

THE PRAIRIE MUD eNEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting
Tues. May 27
9:30 Social
10:00 Meeting
Program
Tour of
Daylily
Gardens**

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THOUGHTS FROM TOM



**Tom McLemore
2009**

President

**Greetings to
all**

Extreme kudos to Karin Carmichael and everyone on her committee as well as everybody that worked at the 2014 Plant Sale. It was a huge unprecedented success. This year's intern class was a huge help. It will be very hard for us to beat the success we had this year. Frazer is a great place.

Mandy Griffin tells me that Eat South will have a container gardening class May 17, from 9-11 at the downtown urban farm. A \$10 donation is suggested. They would love some MG help if possible. Catherine Doe and Jetson Brown do a great job for Eat South. You can

count your attendance as volunteer hours or as CEUs.

Time constraints prevent me from writing about the state convention but it looks like CCMGA will be well represented. Congratulations to our award winners at state. As I write this I don't know who won but I know we should have winners in several categories.

Also congratulations to Cathy Maddox. She was the recipient of the 2014 Betty Fitzgerald Award at Plant It Montgomery. Unfortunately, she was presented this award at the exact same time as our plant sale. I am so sorry we couldn't be at Oak Park to support her.

Our May monthly meeting is Tuesday, May 27. We will have a brief business meeting and

then carpool to local daylily sites. We will finish up at Terese Goodson's home for lunch. Jerry Belcher and Terese will be serving an Italian lunch. They will need a 'good' head count so RSVP as necessary. Please see other details in The Mud or a MailChimp email closer to the date.

It sure looks like we have skipped spring this year as we moved quickly and violently from winter into summer. What happened to spring?

The Montgomery Botanical Garden will host a 'party in the park' May 1st for their charter members. CCMGA is well represented in this group. Thank you charter members for your support. Donations are always welcome and appreciated. Thanks,
Tom



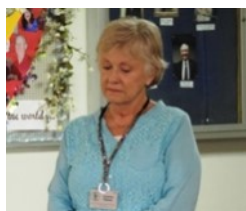
April Meeting Minutes



**Janine Koslofsky 2011
Secretary**

Tom McLemore called the meeting to order. Jane Martin gave the Invocation

Announcements:



Suzanne Reaves asked members to please pick up

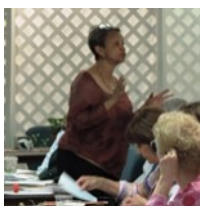
their directories

Barbara Witt relayed a message from Karen



Weber asking for volunteers for Shakespeare Gardens Wed & Fri at 9am

Ann Oldham asked the Lilly's Garden group to meet at the extension office on Thursday



Treasurer's reports and minutes were approved.

Terese Goodson introduced



our speakers, Don & Pat Nelson who pre-

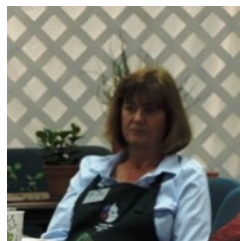
sented a slide show and talk

about Irises. They donated \$110.00 from their pre-talk sales to our associa-



tion. Growers mentioned were Robert Treadway, Ron Killinger and Rocking Top Nursery in Tennessee.

Karin Carmichael reported on the logistics of getting the plants to Frazer for the plant sale.



She has 3-4 spots that need to be filled. Contact her for further information.

Next Meeting will be Tue, May 27th. We will meet at Frazer for refreshments and carpool to at least 3 homes to enjoy the daylilies. Since it will finish up at her house, Terese Goodson invited those who would like to bring a lunch to enjoy it at her home and gardens. That may turn into an old fashioned Italian lunch if Jerry Belcher has his way. A little homemade pasta a little wine and lots of friends.



There will be a Hospitality Suite at the Hampton in Daphne during the upcoming convention. You can bring your own but there will be wine, snacks etc. there for everyone.

Raffle and dismissal
74 attendees



APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

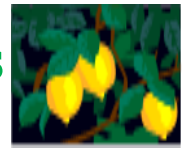


Treasurer's Report thru April 22, 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 16,559.66
Petty Cash		\$ 22.55
REVENUE		
Raffle	\$ 43.00	
CCMGA Clothing	\$ 368.00	
Dues	\$ 220.00	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 631.00
EXPENSES		
CHECKS		
#1540 Anna Owen - Silent Auction Conf	\$ 60.75	
#1541 Chris Shoup - Reimb for Shirt	\$ 18.00	
#1542 Nancy Ellis - Bus Trip/Drawing	\$ 150.00	
#1543 Lynne Kuhlman - Bus Trip	\$ 1,353.43	
#1544 Katherine Pool - Bus Trip/Food	\$ 365.12	
#1545 Ruth Davis - Meeting/Refreshments	\$ 59.42	
#1546 Terese Goodson - Speakers	\$ 63.60	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,070.32
Petty Cash		\$ (22.55)
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 15,120.34



Ambrosia Beetles Attacking Small Trees



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

The Granulate Ambrosia beetles have been causing quite a stir in home landscapes over the past few weeks. This beetle was introduced into the United States in the early 1970's in South Carolina and has since spread throughout the southeast and as far north as Maryland. This tiny beetle is a pest of woody ornamental, fruit, and nut trees and can cause significant damage in nursery, landscape, and orchard settings.

Granulate ambrosia beetles emerge in early spring and attack thin barked, deciduous trees. Tree species most commonly reported to be damaged are dogwood, redbud, maple, ornamental cherry, Japanese maple, and crepe myrtle. Other reported hosts include pecan, peach, plum, persimmon, golden rain tree, sweet gum, Shumard oak, Chinese elm, magnolia, fig, hydrangea and azalea.

Young trees and small branches of mature trees are where these beetles attack. Female beetles bore into the trunks and branch-

es (1-3 inches in diameter) and excavate galleries in the wood. In addition to boring damage, female beetles inoculate trees with ambrosia fungus which can block xylem vessels and interfere with vascular transport. Infested plants often die from boring damage, ambrosia fungus, or infection by a secondary pathogen.

These beetles attack seemingly healthy trees as well as stressed or unhealthy trees. Visible symptoms include wilted foliage and strands of boring dust protruding from small holes. Serious attacks that result in tree death usually occur during leafing-out stage.

Infestations can be easily be identified by toothpick-like strands protruding up to 1.5 inches from the bark of the host plant. The strands of boring dust are produced by the female beetle as she excavates her gallery. The strands are fragile and are easily broken off by wind or rain leaving only pencil-lead sized holes.

Preventative applications of pyrethroid insecticides can protect trees by preventing Granulate Ambrosia Beetles from excavating galleries. However, once beetles are inside trees they cannot be killed with insecticides and fungicides are ineffective against the ambrosia fungus. Thus, the



timing of preventative insecticide applications is crucial to protect trees from damage by this pest. Dr. Charles Ray, Auburn University Extension Entomologist says "recent research of the first flight of granulate ambrosia beetle in spring has found it occurs at almost exactly the same time as Bradford pears beginning to bloom. This gives a clear sign to a homeowner of when they should apply the preventative sprays."

If you notice the white strands protruding from the branches or main trunk of your trees or shrubs the plant parts should be removed and destroyed.

Sources: Dr. Charles Ray, Auburn University, Extension Entomologist.

North Carolina State University
<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/ent/notes/O&T/trees/note111/note111.html>

THE 2014 BETTY FITZGERALD AWARD

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

19th Annual Plant-it Montgomery & Betty Fitzgerald Award



Saturday, April 26 was a very busy day for CCMGA and all of Montgomery as well. While we were all committed to our Plant Sale, the Montgomery Parks & Recreation Department was holding their annual Plant It Montgomery event as part of their Earth Day celebration.

Each year at this event the winner of the Betty Fitzgerald Award is announced. This award is presented to an individual or group who has shown commitment, enthusiasm and involvement in the creating a healthy environment and a more beautiful city for all Montgomerians. We are proud to announce that this year's winner was our own Cathy Maddox 2001, a tireless worker for environmental and beautification issues.

Cathy is an active member in CCMGA, she was the Chairperson of the 2010 AMGA Conference in Montgomery, and a past recipient of the Mary Lou McNabb Award given to the Alabama Master Gardener of the Year. She has successfully served on our executive board and chaired many major committees. She has been instrumental in moving our association to the heights we have achieved to date.

We congratulate her on winning this latest award and thank her for her leadership, interest, and insight into the world of Master Gardening and the citizens of Montgomery.

Cathy now joins other CCMGA members who have been given this award. Ken Whitaker, Dianne Bush, Maggie Stringer, Karin Carmichael, and last year, CCMGA received a group award.



Cathy receiving the Betty Fitzgerald Award from Susan Carmichael, Program Director, Recycling Division and Montgomery Clean City Commission



COMMITTEE REPORTS



Lunch & Learn **Educational Events Committee**

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

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

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



The Forsythe Satsuma
at The Rose-Morse Garden, OAT

Why a Montgomery Botanical Gardens?

Sunday, May 18, 2014

2:00 pm

\$5.00 Donation at the Door

Proceeds go to the *Montgomery Botanical Gardens.*

City Hall Auditorium
103 N. Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36103

Presenting Fred Spicer, Jr.

Executive Director/CEO

Birmingham Botanical Gardens



COMMITTEE REPORTS



2014 PLANT SALE

“Most successful plant sale ever” can best describe the 2014 CCMGA Plant Sale. The gross total was \$6,600.00 and it was over \$1,000 more than we did last year.

There are so many people who worked so hard on this project and everyone deserved credit for a job well done. But, the chairman gets all the blame with things go wrong it is only fitting that we single out the heart, the organizer, the visionary who made this possible and say, Thank You Karin Carmichael because without you none of this would have happened.



There were so many pictures taken, too many to show here. Some of the best were taken by Maggie Stringer's daughter-in-law, Jewel. You can find her pictures at the link below. This is not a live link so you need to copy and paste it to your browser.



<https://onedrive.live.com/?cid=431ea55994d6745d&id=431EA55994D6745D%212283&Bsrc=Photomail&Bpub=SDX.Photos&sf=1&authkey=!AKzlcGwQVpe8Kol#cid=431EA55994D6745D&id=431EA55994D6745D%212341&authkey=%21AKzlcGwQVpe8Kol&v=3>



COMMITTEE REPORTS



SHAKESPEARE GARDEN WORKDAY

APRIL 23, 2014



Photos by Carolyn Love Dorsey

INTERN CLASS FIELD TRIP TO PETALS FROM THE PAST



Leave Room In Your Garden
For Angels To Dance





ANNOUNCEMENTS



CCMGA Monthly Luncheon



Tuesday, May 6, 2014

11:30

www.sinclairsrestaurants.com/

**1051 East Fairview Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36106**

334-834-7462

All Bugs Good and Bad 2014 Webinar Series

May 2, 2014, 1:00 pm CDT

Are Those Itsy Bitsy Spiders Good or Bad?

Presented by Dr. Nancy Hinkle

Moderated by Charles Pinkston

<https://learn.extension.org/events/1377>

People list spiders as one of their greatest fears. Let's talk about the benefits that spiders provide and how we can harness their usefulness -- how they fit into IPM plans. If we can't learn to love them, can we at least learn to tolerate them? This webinar will be presented by **Dr. Nancy Hinkle**, a Professor in the Department of Entomology at the University of Georgia. Moderated by **Charles Pinkston**, Regional Extension Agent, Alabama Cooperative Extension System.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gov. Mansion Workdays

Every Monday

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

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

LOUISIANA
**SOUTHERN REGION
 MASTER GARDENER
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2014
BATON ROUGE, LA
OCT. 21 - 24, 2014.
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CENTRAL ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION



SPRING PLANT SALE

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



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARKING LOT

5375 U S HWY 231, WETUMPKA, AL

Great prices and plant selections

Annuals, perennials

Trees, shrubs

Vegetables, herbs

House plants, garden items

Gardening demonstrations

Soil test kits available / free



Gardening questions answered by on-site master gardeners



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Petals from the Past

Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 10:30am
Miniature Garden Workshop
Lacey Neely

Saturday May 24, 2014, 10:00am
Growing Your Own Herbal
Medicine Chest
Debbie Boutelier – President,
Herb Society of America



**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

Are Those Itsy Bitsy Spiders
Good or Bad?

1:00 pm CDT, May 2, 2014

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 Marmorated Stinkbug --All Bad
1:00 pm CDT, September 5, 2014



**Old Alabama
 Town**

Herb Society

Presents

Herb Day

May 10, 2014
8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Old Alabama Town Complex - Living Block
341 Columbus Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

LEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS 2014 GARDEN TOUR MAY 17 & 18

**See full details on flyer
 on page 21.**



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WWW.SOUTHERNREGIONMGCONF2014.COM/

Master Gardener™

An educational program of the LSU AgCenter

Lebanese Food Festival

May 17, 2014

5:00 - 8:30 pm

**Church of the
 Holy Spirit**

8570 Vaughn Road

Montgomery, AL

**Contact Marie Tomlin for
 Tickets & info.**

AMGA CONFERENCE

DAPHNE, APRIL 28 - 30, 2014

The highlight of the 2014 AMGA Conference for members of CCMGA was the announcement that Lilly's Garden was the recipient of the **2014 Search For Excellence Award**.

The conference ended the day before this newsletter went to press so there will be more on this in the May Mid-Month.

The group picture below does not show all the CCMGA attendees. As you know these conferences have any number of things going on at the same time and it is almost impossible to get everyone together at photo time.



Presentation table display of the Lilly's Garden Project. You had to see this display, it was awesome!



TRIP TO MASTER GARDENER'S HEAVEN

April 11-13, 2014



Romae Bush
2013

As we walked through the gates of Keukenhof

Gardens, I felt like I was in heaven!! Last weekend my husband and I took a trip of a lifetime to the beautiful gardens at Keukenhof in

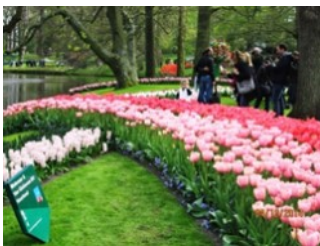


the Netherlands. This has always been on my "bucket list" of things to do before I die and this weekend the dream came true.



Keukenhof is the place in Holland where you go see the tulips.

They plant 7 million tulips each year and this part of the earth becomes the most beautiful and most photographed place in the world between March 2 and May 18. The gardens are immaculate



and the flowers are unbelievable!!! It is very hard to believe

that this many flowers could be blooming at all the same time, but it truly happens every year.

The Netherlands provide 70 % of the world's supply of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths.



The aroma of the blooming flowers was intoxicating. The hyacinths have the strongest scent, but the other flowers and trees in the gardens adds to the overall perfume.

Everywhere you look in the gardens you see magnificent displays of flowers.

Every variety of tulip, daffodil and hyacinth you can imagine



were there in beautiful beds. I have always been partial to daffodils since they return every year in the South, but the tulips were so gorgeous, it was hard not to favor them. We had the opportunity to buy some tulips, daffodils and hyacinth bulbs and have them shipped back to the USA and of course we couldn't resist!!! Hopefully next spring my beds will be filled with

the workmanship of the Keukenhof gardeners.

It truly is the place to go if you love flowers, which I know



each of you do since you are Master Gardeners!! Make your plans now to take this trip of a lifetime in mid April when the most beautiful place on earth shows its glory!!!!

Romae E. Bush

Master Gardener - Class of 2013



Footnote: Romae and her husband are currently living in Wiesbaden, Germany where her husband is employed.



SPRING FLING FOR THE MG CLASS OF 2012



Hostess, Cindy Berg

Cold. Rainy. Dreary. Did that stop members of the Class of 2012 from having a fabulous time at their Spring Fling covered dish luncheon? Absolutely **NOT!** We thought we would be wearing sandals and capris for this outing, but winter attire was more appropriate for the big event.



Mallory & Nancy

Cindy Berg opened up her lovely home and garden recently to eighteen excited participants, including Hudson Kelley, our “adopted grandson”. Picture a Frank Lloyd Wright home and you can almost feel how this home is laid out – perfectly hidden, with

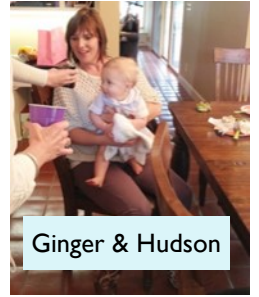
wonderful grounds (including some stunning Japanese maples), and a private woods in the back yard. We wanted to spend time in the gazebo, but we were afraid we would freeze to death!

The raised bed was packed full of various greens – spinach, lettuce, kale, and other edibles. How nice to look out the kitchen window and decide what to cook for dinner! Can it get any

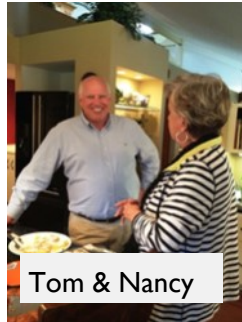


Lyl, Ruth & Becky

fresher than that? Seasonal decorations abounded, from lovely single stemmed tulips in small bud vases to a brightly colored boot filled with lovely flowers as a kitchen centerpiece. You could fill up a Pinterest page with the many ideas that we discovered in just this one setting. Everyone left with bedding plants – from flowers to mystery tomato plants, A & B.



Ginger & Hudson



Tom & Nancy

No one went home hungry after a feast of asparagus tips, ham, chicken salad, a wonderful assortment of other salads, and tons of desserts. Brian Cooley’s hibiscus lemonade made a big hit – a perfect recipe for him to select after the Edible

Gardening workshop.

We’re already planning our next event – a picnic at the MPS Arboretum. We might have to fish for our dinner, though, so come prepared...



Bunny & Terese

Article by Terese Goodson

Photos by Corinne Lauridson and Becky Byard



Cindy’s Raised Bed



Prairie Mud Almanac: May 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.

May, 2013 - 1 year ago

CCMGA was the recipient of the 2013 Betty Fitzgerald Award. President Tom McLemore credited the entire membership, past and present, when he said, "I am very aware that the reason CCMGA won the award from the City of Montgomery for Plant it Montgomery is because of all the work many of you have been doing for years. It is a fitting tribute to all for the many efforts and projects you have done for so long".

May, 2012 - 2 years ago

We were busy getting ready for what turned out to be our last plant sale at Herb Day. Terese Goodson reported that the intern Hypertufa Workshop at the MPS Arboretum was very successful with 37 people in attendance. Our monthly meeting was held at Jim Scott's garden on Lake Martin.

May, 2011 - 3 years ago

President Suzanne Reaves is determined to return Lilly's Garden as a priority project. Tom McLemore and group got the sprinkler system completed at Lilly's Garden at Forest Avenue Magnet School.

May, 2009 - 5 years ago

Forest Avenue Students were treated to "Art in the Garden" by a group of dedicated master gardeners. Classes were scheduled to come to the garden to do watercolors. They could choose to paint flowers that were in bloom, the arbor, the fountain, the bottle tree, sundial garden, or anything in the garden that interested them.

Suzanne Brookhart, Karin Carmichael, Maggie Stringer, Judy Crockett, Carole Gietl, and Ann Oldham, Lilly's mom, patiently handed out art supplies,

organized the enthusiastic students, and identified the blooming plants for classes.

Suzanne Brookhart, Reggie Gipson and Annie Smith had worked the week before to refresh the garden in anticipation of the event planned for the next week. As a result, the garden was in lovely condition and many things were blooming.

Teachers and students were very appreciative of the opportunity to be outside in the beautiful setting and utilize the garden that is maintained by CCMGA

May, 2007 - 7 years ago

Forest Avenue School Project: Carol Gietl reported that on Earth Day 40 pavers were placed at the site. The following members helped with this project: Carol Gietle, Betty Faircloth, Anne Waldo, Suzanne Brookhart, Judy Crockett, Lisa Lenox and Jim Thibodeaux.

May, 2002 - 12 years ago

In April Evelyn Watkins presented stars to the following members of this 3 yr. old organization. Shirley Hooks was awarded the first ever gold star for 500 volunteer hours. Mary Cochran, Rhonda Goode, Mary Eleanor Hines, Judi Mitchell and Sandra Thompson received their bronze stars. *Editor's note: Mary Eleanor never stopped working and volunteering for CCMGA. At the conference in Daphne, ME received her Platinum Badge for 2,000 lifetime hours.*

May, 2000 - 14 years ago

An excerpt from President Bob Sells column: "As I write this on the first of May, we are about 10 1/3 inches behind an average annual rainfall for this date".

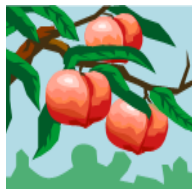
What a difference 14 years makes! But this is Alabama and we may be right back to drought conditions next year.



To Do's IN THE MAY 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



Continue spray program.

Keep grass from around trees and strawberries.

Peaches and apples can still be budded.

Shrubs



Newly planted shrubs need extra care now and in coming weeks.

Don't spray with oil emulsions when temperature is above 85 degrees F.

Lawns



Now is the best time to start lawns from seed.

Water new lawns as needed to prevent drying.

Keep established lawns actively growing by watering, fertilizing, and mowing.

Spray weeds in lawns with proper herbicide.

Roses



Spray or dust for insects and diseases.

Fertilize monthly according to a soil test.

Container-grown plants in flower may be planted.

Prune climbing roses after the first big flush of flowering.

Vegetable Plants



Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potatoes.

Annuals and Perennials



Late plantings of bedding plants still have time to produce.

Watch for insects on day lilies.

Bulbs



Summer bulbs started in containers may still be planted.

Do not remove foliage from spring flowering bulbs.

Do not let seed heads form on tulips and other spring flowering bulbs.

Miscellaneous



Mulch new shrub plantings if not already done.

Avoid drying out new shrub, tree, and lawn plantings.

Vegetable Seeds



Plant heat-loving and tender vegetables.

Start cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery in cold frames for the fall garden.





It's Time to Divide



<http://www.gardeners.com/Dividing-Perennials/5800%2Cdefault%2Cpg.html>

Grab your trowel and shovel and start digging! Cool days and moist soil conditions make spring the best time to divide most perennials.

In this article from Gardener's Supply Company, gardening expert Kathy LaLiberte explains why and how to divide per-

ennials for best results. She also offers several handy lists outlining how often different types of perennials should be divided, as well as which ones should not be divided at all, such as delphinium, baptisia and foxglove.

Don't have time to divide plants in the spring? Don't worry. It's fine to divide plants all season long, providing you give them the tender-loving care they need to survive the stress of the heat of the summer. That means keeping the main plant and the transplants well-watered. You also may need to shelter transplants from the sun for a week or so by creating makeshift shade structures. They can be as simple as a sheet draped over a couple of outdoor chairs.

Of course, your neighbors will love you if you share plants, too!

Photo courtesy Gardener's Supply

About.com

From Marie Iannotti, Your Guide to Gardening



It's official, I started more seeds than I have space for. Again.

Although I always wish I had more space to garden, I'm not really sure I'd have the time or energy to do much more. Thankfully you can still grow a lot of food, even if you only have a few pots on your patio.

Having a small space can even be an advantage.

[Small Space Big Vegetable Yield](#)
[Container Tips for Specific Vegetables](#)


















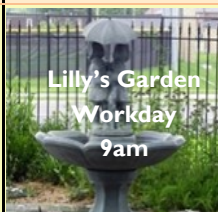





Gardening Tip of the Week

Direct Sowing Tip: Water the soil before you direct sow seed in your garden, rather than after planting. That way you won't send the seed swimming in all directions and waste the careful spacing you did while sowing. --Submitted by Marie

CCMGA CALENDAR

MAY 2014

Lily of the Valley

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
				Intern Class 	All Bugs Webinar Spiders 	CAMGA Plant Sale 
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Monthly Luncheon 11:30 Sinclair's Cloverdale 	Lunch & Learn Controlling Weeds and Pests 	Intern Class 	Vol. Hrs. 8-11 	Herb Day Old Alabama Town 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Happy Mother's Day 	Help Line 			Intern Class 	Vol. Hrs. 8-11 	Lebanese Food Festival 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Montgomery Botanical Garden 	Help Line 			Lilly's Garden Workday 9am 	Vol. Hrs. 8-11 	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	MEMORIAL DAY 	CCMGA MEETING 		Intern Class 	Vol. Hrs. 8-11 	

EVENTS & OCCASIONS FOR MAY

Volunteer Hours available every Monday @ governors mansion, Help Line, Wednesdays @ Shakespeare and Lanark, Fridays @ MPS Arboretum

2 - All Bugs Webinar - Spiders pg. 7

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**2014 YTD
 Volunteer Hours**

2,030

EDU Hrs.

407

Contacts

14,479

2014 STATE RANKING

Volunteer Hrs. 4th

EDU 1st

Contacts 1st

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



TOM MCLEMORE	5/1
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2014 GARDEN TOUR

Presented by the Lee County Master Gardeners

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why a Montgomery Botanical Gardens?

Sunday, May 18, 2014

2:00 pm

\$5.00 Donation at the Door

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