

# THE PRAIRIE MUD

## eNEWSLETTER

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**CCMGA Website:** <http://www.capcitymga.org/>



### Next Meeting

**Tuesday  
June 24**

**"Water  
Gardening for  
Beginners"  
Ethel Dozier  
Boykin**

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## THOUGHTS



**Tom McLemore 2009**

**President**

It's June 1 and of course the heat and humidity are right on schedule. We have had a few short periods of spring but last winter and this spring have not been kind! I've never seen anything like it.

We had a great May meeting. Thank you Bill Oswalt, Barbara and Cecil Barnes and of course Terese Goodson for a great tour looking at your gardens. They all mainly featured day lilies but there was so much more to see! I'm so glad I was able to explain to one of our members that mama cows can have horns. She doubted me until I was able to point out the udders on the horned mama cow.... Jerry Belcher and his helpers did a great job with a spaghetti lunch at Terese's home with all the fixings. We had at least 46 people. It was great!

Thank you to Jerry and everybody that helped.

June 3 Monthly Lunch at the Shrimp Basket 11:30

June 4 Lunch and Learn - Caring for Your Hydrangeas 12:00

June 7 Daylily Society Sale at Eastdale Mall 10-12

June 24 Monthly CCMGA meeting at Frazer, the program is Water Gardens with Ethel Dozier Boykin.

Thank you all for everything you do for CCMGA and our community. Everything I've seen around town looks great! Please look around our [capcitymga.org](http://capcitymga.org) site when you get a chance. Eileen Webb is doing an excellent job keeping it up to date with all our activities and all the articles our members have written.

Thank you for all you do,  
Tom

**It is June and while we have half of the year to go, it is not too early to start thinking about volunteering to serve on next year's Executive Board.**

**Nominations are just three months away.**

**See pages 13 thru 15.**



# May Meeting Minutes



**Janine Koslofsky 2011  
Secretary**

CCMGA May 27, 2014

Tom McLemore called meeting to order and introduced Terese Goodson.

Terese: Today's meeting will be a field trip to 3 private homes to enjoy their Daylily gardens. Bill Oswalt, Barbara and Cecil Barnes and Terese Goodson are our hosts. Linda Carlton will fill in for Bill Oswalt who is ill. The tour

will conclude at Terese's house with a luncheon. Spaghetti cooked and served by our own Jerry Belcher accompanied by salads and desserts provided by our members. No guests today.

Sandy Ferguson did our devotion. A reading from "Woven in Sunlight: A Garden Companion" by Tracy Porter.

Minutes and Treasurers reports were approved for April

Barbara Witt distributed 'Mentor' pins for the years 2013 and 2014.

If you have not picked up your 2014 directory, it will be available at the ACES office.

Vicky Raney had shirts, vests and aprons. Please pick them up as soon as possible.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday we only had 46 attendees this month.







# MAY TREASURER'S REPORT



Jan Gill 2006

Treasurer

## CAPITAL CITY MASTER GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION

### Treasurer's Report - May , 2014

#### BEGINNING BALANCE

\$ 15,120.34

Petty Cash

\$ 22.55

#### REVENUE

Raffle	\$ 47.00
CCMGA Clothing	\$ 114.00
Dues	\$ 15.00
Plant Sale	\$ 6,683.25

#### TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 6,859.25

#### EXPENSES

##### CHECKS

#1547 Anna Owen - Tents & Clothing	\$ 982.02
#1548 Brenda Jordan - Plant Sale	\$ 69.99
#1549 Karin Carmichael - Plant Sale	\$ 1,016.24
#1550 Frazer UMC - Plant Sale	\$ 500.00
#1551 AMGA - Auburn Scholarship Fund	\$ 500.00
#1552 Michael Forster - Plant Sale	\$ 105.83
#1553 City of Montgomery - Botanical Garden	\$ 100.00
#1554 B'ham Botanical Garden	\$ 400.00
#1555 Elaine Barron	\$ 13.42

#### TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 3,687.50

Petty Cash

\$ (22.55)

#### ENDING BALANCE

\$ 18,292.09



# Time for Blueberries



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

Blueberry season is quickly approaching. I am currently counting down the days for the first crop to pick, which I think makes them grow slower. Blueberries are a great addition to any landscape not only for their fruit, but also for their beautiful fall color. Plant different varieties for better tasting fruit and to extend your harvesting season. With blueberries, there are few disease and insects to worry with and very little pruning. Your main concern is an acid soil, watering and weed control.

Some of the most popular rabbiteye blueberries available today are: (Early Varieties) Climax and Brightwell, (Mid to Late varieties) Tifblue and Powderblue, just to name a

few. Generally blueberries need fertilizing twice a year, once in early spring and again as the berries fade away. Use a Urea based fertilizer or a fertilizer labeled for Azaleas/Camellias as this will help acidify the soil, blueberries like a low pH of 4.5-5.2. Have a soil test done if you have not had one in the past three years to know what nutrients are lacking and what the pH is. Prune blueberries in February to remove dead and older canes to try to generate new cane growth from the ground. As your plants start to grow long straight canes, clip these

to get branching. The more branches you have, the more fruit you will have next year.

Plant blueberries this fall in full sun with a moist, well-aerated, well-drained soil, high in organic matter. Incorporate organic matter such as peat moss, compost, or fine pine bark into the soil and mulch around the plant to help in retaining water and suppressing weeds. Plant them 5 feet apart in rows and always plant blueberries at the same depth they were in the container, planting too deep will kill the plant.



# The 2014 Betty Fitzgerald Award Nomination April 26, 2014

‘We ran an announcement in last months Mud, here is the official write-up’.



Every year at this event, one Montgomery citizen or group is singled out for their exceptional work in this community. All of these individuals have shown a consistent and sustained interest in promoting our City through beautification efforts and dedication and involve-

ment in many projects that highlight just what a beautiful place we all call home. We recognize our outstanding citizen of the year by presenting them with the Betty Fitzgerald Award. Mrs. Fitzgerald is well-remembered in this community for everything that she did to improve the overall ambience and beauty of the landscape and city parks, and thus making us all proud to live in the City of Montgomery.

This year our recipient has served both her community and her state all of her life. In addition to raising a family, she was a teacher in the Montgomery Public School system, where she taught high school chemistry, physics and general science. She later started a 25-year-long career, and was employed by the State of Alabama. She began this career as an Instructor for Staff and Development Training and rose to become the Commissioner for Mental Retardation.

After retirement, she turned her attention to becoming a Master Gardener, and underwent an extensive course of horticultural study. She was not content with simply being a member of her local association. She quickly rose to become a recognized leader and throughout the years, and served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. She went on to become the Alabama Master Gardener Secretary, serving on that organization's Board of Directors as Secretary for four years. She chaired and orchestrated the Master Gardener Conference that was held here in the City, and which attracted hundreds of visitors.

Locally, she continues to serve on the Master Gardener Association Board of Directors. She is active in CCMGA's phone-in Horticultural Helpline, and serves as Co-Chair of the Rose House Garden in Old Alabama Town. She is the Chair of the Educational Events Evaluation Committee, and has revised the by-laws of the organization. Our candidate has long been a supporter of the concept of a Montgomery Botanical Garden and now that the Botanical Garden at Oak Park has become a reality she is on that Board of Directors. She is presently the Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of the garden. She has volunteered at many Special Events throughout the City including the Home and Garden Show and Spring in the Garden, a Red Cross fundraising event. She has been a judge of horticultural exhibits at the Alabama National Fair. She regularly works in the Shakespeare Garden and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Garden. She created the design of the Wares Ferry School Beautification Project. Our nominee has made numerous home visits to guide and advise home owners on landscaping their properties. She presently serves as Chair of the Flower Guild at her church. Weekly she coordinates the making of Flower arrangements for the altar. After services she rearranges the flowers and directs delivery to church shut-ins and those who are ill.

Her influence is felt throughout Montgomery's many gardens and beautification projects. Her willingness to give of herself and her spirit of volunteerism are exemplary. For all of the above examples, we believe that Mrs. Cathy Maddox has significantly improved the quality of life and made Montgomery a better and more attractive place to live. This year we award the 2014 Betty Fitzgerald award to Cathy Maddox.



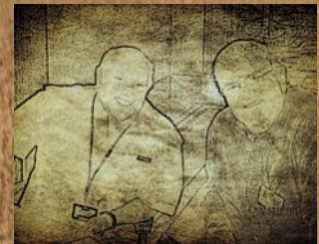
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about

## Birmingham Botanical Gardens



presented by  
 Frederick R. Spicer, Jr.  
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*Montgomery, AL*

*18 May 2014*



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# COMMITTEE REPORTS



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

***June 4 - Growing and Caring for Your Hydrangeas w/Linda Griebel, CAMGA***

***July 2 - Shade Gardening w/Mary McCroan, CAMGA***

***August 6 - Ready to Grow Some New Fruits in Your Back Yard?***



The Forsythe Satsuma  
at The Rose-Morse Garden, OAT

## **All Bugs Good and Bad 2014 Webinar Series**

### **Fire Ant Management**

**June 6, 2014 1:00 pm CDT**

45 minute session <https://connect.extension.tastate.edu/fireant>

Learn how to manage your fire ant problem in this webinar by [Wizzie Brown](#), Program Specialist - IPM, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. You don't have to spend a lot of time and money to control fire ants. A little knowledge about how fire ants live will make you see how easy it is to control them. Moderated by [Mike McQueen](#), Regional Extension Agent, Alabama Cooperative Extension System and [Amanda Tedrow](#), County Extension Agent, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. Click [here](#) to login as a guest and participate in the live event. For more webinars in this series, see [All Bugs Good and Bad 2014 Webinar Series](#). The webinars are brought to you by the following [eXtension](#) Communities of Practice: [Imported Fire Ants](#), [Urban IPM](#), [Bee Health](#), and [Invasive Species](#); and by the [Alabama Cooperative Extension System](#).

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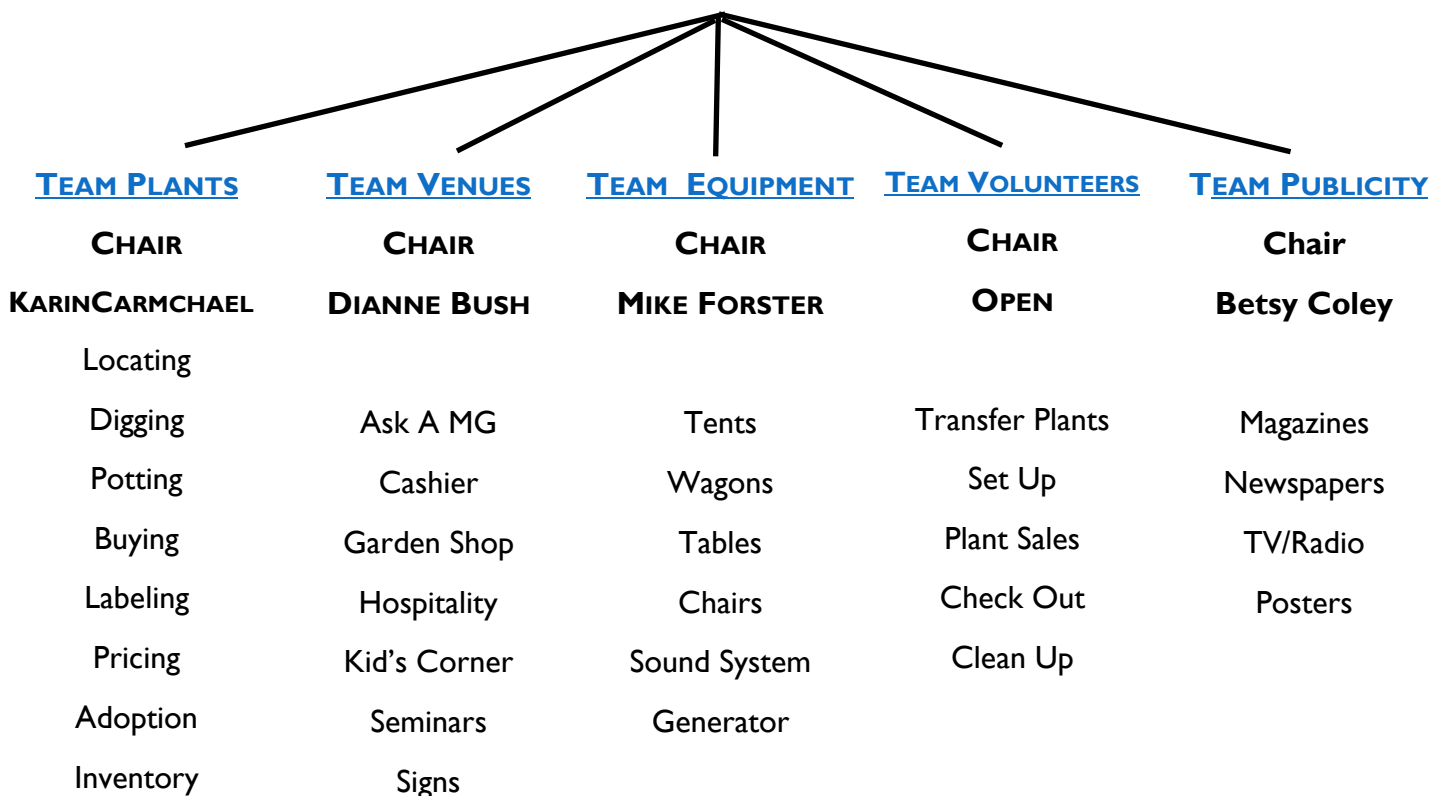


## 2014/2015 PLANT SALE COMMITTEE

At the May Board of Directors meeting Karin Carmichael broke down the duties required to put on a successful plant sale. The work for our next plant sale starts now. Karin believes that the success we had this year was based on having 70+ volunteers helping with the project.

Karin has created a flow chart that breaks down the different components of our Plant Sale. She will be stepping down from the overall coordinating of our plant sale but will remain on the committee. The BOD agreed with her ideas on dividing the committee into five separate compartments with individual chairs to oversee the project.

### COORDINATOR - OPEN



This program will only work if everyone helps out where they can. Contact a Chairperson to join their team. Remember you are not limited to just one team. Teams Equipment & Volunteers will only be busy during the days leading up to and including the day of the plant sale. However, all CCMGA members will be needed throughout the year if we are going to reach our goal. Our goal is to reach out to the community and let them know we have the plants they need for their gardens. It is not how much money we can make but how many people we can attract to the sale and be able to fill their gardening needs. If we do that every other goal we may have will take care of itself.





## CCMGA DAYLILY CARAVAN 2014



Terese Goodson  
VP CCMGA  
2012

Last year, we heard a presentation on daylilies and this year we saw daylilies up close and personal. What fun! After attending the shortest CCMGA on record, members rushed to their cars to begin the daylily caravan.



Bill Oswalt, Barbara and Cecil Barnes, and Te-

rese Goodson, all active Montgomery Daylily Society members, had spruced up their daylily beds and invited Master Gardeners to come see three totally different styles of gardening landscapes. Blooms from all types of flowers put on a showy display, proving that daylilies mix well in all types of floral settings—what great companion plants! It was fun to see CCMGAs studying individual blooms, focusing their cameras, and just enjoying a comfortable, sunny morning among friends.

Bill's garden featured the first gardenia of the season, a host of rose varieties, manicured lawn and beds, gladioli, Japanese maples, unusual garden statues, along with huge daylily beds. Beautiful Japanese maples, an



assortment of shrubs, and birdhouses scattered throughout the beds made for a very peaceful setting.

Barbara and Cecil's garden was whimsical with borders of larkspur and a wagon load of lantana. Auburn flags graced the beds. Daylilies bloomed as



spiders, doubles, and singles throughout their garden. Clematis and salvia were tucked into beds and crevices. A Felder Rushing style bottle tree added a special touch to the backyard setting. Coleus beds and a hanging succulent basket added color and interest for gardeners to admire.

The last stop on the caravan was to Terese's garden and farm. Cows came up to greet everyone, weaned calves were bellowing in the corral, and one photo taken even shows humans and creatures marveling at the sight of kale and mustard growing in raised beds. (Mike Forster provided the inspiration to build the raised beds last fall.) Old swimming pools also made a perfect location for parsley, lettuce, and beets.



Jerry Belcher, an Italian chef for the day, was inside the house busily preparing a spaghetti and meatball feast

for caravan attendees. Many Master Gardeners brought in salads, desserts, and drinks to add to the special menu.



Tables were located under the shade of the hackberry trees and provided a great setting for lunch. The food and fellowship were fabulous!



Even though several members had to leave early, over 45 gardeners ate from platters of hot, simmering spaghetti and homemade meat sauce, with mountains of garlic bread also gracing the plates on the side.

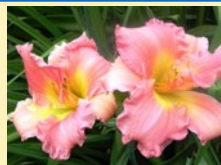
If you missed this extravaganza, you can see more daylilies and even purchase some at Eastdale



Mall on June 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Montgomery Area Daylily Society is hosting the annual daylily sale. Come see the daylily displays and lots of blooms.







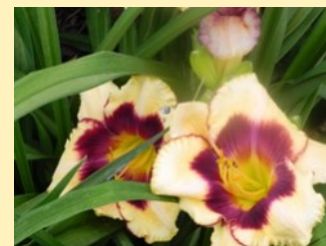
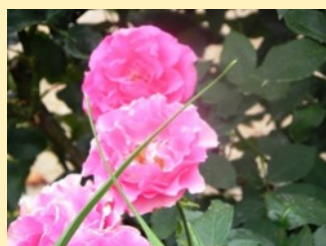
# DAYLILY TOUR



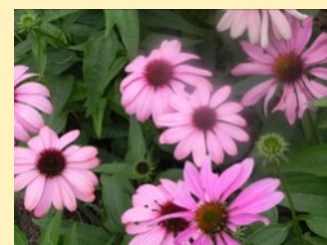
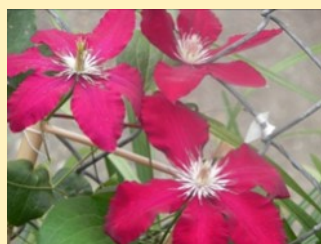
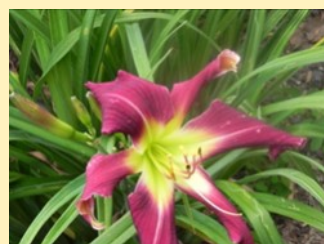
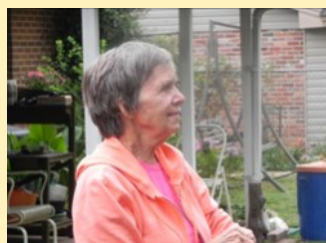
**MAY 27, 2014**

**A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL**

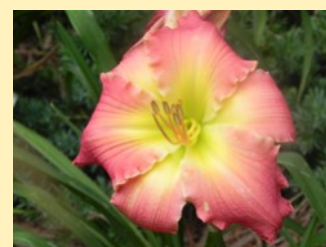
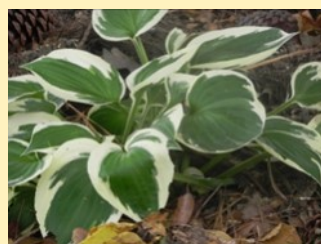
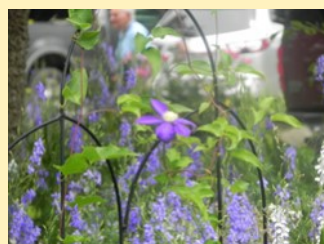
## **Bill Oswalt's Garden**



## **The Garden of Barbara & Cecil Barnes**



## **The Home & Gardens of Terese Goodson** **A Good Time Was Had By All**



**Pictures by Carolyn Love-Dorsey**







# COMMITTEE REPORTS



## THE ROSE MORRIS HOUSE GARDEN KARIN CARMICHAEL & CATHY MADDOX, CHAIRS

### May Activity



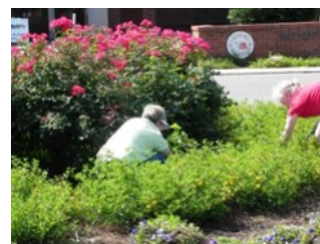
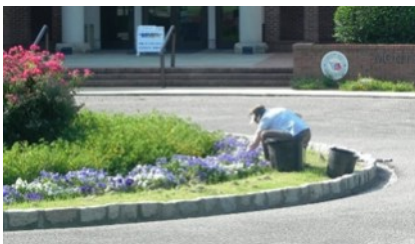
## THE MPS ARBORETUM

### Brian Cooley and James Howard build a chicken coop



## MAY WORKDAY AT THE MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

### CCMGA Members working to beautify the Community



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## *CCMGA Monthly Luncheon*

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**Tuesday, June 3, 2014**

**11:30**

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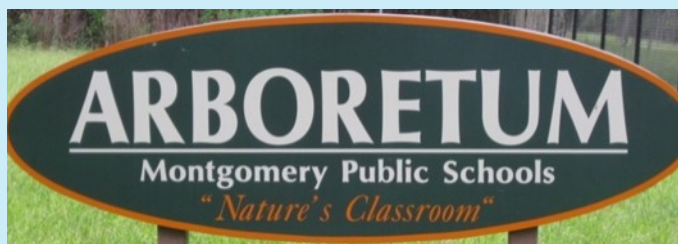
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Arboretum Hours for June

**As summer approaches and school is out, the Arboretum workdays change to their summer schedule too.**

**June is a transition month and the workdays are as follows:**

**Friday, June 6**

**Wednesday, June 11**

**Wednesday, June 18**

**Thursday, June 26**

## CCMGA Needs You

CCMGA is looking for members who are willing to step up and lead our organization in 2015.

I think we have been very fortunate to have had four great boards in the last four years. We are not where we are today by chance. From Suzanne Reaves in 2011, Betsy Coley in 2012 and Tom McLemore in 2013-2014, we have had dedicated leaders who are responsible for CCMGA becoming the best organization in the state of Alabama.

As good as these people are, they will tell you they did not do it alone. Our Executive Boards knew they could rely on our members to be there to help them achieve our goals. That is not going to change. Please think about stepping up and volunteering to be on the 2015 Executive Board. When the nominating committee is announced please let them know you want to help lead us in 2015.

Jerry Belcher, Editor

## Nominating Committee

1. A nominating committee composed of three members, will be presented by the Board of Directors and voted on by the Board of Directors and voted on by the membership at the October meeting
2. Prior to the November CCMGA meeting, a Nominating committee will identify at least one qualified candidate for each elected office who has agreed to serve if elected
3. The slate of candidates will be presented at the November meeting, with election to follow
4. Nominations may also be made from the floor provided the nominees have agreed to serve if elected

**Election of officers shall be by majority vote at the November meeting. The newly elected officers shall be installed at the December meeting and shall assume office immediately.**

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP CCMGA ON TOP IN 2015

Here are the duties of the four members of the Executive Board. Please note that the underlying theme of all four offices is Organizational Skills and the Ability to Delegate. We have a great membership and there is no need for the officers to do everything themselves.

Their duties as stated in our by-laws are:

### **Article I, Section A. The President shall:**

1. Preside at all meetings
2. Be the chief executive officer and official spokesman
3. May appoint a parliamentarian, a data base manager, a representative to the AMGA Advisory Council and a coordinator for volunteer hours
4. Appoint chairpersons for all committees
5. Prepare a written agenda prior to each meeting and submit a copy to the secretary
6. Approve and direct all expenditures
7. Fulfill such other duties incidental to the office
8. Arrange ceremony for December installation of new officers

### **Section B. The Vice President shall:**

1. In the absence of the President, perform the duties of that office
2. Fill the unexpired term if a vacancy occurs in the office of President
3. Arrange and confirm meeting space/room/location for CCMGA monthly meetings
4. Chair and appoint at least two members to the programs committee
5. Ensure that an appropriate program is presented at each CCMGA monthly meeting as directed by the President
6. Function as custodian for audio-visual equipment owned by CCMGA and establish procedure to facilitate the availability and use of the equipment by members.
7. Fulfill such other duties as may be assigned by the President

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## **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP CCMGA ON TOP IN 2015**

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### **Section C. The Secretary shall:**

1. Record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the organization
2. Furnish a copy of the minutes to the President and the newsletter editor within sufficient time for publishing in the next newsletter
3. Keep the membership record to include all names and contact information
4. Perform such other duties as the office may require
5. Maintain current and previous copies of CCMGA constitution and by-laws

### **Section D. The Treasurer shall:**

1. Be custodian of all funds
2. Keep an accurate record of all funds received and disbursed
3. Disburse funds in accordance with the budget and as approved by the board and/or by direction of the President, Nonrecurring expenses of \$100 or more, not already allocated in the budget, must be pre-approved by majority vote at a regular scheduled monthly meeting
4. Assist the incoming President and Executive Board in preparing proposed budget for the coming year
5. Submit a report of receipts, disbursements and current balance to the President prior to each monthly meeting
6. On the schedule specified by the Alabama Master Gardener Association (AMGA), submit the required amount of state dues per member from dues collected by CCMGA
7. Chair the Fundraising Committee and appoint at least two committee members

**To hold office you must be a member of CCMGA for at least one year**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## *Petals from the Past*

**Saturday,  
June 14, 2014  
9:00am to 5:00pm  
Black and Blueberry  
Festival**

**Saturday,  
June 28, 2014  
7:00am to 2:00pm  
Annual Greenhouse Sale**



**Montgomery Area  
Daylily Society  
Annual DAYLILY SALE  
Saturday, June 7  
Eastdale Mall**

**Call for more information:  
334-288-6024**



**All Bugs Good and Bad**  
2014 Webinar Series

### Fire Ant Management

1:00 pm CDT, June 6, 2014

### Minimize Mosquito Problems

1:00 pm CDT, August 1, 2014

### Kudzu Bug Takes Over the Southeastern U.S./Brown Mar- morated Stinkbug --All Bad

1:00 pm CDT, September 5,  
2014

## **SOUTHERN REGION MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE**

**OCT. 21 – 24, 2014.**

**CHECK THE WEBSITE TO GET  
MORE INFORMATION**

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

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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

## 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

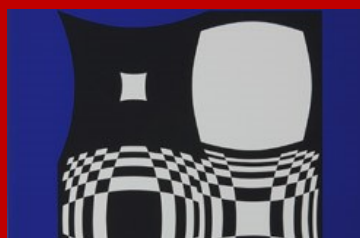


Origins: The First  
Twenty-Five Years  
of the MMFA Col-  
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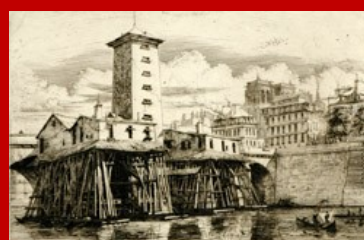
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Rewind: Art of the



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The Grand Tour:



# Prairie Mud Almanac: June 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.

## June, 2013 - 1 year ago

CCMGA was named the winner of the Betty Fitzgerald Award. The Mud was full of activity. Pike Road workdays were in progress, Felder Rushing had everyone involved scrambling, We just finished a Hypertufa Workshop, The committee had plans in place to make sure Lilly's Garden would have the necessary details to submit for the 2014 Search for Excellence Award, The first pictures of Lilly's Smile were in the Mud, the Rose Morris House schedule was also in the Mud and everyone knew what, where and when with who was doing what. Suzanne Reaves, Maggie Stringer, Karin Carmichael and Betty Stark Smith were involved in the dedication of a new Habitat for Humanity home.

## June, 2012 - 2 years ago

Potman took up residence in the Rose Morris Garden. The May meeting was at Jim Scott's Garden and the rededication of Lilly's Garden took place.



## June, 2011 - 3 years ago

The May meeting was held at Anna Owen's home. The CCMGA signs were introduced. Three HfH homes were landscaped by CCMGA volunteers.

## June, 2010 - 4 years ago

We donated \$500.00 for a bench at Shakespeare. It is amazing what we can accomplish if we all pull together. The Plant Sale made \$1,510 and a grand total of 18 volunteers were involved. Unlike this year when almost everyone showed up and we made 4X that amount. Together we are unstoppable.

## June, 2009 - 5 years ago

The annual Bus Trip was chaired by Barbara Samuels and the members working with her, Karin

Carmichael, Nell Copeland, Elizabeth Littleton and Gay Winter, put together a great trip to the Birmingham Botanical Garden and Aldredge Gardens.

## June, 2007 - 7 years ago

The June meeting was held at Jim Scott's Garden and returning home the members ate at the old Hotel Talisi

## June, 2006 - 8 years ago

CCMGA held its May meeting at Paul Furr's Daylily Garden and called to order by VP Cathy Maddox. The June meeting was held at Sandra Thompson's home at Lake Martin.

Forest Avenue Garden (Lilly's Garden) is in need of sprinkler system repair and Jim Thibodeaux has agreed to do it. There are plans to get a truckload of mulch, thanks to Dianne Bush.

## June, 2002 - 12 years ago

The idea of a CCMGA Cookbook with Gardening Tips included as a fund raiser was floated around the gauge the interest.

## June, 2001 - 13 years ago

We have come a long way - Item in the June 2001 issue. Do you want a new name tag with the new logo, a pre-drilled hole for your star and the lanyard (hang around your neck) option? Please sign up at the next meeting. \$6.00 for the name tag and \$1.00 for the lanyard.

## June, 2000 - 14 years ago

A motion was approved to recognize a CCMGA member on an annual basis with a "Spirit of Gardening" award paid out of the treasury. Criteria for this annual award will be determined later.

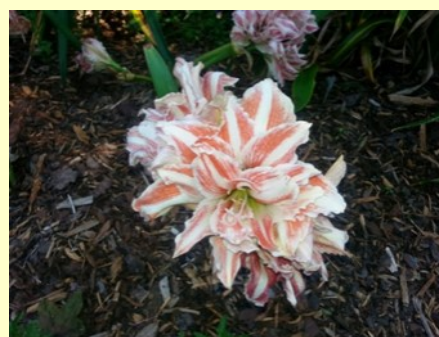
Chris Shoup gave the treasury report. The balance was \$672.31. For new members, CCMGA was 7 months old at this point in history.



## MEMBER'S GARDEN

### BARBARA WITT'S ALABAMA GARDEN

Here are pictures of Barbara Witt's home today. From the welcoming wreath on her front door to the rose arbor over the entrance to her back yard and garden, her selection of unique plants and foliage creates a vision common to an Alabama early spring.







# To Do's IN THE JUNE 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



- Layer grapes and continue spray programs.
- Thin apples and peaches if too thick.

## Shrubs



- Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, cherry laurels, dogwoods, and other shrubs.
- Water as needed. Fertilize now.
- Keep long shoots from developing by pinch-ing out tips.
- Take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

## Lawns



- Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering.
- Lawns should be mowed weekly.
- Planting may continue if soil is moist.
- Continue weed spraying if necessary.

## Annuals & Perennials



- Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if not already in.
- For compact mums, keep tips pinched out.
- Watch for insects and diseases.

## Bulbs



- Foliage may be removed from spring bulbs if it has yellowed and is becoming dry.
- Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

## Miscellaneous



- If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils.
- Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water.
- If desired, air layer houseplants.

## Vegetable Seeds



- Plant beans, field peas, pumpkins, corn, cantaloupes, squash, and watermelons.

## Vegetable Plants



- Plant tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, and sweet potato vine cuttings.



# BITS, PIECES AND LINKS

## About.com Landscaping



*David Beaulieu*

Follow the links

- [10 Shrubs That Grow in Shade](#)
- [A-Z of Plants](#)
- [Dandelions: Beat 'Em or Eat 'Em](#)



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

<http://www.monarch-butterfly.com/>



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## Best Flowers for Late Spring



By [Marie Iannotti](#)

About.com

I used to have a lull in my flower borders, between spring bulbs and the start of summer. That was very silly of me, since there are so many reliable perennials that bridge the gap beautifully. What I love about these flowers, besides how lovely they are, is how undemanding they can be. Most never even need dividing. It's as though they know how busy we are and want to give us a break. Read more about...

[Flowers that Fill the Gap](#)



## Ten Fabulous Facts About Butterflies: A Wildlife Garden's Best Friend

Submitted by Mary Jane  
McCracken 2009

This is well worth the read:  
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I wish my herb  
garden looked  
like this!



## From Gardener Supply Website: Attracting Butter- flies, Humming- birds and Other Pollinators

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## Make Your Garden a Monarch Waystation



<http://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

If you had the chance to help a butterfly you would, right? Well, now is your chance. Every fall, millions of monarch butterflies make their annual migration from the U.S. and Canada to overwintering sites in Mexico and California. Their journey is long and perilous, so monarchs have long depended on

habitat along the way that includes the milkweed and nectar plants they need to refuel. Unfortunately, much of that habitat has been lost in the last decade to development and pesticides. You can help remedy this by joining the [Monarch Waystation Program](#).

Monarch Waystation [seed kits](#) can be purchased from Monarch Watch, a program of the University of Kansas devoted to protecting monarchs and their habitat. Or, you can just plant some of the monarch-friendly plants suggested by Monarch Watch in their Waystation [instructions](#).

Take things a step further by certifying your garden as an official Monarch Waystation for \$16. You'll get a [nifty sign](#) to display in your garden, and the money will go to support Monarch Watch's work to help butterflies. Good for butterflies, good for you.

## Missing Impatiens? Here's What To Plant Instead



Impatiens (*Impatiens walleriana*) are fabulous for bringing color to drab, shady spots. But in the last few years these beloved flowers have disappeared from store shelves due to a widespread outbreak of a disease called downy mildew.

Not to worry. There are many great alternatives for shade, and Dave Epstein covers many of them in this [video](#) from Growing Wisdom. Begonias get a mention, of course, but since specific types were not called out, we'd like to suggest two stunners: BabyWing and Dragon Wing begonias.

Other good impatiens replacements that didn't get mentioned in the video include browallia, caladium, hypoestes, lysimachia, crotons and perilla. So while it's possible impatiens may be back someday, why not try experimenting with something new now!

You just might find more shade annuals to love.



# BUG SQUAD

Happenings in the insect world



## Got Milk (Weed) for the Bees?

**Author:** Kathy Keatley Garvey

Published on: May 29, 2014

Folks are planting milkweed for the monarchs.

The milkweed (genus *Asclepias*) is the host plant (larval food) for the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*). No wonder the monarch is sometimes called "the milkweed butterfly."

The perennial plant is so named for its milky juice, consisting of a latex containing alkaloids and other complex compounds. Carl Linnaeus named the genus for the Greek god of healing, Asclepius.

But milkweed is also a favorite bee plant. It's an important nectar source.

The UC Davis Arboretum has a beautiful milkweed patch near Mrak Hall and on any given day, you'll see honey bees foraging. Be prepared to see as many as four or five honey bees on one bloom. The fragrance is delightful and so are the bees!



Honey bee foraging on milkweed.at the UC Davis Arboretum



Walk down the garden path lined with milkweed and sit on the bench at UC Davis Arboretum

# CCMGA CALENDAR

## JUNE 2014

Rose

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		<b>Monthly Luncheon 11:30</b> <b>SHRIMP BASKET</b> <small>SEAFOOD • POBOYS • OYSTER BAR</small>	<b>Lunch &amp; Learn</b> Hydrangeas, Linda Griebel CAMGA		<b>All Bugs Webinar</b> Fire Ants	<b>MADS</b> Daylily Sale Eastdale Mall
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						<b>Flag Day</b> 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>HAPPY Father's Day!</b>				<b>Lilly's Garden Workday</b> 9am		<b>First Day of Summer!</b> 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		<b>CCMGA MEETING</b> 		 Vol. Hrs. 8-11		
29	30	July 1	2	3	4	5
						

### EVENTS & OCCASIONS FOR JUNE

Volunteer Hours available every Monday @ governors mansion, Help Line, Wednesdays @ Shakespeare and Lanark, MPS Arboretum begins Summer Hrs. Check the days pg. 13

3rd - Monthly Luncheon, Shrimp Basket, 11:30  
pg. 12

4th - Lunch & Learn, Hydrangeas, Pg.7

6th - All Bugs Webinar, Fire Ants Pg. 7

7th - MADS Daylily Sale, Eastdale Mall 10am

15th - Father's Day

19th - Lilly's Garden Workday

24th - CCMGA Meeting. Frazer, Water Gardening for Beginners, Ethel Dozier Boykin





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## 2014 YTD Volunteer Hours

4,310

## EDU Hours

954

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18,040

### 2014 STATE RANKING

**Volunteer Hrs. 4th**

**EDU 1st**

**Contacts 3rd**

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

**59%**



MARTHA HOWARD	6/3
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