
MG SPROUTS

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Clematis in the Goat Garden at Cane Creek Community Gardens

MG Calendar

- MG Board Meeting, June 9, 10:45 a.m., Cane Creek Community Gardens
- MG Business Meeting, June 9, 12:00 p.m., Cane Creek Community Gardens. Lunch: Bring your own
- Sprouts Deadline, June 23, 2021

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President's Message: Halfway Through the Year

Is it really June already? (Not really but writing this a week before Memorial Day) So as we start this sixth month of the year, we see things are slowly starting to return to that "new normal" we have all been waiting so long to see. Mask mandates have been changed to only for the unvaccinated and where certain high risk/close contact businesses might also keep masks mandated. June marks both the meteorological and seasonal shift to Summer with the solstice happening on Father's Day this year!! June is also the full Strawberry moon on the 24th. Anyone know all the other monthly full moon names?? Probably will know them if you know what a "blue moon" is as well. So, by now we have all settled into our daily routines of watering, checking the garden for flowers or vegetables, and of course the pests that come along with those daily tasks. So along with the mid-year analysis and daily tasks lists, have you logged your accumulated hours yet? Theoretically everyone should be halfway there – 12.5 hours of volunteer time and 5 hours of CEUs; for some of us, that was January, but now is the time to get things done -- waiting until the last minute is not the right answer!! Our meeting this month will most likely remain outside under the pavilion. It's a great speaker and I'm sure everyone that comes will learn and enjoy the presentation on daylilies. May was a busy month as well with an amazing speaker on the Talladega National Forest and I know many of us learned quite a few things, especially about our local Golden Eagles. Hope to see everyone at the meeting this month and if you haven't been in a while, please make an effort to come out and check in with our group!!

The Cane Creek Crew opened the grounds to the public for guided tours in May. We have a reserved tour for this month as we will be hosting the Cherokee County Master Gardeners for tours and then they will hold their monthly meeting outside under the pavilion as well. July is also booked by East Central Master Gardeners for a tour of our home grounds the Tuesday before our meeting day. We also will plan to hold public guided tours on June 16th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. So come on out and tour our home grounds and bring a friend/neighbor/stranger to see the showcase that we have here in Calhoun County!!

So, as we begin what is expected to be a hotter and wetter than normal Summer and already have had named storms in the Atlantic --- prepare, stay hydrated, and have a plan for the weather that we have come to expect living in the South, especially in our area!!!

See y'all at the Creek!

Skooter

My Favorite Plant from Shirley Heifner

“One of my favorite plants would be the tea olive. It is not only a nice shrub; it stays green all year. If and when it snows, it shines being green. But the most wonderful part is the fragrance! Mine is beside my driveway and all and me enjoy the smell!”



Tea Olive photo by Karen Russ,
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Recipe of the Month: Apple Bread from Lavon Brown

3 cups diced apples
1 1/2 cups cooking oil
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups self-rising flour

Beat sugar, eggs, apples, and oil with a mixer. Add dry ingredients, stir in vanilla. Pour into 4 small or 2 large bread pans (greased and floured). Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Topping - a thin solution of powdered sugar, water, and vanilla. Spoon over cake before completely cooled.

If you have a recipe to share, please submit it to Sherry.



Jack in the Pulpit blooming in the Sweet Tea Garden

June's Mystery Gardener

May's Mystery Gardener was Lavon Brown. Skeeter, Landon, and Lyn identified her.

Who is June's Mystery Gardener? Take a guess and let Sherry know.

“I was born and raised on a wheat farm in North Dakota. I married a U.S. Air Force soldier in 1967. We were stationed on Guam during the Vietnam War. After his tour of duty, we moved to his hometown in Wisconsin where we raised two daughters. We moved to Alabama in 2010.

Every season has its beauty. I enjoy the whole process from preparing the soil to the planting of the seed or plant and watching it evolve. Then comes the harvest and the rewards! I'm learning what will and will not flourish in Alabama soil and heat. Being a transplant myself I'm enjoying learning all I can about Alabama and thankful for what the Master Gardener program and the extension has taught me.

I enjoy cooking, anything from grilling, boiling, frying, baking breads, cookies, and desserts, etc. and then serving them at our Saturday family gatherings. I worked as a Quality Control Technician for 18 year calibrating equipment and training the employees gauge usage and process control. After leaving that job I retired again as a jury bailiff. I now happily reside in Weaver, Alabama with my husband David of nearly 54 years.”

Garden Inspiration

“The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies, but never grows to the enduring happiness that the love of gardening gives.” – Gertrude Jekyll



Sail Cloth Garden in Garden of Reflection, Cane Creek

MG Happenings by Sherry Blanton

Jonathan Stober, wildlife biologist from the US Forestry Service, gave an excellent talk to our monthly meeting in May. Dr. Dave Cline from the Auburn Department of Aquaculture came to Lunch and Learn in May to talk about Aquaponics, another fine program.

At the monthly meeting June 9th, Brenda Green will talk about daylilies complete with an exhibition. Dr. Ken Tilt, a retired Auburn professor, will discuss the gorgeous lotus on June 23rd for Lunch and Learn.

Our sympathies to Dr. Chip East and his family on the loss of their son Clay. We will keep the East family in our thoughts and prayers. Chip is a popular and frequent speaker with our Association.

If you have not walked around Cane Creek lately, it is a delight. The Cane Creek Volunteer Crew has turned Cane Creek into one of the showplaces of Calhoun County: the Moss Hill Village, the Muscadine Garden, the Sweet Tea Garden as well as the Butterfly Garden are beautiful.

We are receiving many requests for MGs to get involved in our community. Check out Linda McDaniel's weekly email for details. Please consider where you can help.

Please keep up with our Association on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

I would like to invite you to attend my program on June 1 at 2 p.m. at the Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County. We will be talking about plant lore in conjunction with the Library's summer reading program, "Tales and Tails." Visitors are invited; we are open to the public. the program will also be available on the YouTube page for the Library.

Our 2021 intern class of five have completed their classroom time and all tests. Some have already achieved their 50 hours. Class members are Wayne Morris, Dixie (Richard) Atkinson, John Murphy, Janet Brittain, and Carol Fischer. Thanks to Lyn and Ruth for assisting with the class.

Garden Humor

"The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig."

- Texas Bix Bender, "Don't Throw in the Trowel"

Cane Creek Update from Skeeter Sims

- June is our busiest time of the year for grounds maintenance. Each week we need folks that can help weedeat the grounds. It takes one person about 12 hours, so do the math -- we need 3 or 4 each week to keep up!! Bring your own weedeater if you can help out. We have fuel mixed at 50:1 ratio but CC weedeater is a heavy one!!

- Weekly grounds maintenance continues with no special projects forecasted for the balmy days of Summer. We will continue to do our best to control wasps, hornets, and ticks; but each week will focus on watering, weeding, and keeping up with keeping the grounds presentable and safe.

- Greenhouse Gang has done a great job this year; and hopefully before too long, the greenhouse will be empty for the hottest days of summer. But a lot of great effort has gone into making Cane Creek Greenhouse a success and this gang deserves an attaboy/girl!!!



Sherron Pritchett Greenhouse at Cane Creek

Gardening Information from Sherry Blanton

I recently lost five beautiful mature coral drift roses to rose rosette disease. This is not the first time I have had to remove a rose because of this virus. As I approached the plants, I noticed the tell-tale signs of this serious problem.

- shoots and foliage have an abnormal red color
- stems appear succulent
- rapidly elongated shoots
- shoots with an overabundance of pliable thorns
- new growth may have many branches that create a witch's broom similar to glyphosate injury
- distorted or dwarfed leaves
- deformed buds and flowers
- abnormal flower color
- lack of winter hardiness
- spiral cane growth

Rose rosette disease is spread by the eriophyid mite which travels from infected wild multiflora roses (an invasive plant).

We are seeing much more rose rosette disease because of the popularity of Knock Out roses. There is really not a cure. Purchase healthy roses (making sure the virus has not come in on your roses). Dig the plant up and put it in the trash as the virus invades the entire plant. Clean your clippers well if you use them on any of your infected roses

Source: Home and Garden Information Center, Clemson University



Rose with Rose Rosette disease



Miniature Garden in the Sweet Tea Garden

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Iris at Sweet Tea Garden

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