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THOUGHTS FROM TOM

Tom McLemore 2009 President CCMGA

April is finally here! This month CCMGA starts with Lunch and Learn on April 2. Mallory Kelley will be teaching about tomatoes. She is very good. We end the month with the Plant Sale April 26 and the AMG state convention April 27-30 in Daphne.

I'm sure there will be these and other dates this month for events all through The Mud but here is a quick reference to some of them.

April 2, Lunch & Learn; Tomatoes w/Mallory Kelley April 9, Wed. Monthly luncheon. Firebirds Wood Fired Grill @ Eastchase, 11:30 April 12 Flora Fauna at Lanark in Millbrook April 22, CCMGA monthly meeting All About Irises w/ Don Nelson April 26, PLANT SALE! Frazer 8-12

April 27-30 AMGA State Conference, Daphne, AL

Please sign up to work at the Plant Sale on April 26. We do not have enough volunteers working from 8-12.

Karin has plenty of help loading , hauling and cleaning up but she needs more people to help during the sale. Please get your name on the list to help during the sale.

There is lots going on but there is still plenty of time to get some plants ready for the sale. Please don't wait until the last minute.

We had a great field trip to Mobile for the flower show and botanical garden. The Mobile Master Gardeners had a nice reception for our group at the botanical garden. Thank you Lynne Kuhlmann, Katherine Pool and Nancy Ellis for a great trip ! We had 50 people on the bus for a twelve hour day. Many interns did the field trip and the Edible Landscape program the day before. Everybody got lots of volunteer hours and CEUs too.

The intern class is off to a great start. Janice Jackson and David Toellner have already completed the minimum hours necessary for interns. Nobody has done all their helpline days yet. There are many interns not far behind. Great job everybody! Thanks, Tom





March Meeting Minutes



Janine Koslofsky 2011 Secretary

Tom called the meeting to order Janine Koslofsky did the Invocation There were no corrections to the Treasurer's report or the minutes from last month.



Terese Goodson introduced our speaker, Donnie Tomlin. Mr. Tomlin gave a program on Japanese Maples. His nursery is located on Wares Ferry Road. Call first before you visit 334.277.2292. He sells his plants the Ist Saturday of the month at Pepper Place in Birmingham and at the East Chase farmers market on Saturday mornings during the summer. His email is mapleman05@yahoo.com.

Karin Carmichael reminded us to sign up for the various volunteer opportunities for the Plant Sale on Saturday, April 26th.

There was a sign-up sheet for the Help Desk.

Elaine Barron read her motion to change the title to 'Educational Events Committee' (remove the word steering). She also suggested we remove points I and 5 listed under that committee on page 46 of the 2014 Directory and add the following description. 'Provide educational programs and classes promoting horticulture and related topics and activities for Montgomery County and surrounding communities. The motion passed by a show of hands.

Ann Oldham mentioned that the Church of the Holy Spirit has a special lunch on April 3rd. You buy a bowl for \$25 and are served soup and bread for lunch. You get to keep the bowl and the funds go to the local Food Bank.

Anna Owens announced that today was the last day to order aprons, shirts and vests.

Mallory announced two pruning demonstrations. Please see the website for details.

Raffle and adjournment.

84 attendees.







Caring for Fruit Trees



Mallory Kelley **Regional Extension** Agent Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests

The excitement of spring is in the air and that means, time to dig in the "dirt." I have to admit, the bug has bitten me and I have been browsing the stores for the new plant that is "needed" in my landscape. In the spring time we often see the beautiful hydrangeas, azaleas, perennials and annuals, but also you may be enticed by fruit trees. Fruits can be a great addition to the home landscape if the proper conditions and devotion to caring for them are a priority.

First of all, let's talk about the easiest fruits to grow in Central Alabama. If you are new to fruits in the landscape, start out with those that require the least amount of maintenance and care, such as: figs, pomegranate, blueberries (need acid soil), oriental persimmon and Muscadines. These fruits rarely require spraying and very little pruning, except the Muscatine. The Muscatine needs a structure to grow on so that can be an initial investment of money and labor. In

addition, the blueberries will produce best if there is more than one every 10-14 days and it can be apvariety for pollination and the muscadines can be self-fertile or female. If you plant a female, you will need a self-fertile variety to accompany it.

Now for the more difficult fruits to grow such as peaches, plums, apples and pears. Peaches are selffertile so just one tree will do, but all the others need another variety for pollination. Tree fruits require pruning and training year after year for best production. Beyond pruning, sanitation of the orchard or tree is very important in your success. Anytime fruit or leaves drop from the tree clean it up to prevent the spread of diseases. Heavy mulching all the way out to the canopy of the tree will also help prevent diseases while holding in moisture, suppressing weeds and from breaking limbs. adding organic matter.

healthy crop when it comes to fruit If you have more questions about trees. Spray recommendation are to start spraying Captan (fungicide) as soon as the petals begin to open. Continue to spray every 10- 1877-ALA-GROW (252-4769). 14 days. Once the petals are falling to the ground and you no longer see bees visiting the flowers, start spraying Malathion or Sevin for in-

sect control. Continue spraying plied in conjunction with the Captan once the pollinators are gone.

Especially for fruit trees it is necessary to thin the fruit. For peaches, pears and apples you will want one fruit per 6"- 8" with plums one fruit per 4"- 6". If the fruit is not thinned the tree will try to produce too many. The end result is all the fruit ends up being the size of a golf ball when ripe or the stress of too much fruit can cause the tree to abort the fruit, meaning drop it all at once. This usually occurs about a week before you think the fruit is ready to be harvested and suddenly every fruit is laying on the ground under the tree. Thinning the fruit will greatly increase the size of your fruit and prevent the weight of the fruit

Hopefully this information will im-Spraying is often required to have a prove your home fruit production. growing fruits or any other horticulture related question please call the Master Gardener Helpline at:



COMMITTEE REPORTS



April 2 Growing Tomatoes in Your Own Back Yard w/ Mallory Kelley

May 7 Controlling Weeds and Pests in the Garden, Lawn, and Flower Beds

June 4 Growing and Caring for Your Hydrangeas



All Bugs Good and Bad 2014 Webinar Series

APRIL 4, 2014, 1:00 pm CDT



Get TickSmart: 10 Things to Know, 5 Things to Do

Presented by Dr. Thomas N. Mather

Moderated by Shawn Banks

http://www.extension.org/pages/70422/get-ticksmart-webinar-set-for-april-4#.UzPRn_ldXrR

Professor Thomas Mather, PhD is the Director of The University of Rhode Island's Center
for Vector-Borne Disease and TickEncounter Resource Center. Moderator Shawn Banks
is with the North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension.

"With more ticks in more places than ever before, there's never been a more appropriate time to raise your tick literacy," Mather says. "Tick encounter rates aren't creeping up — they're soaring."

COMMITTEE REPORTS



HELP LINE



RENA RUSSELL 2012, BRENDA DERAMUS-COLEMAN 2013



The Helpline is up and running, and needs additional volunteers. Master Gardener Interns Justin Skipper and Cheri Youngblood have joined the Helpline team. Mentored by Master Gardeners Carolyn Love-Dorsey and Corinne Lauridson, the interns had a successful inaugural experience.

Their calls ranged from the common to the absurd. Calls were related to Kudzu bugs, pest management and large crabgrass. One additional caller in-

quired about "edible" elephant ears; another, driving through South Alabama, asked "What's the name of the purple trees alongside the highway." The team is awaiting pictures.



Helpline is an enjoyable and enlightening experience. Sign up to join the fun. Brenda DeRamus-Coleman 2013





COMMITTEE & PROJECT REPORTS

PLANT SALE UPDATE

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE ANNUAL PLANT SALE IS JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY AND WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT. OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN SO GENEROUS IN GIVING TIME, EF-FORT, PLANTS, POTS, SOIL, GARDEN ITEMS AND EVEN CASH TO BUY WHAT WE LACKED. A GREAT NUMBER OF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP TO LOAN WAGONS, TENTS AND TABLES. MANY HAVE VOLUN-TEERED TO PRICE, PICK UP AND DELIVER OUR PLANT MATERIAL TO FRAZER AS WELL AS WORK IN THE VARIOUS VENUES ON THE DAY OF THE SALE. HOWEVER, WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE VARIOUS VENUES AND WORK THE PLANT SALES. PLEASE WATCH FOR THE SCHEDULE THAT WILL BE SENT VIA MAILCHIMP AND SIGN UP WHERE THERE IS A NEED. WITHOUT YOUR HELP, WE CANNOT COMPLETE THIS PROJECT TO THE DEGREE THAT WE HAVE PLEDGED.

Also, we still need plant material and garden items. However, please don't limit yourself to those listed below. Here is a list of most asked for items of which we are short:

PLANTS

Roses	AMARYLLIS	Forsythia	MEXICAN PETUNIA
Ajuga	GINGER LILY	CONEFLOWER	Fern
CLEOME	LAMB'S EAR	HORSETAIL	ELEPHANT EAR
MOON FLOWER	BEAUTYBERRY	SHASTA DAISY	COLEUS
TIGER LILY	CRINUM LILY	CALADIUM	Confederate Jasmine

GARDEM ITEMS

PLANT STANDS	BENCHES	FURNITURE	CERAMIC & CLAY POTS
Tools	STATUARY	BIRDHOUSES	WATERING CANS

ANYTHING IRON (SUCH AS BROKEN FENCING - RUST WELCOME)

ART OR DECORATIVE ITEMS (ANYTHING THAT CAN BE PLACED IN A GARDEN FOR FUN OR FUNC-TION)

*****ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE DELIVERED TO KARIN CARMICHAEL'S HOUSE AND LEFT BY THE SWING OR AT THE END OF THE DRIVEWAY (3508 LANCASTER LANE) OR

****You can bring your items and/or plants to Frazer's back parking lot before the meeting on April 22. We will have trucks available to transport everything to Karin's house.

*****Please be sure all plant material is marked as to kind and color. Everything will be priced by the committee starting the week before the sale.







Firebirds Wood Fired Grill @ Eastchase Wednesday, April 8, 2014 11:30

http://www.firebirdsrestaurants.com/fb/menus

CLARIFICATION OF CONTACTS



Please note that the number of "contacts" should only count those people you give information to and not the volunteers you work with during a project or sit with during a meeting.

Notice that we've reworded the note under the "contacts" field in an attempt to clarify this. It now reads, "How many people did you help or provide information to at this event?"

As well, you might read this article linked here in the Autauga MGA newsletter for further examples.

> http://www.aces.edu/counties/Autauga/documents/ mgnewsletterfeb2014final2.pdf.



Thank you for your attention Kerry Smith, State MG Program Coordinator



Gov. Mansion Workdays

Every Monday

Must call Jane McCarthy to register before the previous Friday to get your name on the security list.

Jane can be reached on her cell phone 334-221-9936. Her email address is mac&jane@att.net



Mark Your Calendar

2014 Alabama Master Gardener Conference April 28-30 2014 in Daphne, AL hosted by Baldwin Master Gardeners

> http://alabamamg.org/ AMGAConference.html

Enjoy nature at its best at the I Oth Annual Alabama Flora and Fauna Arts Festival at Lanark in Millbrook, Saturday, April I 2, 2014







http://bonnieplants.com/container-gardening/! utm_source=Bonnie+Newsletter&utm_campaign=fc9ee2d5ba Container_Gardening_Secrets3_20_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a422bae720fc9ee2d5ba-188969 Montgomery AreaDaylily SocietyBeetingMeetingApril 12, 2014MemorialPresbyterianChurch2130 Bell Rd.,Montgomery, Al12:00 noon

Native Azalea Plant Sale 2014

The Lee County Master Gardener Association will be hosting a native azalea plant sale, as well as companion plants, April 5, 9am to 12pm, at the Dean Road Recreation Center, 307 S. Dean Rd. Auburn.





Mark your calendar! May 17 & 18 2014 GARDEN TOUR Presented by the Lee County Master Gardeners Tickets will be available in May at Blooming Colors, The Flower Store and at the Opelika and Auburn Chambers of Commerce. Visit Lewido.org

LEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS 2014 GARDEN TOUR MAY 17 & 18

See full details on flyer on page 21.



CENTRAL ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION



SPRING PLANT SALE



SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7:00-2:00

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARKING LOT

5375 U S HWY 231, WETUMPKA, AL

Great prices and plant selections



Annuals, perennials

Trees, shrubs

Vegetables, herbs

House plants, garden items

Gardening demonstrations

Soil test kits available / free





GRAFTING WORKSHOPS

Come learn how to graft fruit trees, nut trees and anything in between!



On Thursday, April 10th from 1:00-3:00 the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host a hands-on grafting workshop at E.V. Smith Research Center in Macon County.

On Wednesday, April 23rd from 1:00-3:00 the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host a hands-on grafting workshop at John Neighbors Orchard in Coosa County at 550 Holloway Mill Road.

Grafting is a form of plant propagation that involves taking the scion or cutting from one plant and grafting or attaching it to the root stock or base of another plant. Both plants need to be closely related to each other such as grafting an apple scion onto a rootstock of another apple.

There are many reasons people propagate plants instead of buying them. Many fruit and nut trees are hard to find, and grafting your own may be the best way for a producer to get certain trees. Grafting may be the easiest way to get the sentimental plant from a friend or relatives house.

There is no registration fee for either of these meetings, but you **must call** to get your name on the list to attend by contacting:

April 10th Workshop- Cathy Browne at 334-844-5483.

April 23rd Workshop- Coosa County Extension office at 256-377-4713

If you are interested in grafting, but can not attend the workshop, take a look at this publication titled Budding and Grafting Fruits and Nuts on our extension web site. It can be found at:

http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-0402/.

E.V. Smith Research Center (directions)

From I- 85 north or south in Macon county take exit 26 to Highway 229 North towards Tallassee. Go approximately one mile until you see a railroad crossing. Just before the railroad crossing you will see Macon County Road 40. Take a right on county road 40. The pecan orchard is on the right.

From Tallassee take Hwy 229 south to the railroad tracks just past the river bridge. Then take a left on county road 40. The pecan orchard is on the right.

John Neighbors Property in Coosa County (directions)

From Alexander City, Alabama take Highway 22 West to 259 South. Travel 259 South to County Road 12. Turn left on County Road 12 then take the next left onto Holloway Mill Road. Travel ½ mile to 550 Holloway Mill Road.



Only four weeks away: AMGA Annual Conference April 28-30 2014 in Daphne, AL hosted by Baldwin County Master Gardeners

www.amgaconference.org

The Conference Pre-Registration Savings period ended March 30th. However, it is not too late to register. Don't miss out on the educational opportunities, see the latest in garden 'stuff' and most of all, enjoy the fun with your friends.

WE CONTINUE WITH THE THIRD AND FINAL INSTALL-MENT OF MEET THE INTERNS

Emily C. Smith

My husband George and I moved to Montgomery in 1973, immediately after graduat-



ing from Auburn and getting married. We have 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren.

After a few years of teaching Home economics, I was fortunate to be able to stay at home and raise our son and daughter.

I started gardening after the children married and look forward to learning and sharing more and more.

Mirenda Tatum

My family moved to Montgomery thirty years ago and I've been trying to garden all of those years. After retiring from teaching I've decided it would be a wonderful idea to get educated on best practices. Having grown up on a farm, I should know more than I do!



Pamela Thornton

My spouse and my family moved here 13 years ago due to the military. My spouse, an Air Force officer moved here before I came with two of my three chil-



dren, my oldest was attending Troy Univ. in Troy, where both my spouse and I attended. I am a retired mental health counselor of over 30 years.

I grew up with my father having a garden. My spouse and I have always had a garden, even in North Dakota, every place we lived except Montgomery. Last summer I wanted to start a vegetable garden again, and

now it's all history. I'm hooked again but, wanting to learn the correct way to garden.

David Toellner



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I moved to Montgomery in 1969. I have two sons and a daughter and six grandchildren. I live in the former house of Vivian Ashurst, known as Vivian's Gardens, back in the day – loads of camellias.

I am a retired soccer referee and I use an Earth box for container gardening.

Evelena Webb

My husband Allen and I moved to Montgomery 15 years ago. Eight years ago we bought on old ark of a house to 'fix up', utilizing my architectural and his carpentry background. The yard was full of pass-along plants because the previous owner was a master gardener. Now I am an 'accidental gardener' trying to learn much! Happy for all the help, Thanks.



Georgia Young



I joined a garden club when I moved to Montgomery four years ago. I love flowers and gardening. This area is very different, and I need help, from my last area up north.

Cheri Youngblood

I have lived in Montgomery for several years. I am a retired school teacher. I began gardening with my grandfather when I was a child. I am mostly interested in flowers.



LIFE ISN'T ABOUT FINDING YOURSELF.



Prairie Mud Almanac: April Issues

The Almanac is a link to our history and is designed to help enlighten our way forward. As Winston Churchill said, "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

AMGA CONFERENCE EDITIONS

April, 2013 - 1 year ago

When the April Prairie Mud came out we were busy getting ready to attend the AMGA Conference in Florence, the upcoming Plant Sale, a Succulent Wreath Workshop and a Hypertufa Workshop. We had just attended Linda Franzo's Cooking with Herbs workshop. Lunch & Learn was in its fourth month and growing and we had just returned from our Bus Trip to the Southeast Flower Show in Atlanta.

April, 2012 - 2 years ago

The April meeting was held at Vaughn Road Nursery. Our treasury was at an all-time high: \$9,664 and our Intern Class was the largest ever. Barbara Forsythe outlined the upcoming Field Trip to Gibbs Gardens in Georgia on April 25. Karin Carmichael reported that 31 CCMGA members attended the AMGA Conference in Birmingham.

April, 2011 - 3 years ago

In her Suzanne Sez column for April, President Suzanne Reaves sez's it best: As the AMGA conference wraps up in Mobile I want everyone to know what a wonderful experience we have had: great speakers, good vendors, interesting discussions with other MGs, and an opportunity to get to know our fellow CCMGA members better. There were about 28 CCMGA members in Mobile (we all moved around a lot, and it was hard to get an accurate count), but we had an excellent turnout. Next year the conference will be in Birmingham, March 22 - 24, perhaps we can beat this year's attendance number! As good as this conference was we can all be very proud of the experience we created at our conference in 2010. The most exciting news I have to share is that our own Cathy Maddox was awarded the Mary Lou McNabb Master Gardener of the Year Award for 2010.

April, 2010 - 4 years ago

This issue of The Mud is so interesting that I recommend anyone who interned after 2010 to read the entire issue. http://www.aces.edu/ counties/Montgomery/PMud/documents/ AprilNewsletter2010.pdf Very insightful historical data on the 2010 AMGA Conference in Montgomery and many things everyone should know. The annual trip was to Eufaula Pilgrimage.

April, 2009 – 5 years ago

Lisa Lennox, Editor of The Prairie Mud wrote the following about the 2009 AMGA Conference in Huntsville: "A sizable contingent of us went to the 2009 State Master Gardeners Convention. It was such fun. If anyone had told me I would have fun at a convention of gardeners 10 years ago, I would have laughed till I was blue in the face. But never have I met such a gregarious, knowledgeable, and fun group of people. The speakers were by and large interesting and funny, the vendors had wares of such great variety and of high caliber and none of us could leave without buying at least a dozen things. I have baskets from Africa that are stunning in both quality and cost. There was phenomenal pottery, and the various flowers and plants available just floored us".

April, 2008 - 6 years ago

Hosting a State Master Gardener Conference is an enormous endeavor. Capital City Master

Gardeners are fortunate to have Cathy Maddox as Montgomery's 2010 Conference Chair, and Betsy Coley as her co-chair, since both have varied conference experience.

Don't miss out on Daphne, register today, you will not regret it. JB Editor.



Three Tomato Plant Problems and How to Prevent Them



Marie Iannotti www.garening.about.com

Looking at what articles have been popular this past week, I can see that our thoughts



have already turned toward that first luscious tomato. It may be awhile before we get to sink our teeth into it, but I thought it might be a good time to remind you of 3 all too common cultural problems with growing tomatoes and how they need to be avoided, rather than cured. They are cracking, blossom end rot and green shoulders and they all wait until you are just about to pick your prized fruits, before they appear. This year, let's be prepared.

Every gardener will experience some problems when growing tomatoes. Too much is dependent on the weather and other conditions out of the control of the gardener. However, knowing what you are dealing with can make your tomato growing more successful.

The following 3 tomato questions have been asked repeatedly every year. Each of these tomato growing problems has an easy solution.

1. Why do tomatoes crack as they ripen?



Otherwise healthy looking tomatoes split open before they're even fully

ripened. What

happened, how can you stop it from happening and are they still OK to eat?

2. Why do the bottom of tomatoes turn black and soft? (Blossom End Rot)



There may be no tomato problem more *heartbreak*ing than blossom end rot. This tomato problem doesn't show itself until the tomato begins to ripen and by then, it's too late to do anything about it. What's more, all the tomatoes on the plant are probably going to follow suit. If blossom end rot is a reoccurring problem for you, take simple steps to avoid it at the beginning of the season.

3. <u>Why is the stem end of</u> <u>my tomatoes not ripen-</u> <u>ing? (Green Shoulders)</u>



You can wait and wait and wait some more, but some tomatoes are

never going to fully change to red. Sometimes it's just the type of tomato you're growing and sometimes the weather and sunlight play a hand.

Marie Iannotti is a longtime master gardener and a former Cornell Cooperative Extension Horticulture Educator, Master Gardener program coordinator, and a member of the Garden Writer's Association and The Garden Conservancy.



TO DO'S IN THE APRIL GARDEN

ANR-47 HTTP: //WWW.ACES.EDU/PUBS/DOCS/A/ANR-0047/ANR-0047.PDF

Fruits and Nuts



 Season for strawberry planting continues.

 Start spray program for all fruits.

• Plant raspberries and blackberries and continue budding apples and peaches.

Shrubs



 Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowering.

• Fertilize azaleas and camellias.

• When new growth is half completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.

Lawns



Planting continues.

• New lawns may need supplementary watering.

 Also, fertilize at 3- to 6week intervals.

 Keep ryegrass cut low, particularly if over-planted on bermuda lawns.

Roses



- Watch for insects and diseases.
- Keep old flower heads removed.

• Plant container-grown plants from nurseries or garden centers.

Annuals and Perennials



• Plant early started annuals or bedding plants from nurseries or garden centers.

• Divide mums or root cuttings. Dig and divide dahlias.

Bulbs



• Plant gladiolus, fancyleaved caladiums, milk and wine lilies, and ginger and gloriosa lilies.

• Feed bearded iris with superphosphate and spray for borers.

 Avoid cutting foliage of narcissus or other bulbs until it has turned brown naturally.

Miscellaneous



• Spray camellias, hollies, etc., for scale insects.

 Carefully water new plantings of shrubs and trees.

 Pinching out tips of new shoots promotes more compact shrubs.

Vegetable Seeds



 Plant tender vegetables such as beans, corn, squash, melons, and cucumbers.

 Plant heat-loving vegetables in lower south Alabama.

Vegetable Plants



Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, sweet potatoes, and parsley.









CCMGA Officers, 2014

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2014 YTD **Volunteer Hours** 2,030 **EDU Hrs.** 407 Contacts 14,479 **2014 STATE RANKING** Volunteer Hrs. 4th EDU Ist Contacts Ist

We have reached the end of the 1st Quarter of 2014 and only 78 members have recorded volunteer hours. Only 55 minus the interns.

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Presented by the Lee County Master Gardeners

Tickets will be available in May at Blooming Colors, The Flower Store and at the Opelika and Auburn Chambers of Commerce. Visit LeeMG.org

LEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS 2014 GARDEN TOUR COMING MAY 17 & 18

The Lee County Master Gardeners Association is pleased to announce the upcoming 2014 Garden Tour on May 17th and 18th. This tour continues a decade-long tradition of showcasing inspirational and educational gardens to the public. It is a fundraiser to support worthy horticulture-related community projects, programs and scholarships.

Visitors will see their favorite elements in the Garden Tour: Beautiful private gardens, great design ideas and locally-successful plants. In addition, this year Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, Auburn University and Auburn University Ag Heritage Park's Red Barn will be two free stops on the tour offering fun family events to help commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the Cooperative Extension System, our parent organization.

There will be a tour booklet that includes your ticket, garden descriptions, a tour map, and a list of Master Gardener Association projects. All gardens will be staffed by Lee County Master Gardeners, Friends of MGs, and knowledgeable, friendly volunteers. Prominent and interesting plants at each garden will be identified and listed.

Tickets: \$20 in advance at Ace Hardware, Blooming Colors, The Flower Store, and the Auburn and Opelika Chambers of Commerce. Children 12 and under are free. On tour days, tickets are \$25 at the gardens. Visit www.LeeMG.org, for garden addresses and an interactive map.

Jule Collins Smith Museum Café is providing delicious, pre-order box lunches from Catering by Ursula . Call Jennie at 334-444-1804 to reserve your lunch. Pre-orders \$8, Day of Tour \$10, Children \$6.

Come enjoy a diverse selection of gardens. Learn from gardening enthusiasts and fantasize how you will adapt all the creative ideas you discover. The Lee County Master Gardeners are looking forward to seeing you and your family on the tour!

For more information please call 478-607-0805 or email 2014GardenTour@gmail.com.



Workshop

"Grafting Fruits and Nuts and Anything

Hosted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Thursday, April 10, 2013

E.V. Smith Research Station, Shorter, Alabama

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23, 2013

John Neighbors property in Coosa County,

550 Holloway Mill Road

1:00-3:00 p.m.

THIS WILL BE A HANDS-ON ACTIVITY!



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E.V. Smith Research Center

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