

# THE PRAIRIE MUD

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## TOM'S THOUGHTS



**Tom McLemore**  
2009

**President**

Greetings!

As I write this the temps are very hot, just like we expect in late July and August. The forecast for early August is unseasonably low temperatures. In Alabama, unseasonably low means mid to high 80's, bring it on!

Last year we had 84 people out of 156 registered to record hours. This year we have 102 people out of 170 registered to record hours. While we have an 8% increase in membership we have only achieved a 6% increase in reporting members. We still have several people that need to record hours to help ACES, Mallory and CCMGA get the recognition already earned. Please consider recording your hours. It is critical to help encourage our budget cutting politicians to

continue supporting the ACES budget in Alabama. We are an arm of ACES and we are flourishing right now in no small part because Mallory is in charge of our education for interns. Of course we have many awesome members that are making a huge impact in all we are trying to do each year. It's an outstanding group effort!

We finish up helpline, for the year, at the end of August. Interns please get your two days covered so you can graduate. Please call Rena Russell, Brenda Coleman, Mallory or me if you need help.

8-1-14 The All Bugs Good & Bad Webinar Series resumes at 1:00. Go online to learn everything you need to know about mosquitos.

8-6-14 Mallory at Lunch and Learn will talk about New Fruits in Your Backyard

8-26-14 Laurice Goorley is the program speaker at our CCMGA monthly meeting. She will explain and demonstrate Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangements.

Last August our bank balance was \$14,000, give or take a few dollars. One year later, after funding 12 months of organization expenses, our balance has grown to \$18,000. This is a testament to our membership and what a great job the Plant Sale committee has done and let's not forget the accomplishments of the Pike Road Crafts Fair.

Earline Clark had an awesome Garden Party at her home July 22, 2014. It was great.

Let's finish up strong with the helpline this month. Thanks for all YOU do for CCMGA and Montgomery.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday**  
**August 26**  
**9:30 Social**  
**10:00 Meeting**  
**Program**  
**"The Art of**  
**Ikebana"**  
**w/ Laurice Goorley**  
**CCMGA**

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# July Meeting Minutes



**Janine Koslofsky 2011**  
**Secretary**

Tom McLemore called the meeting to order.

Gail Cotney did the invocation.

Earline Clark brought her sister as a guest.

Announcement: Earline Clark is hosting a Garden Party 5p-6:30p today at her home, 4427 Yorkshire Drive.

Prayer request for Chris Henderson who has had multiple heart surgeries. Please send card to her home, 9165 Castle Pines Circle, Montgomery, AL 36117.

Welcome back to Laurice Goorley who had a pacemaker installed. She is doing very well and thanked everyone for their cards and good wishes.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved. Terese Goodson requested that the June minutes be corrected to reflect that it was Suzanne Reaves and not Karin Carmichael who asked for volunteers to be on the committee to review the by-laws. The correction has been made.

Terese Goodson introduced Jane Mobley from the CAMGA (Central Area Master Gardener Association) who did a presentation on Butterfly Gardening.

She recommended ANR 1290: ACES handout on butterfly gardening and "Butterflies of Alabama" by Sara Bright and Paulette Haywood Ogard.

Ann Oldham reported on the Mobile Extension Conference. Pictures and a report will be in "The Prairie Mud".

A motion was made by Yvonne Evans and seconded by Marie Tomlin to provide a Legacy Tree for Buddy Murphy. The motion was passed unanimously.

The August 26th meeting presenter will be Laurice Goorley doing a demonstration of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging.

Adjourned We had 60 attendees





# JULY TREASURER'S REPORT



CAPITAL CITY MASTER GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION

## Treasurer's Report - July, 2014

### BEGINNING BALANCE

\$ 18,314.48

Petty Cash

\$ 22.55

### REVENUE

Raffle

\$ 19.00

Dues

\$ 25.00

### TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 44.00

### EXPENSES

#### CHECKS

#1560 Terese Goodson - Speakers Gifts \$ 60.00

### TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ (60.00)

Petty Cash

\$ (22.55)

### ENDING BANK BALANCE

\$ 18,298.48



# "Crazy Ants"



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

## "Crazy Ants"

With over 150 resident ant species in Alabama, you would think there is NO room for more! Meet the Tawny crazy ant, *Nylanderia fulva*. Tawny crazy ants have been in the surrounding states of Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia for years, but we now have confirmation of them in Mobile County, Alabama. This is the first confirmed sighting in Alabama.



Tawny crazy ants were formerly known as Raspberry crazy ants, Caribbean or hairy crazy ants. They were originally found in Florida in 1953. Since their discovery they have been sighted across southeast Texas, Louisiana, central and southern Florida and found last year in Albany GA. Tawny crazy ants are native to Northern Argentina and Southern Brazil. They are small brown ants that are less than 2mm long. Under a microscope or hand lens, you can see the hairy body of the ants. Despite

their small size, it's their incredible populations that give them away.



In the United States, crazy ant populations are 100 times greater than other

ant species. Because of the sheer number of tawny crazy ants, food sources are limited for other ant species. This is especially true for fire ants which are displaced due to the tawny crazy ants.

That may sound like good news for those of us inundated with fire ant mounds. However, the sheer numbers (millions) in a tawny ant colony is pretty scary. In areas where they have been found for years, it is not at all uncommon, to shovel dead Tawny crazy ants by the 5 gallon bucket full. They are very opportunistic ants, invading electrical boxes, campers, homes, and practically anything 'just lying around'.

Tawny crazy ants do not have stingers. Good news, right? Instead of a stinger, the workers have a specialized pore on the end of their abdomen. It will excrete chemicals for defense or attack. Tawny crazy ants are very social ants and colonies may not be distinguished from one another

reaching super colony status. They also have polygyne colonies which means colonies may contain several queen ants. This means that the population of tawny crazy ants increases rapidly. The foraging trails of these ants are very apparent and their movement is very erratic, which often looks as though the ground is moving. The trail of ants may also follow structural lines around buildings.



Tawny crazy ants, unlike red imported fire ants are not spreading by mating flights. Current research suggests that Tawny crazy ants must be picked up and moved by us. Tawny crazy ants may invade campers when you are on vacation. They may be present in potted plants or anything that they are able to crawl in. It is extremely important to check anything being moved from a known infested area. This is how the Tawny crazy ant spreads to new locations.

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## “Crazy Ants”

Because of the numbers and biology of the Tawny crazy ant they are hard to control, manage may be a better word. When they invade homes, indoor insecticides are just not enough since the colonies are often nesting outdoors. In our own yards and gardens, remove anything that may become a nesting site such as firewood piles, potted plants, thick pine straw and yard debris. Tawny crazy ants prefer humid, wet conditions which is another reason to plant drought tolerant plants that do not need irrigation as often as others. Crazy ants are seldom attracted to the bait products that are used for the management of fire ants. These guys are often managed in infested areas with contact pesticides applied in buffer zones around structures. For home owners, using pest control operators is usually the best option.



Remember that people are responsible for spreading Tawny Crazy ants. Please check anything that is

moved from an infested site before bringing it home.

## Harvest For Health / UAB

### Harvest For Health

A grant from UAB has allowed the opportunity for Master Gardeners to mentor cancer survivors in hopes that it will continue to improve their health and well-being.

In short, UAB is looking for approximately 25 Master Gardeners from the Autauga, Elmore and Montgomery region who would be interested in mentoring a cancer survivor in the area of Vegetable Gardening.

You will attend an orientation in the coming weeks for a refresher in vegetable gardening and to learn any other specifics about the program. Then another meeting is scheduled where all the Master Gardeners will meet their cancer survivor.

UAB will be providing all the materials and supplies for the vegetable garden and you will be providing the expertise.

Your involvement is to make contact with the cancer survivor 2 times per month. One time is through phone and the other face to face to help them in their garden. The program will start in September and last one year!

The hopeful outcome of this program is to improve the quality of life of the survivor, not only through nutritional food, but also through exercise and overall well-being. You all know the sense of worth and satisfaction you get from picking and cooking something you grew.

Please let me know if you are interested in being a mentor by emailing me at: [jones57@auburn.edu](mailto:jones57@auburn.edu)

Thank you,  
Mallory Kelley

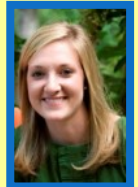


# COMMITTEE REPORTS



## **Lunch & Learn** ***Educational Events Committee***

***AUGUST 6 Ready to Grow Some New Fruits In Your Back Yard? w/Mallory Kelley***



***SEPTEMBER 3 Planting, Managing, and Harvesting a Winter Vegetable Garden w/Mike Forster***

***OCTOBER 1, Japanese Maples in the Home Landscape, Donnie Tomlin***



## **All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series: Minimize Mosquito Problems**

**Friday, August 1 at 1:00 pm CDT**

**Link: <https://learn.extension.org/events/1373>**

Late summer is prime time for mosquitoes and the time of year when West Nile usually peaks. Learn how to protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes by reducing breeding sites, resting sites, and avoiding them altogether. During this webinar we will cover the basics of mosquitoes, what they need to survive and how you can eliminate it, how mosquitoes spread disease, information on insect repellents, and tips on how to minimize mosquitoes in your backyard.



## CCMGA AT THE NATIONAL COUNTY AGENTS CONFERENCE IN MOBILE, SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014

by **Brenda DeRamus Coleman 2013**

**Photos by Janice Jackson 2014**

Almost a dozen CCMGA members and guests attended the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in Mobile. There were impressive displays representing Alabama's various chapters including but not limited to Blount County, Chilton County, Elmore County, and Mobile County.

Our display was highlighting Lilly's Garden, the 2014 AMGA Reach for Excellence Award winning project. The display focused on our activities of raised bed gardening with vegetables, composting, herb gardening, and our last activity of the school year—growing strawberries.

The meeting session featured P. Allen Smith, gardening guru. He provided practical advice in an entertaining fashion and was quite informative.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**REGULAR VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE  
AVAILABLE WEEKLY**

**Every Monday at the Governors  
Mansion and Help Line**

**Every Wednesday at  
Shakespeare/MMFA  
and Lanark.**

**MPS Arboretum summer  
schedule please call first.  
Every Thursday once school  
is in session**

## FARM, HOME & WILDLIFE EXPO

**SATURDAY, AUG. 2**

**12:00 – 5:00 PM**

**CHILTON RESEARCH AND  
EXTENSION CENTER**

**120 Co. Rd. 756,  
CLANTON, AL.**

**CALL 205-646-3610 FOR DETAILS.**

## SOUTHERN REGION MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

**OCT. 21 – 24, 2014.**

**CHECK THE WEBSITE TO GET  
MORE INFORMATION**

<http://www.southernregionmgconf2014.com/>

## AMGA 2014

### Fall Seminar

**September 16, 2014**

**9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Lake Guntersville  
State Park**

**Information and Registration Form can be  
found at the end of this newsletter**







# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ★ THE 1ST ANNUAL ★ LOBSTER RACE

BENEFITTING MACOA

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
THURSDAY - AUGUST 14TH

**FREE**  
ADMISSION!

AT  
THE **A&P**  
COURTYARD  
5:30-7:00PM

FOOD & BEVERAGES  
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Montgomery Area  
Council On Aging [www.macoa.org](http://www.macoa.org)

### Sweet Potato Cake

#### Ingredients

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 cups Flour         | 4 Eggs at room temperature          |
| ½ t. Nutmeg          |                                     |
| ½ t. Clover          | 1 1/2 t. Vanilla                    |
| ½ t. Cinnamon        | 1 t. Salt                           |
| ½ t. Baking Soda     |                                     |
| 2 cups Sugar         | 2 cups cooked mashed Sweet Potatoes |
| 1+1/4 cup Wesson Oil |                                     |

#### Directions

Mix the first 5 dry ingredients. Make sure that all dry ingredients are mixed well!

Blend sugar and oil together

Mix one egg at a time to the sugar & oil mixture. Stir just enough until all four eggs are slightly blended. It is important that the eggs be at room temperature.

Add all the ingredients to the Sweet Potatoes and blend well.

Bake in a preheated oven at 300 degrees for 1 hr. & 15 min.

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# SUPPORT THE ARTS



## Jubilee Pops

Montgomery Symphony Orchestra

September 11, 2014

7:00 PM

“Broadway Under  
The Stars”

Blount Cultural Park  
in front of the Alabama  
Shakespeare Festival

## MONTGOMERY BALLET 2014 SEASON

Swan Lake

Friday August 8 at 7:30pm

Saturday August 9 at 2pm & 7:30pm

The Phantom of the Opera

Adaptation and Choreography by Darren  
McIntyre

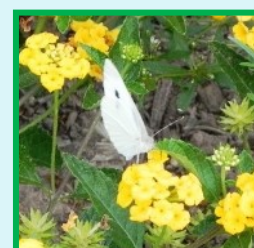
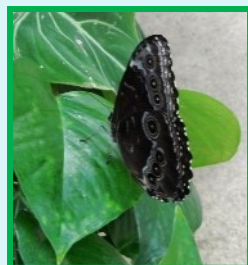
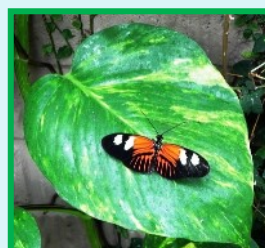
Back by popular demand

Friday October 24 at 7:30pm

Saturday October 25 at 2pm  
and 7:30pm

Sunday October 26 at 2pm

These pictures were sent in by Carolyn Love Dorsey after her visit to the Cecil B. Day *Butterfly* Center at Calloway Gardens. If you have never been, put it on your bucket list as it is a fascinating place to visit and take the grandkids.



# Just call it "The Battle Over the *Tithonia*."



Kathy Keatley Garvey

A female monarch butterfly--gender identified by butterfly expert Art Shapiro, professor of evolution and ecology at the [University of California](#), Davis and Lynn Kimsey, director of the [Bohart Museum of Entomology](#)--fluttered into our bee garden early this morning and dropped down on a Mexican sunflower (*Tithonia*).

Her landing was perfect. The monarch ([\*Danaus plexippus\*](#)), a species that Sharpio rightfully says "requires no description"--claimed her flower as several male long-horned sunflower bees, *Melissodes agilis*, began targeting her.

Talk about a friendly "welcoming party." Not!

Those *Melissodes agilis* aren't called "agile" *Melissodes agilis* for nothing.

The monarch zipped over to another *Tithonia*, only to be trailed by the *Melissodes* dive bombers.

After foraging on her third flower and failing to evade the tactical squad, the monarch apparently figured it just wasn't worth her efforts.

Off she went, escorted out of the bee garden by the bomb squad.

## Editor's Note

*I have been talking about and recommending this blog, "Bug Squad; "Happenings In The Insect World" by Kathy Keatley Garvey for almost a year now. It made me feel good when a new MG let me know she subscribed and how much she enjoys this blog. Ms. Keatley Garvey is an award winning photographer and writer. One of her photos was just awarded 1st place by the International Association of Communication Excellence. When I come back I want to come back as Kathy Keatley Garvey.*







# Prairie Mud Almanac: August Issues



The Almanac is a link to our past and present and is intended to help enlighten our way forward by keeping our legacy alive.

## August, 2013 - 1 year ago

The ACES office finished the relocation to Atlanta Hwy. Mike Forster was the facilitator for Lunch & Learn, CCMGA was again sponsoring the Container Gardening at the Fair, and we were scurrying about finalizing the details for Felder Rushing's Lectures in September.

## August, 2012 - 2 years ago

We had our own Forsythe Saga when a feral dog took up residence under the Rose House and decided to rip up the drip system looking for water. Rose Garden Chair, Barbara Forsythe, normally a very caring animal lover, was pulling her hair out trying to get the dog under control. It was not easy but she finally triumphed and the garden grew back to its lovely self.

## August, 2011 - 3 years ago

It was announced that the AMGA Fall CEU Conference will be held September 27th at Taylor Road Baptist Church. CCMGA will be a point of contact. We will handle pre-registration, pricing box lunches, coordinating set up with the church along with Autauga and Elmore.

(Note: The forms for the 2014 Fall Conference in Lake Guntersville are at the end of this newsletter)

## August, 2010 - 4 years ago

THANKS! to all who helped with the Sister Schubert's Tea and 10th Anniversary. Special Thanks to Charlotte Wood for her great demonstration and great stories and Maggie Stringer for her talk on Tea. Thank you to Karen Webber for telling us the history of CCMGA and also Maggie for helping all of us to remember the beginning of CCMGA.



## August, 2009 - 5 years ago

New Business: Mary Eleanor Hines suggested that our association needs a banner to advertise our membership. The banner could be used at the AMGA State Conference in 2010 and any other times when we are participating in events in which we need to be identified as Master Gardeners. (CCMGA) The banner should be "free-standing" and display pictures of some of our projects.

## August, 2007 - 7 years ago

At our next meeting Judge Peggy Givhan will present a program on "How To Design and Maintain an English Herbaceous Border." Judge Givhan is well known in this area for her gardening expertise and will have some of her books for sale at the meeting.

## August, 2006 - 8 years ago

The August meeting of CCMGA will feature Debbie Boutelier, a Master Gardener for "about a dozen years" and an avid herb and vegetable gardener. Ms. Boutelier will present a program on "Preserving Summer Scents," including instructions on drying and preserving flowers, herbs and fruits and making potpourri.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, at 10:00 am, at the Loeb Reception Center in Old Alabama Town.

## August, 2002 - 12 years ago

The July CCMGA meeting was called to order by President, Sandra Thompson. 18 were present. Following the welcome, Evelyn Watkins gave the invocation.

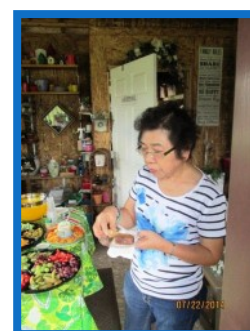
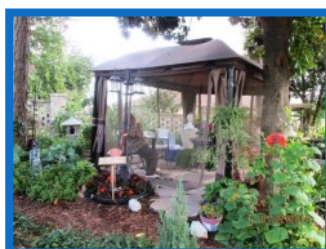
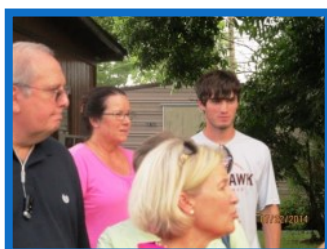
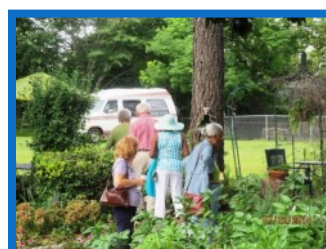
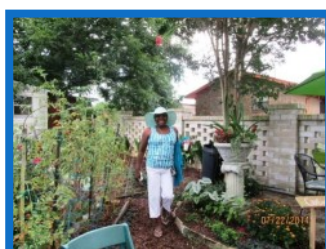
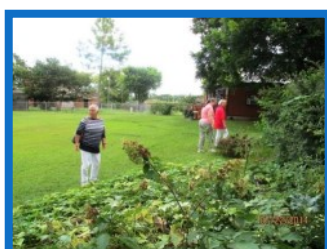
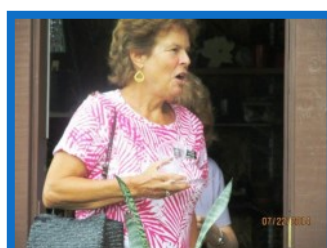
## August, 2000 - 14 years ago

As part of our July meeting, we toured two lovely, well-landscaped homes in the Greystone area. This month on the 22nd, we will visit the home and gardens of Fred Bassett. He plans to band some hummingbirds while we are there and we will be participating.



# MEMBER'S GARDEN

## EARLINE CLARK'S GARDEN PARTY



Photos by Janice Jackson  
Group photo by  
Morgan Simpson

The recipe for the wonderful  
Sweet Potato Cake that  
was served is on pg. 9





## TRADITIONS;

Help keeping the past alive, the present joyful and the future full of hope.



### A Family Tradition

by Tom McLemore

My family had a tradition (mama at least) of planting a tree when a child reached one year of age. I first thought of it as a left over ritual from the dark ages. Mama explained if a child lived for a year there was a good chance it would survive many more years. She planted a tree when daddy died too.



Mama planted a magnolia for me and another one later for my brother Charles when we were each one year old. I am two years older so my tree was always

two years older. We were still very young when we knew those were 'our' trees.

Charles' tree really grew much better at first. It was planted in a spot where the water from the washing machine drained downhill. His tree had lots of warm water! His tree flourished and outgrew my tree for several years.

My spot was ok and my tree did ok. It turned out that my spot really had more sunshine! My tree finally caught up and passed his tree. They were on opposite sides of the house. Do you think I have a competitive nature?

Now those trees are both long gone. A bulldozer got them when I was about 45 years old. Both were huge, much too large to move.

They were in the way of a developer, but mama did well. We both have very fond memories of 'our' trees'.

You could say Charles and I planted about 8,000 oak trees for mama but that's another story. Mama died 12/31/01. More than 70% of the trees we planted were still alive after five years. They got a lot of attention. That property is protected by a conservation easement and no developer will ever get those trees.

I must add I really like developers, I just miss my tree!

*Tom McLemore 2009*

*Tom and Charles live in Montgomery and are both Master Gardeners. Charles is a veterinarian and they own a wetland mitigation bank together.*





# THE PINEAPPLE

Contributed by Mary Jane McCracken



Mary Jane McCracken  
2009

I thought this info was fascinating... perhaps you will too.

I had no idea the pineapple you pick up at the grocery store had such a fascinating "life story".

The pineapple is a member of the bromeliad family. It is extremely rare that bromeliads produce edible fruit. The pineapple is the only available edible bromeliad today. It is a multiple fruit. One pineapple is actually made up of dozens of individual flowerets that grow together to form the entire fruit. Each scale on a pineapple is evidence of a separate flower.

Pineapples stop ripening the minute they are picked. No special way of storing them will help ripen them further. Color is relatively unimportant in determining ripeness. Choose your pineapple by smell. If it smells fresh, tropical and sweet, it will be a good fruit. The more scales on the pineapple, the sweeter and juicier the taste.

After you cut off the top, you can plant it. It should grow much like a sweet potato will. This delicious fruit is not only sweet and tropical; it also offers many benefits to our health.

Pineapple is a remarkable fruit. We

find it enjoyable because of its lush, sweet and exotic flavor, but it may also be one of the most healthful foods available today. If we take a more detailed look at it, we will find that pineapple is valuable for easing indigestion, arthritis or sinusitis. The juice has an anthelmintic effect; it helps get rid of intestinal worms.

Let's look at how pineapple affects other conditions. Pineapple is high in manganese, a mineral that is critical to development of strong bones and connective tissue. A cup of fresh pineapple will give you nearly 75% of the recommended daily amount. It is particularly helpful to older adults, whose bones tend to become brittle with age.

Bromelain, a proteolytic enzyme, is the key to pineapple's value. Proteolytic means "breaks down protein", which is why pineapple is known to be a digestive aid. It helps the body digest proteins more efficiently. Bromelain is also considered an effective anti-inflammatory. Regular ingestion of at least one half cup of fresh pineapple daily is purported to relieve painful joints common to osteoarthritis. It also produces mild pain relief.

In Germany, bromelain is approved as a post-injury medication because it is thought to reduce inflammation and swelling.

Orange juice is a popular liquid for those suffering from a cold because it

is high in Vitamin C. Fresh pineapple is not only high in this vitamin, but because of the Bromelain, it has the ability to reduce mucus in the throat. If you have a cold with a productive cough, add pineapple to your diet. It is commonly used in Europe as a post-operative measure to cut mucus after certain sinus and throat operations.

Those individuals who eat fresh pineapple daily report fewer sinus problems related to allergies. In and of itself, pineapple has a very low risk for allergies. Pineapple is also known to discourage blood clot development. This makes it a valuable dietary addition for frequent fliers and others who may be at risk for blood clots.

An old folk remedy for morning sickness is fresh pineapple juice. It really works! Fresh juice and some nuts first thing in the morning often make a difference.

It's also good for a healthier mouth. The fresh juice discourages plaque growth.

## Bon Appétit

### Why Baby Carrots Are Killing You

Manufactured baby carrots are a result of taking all the broken and "ugly" big carrots they can't put in the package, grinding them all up, processing them into the "baby" carrots and giving them a bath in chlorine to give them a bright happy orange color.



Facebook.com/ASheepNoMore

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL

# Live Maine Lobsters Are Coming to Montgomery

Live or Freshly Steamed • Lobsters Wrapped To Go • Drive Through Service



Friday, August 15, 2014

Montgomery Area Council On Aging

Place your order by mailing this order form, by calling MACOA at 263-0532, or you may order online at [www.macoa.org](http://www.macoa.org) under the donations tab.

All lobsters are pre-paid! Deadline for ordering lobsters is August 8th.

(Preparation instructions provided at pickup)

Join In The Fun! Order Now! Bring your Cooler!

\*Call to confirm orders sent by mail

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

If someone else will be picking up your order for you, please provide his/her name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check made payable to: MACOA  
118 E. Jefferson St., Montgomery, AL 36104

Or please charge to my

☐ Mastercard ☐ VISA ☐ Amex ☐ Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

| ORDER FORM            | PRICE   | QTY | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|---------|-----|-------|
| Pickup Fri, August 15 | \$25.00 |     | \$    |
| Amount Enclosed       |         |     | \$    |

☐ Live ☐ Steamed ☐ Restaurant

Pickup: ☐ 3pm ☐ 4pm ☐ 5pm

☐ MACOA East Atlanta Highway ☐ 4pm ☐ 5pm



## NOW OFFERING TWO PICK UP LOCATIONS

(Downtown and East Montgomery)

East Montgomery location next to Y's Up  
and Somerset on Atlanta Highway  
(be sure to look for the tent)

**OR...** Have your lobster  
prepared and served at one of  
these participating restaurants  
at an additional cost:

Garrett's .....(334) 396-9950

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# TO DO'S IN THE AUGUST GARDEN

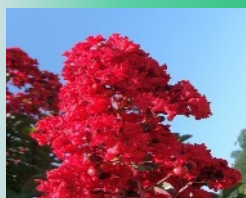
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## Fruits and Nuts



- Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes.
- Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

## Shrubs



- Layer branches of hydrangea.

## Lawns



- Watch for diseases.
- Mow regularly.
- Water as needed.

## Roses



- Keep roses healthy and actively growing.
- Hybrid teas and floribundas may need slight pruning to prevent scraggly appearance.

## Annuals and Perennials



- Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials.

## Bulbs



- Divide old iris plantings and add new ones. Miscellaneous
- Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task during this month.
- This means close observation for insects and diseases.
- Water.

## Vegetable Seeds



- Plant turnips, rutabagas, beans, and peas in south Alabama.

## Vegetable Plants



- Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and celery.

**Alabama Gardens in August  
need WATER, WATER and  
WATER.**

**And one more thing  
DON'T FORGET TO WATER.**



# Here's a Garden-To-Do List for the sultry month of August:



From **Marie Lannotti**, your Guide to Gardening

Seed a fall crop of **peas** and spinach and keep **harvesting**. There's always something to make with zucchini.

Pick herbs for fresh use and for drying. Harvesting will keep them growing longer.

Order **spring bulbs** for planting and **forcing**.

Check that your **mulch** hasn't decomposed and add more as needed.

Spread a mid-season layer of **compost** or manure.

Keep **deadheading** and harvesting.

Leave some annual seeds to self-sow.

Start saving seeds and **taking cuttings**.

Remove any diseased foliage now, so it doesn't get lost in the fall leaves.

Cut back the foliage of early bloomers like **Brunnera** and

hardy **geraniums**, to revitalize the plants.

Prune summer flowering shrubs as the flowers fade.

Trim and feed hanging baskets to prolong their beauty.

Take pictures of your garden at peak. Take pictures of container combinations you'd like to repeat.

Make sure the cold frame is ready to go.

Begin **dividing perennials**. Start with the bearded iris.

Pot up perennial divisions for spring plant swaps. Sink the pots into the ground this fall and they'll be one less chore in the spring.

Plant trees, shrubs and perennials now, so they can take root, and keep them well watered.

Get your fall-blooming **crocus** and colchicum planted so they'll bloom on time.

**More for Zone 8 and**

**Above**

Begin planting for the **fall/winter vegetable garden**.

Plant a spring crop of garlic.

Get the rose garden in shape for fall planting.

Order **spring flowering bulbs** for **pre-chilling**.

Feed citrus trees after harvest.

**Then sit back and enjoy all you've accomplished!**

**Keep in Mind:** On the previous page is the To Do's in the August Garden, as per Alabama ACES. All of that info pertains to our growing zone, 8A. Marie lives in CT and writes and advises for the entire country. If you lived in zones 1-3 you would be doing the following too.

**Zones 1 - 3:** Start moving houseplants back indoors, so they get used to the limited sun exposure and humidity. Maybe **bring some outdoor plants inside**, to over winter, too.



# BITS, PIECES AND LINKS



## JAPANESE BEETLES VS. ROSES

NHGC Editors



This video shows what you can do to win this battle for the roses. NHGC Editor Kathy Childers trapped one Japanese Beetle in her hair, but there are better ways to rid your roses of this pest than hire Childers. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum recommends a bit of tolerance and then knocking the beetles off the roses and into a soapy solution. Watch the video for other recommendations.

You will have to suffer through a horrible video commercial but it is worth the wait.

[http://gardening.scout.com/story/1412267-japanese-beetles-vs-roses?s=138&utm\\_source=SilverpopMailing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=gardening\\_newsletter\\_071714%20\(2\)&utm\\_content=&spMailingID=21137453&spUse\\_rID=NDQxNTUIINDUxNAS2&spJobID=360975087&spReportId=MzYwOTcIMDg3S0](http://gardening.scout.com/story/1412267-japanese-beetles-vs-roses?s=138&utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=gardening_newsletter_071714%20(2)&utm_content=&spMailingID=21137453&spUse_rID=NDQxNTUIINDUxNAS2&spJobID=360975087&spReportId=MzYwOTcIMDg3S0)

## HERE'S TO THE HONEYSUCKLE VINE!

By Elizabeth Noll



The plant of the week is the trumpet honeysuckle vine (*Lonicera sempervirens*). If you have one in your garden, you know there's something otherworldly about this showy, sassy climber. Hard to believe it's just a hometown gal, native to the eastern North America.

[http://gardening.scout.com/story/1413975-here-s-to-the-honeysuckle-vine?s=138&utm\\_source=SilverpopMailing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=gardening\\_newsletter\\_071714%20\(2\)&utm\\_content=&spMailingID=21137453&spUserID=NDQxNTUIINDUxNAS2&spJobID=360975087&spReportId=MzYwOTcIMDg3S0](http://gardening.scout.com/story/1413975-here-s-to-the-honeysuckle-vine?s=138&utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=gardening_newsletter_071714%20(2)&utm_content=&spMailingID=21137453&spUserID=NDQxNTUIINDUxNAS2&spJobID=360975087&spReportId=MzYwOTcIMDg3S0)

## Easy Edibles in Containers

BHG.COM



Whether you love salads, salsa, or fresh herbs, these simple container gardens put homegrown ingredients at your fingertips

[Herb Container Garden](#)

[Salsa Container Garden](#)

[Container-Garden Plants That Take the Heat](#)

[Succulent Container-Garden Plans](#)

[Save Big on Outdoor Planters!](#)

**Videos may open with annoying commercials but they are worth the wait.**

**Editor's Note:** My vision for the Prairie Mud eNewsletter is to inform all members as to what has happened, what is happening and what is scheduled to happen within CCMGA & AMGA. Where I may differ from some members is I want it to be more than your typical association 4 page newsletter. With today's technology an eNewsletter can open your computer screen to the entire world of horticulture and gardening. I strive to assure all links are live and will open when you simply click on them. That is not the case for a printed newsletter.

# Better Homes and Gardens.

Tips from their free  
weekly update newsletter

## STAND UP TO SUMMER'S HEAT

When temperatures rise, your lawn and garden need special care. Learn about perfect plants and must-dos for a lush, healthy summer landscape.

### Your Ultimate Summer Garden Checklist

<http://www.bhg.com/videos/m/93623885/summer-garden-maintenance-checklist.htm?sssdmh=dm17.751236&esrc=nwwu072914a>

### Drought-Tolerant Perennials

<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/flowers/perennials/perennials-with-drought-tolerance/?sssdmh=dm17.751236&esrc=nwwu072914>



### The Right Way to Water Your Plants

<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/yard/garden-care/watering-plants/?sssdmh=dm17.751236&esrc=nwwu072914>

### Drought-Defying Garden Secrets

<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/yard/garden-care/drought-tolerant-garden-secrets/?sssdmh=dm17.751236&esrc=nwwu072914>

### Succulents: Summer's Perfect Plant

<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/flowers/perennials/guide-to-succulents/?sssdmh=dm17.751236&esrc=nwwu072914>



Barbara Witt 2010 forwarded this website of a 144 year old wisteria tree. It is absolutely amazing.

<http://themetapicture.com/this-144-year-old-wisteria-in-japan-looks-like-a-pink-sky/>



I found this video on Bonnie Plants Facebook page. I hope you do not need to be on Facebook to view it. But, it is worth the visit, too cute.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=1009808635713399&set=vb.199633956730875&type=2&theater>

## About.com

### Tips for Growing a Cool Season Vegetable Garden



From Marie Iannotti, your Guide to Gardening

My area has been having some beautiful weather lately, but the heat and humidity are due back any day. It might not feel like it, but it's time to think about the fall vegetable garden. Here are some tips for what and when to plant.

### Preparing the Fall Vegetable Garden



<http://glcll.about.com/?zi=11/Q%5BIH&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fgardening.about.com%2Fod%2Fextendingtheseason%2Ftp%2FPlanting-A-Fall-Vegetable-Garden.htm%3Fn%3DI>



# CCMGA CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2014

Gladiolus

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| July 27   | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31   | 1   | 2   |
|   |    |   |    |  |    |  |
| 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9   |
|   |    |   |    |  |    |   |
| 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14   | 15  | 16  |
|   |  |   |  |  |  |   |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23  |
|   |  |   |  |  |  |   |
| 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29  | 30  |
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### EVENTS & OCCASIONS FOR AUGUST

1st - Bug Webinar - Minimize Mosquito Problems

2nd - Farm, Home & Wildlife Expo see pg. 8

6th - Lunch & Learn - Growing New Fruit in Your Backyard w/Mallory Kelley

8th - Last day to order MACOA Lobsters; see pg. 16

14th - MACOA Fund Raiser, 5:30 - 7:00

Lobster Race, A&P Lofts, Free Admission see pg. 9

15th - Pick Up Day for MACOA Lobsters

21st - Lilly's Garden Workday

26th - CCMGA Meeting, Frazer 10 am, 9:30 Social, Ikebana w/Laurice Goorley pg. 1



### CCMGA Officers, 2014

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## 2014 YTD Volunteer Hours

**5,760**

## EDU Hours

**1,169**

## Contacts

**24,055**

## 2014 STATE RANKING

**Volunteer Hrs. 4th**

**EDU 1st**

**Contacts 3rd**

**102 members out of 162  
are reporting their  
volunteer hours YTD.**

**63%**



|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| THOMAS ROLLER      | 8/4  |
| EMILY SMITH        | 8/6  |
| SUZANNE BROOKHART  | 8/9  |
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| PEGGY FUNK         | 8/10 |
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| ANGIE YOUNG        | 8/16 |
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I've seen better days,  
but I've also seen worse.  
I don't have everything I want,  
but I do have all I need.  
I woke up with some aches and pains,  
but I woke up.  
My life may not be perfect,  
but I am blessed.



## Wild About Our Back Yards



### Seminar Sessions...

1. All About Eagles
2. Easy Gardens For The South
3. Nature Calls: Photographing  
Your Backyard and Beyond
4. Landscaping That Works  
(Full Day = 4 CEU's)



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## **AMGA 2014 Fall Seminar**

September 16, 2014  
9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Guntersville  
State Park  
Goldenrod Room

Registration: \$25  
Payable to:  
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Send Registration  
and Check to:

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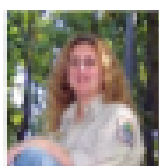


## 9-9:30 – Registration

### Morning Sessions:

9:30 – Welcome

9:45 – Patti Donnellan,



Lake Guntersville State  
Park Naturalist

### All About Eagles

10:45 – Harvey Cotton,



Vice President & Chief Horticulturist  
Huntsville Botanical Garden, Co-Author of

### Easy Gardens For the South

Books will be available for purchase/signing

**Box Lunch 11:45-12:30**

Provided by Guntersville State Park

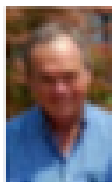
12:30 – David Moore, *Publisher and Editor of  
Good Life Magazine*



### Nature Calls: Photographing Your Backyard and Beyond

1:30 – George Bennett,

President of Bennett Nurseries, Inc.



### Make Your Landscape Interesting!

Plants will be available to purchase

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**MGA Affiliation:**

Address:

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration forms must be received by September 6, 2014.\***

**The \$25 will include morning snack, a lunch and drink.**

**Box Lunch Choices:** \_\_\_ Cold Cut Sandwich  
(Select One) \_\_\_ Chicken Salad on croissants  
\_\_\_ Pulled Pork Barbeque on bun

**All box lunches include potato chips, fruit salad, tea and pickle slices.**

**For more information contact:**

**Wilma Tanner, 256-586-8615/email: wtanner@otelco.net or**

**Linda Widner, 256-586-7483/email: widner@otelco.net**

**Please mail your check made out to MCMG along with this form to:**

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