

**Message from the President  
By Dick Pritchett**

## TEAMWORK

Webster's definition of teamwork:  
(*tem-work*). *NOUN*

"The combined action of a group of people, especially when effective and efficient."

I saw the most incredible teamwork that I have seen in years on Saturday, September 15th, during Fall Fest 2018! Our 12th annual Fall Fest could have been the best and most productive thus far. The combined efforts of the Calhoun County Extension Office and Calhoun County Master Gardeners produced an incredible event for the community as well as a profitable one for the Master Gardener Program.

The vendors filled the area from the entrance to the Coke Williams storage building and beyond to the Alpaca exhibition. Stephen Faughn provided well-attended animal demonstrations. The Master Gardeners filled the interior of the covered structure with fundraising activities such as food vendors, cakewalk, Country Store, canning and preserving, and art and quilting contests. This exciting atmosphere of Fall Fest was captured in photography by Patricia Nolen and Mary Humphries.

What I really loved about the Fall Fest was that everyone was focused on getting their job done without complaint, (other than the extreme heat) from the parking attendants to the "potty patrol"! We all sweated with smiles on our faces and fans in our hands!

## WHAT INCREDIBLE TEAMWORK!

The Steering Committee has been determined for the 2021 State Convention. This committee includes the following:

Ruth Sarro  
Dr. David West  
Hayes Jackson  
Edwin "Skeeter" Sims  
Linda Wakefield  
Richard "Dick" Pritchett

Plans are for the group to meet in October to begin the initial planning process for the State Convention. I have been approached by many of you to help with the convention and your expertise will be utilized later in the planning process.

'Til later,  
Dick



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## MG Calendar

MG Board Meeting	10:45 a.m., October 14, Cane Creek Community Gardens
MG Business Meeting	12 p.m., October 14, Cane Creek Community Gardens
Sprouts Deadline	October 25, 2018

## Garden Inspiration for the Month

“And the boy loved the tree... very much. And the tree was happy.”

-Shel Silverstein

## MG Notes

Kevin Jenne of the Choccolocco Creek Watershed presented an excellent program on how his agency works to “Improve, Promote, and Protect” at our September meeting. His staff is looking for Earth Team Unit volunteers. The contact number is 256-835-0512 ext 3.

Our September Lunch and Learn program with Hayes Jackson had a great crowd who got acquainted with some magnificent local and distant trees. Our county is surely blessed with some very special trees. Lunch and Learn will take a vacation until April when Dr. Harry Holstein will tell us more about the fascinating Native American heritage of our area.

Our October business meeting, October 14<sup>th</sup>, will feature MG Emily Richardson who will talk about choosing native plants for your garden. Please come and support her. The nominating committee will also present the proposed slate of officers for treasurer.

Please remember all continuing education hours (10) and service hours (25) must be completed by October 31. Interns must report their 50 hours. Attending Lunch and Learn does not count as service hours but as continuing education. Please list your volunteer site and activity and month worked when you enter your hours. That information is necessary for the Extension Office statistics. Hours should be reported by the November business meeting when we also pay our yearly dues.

Encourage interested folks to sign up for the 2019 Master Gardener class. Call the Extension Office for more information.

Fall Fest 2018 was a great success and we look forward to watching this event grow.

## Mystery Gardener

Last month’s mystery gardener was Jim Wakefield and was identified by Janet Evans and Dick Pritchett. Let’s see who can guess the identity of this hard-working Master Gardener. Let Sherry know if you recognize this person.

Where are you from? I am originally from Kansas.

What is your favorite gardening activity? Pruning  
What are your hobbies besides gardening? I love to travel and hike with my husband.

Do you have a job presently? I have a part time administrative job that gives me the freedom to do all these things and more.

Where do you live? I presently live in Talladega County.

## Recipe of the Month



### Pumpkin Bread

#### Ingredients

2/3 cup corn-oil margarine  
2 cups sugar  
3 eggs  
2 cups mashed, cooked pumpkin  
2/3 cup water  
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
3/4 cup raisins  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
Butter-flavor vegetable cooking spray

**Directions:** Cream margarine and sugar by beating margarine until soft and smooth and then gradually adding sugar, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until mixture is light and fluffy. Beat eggs and combine with mashed pumpkin and water. Add to creamed mixture. Beat until light and fluffy. Combine flour, baking powder, soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg and stir until evenly mixed. Gradually add flour mixture to the pumpkin mixture, blending well after each addition. Add raisins and pecans. Stir until evenly blended. Coat three 8-inch loaf pans with vegetable spray. Divide batter evenly into pans. Bake at 350°F for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean. Remove bread from pans and cool on wire racks. Makes 3 loaves; 15 slices per loaf. Pumpkin Muffins: Follow directions for pumpkin bread and omit raisins. Coat muffin cups with cooking spray or use baking cups. Fill two-thirds full. Sprinkle sugar over tops using 1/2 cup sugar for all muffins. Bake at 375°F for 18 to 20 minutes. Remove from pan; cool on wire rack. *Recipe from Alabama Extension Auburn Cookbook*

## ***Cane Creek Update from Skeeter Sims***

Fall Fest is complete and was a great success! Thanks to all of the Cane Creek crew that made this happen and to all the volunteers that came out and sweated and worked so hard to make this year's Fall Fest such a success! Thanks to everyone that spent time, talents and money to continue to improve Fall Fest!! Thanks to those monetary donations from folks who couldn't make it but supported us anyway!! And lastly special thanks to Lisa for all her support, coordination, and hard work in making Fall Fest come off without any major hitches!! Great job with the vendors this year as well.....I think most of them will be back next year!

So with Fall Fest 2018 in the books, we look forward to 2019 at Cane Creek -- working up our 2019 plan now but it's shaping up to be a highly productive year and will continue to advance the facilities and grounds of our home site as a great showpiece for Calhoun County! Just a peek at our projects -- restore plasticulture area to a green space for common uses, repair/revitalize building #2 (barn/livestock area) to include a rework of the garden area at eastern end. We've had such a great year of growth this year that we will be reorganizing, thinning, replanting/transplanting, and shaping all the landscape beds and common grounds for 2019!

Again, thank y'all for your support in all areas of CCMGA but especially for your support of the Creek! and as always, See y'all at the Creek!

## ***Garden Tip for October***

Caladiums to save should be dug by the time night time temperatures begin to drop into the fifties and before the first frost. Store them in a location that stays about 65 degrees. Allow air to circulate. They can be replanted in late spring and will come back beautifully.

## ***Third Thursday at Long Leaf Botanical Gardens***

October 16th from 5 to 6 PM  
Indoor Tree ID presented by Susan Gibbins  
Attendees will learn to identify our common trees at different stations.  
Call the Museum at 256-237-6766 to register and for more information.



*Getting ready for Fall Fest*

## ***All Bugs Good and Bad October 5***

Insect pests often inhabit our structures - homes, sheds, businesses. They can be difficult to control especially when they are not identified correctly. Join Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife as she discusses the identification of often misidentified structural pests. Moderated by Lucy Edwards, and Rhonda Britton, Regional Extension Agents, Alabama Extension.

The link to the event is here: <https://auburn.zoom.us/j/209793415> Note: on October 5, 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.

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





*'Tis Autumn*

**Fall Gardening Chores, October 2 at 2 p.m.,  
Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County**

Sherry Blanton will discuss the all-important garden chores to keep our landscapes healthy and beautiful.



*We had a happy crowd at Lunch and Learn*



*Greeting our speaker, Kevin Jenne, at our September meeting!*



*The residents at Coosa Valley Youth Services are caring for the trees to be given away at ReTree Jacksonville. Jacksonville will be green again. The community support has been terrific*



*Our visitors greet Hayes at September Lunch and Learn*



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