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Next Meeting
Tuesday
July 22
9:30 Social
10:00 Meeting
Program
"Butterfly
Gardening
in the South"
Jane Mobley
CAMGA

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TOM'S THOUGHTS



Tom McLemore 2009

President

Greetings CCMGA members, interns and friends !

It sure is hot outside but I'm afraid we haven't seen the worst of it yetwe forget how hot it can get here in Montgomery. I'd like to mention a few things and I'm sure Jerry and others will expand further in this issue. Jerry and his crew are doing a wonderful job this year as always. Thanks Jerry, Carolyn, Kathie, Mac and Brenda.

July 2 - Lunch and Learn, Shade Gardening, 12-1 at the Armory next to Cramton Bowl.

July 5 - Judy Youngblood tree dedication at 11:00 in Oak Park.

July 8 - Sushi Café on Zelda 11:30 next to California Yogurt Kraze around the corner from Publix.

July 20 - National Extension Convention in Mobile celebrating 100 years of education outreach.

July 22 - CCMGA Monthly Meeting, Butterfly Gardening.

Anne Hamner and Reggie hosted a lovely garden party last month in their beautiful back yard. Reggie gives Ann all the credit. They had some wonderful cheese from the Miss. State Ag school and dairy dept. Everybody had a wonderful time. Thanks Anne and Reggie.

Thank you Terese for filling in for me when I was out of town. Temps were about 20 degrees less in the Highlands of NC where Sadler was helping put on a wedding for her sister's oldest child. It was tough but I had to go ! They needed supervision. It was a week long process.

Please be safe in this hot weather. Thank you members and interns for all you do.

Tom



June Meeting Minutes



Janine Koslofsky 2011
Secretary

Terese Goodson, standing in for Tom McLemore, called the meeting to order.

Suzanne Brookhart read the invocation.

Guest Corky Hawk was introduced. Members Anne Waldo and Audrey Shelnutt were welcomed back after extended absences.

Ruth Davis and the rest of the refreshment crew were thanked.

Terese introduced our speaker, Ethel Dozier Boykin. The topic was "Water Gardening for Beginners". She gave a very comprehensive talk on how to start a water garden. Ms. Boykin gave a brief update on the Oak Park Botanical Garden project. The next big step is putting in a well and that is in process. Ms. Boykin donated stacks of old gardening magazines for members to take and

enjoy.

The Treasurer's report and minutes from May were approved.

Janine Koslofsky read Jean Frey's letter thanking the CCMGA for the \$400 donation to the Birmingham Botanical Garden in honor of Mr. Frederick R. Spicer.

Brenda Coleman thanked interns and members for their volunteer hours at the Help Desk.

Mike Forster reminded members to sign up ahead of time for equipment and to check it out for battery life etc. before starting our presentations.

Karin Carmichael requested 3 volunteers to review our by-laws.

Ann Oldham and Maggie



Stringer set up the State Award Winning

display for Lilly's Garden.

Next meeting is July 22, 2014 "Butterfly Gardening in the South" with Jane Mobley.

Next Lunch and Learn is July 2, 2014 "Shade Gardening" with Mary McCroan.

Raffle and dismissal.

We had 59 attendees.

Lunch & Learn

July 3rd

Shade Gardening

Mary McCroan CAMGA



Next Meeting

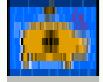
Butterfly Gardening in the South

Jane Mobley, CAMGA





JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT



Jan Gill 2006

Treasurer

CAPITAL CITY MASTER GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION Treasurer's Report - June , 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE

Petty Cash

\$ 18,292.09

\$ 22.55

REVENUE

Fred Spicer

\$ 280.00

Dues

\$ 15.00

Plant Sale

\$ 44.65

TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 339.65

EXPENSES

CHECKS

#1556 Terese Goodson - Speakers Gifts

\$ 76.95

#1557 Tom McLemore - City of Montg

\$ 100.00

#1558 Fred Spicer - Bot Gardens/Travel

\$ 95.76

#1559 Barbara Whitt - Pins for Mentors

\$ 44.55

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 317.26

Petty Cash

\$ (22.55)

ENDING BANK BALANCE

\$ 18,314.48



Tips to Keep your Tomato Plants Healthy



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

The tomato is by far the most popular plant in the vegetable garden, but it can also be the most problematic. There are so many things to watch for when growing tomatoes to insure you have a healthy crop. I hope these tips below will help keep your plants healthy the further we go into summer.

Start with drip irrigation or hand watering only at the surface of the soil to avoid splashing. Then prune all lower limbs off the tomatoes that are touching the soil and apply mulch. Mulching your tomatoes keeps the plants moisture level consistent and will help prevent blossom end rot. Mulching helps control weeds where insects like to overwinter and eliminates their competition for the fertilizer you have applied.

Mulch also creates a barrier between the plant leaves and the soil to help control many of the fungal problems that

come from the surface of the ground.

Remove yellow and brown spotted leaves as soon as they appear and if not already, start a fungicide application to prevent "Early Blight." No tomato grower can avoid this problem so apply the PREVENTATIVE fungicide before the tomatoes get the fungus. Products with the active ingredients: Chlorothalonil, mancozeb or copper will control Early Blight.

Scout daily for insects. Go out and inspect for armyworms, fruit worms, hornworms along with stinkbugs. (The main insect problems on tomatoes). Products that contain *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) will work when the WORMS are young or use products containing carbaryl if the worms are larger. Another insecticide that will control stinkbugs and some of the other pests you may find is bifenthrin. Don't wait until your plant has no more leaves before you start your search for the

hornworm. Scout today cause the plant may not be there tomorrow!!!!

Weather challenges, garden insects, viral, fungal and bacterial problems, and disorders are all challenges we face with growing our own backyard tomatoes. Like I said, they are the most popular vegetable/fruit to grow, but also the most problematic. If you have more questions on what may be affecting your tomato plants and what you can do to stop it. Please call our Master Gardener Helpline at 1-877-ALA-GROW (252-4769).

Also there will be a Master Gardener Course offered in Autauga County on Wednesdays and Elmore County on Thursdays 9-2:00 starting the first week in September. If you would like more information or would like to apply please call the county extension office.



COMMITTEE REPORTS



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

JULY 2 Shade Gardening w/Mary McGroan, CAMGA



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



Lunch & Learn **July 2, 2014 12 Noon** **Shade Gardening** **Mary McGroan, CAMGA**

Mary McGroan is a Certified Advanced Master Gardener and a member of CAMGA. You probably met her the same place I did; when she came to your intern

class and showed you everything you will ever need to know about pruning. If you have not heard her talk you are in for a real treat. She is one of the most knowledgeable and interesting MG's in the state of Alabama.



COMMITTEE REPORTS



NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

by Jerry Belcher

This week, Carolyn Love Dorsey sent in a very short photo essay that I enjoyed but had no idea how it applied to the CCMGA newsletter, until I saw the last photo. I hope you enjoy this as much as I did.

Just Some of the Things You will Find at the Eastchase Farmers Market

Saturday 7 AM - 12 PM Opens: Thru - Aug 30

by Carolyn Love Dorsey 2013

We are fortunate that we have such wonderful farmers markets throughout our region. The Eastchase market is very convenient to residents of East Montgomery and Pike Road and I never know what I am going to run into or see on any given shopping Saturday. Here are a few things I saw last Saturday.

Fresh local produce



Established reliable vendors



Man's Best Friend



Wide varieties to choose from



People shopping for Dinner



Cathy Maddox





ANNOUNCEMENTS



CCMGA Monthly Luncheon



#1 Sushi Restaurant in Montgomery,
but they are MORE THAN JUST SUSHI.

If you aren't in the mood for sushi, you can order a Bento Boxes which includes a salad, tempura, rice and your choice of chicken, beef, salmon or shrimp teriyaki.



Tuesday, July 8, 2014
3004 Zelda Road
11:30

Sushi Café Menu

<http://www.montgomeryrestaurants.com/Restaurants/Pages/Sushi-Cafe/Menus>

Free Pergola

Help Dismantle (so you will know how to put it back together) and take away.

Call Jerry Belcher



Lost & Found

**This bowl was left at
Terese Goodson's after
the Daylily tour and
lunch on May 27.
Please call Jerry
Belcher to be reunited.**





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REGULAR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteer hours are available every Monday at Governors Mansion and Help Line

Every Wednesday
Shakespeare and Lanark.

MPS Arboretum summer schedule please call first.

What kind of bug is this?



(c) Kathy Keatley Garvey

To find the answer go to:
<http://ucanr.edu/blogs/bugsquads/>

SOUTHERN REGION MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

OCT. 21 – 24, 2014.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE TO GET
MORE INFORMATION**

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



All Bugs Good and Bad
2014 Webinar Series

Minimize Mosquito Problems

1:00 pm CDT, August 1, 2014

Kudzu Bug Takes Over the Southeastern U.S./Brown Marmorated Stinkbug --All Bad

1:00 pm CDT, September 5,
2014



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If you are on Facebook follow this link for more stories and information from Extension's Facebook page.

[Extension Master Gardener](#)

Most of you know about honey bees, but did you know there are also over 4000 species of native bees in N.America?

Scientists were curious if bee diversity is important to crop yield so they controlled not only the number of bees visiting a field, but also the number of **KINDS** of bees visiting.

They found that fields that were visited by more kinds of bees had greater seed production than those visited by just one. In this case, diversity matters. You can help preserve bee diversity by keeping your yard diverse. More kinds of plants, more heights of vegetation, more detritus on the ground plus a few bare patches of soil in dry sunny spots. All help create both bee and bird habitat.

HORTICULTURE Super-Seminar **Sunday, July 20th** **1:00 pm– 4:30 pm** **Mobile Convention Center** **Courtesy of Bonnie Plants**



Keynote Address **P. Allen Smith**

Here are the registration details for the free session on July 20 at the National County Agents Conference in Mobile – hear P. Allen Smith and several Alabama MGAs presenting project success stories

- 1. You do not need to register through the conference website – the Horticulture Super Session is free to you**
- 2. That said, you are not registered for other events at this conference**
- 3. WEAR YOUR MG NAME BADGE – this will serve as your ticket to enter the conference**
- 4. Location is the Mobile Convention Center registration/info desk is straight ahead when you enter the main hall – our session is around to the right in the ballroom on the south side of building**

Hope to see you there!

Kerry Smith



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

MMFA

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

June 14 through August 31, 2014

In Time We Shall Know Ourselves: Photo-
graphs by Raymond Smith

July 12 through August 31, 2014



Origins: The First
Twenty-Five Years
of the MMFA Col-
lection

July 19 to Septem-
ber 21, 2014



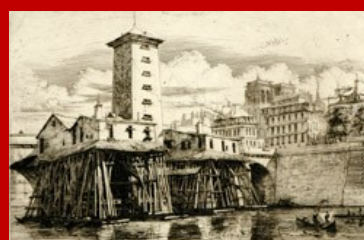
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2013



August 30
to October 26, 2014

1960s

Rewind: Art of the

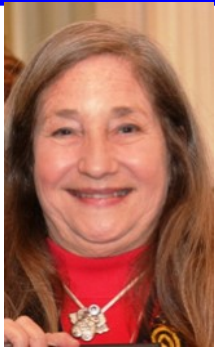


September 27 to
November 23,
2014

The Grand Tour:



CLASS OF 2012 LUNCH & FISHING TRIP



Bunny McKenzie
2012

The luncheon was great. We did not have a large attendance, but that did not spoil the fun or the great food.

Terese received a casting lesson from Ginger and then went to the pond for her 1st cast. She later caught a large blue fish.

Maybe we can plan another outing when the weather begins to cool.

While Ginger can probably hold her own, Big T may not be ready for Bassmasters



Lunch is Served; good thing it was
not dependent on Blue Fiish



The Casting Lesson



One cast one fish





Prairie Mud Almanac: July 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.

July, 2013 - 1 year ago

July was a very busy month, it was the first work-day of the Pike Road Craft Fair Committee, at Ginger Gammon's home. Elaine Galt's beautiful garden was highlighted in the newsletter.

July, 2012 - 2 years ago

The Lilly's Garden Committee decided their regular work day will be the third Thursday of each month beginning at 8:00 AM. A list of landscape and hardscape projects was identified and prioritized for implementation as resources allow, and a tentative schedule for outdoor classroom programs during the upcoming school year was developed and presented to FAS for review and approval.

July, 2011 - 3 years ago

Richard Moore recognized Cookie Ruth and her group for the beautiful and festive holiday decorations to give us ideas on how to decorate our homes for July 4th. He also thanked all those who brought patriotic brunch items.

After the delicious food including ice cream and a beautifully decorated cake we all wanted recipes so Judy Crockett said to send her the recipes and she'd put them together for us.

July, 2010 - 4 years ago

CCMGA was started at the end of 1999. This announcement was in the July 2010 edition -

Tenth Anniversary!

Charlotte Wood and others will recreate the 'Tea Party' that was presented at the AMGA Conference. We will also have speakers from those who were among the first members of CCMGA. Please bring your favorite tea cup and a flower or cutting from your garden.

July, 2009 - 5 years ago

July 28, CCMGA Monthly Meeting will feature Shirley Fifield, a well known wildflower enthusiast in Alabama. She is "self-educated" in the identification of wildflowers. She believes in using the botanical names of wildflowers when possible to avoid confusion. Past president of Alabama Wildflower Society and editor for several Wildflower newsletters around the state, she has been interested in growing, preserving, and protecting wildflowers and their habitats since about 1989.

July, 2007 - 7 years ago

Our July meeting will involve all members! The topic is Pass Along Plants. Carol King from Old Alabama Town will be the guest speaker. She will talk about heirlooms-the plants our parents, grandparents, and others have passed along over the years. Your involvement will include sharing a plant that has been passed along to you and to receive a plant passed along from another member. Fun ha?

July, 2006 - 8 years ago

Another informative field trip is planned for the July 25, 2006, CCMGA meeting. Mr. Donny Tomlin, "The Maple Man," will show us his Japanese Maples and Hosta gardens.

July, 2002 - 12 years ago

On July 23, 7 PM our meeting was held at Christ the Redeemer Church. The speaker was Shirley Fifield (see 2009 above).

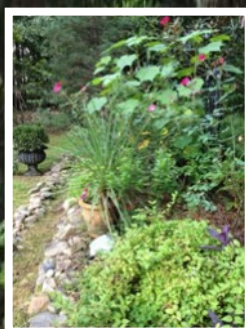
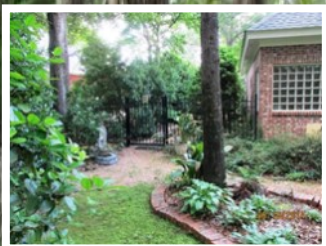
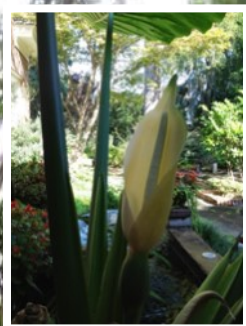
President Sandra Thompson recognized new intern members: General Frank McCorkle, Ret., Marge Koch, Annie Smith, Nancy Goins, Gene Gandy and Lynne Kuhlmann.

MEMBER'S GARDEN

WINE & CHEESE IN ANNE'S BEAUTIFUL GARDEN 6/16/14



On Monday June 16, Anne & Reggie Hamner hosted CCMGA members to a Wine & Cheese Garden Party in their home and garden in Wynlakes. All in attendance had a wonderful time among Anne's beautiful garden.





To Do's IN THE JULY GARDEN

ANR-47 [HTTP: //WWW.ACES.EDU/PUBS/DOCS/A/ANR-0047/ANR-0047.PDF](http://WWW.ACES.EDU/PUBS/DOCS/A/ANR-0047/ANR-0047.PDF)

Fruits and Nuts



- Protect figs and other ripening fruit from birds.

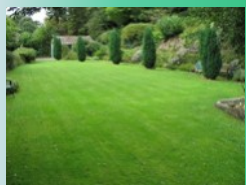
Shrubs



- Continue to root shrub cuttings until late in the month and mulch to keep soil moist.
- Remove faded blooms promptly from crape myrtle and other summer-blooming plants.

Lawns

- Watch for diseases.



- Mow regularly.
- Water as needed.

Roses



- Keep roses healthy and actively growing.
- Apply fertilizer.
- Wash off foliage to prevent burning if any fertilizer falls on plants.

Annuals and Perennials



- Water as needed to keep plants active.

Bulbs



- Iris and spider lilies may be planted late this month.

Miscellaneous



- Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task this month.
- This demands close observation for insects and diseases.

Water.

Vegetable Seeds



- Plant beans, field peas, rutabagas, squash, New Zealand spinach, and Irish potatoes.

- Plant cabbage, collards, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery for the fall crop.

Vegetable Plants



- Plant tomatoes in central and north Alabama.



BITS, PIECES AND LINKS



Cement Cloth Planters



Take an old cloth soak in cement water, drape over a stand and leave in the sun to dry. Paint and you have beautiful plant holders



Home Made Febreze Recipe

Here is a great way to make Febreze at home for a fraction of the cost! **Preparation:** Using a funnel, pour fabric softener and baking soda into your spray bottle. Fill spray bottle with hot tap water and shake well.

What you need:

1/8 Cup of fabric softener (I used Downy April Fresh)
2 tablespoons Baking Soda
Hot tap water
Spray bottle

Video: Plants to Use in a No-Work Perennial Garden



[Plants to Use in a No-Work Perennial Garden](#)

A Cut Flower Garden of Perennial Favorites



By [Marie Iannotti](#)

Cutting gardens are often designed using annual flowers, because annual flowers will repeat bloom throughout the season.

However there is no rule that says you can't have a perennial cutting garden. Many perennials will repeat flower if kept dead headed, which is exactly what a cutting garden is for. And since not all perennial flowers bloom at the same time, your bouquets and arrangements will take on a seasonal flair and provide you with ever changing variety.

<http://gardening.about.com/od/gardendesignplans/ig/Perennial-Cutting-Garden/>

Orange slices used to attract butterflies





NEW WAY TO HANG PLANTS from Gardening Club Magazine



<http://gardening.scout.com/story/1410918-new-way-to-hang-plants?s=138>

THE BEST PERENNIALS FOR SHADE from BH&G.com



<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/flowers/perennials/the-best-perennials-for-shade/>

WEED IDENTIFICATION GUIDE from BH&G.com



<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/pests/insects-diseases-weeds/types-of-weeds/>

BH&G PLANT ENCYCLOPEDIA







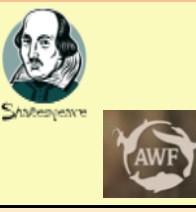
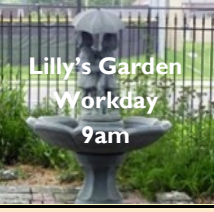








<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/plant-dictionary/>

CCMGA CALENDAR

JULY 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 29	30	July 1	2	3	4	5
						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						
20	22	22	23	24	25	26
						
27	28	29	30	31	August 1	2
						

EVENTS & OCCASIONS FOR JULY

2nd - Lunch & Learn, MGM Armory, Noon to 1:00

Shade Gardening w/Mary McCroan

4th - July 4th Holiday

8th - Monthly Luncheon - Sushi Café on Zelda 11:30

17th - Lilly's Garden Work Day, 9:00 Forest Avenue School

20th - Natl. County Agents Conference, Mobile, AL

22nd - July Meeting, Frazer UMC Butterfly Gardening in the South w/ Mary Jane Mobley, CAMGA



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2014 YTD Volunteer Hours

5,140

EDU Hours

1,000

Contacts

21,784

2014 STATE RANKING

Volunteer Hrs. 4th

EDU 1st

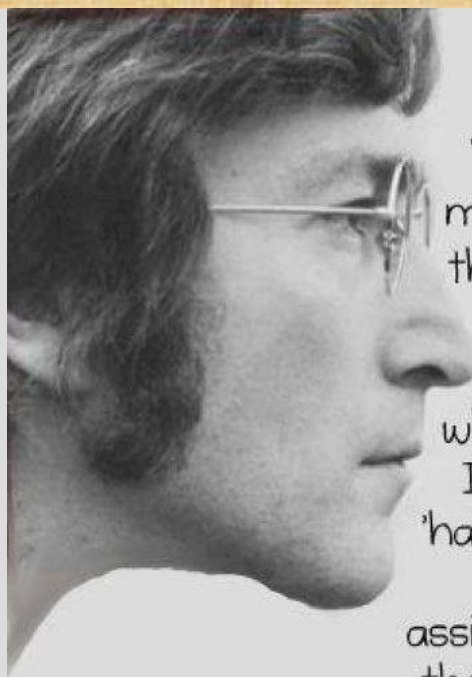
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100 members out of 162
are reporting their
volunteer hours YTD.

61.7%



CINDY SMITH	7/4
JUDY PECOUL	7/5
RUPERT WILSON	7/5
ANTHONY YARBROUGH	7/7
BETTY STARKS SMITH	7/7
SANDRA FERGUSON	7/7
ANNE HAMNER	7/8
BARBARA WILLIAMS	7/8
JOAN MITCHELL	7/8
LINDA CARLETON	7/18
SARA BROWN	7/22
BRENDA COLEMAN	7/24
REGINALD GIPSON	7/27
REBECCA BYARD	7/30



"When I was 5 years old,
my mother always told me
that happiness was the key
to life. When I went to
school, they asked me
what I wanted to be when
I grew up. I wrote down
'happy'. They told me I didn't
understand the
assignment, and I told them
they didn't understand life."

- John Lennon



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