Master Gardener Book* so that the Master Gardener graduates would be able to reminisce and not be forgotten. Not only does she volunteer many hours, but when her mother comes to visit, she comes to our meetings and, also, likes to volunteer for our organization.



Thank you for considering the nomination of Loree Hadley for the 2016 Wayne de la Rua Award.

—*Jimmie Van Valkenburgh*



Wayne de la Rua Award Nominations (continued)

NOMINATION OF LOREE HADLEY (continued)

We would like to nominate Loree Hadley for the Wayne de la Rua Award. Why? She has volunteered much time doing the video program at each annual picnic. She has done the Directory for Master Gardeners for quite some time. She put together a book with past history of Master Gardeners. She also volunteers at the Intern class many times. She has held grafting classes for interns at her home.

—George & Phyllis Holman

NOMINATION OF PAM TUCKER by *Tanys Waldron*

Pam Tucker has been a Master Gardener since 2013, and for the last three years she has given a tremendous amount of volunteering time and energy to the Baldwin County Master Gardeners. She is deserving of the Wayne de la Rua Award for 2016.

Her most visible contribution to Baldwin County Master Gardeners has been her leadership role with the training of the Intern Class. Pam joined the Intern team in 2014, and in 2015 she took on the Coordinator position. For the last three years Pam has been part of the Team that have educated our new students.

This position entails a lot of coordination of people, paper and logistics. It is an intensive, seven-month commitment that starts in November with the ordering of the Student Class Manuals, and ends in May with the Intern graduation. In her role as Intern Class Coordinator Pam Tucker's professionalism and warmth have made her classes successful. This year's Intern class had all 17 students graduate and receive MG badges at our July Awards meeting. A 100% success rate.

In 2014 and 2016 Pam was on the team that organized, planned and decorated the Mobile Festival of Flowers Booth. This requires huge amounts of time, energy and driving back and forth to Providence Hospital in Mobile. Both years the booths were impressive. A comment from one of the Mobile County Master Gardeners was our BCMG booth was "smoking hot". Translation - a great looking booth.

She was on the team that coordinated the Outreach Booth for the 2014 National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Conference for the 100th Anniversary. This conference was held in Mobile in July 2014, and our Booth was to support our Regional Extension Agent, Mike McQueen.

Pam received her Gold Badge for over 1000 hours of Volunteer time at the July 2016 Awards meeting.

Pam has volunteered her time as a Master Gardener in a variety of events. She has assisted at the Plant sales. She has been on the team that coordinates the Awards meetings in July and December. She attends our Master Gardener monthly meetings and participates at our Board meetings.

Pam Tucker's special contribution to our Baldwin County Master Gardener Organization has been her ability to educate our future volunteers. Her abilities have helped our Baldwin County Master Gardener group grow and thrive.

Please consider Pam Tucker for the 2016 Wayne de la Award

—Tanys Waldron



Meeting Minutes by Mary Hamilton

The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by President, John Fitzhugh. A correction to the minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. Bernie motioned and Sharon seconded, and the minutes were approved as amended.

Theresa Valentine is a guest today and has contacted the Office about becoming a Baldwin County Master Gardener. She was previously a Master Gardener in another state.

A new proposed project is with The Gulf Shores Zoo. They are asking for help teaching and demonstrating how to



Meeting Minutes by Mary Hamilton (continued)

plant trees to children at an event at their new and permanent site.

Fred Nation spoke to the group briefly about the October plant sale October 6, 7, 8, & 9. The October BCMG meeting will be at the reserve on October 6. It will be just a business meeting. The plant sale begins on the afternoon of October 6. Help is needed in the kitchen and for unloading, arranging, tagging, and selling. Please sign up so Moe will have an idea of who is coming. The Plant Sale is from Thursday to Sunday. Moe has fliers to be distributed. Moe will also send an inventory list. Jim Gaines talked about being cashier or a counter, and he has sign-up sheets for that activity. If you can count, you qualify.

Barbara Phillips is in USA Hospital in Mobile and trying to get into a program at M.D. Anderson for her cancer. Please send cards. Harry Anderson passed away on Tuesday of this week. Visitation and services are at Pine Rest Funeral Home on Saturday.

Sharon Thoele and Paula Pritchett talked about the Fall Seminar. Programs, cards and fliers are all available. The silent auction was changed to a raffle. The speakers are both awesome. Denise Heuback will talk about ACES, and a website is now available. Mia Martin is in charge of tickets. Paula asked for all who have tickets to sell to raise their hands. Myra asked for help in decorating. John asked all members on the committee to stand. The success of the Fall Seminar is directly related to the amount of time the committee members spend and the work that they do. A list of all the groups doing baskets was asked for. They are serving finger foods this year and are asking members to bring those. John awarded the Busy Bee Award to the Seminar Committee. They are : Sharon Thoele, Paula Pritchett, Bernie Fogarty, Mia Martin, Myra Lassere, Tanys Waldron, Laurel Fleming, Terri Withee, and Joyce Price.



Sam Andrews asked for nominations for the Wayne de la Rua award for this year. They are due now. We have two this year and possibly a third at this time. He asked that we also start thinking of scholarships. Look for students who might qualify. Members have gone into the local schools to talk to counselors. The Fairhope Garden Club will sponsor students for awards at Auburn which are available through the Alabama Garden Club. The State organization for Master Gardeners also has scholarships for under-graduates and has recently funded some for graduates as well. We would consider those who are not full-time students, but we have not given part time students scholarship awards in the past few years, because we have had plenty of well qualified full-time students apply.

Pam has 30 people so far interested in the next class of Master Gardeners. She asked for mentors for this coming class. Sandra will extend the application deadline until October 11. She does a mass mailing at that time. Tentative dates are January 25th to May 3rd for the classes. Hours for the class are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pam sends the schedule out to members, and they can come at any time. If you need volunteers for a project, come to the intern class.

Julie Ford announced to the club that the Fall Sale at The Haven will be October 15th. The Cat Coalition Fall Sale is October 29th. The Gulf Coast Herb Society has Herb Day in Mobile, on September 17th. Julie is looking for plant donations for these sales, and asked that we please label the plants. Plants can be dropped off at the Haven Resale Shop, 321 Morphy in Fairhope. If members have any questions, they can contact Julie Ford at 251-990-0705.

Myra Lassere announced that the state conference information for 2017 will go online January 17th.

After a break, Mike McQueen introduced our speaker, Renee' Thompson, Outreach Coordinator, Harvest for Health who talked to the group about her program through the Extension. She was here to let us know ways that



Meeting Minutes by Mary Hamilton (continued)

we can participate in this important program. Her helper, and our own Elmer Vick, passed out brochures. Renee has history with Elmer because he jumped in at the middle of the program when John Kitch (for health reasons) had to drop out and took over without any problems. Elmer went above and beyond what a Master Gardener needed to do for his cancer survivor. Renee is very impressed with his commitment. Kerry Smith also works with her on this project. Cancer touches all of us, and a way to make a difference in the life of a cancer survivor is to participate in this way, helping survivors. Elmer read a story about a cancer survivor who became a Master Gardener, learned about sustainable gardening, and now is a teacher and mentor to others in sustainable gardening.

Harvest for Health, (UAB) recruits the cancer survivors, and they are matched with a Master Gardener that lives within 15 miles. Cancer survivors are at risk for other diseases and poor health. Those that increase vegetable consumption and increase exercise prove that they can stay healthy and not have additional problems. Those who participate will encourage their survivors, share recipes, and visit twice a month. Results of the programs show average intake of fruits and vegetables increased 113%. The program requires a twelve month commitment for the Master Gardener. Requirements include contacting the survivor two times a month, once on the telephone and once for an advisory garden visit. The Master Gardener helps them get their garden started with a garden planning session and checks on them as they progress.

There will be dual training at and through a “meet and greet” with your assigned cancer survivor. Within two weeks of that, you will begin by planning the garden (you do not plant, only help the survivor to plan it.) The idea is for them to get the exercise. ACES provides everything the survivor will need. We are in the third cohort, which means that we will start in August of 2017. The support provided is such that you have a buddy. You are never alone. Contact Renee by phone or email. UAB does have to compile information. Therefore, they need communication from the Master Gardeners. UAB expects a documented phone call and a documented visit once a month for the year, and they need pictures included when possible. Send pictures with description to Renee. To reach Renee, call: 334-826-1590 or email: thomprw@auburn.edu. In addition, Renee wanted to thank all those present for making her feel welcome at our meeting. She appreciated how comfortable we made her feel speaking to us.

George Holman brought up an African Seminole Squash and explained that it has all the nutrients needed to eat. Not much goes to waste. They will take over your garden or yard. They can be cooked the way you do any other squash, and George has brought them in raw for us to eat at meetings. The seeds can even be boiled and then roasted for snacks. George gave one to Renee’ and one to Beau Brodbeck, and there were two left over for door prizes.

Beau Brodbeck talked about emerging threats to the urban forest. The projections for 2050 show a lot of growth in this area. Some trees planted now will become part of the new urban forest. Some of the threats we can expect that Beau will address in his talk are:

Development:

- Pressure on forests
- Limited soil volume
- Physical damage
- Budgets to care for trees
- Ordinances needed to conserve our urban forests.
- Cities are mandated to take care of storm drains

Invasive Species:

- Plants and insects

Biodiversity:

- The majority of our urban forests may be just five species. We need to be expanding the plants that we plant.
- Tree selectors: <http://lyra.ifas.ufl.edu/FloridaTrees>

Extreme Weather:

- Increasing storm frequency and intensity
- Changing rain frequency and drought
- Winter kills



Meeting Minutes by Mary Hamilton (continued)

Insurance:

- A growing problem on the Gulf Coast due to winds from hurricanes. They don't want the risk and liability.
- Professional arborists need to be in the middle.

Emerging Pests:

Laurel Wilt affects Redbay, Swampbay, Avacado, Sassafrass, and Camphor trees. Tiny ambrosia beetles carry the fungus moving through firewood, and we are the ones that move it. The range of this beetle comes from Georgia. The crowns die out on the affected trees. Compacted sawdust trails are on the trees. Already 90% of the Redbay trees are wiped out. The US will lose this species. There are butterflies that feed on the Redbay trees. What will replace it? Management is a propiconazole fungicide, sprayed in March. Remove and burn infected trees.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Metallic Green Insect that is 3/8 to 5/8 inch long and has decimated the Ash populations in our urban forests. It originally came in through the Lake States, spreading west and south. There are no predators. Michigan has 99.9% mortality. Also found in Fringe trees. Moving through firewood, nursery stock, green lumber. Don't move firewood. As far as biocontrols, they are being studied. There is a wasp, but what other problems will it create? Signs of EAB are crown die back, woodpecker damage, D-shaped exit holes, epicormics shoots, serpentine shags galleries, larvae look like stacked pine cones. Quarantines have been ineffective.

Urban options:

- Remove and plant non-ash trees
- Treat ash trees with insecticides
- Most effective when the tree is not infested
- Can prevent new damage but cannot undo the damage that is done.
- Tree and Shrub Protect and Feed by Bayer, or other brand.

Crepe Myrtle Bark Scale

- Native to China, LA, OK, and TX affected now, but it is coming (whitish grey scale)
- Causes dieback and mortality
- Only scale known to infest crape myrtle
- Inspect nursery stock before buying
- Wash branches with mild soap
- Follow with insecticide (Imidacloprid and Dinotefuran)

BOT Canker – Affects Live Oaks

Bill Finch recently did an article about this.

- Causes death of twig growth of oaks
- Found in FL and CA, currently
- Spreads to open wounds
- Urban trees are the most susceptible
- Control-none at this time.

Oak Wilt

- Currently found in FL and TX

Note: Beware of Weed and Feeds: (Tree roots can absorb these): Atrazine; 2-4 D; Dicamba; MCPP; Imazaquin; Metsulfuron

Others to avoid:

- Imazapry

They kill broadleaves. What are our trees, but broadleaves.

Be careful of what the companies you hire are using. It will kill your trees. They will not tell you, or tell you in the tiniest print, about the danger.

There were a number of great door prizes this time. Bernie Fogerty made a motion, seconded by Cee Fogarty that the meeting be adjourned.



TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
**WEEKS BAY
NATIVE PLANT SALE!**



THURSDAY— SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6 - 9

9 AM - 4 PM



**SAFE HARBOR AT WEEKS BAY
ACROSS U. S. HIGHWAY 98
FROM WEEKS BAY RESERVE**

- SHRUBS
- PERENNIALS
- BUTTERFLY PLANTS
- TREES
- HUMMINGBIRD PLANTS
- WETLAND PLANTS
- DUNE PLANTS



Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
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Mark Your Calendar

October 5, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting, Weeks Bay, 9:30 a.m.
October 6, 2016	BCMG Monthly Meeting, Weeks Bay, 10:00 a.m. (Bring Salads)
October 6-9, 2016	Weeks Bay Plant Sale
October 15, 2016	Fall Sale, The Haven, 321 Morphy Ave., Fairhope, AL
October 27, 2016	Fall Seminar, Fairhope Civic Center, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Oct. 28-Nov. 6, 2016	63rd Annual Small-Standard Fall Flower Show, "Denim and Diamonds"
October 29, 2016	Cat Coalition Fall Sale
November 1-4, 2016	Southern Region Master Gardener Conference, Arlington, TX
November 2, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2016	Helpline Closes
November 10, 2016	BCMG Monthly Meeting
November 19, 2016	Homesteading Expo—Loxley
December 1, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting
December 8, 2016	BCMG Membership Meeting & Awards Ceremony, Barnwell Baptist Church (date subject to change)
January 12, 2017	BCMG Monthly Meeting
January 25, 2017	Intern Class Orientation, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
March 9, 2017	Felder Rushing, Foley Public Library, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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Next meeting: October 6

Location: Weeks Bay Reserve

Native Plant Sale

No Speaker—Please bring salads for lunch.

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