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Message from the President **By Dick Pritchett**

LIFE GOES BY SO FAST (Part 2)

Do you remember the first time you looked in the mirror and realized you had gray hair, crows foot wrinkles, or a receding hairline? What about that hated arrival of the 50th, 60th or 70th birthday, or when your firstborn turned 40? The realization hits you square in the face; OMG, my life is moving so fast! Where did those years go? Can I get them back?

Life Goes By So Fast!

My realization came the night that my mother-in-law passed away. I can't describe the emotions I felt that night. I sat quietly in the recliner waiting for our son to return from a business trip to be with his Grandmother. He arrived at around 11 pm and went straight to his Grandmothers' side. He whispered, "Mama Dot, this is Brad". She squeezed his fingers so hard as he said his goodbyes. She died at a little after midnight and held out until her grandson arrived. I wrote the following poem on 1-07-03 to my son Brad.

"LIFE GOES BY SO FAST"

Life goes by so fast!
I can hardly remember when
You were so young-
Just an infant, barely just born
When we arrived home one frosty morn,
And you became our only son.
We nourished you until you became a man.
Life goes by so fast!
Now we don't see you very often.
You're gone to make your place in the world-
To solve all problems and make things right!
Life goes by so fast!
But we learn fast the ups and downs.
Things are never as we expect.
That curve ball never comes when we
expect it, and it always breaks at the
most unexpected time.
Life goes by so fast!
Loved ones leave you when you're not ready,
And you're alone in your mind and thoughts.
Life goes by so fast!
Your security in life comes from up above,
and you're always wrapped in his arms above,
waiting for your arrival each and every day,
giving you love along the way.
Life goes by so fast!

*Dick Pritchett, 1-07-03
Dedicated to our only son
Richard Bradford Pritchett*

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I thought of this poem all week as I remembered the passing of our friend and fellow Master Gardener, Joe Trawick. Let's keep Rhonda and family in our thoughts.

Take time to do and say the things that we need to say to our loved ones, friends and fellow Master Gardeners. Life goes by so fast!



*May you rest in peace
Friend and Fellow Master Gardener Joe Trawick
Class of 2015
We will miss you*

MG Calendar

MG Board Meeting	10:45 a.m., July 11, Cane Creek Community Gardens
MG Business Meeting	12 p.m., July 11, Cane Creek Community Gardens
Sprouts Deadline	July 25, 2018

Gardening Inspiration

“Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.” Charles Dudley Warner

Gardening Tip

Azaleas should be pruned by July 5th; pruning later may result in removing next year's blooms.

MG Happenings by Sherry Blanton

Hayes Jackson educated our attendees about pitcher plants at June's Lunch and Learn. Eric Shavey, Regional Extension Agent from Etowah County, will be with us at July's Lunch and Learn (the 25th) speaking about an important topic "Safe Use of Chemicals in the Home Garden." Lunch and Learn is a free program from noon to one; no preregistration is required and guests are encouraged to bring lunch.

Jennifer Yates spoke about the programs provided by the Calhoun Conservation District at our June MG meeting.



Hayes Jackson with one of his "favorite plants" at the Tree Amigos plant sale

Two of our community's very talented nature photographers, Pam Smith and Judy Glass, will present a program on July 11th about their recent trip to Tanzania, Africa. Their photographs are amazing, so this program will be a treat. Anyone want to bring dessert for our brown bag lunch?

Please attend my program at the Public Library of Anniston Calhoun County "Let Me Tell you about the Birds and the Bees." We will talk about creating bee and bird friendly gardens. The date is July 10 and the time is 2 until 3 p.m. The program is free; the library provides door prizes and delicious snacks.

Check out the "Watermelon Wingding" at Longleaf Botanical Gardens, The Third Thursday program, July 19th from 5 to 6 p.m. Guests will taste a variety of watermelons. Call the Anniston Museum of Natural History to preregister for the event: 256-237-6766. Cost is \$5 for non-members and free for members

Recipe for the Month

(A different way to use peaches)

Spiced Peaches

32 ounces fresh sliced peaches

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1/4 cup sugar

1/4 cup vinegar

1 teaspoon whole cloves

1 teaspoon ground allspice

1 cinnamon stick

1/2 teaspoon peppercorns

Directions: Drain peaches, pouring juice in a saucepan.

Put the peaches in a bowl. Add other ingredients to

juices; stir and bring to boil. Turn heat to medium and

simmer 5 minutes to make a sauce. Pour sauce over

peaches and cool. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Stir occasionally. Serves 6.

From the *Auburn Cookbook*



Thank you to the Tuesday Team for making our CCMG home site so beautiful (front flower bed)



Jennifer Yates, June MG meeting speaker, talks with Linda Emanuel before the meeting



Jerry Williams spent the morning helping with our greenhouse



Thank you to Linda McDaniel for this miniature dinosaur garden for CCCG



The Tree Amigos volunteers had a very successful plant sale

Cane Creek Update from Skeeter Sims

- Thanks to everyone who has been turning out and sweating to make our Home a beautiful site. We've accomplished so much in the last 3 weeks besides the normal cutting grass, pulling weeds and weed eating. Summer is upon us so keep coming, we'll take water breaks and cool off in the shade but we appreciate all those who are coming out and making such a difference in the grounds.
- If you haven't walked the grounds of Cane Creek lately, take a stroll and check out the 4H bed/circle bed in the back. We've thinned the front beds and are working to add more and more around the gardens to make it a colorful display all year long from season to season.

Who is July's Mystery Gardener?

Dick Pritchett and Skeeter Sims successfully identified Sarah Ballard as June's mystery MG. See if you recognize this month's dedicated MG. If you do please let me know.

Where are you from originally? Eastaboga
What are your other hobby or hobbies besides gardening? Visiting grandchildren in Florida and doing a little fishing
What is your favorite gardening activity? Enjoy all types of gardening
What was your job before retiring? Electrician
Which city do you live in now? Eastaboga

Lunch & Learn

A series of free gardening programs sponsored by Calhoun County Master Gardeners and Calhoun County Commission. Held the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Cane Creek Community Garden at McClellan, 77 Justice Avenue. Noon to 1 p.m. Bring your own lunch!

July 25
Safe Use of Chemicals in the Home Garden
Eric Shavey, ACES Regional Agent

August 22
Landscaping with Japanese Maples
David Doggett, Jefferson County Master Gardener

2018 All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series: Bees, Wasps, and Hornets, Oh My!



Photo Courtesy Dani Carroll, Alabama Extension

Late summer, picnics can become a battling ground with hornets, bees, and wasps. Before moving indoors, learn about the biology, identification, and practical control measures in this webinar presented by [Lynn Braband](#), Community IPM Extension Area Educator, [Cornell University](#) and moderated by [Hunter McBrayer](#) and [Taylor Vandiver](#), Regional Extension Agents, [Alabama Extension](#).

Note: on August 3, the link to the live webinar opens about 15 minutes before the webinar. If you try to log in earlier, you will get an error message. Event starts: Friday, August 3 at 1:00 pm Central Time.

For more webinars in this series, see [2018 All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series](#).



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