

# THE PRAIRIE MUD

## eNEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday**  
**October 28**  
**9:30 Social**  
**10:00 Meeting**  
**Program**

**"Raising Goats:  
From Pasture  
to Market to  
Your Home"**

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## TOM'S THOUGHTS



**Tom McLemore**  
**2009**

**President**

Greetings!

Fall seems late this year but it's getting here.

I have been looking back at old issues of The Mud for ideas to write about. It was really fun. October 2012 seemed especially good to me. Betsy Coley had a great President's column about a leaf program at the Montgomery Public School Arboretum. Of course our own Cindy McKenzie and Brian Cooley led the program and that day they were assisted by Eileen Webb, Anita Ward and Betsy Coley. It was a great article reflecting a wonderful day. Of course they are all wonderful members of CCMGA.

Cindy, Brian and The Arboretum Nature Center had an Alabama Outdoor Classroom Certification ceremony on Friday, September 26th, 2014.

Congratulations ! Y'all are very deserving !

In the same issue Mallory Kelley had a superb article about fall leaf color. I had forgotten her closing summary statement but it bears repeating. I quote , " The yellow fall color is guaranteed to be GREAT, but for the red, orange and purple foliage it will depend upon the weather temperatures." There was a lot more stuff in Mallory's article. We are blessed to have Mallory as our ACES representative. She always does a fantastic job !

I'm sure the nominating committee of Suzanne Reaves, Richard Deneve and Erica Clark are already working hard to get us a slate of officers for 2015. Please consider nomination as an officer and all our committees need new faces. Frankly the current VP, secretary and treasurer have been excellent and two of them are eligible to serve again in 2015 if they are willing and selected.

We are entering the last quarter of 2014 and there are lots of things going on. There are more details elsewhere in this issue. Please don't forget the Pike Road Arts and Craft show on November 1st and our annual December luncheon at Wynlakes on December 9th.

Thank you interns. You are doing a great job ! Please keep up the good work and encourage your fellow interns to finish strong. Karen Weber needs lots of help this time of year at the Shakespeare Gardens.

Thanks to your patience we had a very productive monthly meeting in September. We got a lot of internal business done and as usual Mike Forster did an excellent job with his fall garden presentation !

Thanks for all you do for CCMGA. Have a great fall !

Tom



# September Meeting Minutes

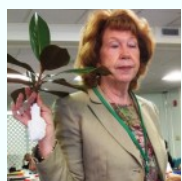


**Janine Koslofsky**  
**2011**  
**Secretary**

CCMGA Sep 23 2014

Meeting Called to order by Tom McLemore.

Gail Cotney read the 'Abundant Harvest' from the book "Conversation Peace" by Mary A. Kassian.



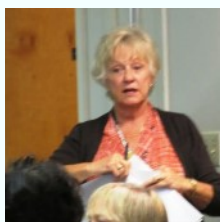
Laurice Goorley presented information on the Flower Show for the Alabama National Fair Oct 3-13, 2014. For more information please go to [alnationalfair.org/](http://alnationalfair.org/) click on competitions and then on Flower Show. Entries will be presented in the Cultural Arts building.

Treasurer's minutes and Secretary's minutes were approved for August.



Karen Weber will be at the Shakespeare Garden every Wednesday in October and November. She needs lots of help so

come by and get some volunteer hours the fun way. She will bring cookies!



Suzanne Reaves reminded everyone to submit their membership dues and information for the 2015 year. It will be past due after December 31, 2014.

Jane Martin and Karin Carmichael provided a list of

general plants and also shade plants that are needed for the Plant Sale next spring. Plan now so they will be ready. Soil, money and volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Karin and Maggie presented some plants that we may not have considered for the sale but would be good specimens. Jerry Belcher was announced as the coordinator of the Plant Sale Committee. He will coordinate the 5 separate committees that make up the Plant Sale Committee.

Robert Cope brought a Weed Wrench to demonstrate for those who are interested. It can pull large weeds and small trees out of the ground.



Mike Forster gave a wonderful presentation on raised bed vegetable gardening.

ACES forms #0063, 1345 and 1422 will cover most of your frequently asked questions.

Lilly's Garden will be the site for a 'Hot Dog Shindig' on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm. Ann Oldham and Jane Martin would appreciate notification if you plan to attend. Sara



Brown will mail invitations to those who do not have internet access.

By-Law Committee members Suzanne Reaves, Karin Carmichael, Cathy Maddox and Margaret Cully



did an excellent job of cleaning up and refining our by-laws. Anna Owen made a motion to accept the changes, Laura Waters seconded the motion. The motion passed. A copy of the changes will be provided to the members in the 2015 directory.

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# September Meeting Minutes



The Board proposed the following members for the Nominating Committee for 2015 Board Members: Suzanne Reaves, Richard Deneve and Erica Clark. Gail Cotney made the motion and Mike Forster seconded the motion. The motion passed. Members were encouraged to contact the committee members to recommend candidates or to submit their own name as a candidate for office.

Per recommendation by the Board, Margaret Cully made a

motion to fund a legacy tree for Tina Bowles. Chris Shoup seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



as an official project. It would provide a venue for educational purposes, volunteer hours and it would be a major, public venue that would help to promote the

Master Gardener Program. A motion was made by Cathy Maddox and seconded by Gail Cotney. The motion passed.

Cathy Maddox proposed that CCMGA take on the Montgomery Botanical Garden

Pike Road Arts & Crafts Fair will be Saturday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Anna Owen and Ginger Gammon will be holding craft workshops and need volunteers. Suzanne Reaves sent a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the day of the fair. We need people for set-up, sales and clean-up. We had 77 attendees.



Photos by Janice Jackson 2014



# JULY TREASURER'S REPORT



## CAPITAL CITY MASTER GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION

### Treasurer's Report -SEPTEMBER , 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE

\$ 18,438.79

Petty Cash

\$ 22.55

REVENUE

Raffle

\$ 33.00

TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 33.00

EXPENSES

CHECKS

#1562 Pike Rd Fair

\$ 100.00

#1563 Ginger Gammon

\$ 119.41

#1564 Anna Owen

\$ 46.67

#1565 AMGA - Dues

\$ 340.00

#1566 Terese Goodson

\$ 72.43

#1567 Anna Owen

\$ 534.60

TOTAL EXPENSES

1,213.11 \$ (1,213.11)

Petty Cash

\$ (22.55)

ENDING BANK BALANCE

\$17,258.68



# Plant Plants this Fall



By Mallory Kelley

Regional Extension Agent

Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests

Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner and many people will be focused on Mums, Pumpkins and Christmas trees, not their landscape. But, fall is actually the best time to plant trees and shrubs for many reasons. Below are three reasons why.....



## Fall is the best time for root growth!

Although above ground your plant may look dormant, there is a lot of activity going on beneath the soil. Fall is the best time to plant because the plants are not trying to put on leaves, flower or grow fruit. This allows the plants time to put all their energy into making roots while the parts of the plant above ground are dormant.

According to Dr. Dave Williams, horticulture professor at Auburn University and former Alabama Extension agent, photosynthesis is the source of this root growth.

"Instead of photosynthates being used immediately for bud development, they have been stored and in the fall begin to move down into the root system. In the root system they're stored as carbohydrates," Williams said. "Some of them are used for root growth through the fall and winter when the soil is still warm."

## The plants have time to get established

Planting in the spring requires trees and shrubs to immediately begin budding. Planting in the fall gives your plant a period of rest, so it can firmly establish itself.

"The plants have fall and all winter to develop roots with very little care otherwise. In central Alabama we typically get sufficient rainfall to supply adequate moisture to the roots all winter so less maintenance is required," said David West, Alabama Extension agent. "They can get established before they try to commit resources to blooming and new shoot growth."

A strong network of roots is key to a successful tree or shrub.

More roots help the plants to be stronger and healthier the following year when hot, dry weather arrives and they are trying to put on flower and fruit all at the same time.



## Sales!

Because fall is not a popular time to plant, it is a good time of year to find plants on sale. Most consumers are buying pumpkins, poinsettias and Christmas trees, leaving slashed prices for common trees and shrubs.

It is still important, however, to choose a good quality plant for your climate and soil type.

"You may have to search a little bit," Williams said. "Local gardening centers are a good place to start."

To plant your tree or shrub, begin by researching and selecting a plant for your climate and growing site. Once you've chosen your plant, dig a hole that is two times as wide and just as deep as the



plant is in the pot. Be cautious of power lines and roof eaves overhead and fiberoptic and gas lines underground. Always call [811](tel:811) to have your site checked!

Add organic matter to the hole, and mulch around the plant to suppress weeds and insulate the soil from temperature. Lastly, and most importantly, water your plant immediately and often if no rainfall.

More resources:

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-0814/index2.tmpl>

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1405/ANR-1405.pdf>

Additional Source: Jamie Wallace, Public Relations Student working with the *Extension Daily*



## In Memoriam

**Tina Bowles**

**1961 - 2014**



Mrs. Tina Marie Blankenship Bowles, 53, a resident of Millbrook, AL passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2014. She is predeceased by her loving husband of 36 years Stanley Bowles. She is survived by her three children, Nicki Corum (Keith Corum), Stanley Bowles Jr. and Tim Bowles (Marisa Bowles), one grandchild Jack Corum; two sisters, Kitty Morgan and Rene Cronier; one brother, Lua Blankenship Jr. and an extended family of cousins, aunts and uncles who she loved dearly.

In addition to her family, she is survived by her best friends Beverly Hull and Chris Murrell. Without their love and support Tina would not have enjoyed these last few months as much as she was able too. Her family truly appreciates their help and Tina loved and cherished both of their friendships.

Tina grew up in Millbrook and after traveling across the US via the Air Force, Tina and her family settled down in Millbrook, AL. Tina was a nurse in Montgomery for over 15 years but her two true passions were her family and gardening where she was a Master Gardener. She had an infectious smile, a propensity for BIG hugs and she never met a stranger.

The family will be holding a private gathering to celebrate Tina's life. We appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers during this trying time.

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Tina was 39 years old when she was certified in 2000. She was a member of the first CCMGA intern class. She remained a very active member through 2010 in spite of a severe back problem that left her in constant discomfort and pain. She would seek out volunteer opportunities that she could work from her home because of her pain. Her beloved library of plant and garden books has been left to the CCMGA library. Her family wanted them to go to where they would be cherish as much as they were by her.

At the September Board of Directors meeting, by unanimous vote, the board recommended that CCMGA honor Tina with a Legacy Tree. The following day, at the September Monthly Meeting, the membership voted their approval in another unanimous vote. Legacy Trees are planted in the cooler winter months at a site selected by the family.





# COMMITTEE REPORTS



## Lunch & Learn

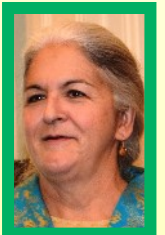
***OCTOBER 1, Japanese Maples in the Home Landscape,  
w/Donnie Tomlin***



***NOVEMBER 5, Making Your Own Terrarium,  
w/Laurice Goorley***

***DECEMBER 3, Creating Holiday Decorations  
with Natural Materials,***

***w/Ginger Gammon & Elaine Barron***



**All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series:  
Alien Invasions, Zombies Under Foot, and  
Billions of Decapitated Fire Ants**

**Friday, October 3, 1:00 PM**

**Link: [https://learn.extension.org/events/1379#.U9\\_sQPIdUQN](https://learn.extension.org/events/1379#.U9_sQPIdUQN)**

Learn about the wild world of the Pseudacteon decapitating flies, natural enemies of imported fire ants. This webinar will be presented by Dr. Sanford Porter, a Research Entomologist in the Imported Fire Ants and Household Insects group of USDA ARS Center for Medical, Agricultural, and Veterinary Entomology. Moderated by Nelson Wynn, Regional Extension Agent, Alabama Cooperative Extension System. 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 eXtensionCommunities of Practice: Imported Fire Ants, Urban IPM, Bee Health, Invasive Species and Gardens and Landscapes; and by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.



# COMMITTEE REPORTS



## The Plant Committee Karin Carmichael Chair

### 2015 PLANT REQUEST LIST

The following plants are perennials that can be divided or propagated and potted in the fall insuring that they will have a good start in the spring in time for the Plant Sale:

Rose (all kinds)	Gardenia	Winter Honeysuckle	Forsythia
Mondo Grass	Spider Lily	Swamp Sunflower	Artemesia
Mexican Petunia	Coneflower	Summer Phlox	Ginger Lily
Lamb's Ear	Fern	Black & Blue Salvia	Crinum Lily
Horsetail	Elephant Ear	Curly Willow	Sedums
Althea	Shasta Daisy	Confederate Jasmine	Yarrow
Carolina Jessamine	Aster	Black-eyed Susan	Japanese Kerria
Flowering Almond	Ajuga	Creeping Jenny	Vinca (major & minor)
Lamium (Deadnettle)	English Ivy	Bearded Iris	Hydrangea
Succulents	House Plants	Coreopsis	Confederate Rose
Rose Campion	Bee Balm	Hotlips Salvia	Fatsia
Mexican Heather	Herbs	Mexican Sage	

**Please do not limit yourself to the plants listed above.** Daylilies, Cannas and most Irises did not sell last year. Some of the bulbs like Amaryllis, Crinum and Ginger may need to be lifted in the early spring. If we have another cold winter like last year, these lilies may freeze if in pots.

It should be warm enough for most of the above plants to get started if you propagate and pot now!





# COMMITTEE REPORTS



## Plant Sale Committee Group Leaders & Responsibilities

Coordinator  
Jerry Belcher

PLANTS	VENUES	EQUIPMENT	VOLUN-TEERS	PUBLICITY
Karin Carmichael Co-Chair Maggie Stringer	Betsy Coley Co-Chair Jerry Belcher	Mike Forster	Julie Bounds	Eileen Webb
Locating Digging Potting Buying Labeling Pricing Adoption Inventory	Ask A MG <i>Open</i> Cashier <i>Suzanne B</i> Garden Shop <i>Anna /Ginger</i> Hospitality <i>Suzanne R</i> Kid's Corner <i>Anne /Brenda</i> Seminars <i>Open</i>	Wagons Tables Chairs Signs Sound System Tents Security	Transport Plants Set Up Plant Sales Check Out Clean Up	TV/Radio Flyers Posters Newspapers Magazines Church Flyers

Publicity is the most significant committee for the success of our Plant Sale. Publicity produces customers, without customers all other efforts are for not. *If you can get a mention in your church flyer in March and April, please let Eileen know.*



# COMMITTEE REPORTS



## SHAKESPEARE GARDEN & MMFA

Karen Weber, Chair

If you have not noticed our activities are predicated on what month it happens to be. Reading over the archived Muds you pick up on these patterns. Every Sept. and Oct. Karen needs help with the removing of summer plants and the planting of the cold weather flowers and ornamentals. One year our CCMGA meeting was held at Shakespeare and everyone dressed to dig. That might tell you of

the amount of work that October ushers in. Karen needs all the help she can get, every Wednesday until the plants are in. She will be there every Wednesday AND she will have cookies.



Wednesday September 24, 2014 Answering the Call



Photos by Janice Jackson





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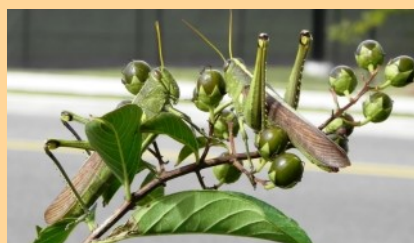
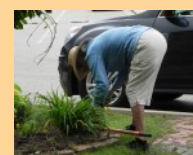
## LILLY'S GARDEN

Workday September 26, 2014

Photos by Carolyn Love Dorsey 2013



The Lilly's Garden Committee is busy getting the garden ready for the big soiree scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th (see page 10). Carolyn Love Dorsey sent these pictures over because she wanted everyone to see how hard Suzanne Reaves, 2006 Maggie Stringer 1999, Karin Carmichael 2005 and Dave Toelliner 2014 were working. Carolyn went on to say, "This morning, we pulled the weeds, put out the garden soil and all the mulch. The garden looks wonderful". With that crew of master garndeners doing the work, there is no doubt about that.







HOT DOG - HOT DOG  
HOT DIGGITY DOG!!

Who: MG Members, Spouse/Friend

What: Hot Dog's, Chips, Drinks &  
Dessert

When: Tuesday, October 28th, 5-7pm

Where: Lilly's Garden, Forest Ave  
Magnet School, 1700 W. Fifth St.

Why: Lilly's Garden Committee  
invites you to join us for a  
casual gathering in the garden

RSVP Your Number Count To:  
Ann Oldham, [Ann.oldham@yahoo.com](mailto:Ann.oldham@yahoo.com)  
Jane Martin, [ladyj1771@bellsouth.net](mailto:ladyj1771@bellsouth.net)





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# October Meeting Dress Up for Halloween

**Halloween is coming the goose is getting fat  
Please put a nickle in the old man's hat  
If you haven't got a nickle a penny will do  
If you haven't got a penny then God Bless You!**

**Come one, come all - dressing up is totally  
optional. See Below**

**CCMGA October 2011 Meeting - Where the Beautiful Orchids  
met the Beautiful Witches**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NOTICE!!

### CCMGA SILENT AUCTION 2014

is just around the corner!

As a major annual fundraising event, the silent auction is held at the Christmas Luncheon in December. It consists of items graciously donated by our members.

It's not too early to start thinking about that perfect item you would like to donate for the auction.

In past years, we have had items related to gardening, holidays, flowers, art, center-pieces, home décor, gardening books, cookbooks, gift baskets, cakes, candies and more.

**Start looking!!**

*Debbie Wakefield 2001*

*Chair*







# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Gardening ... Wow!!*



2015 AMGA Annual Conference  
Hosted by Blount & Cullman Counties  
March 23 - 25, 2015

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**

**REGULAR VOLUNTEER HOURS  
ARE AVAILABLE WEEKLY**

**Every Monday at the  
Governors Mansion**

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

**Every Thursday in October,  
Lilly's Garden**

**Every Friday  
MPS Arboretum**

**Montgomery Federation  
of Garden Clubs**

**61<sup>st</sup> Annual Small-Standard Flower Show  
October 3-13, 2014**

There are two separate shows.

October 3 and October 8.

Your specimens should be taken to the Agricultural Center between 7:30 – 9:30 am on the day of the show. The one category, Container specimens, should be delivered on Thursday Oct. 2 between 2 – 4 pm.

**If you have questions call Georgia Young, at 334-356-0435 or Laurice Goorley at 334-271-4822 if you have a problem.**

**Q.What did the S&H stand for  
in S&H Green Stamps?**



**PS - No this was not before your time, they went out of business in 1988.**

**A. Sperry & Hutchinson**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Fall Gardening Extravaganza

**October 10, 2014**

*Alexander City, Alabama*



Hosted by  
Tallapoosa County Extension Office and  
Tallapoosa County Master Gardeners Association



*Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities*

## Directory Change

Please make the following change to your directory.

**Martie Hicks' new email**

**`martie_ben@charter.net`**

Please let us know when you have a change in your contact information.

Remember to send the changes to:

**Jerry Belcher -  
Newsletter & Service Rpt.**

**Eileen Webb - Email list**

**Suzanne Reaves - Membership**

## Aquaponics Workshop

**October 18, 2014**

**9:00 am to Noon**

**\$60.00 Registration Fee**

**See below for details**

### Introduction to Aquaponics

The Auburn University School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences will host the workshop "Introduction to Aquaponics" Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-noon, at the E.W. Shell Fisheries Center, North Auburn Unit. The workshop costs \$60 and will include detailed instruction on the basics of aquaponics/hydroponics, a tour of the unit's fish and plant greenhouses and a session on designing aquaponics systems. Space is limited, so register now at <http://bit.ly/auburnaquaponics>. For more information, contact Mollie Smith at 334-844-2872 or [mrs0018@auburn.edu](mailto:mrs0018@auburn.edu).

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## FALL CONFERENCE GUNTERVILLE



There may not have been a lot of us there but those who went had a great time. One of the most beautiful areas in all of Alabama. The programs were very interesting and informative. The Marshall County MCMGAs did a great job planning and hosting this event.



Photos by  
Janice Jackson



# *Art Masterpieces*



Design interpretations based on  
The Masters

**61st Annual Fall Flower Show**

**at the Alabama National Fair**

**Cultural Arts Center**

**October 3-13, 2014**



Presented by

**Montgomery Federation of  
Garden Clubs**

Come see a large variety of plants  
as well as creative floral designs.

Horticulture competition is open to  
the public.

**Entry times:**

Containers: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 2

Horticulture: 7:30 am – 9:30 am, Friday, Oct. 3

Horticulture: 7:30 am– 9:30 am, Wednesday Oct. 8

See [www.alnationalfair.org](http://www.alnationalfair.org) for rules under Competitions tab  
For additional information contact Rose Winkler 334-270-0884

If you have difficulty identifying your plants, please call Georgia Young, at 334-356-0435 or Laurice Goorley at 334-271-4822.



# 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.

## October, 2013 - 1 year ago

Teak benches were installed at Lilly's Garden and a full workday preceded an open house for the school and parents. Our Felder Rushing event went off like clockwork thanks to Terese Goodson and the Education Committee's hard work.

## October, 2012 - 2 years ago

Copies of the new Bylaws were passed around, which reflect how we have evolved and how we do things now. The Board of Directors worked long and hard on this task. One of the major revisions is the addition of a Fundraising Committee, and the new organization of the Communications Committee.

## October, 2011 - 3 years ago

The time line for the Rose House project is complete and members are asked to put these dates into their calendars:

Thursday, October 27  
9:00 am. Trucks will pick up compost at MAFB, deliver to site; Volunteers are needed to augment soil and prepare beds.



Thursday, November 3 9:00 am Delivery of pea gravel and pine straw to site; install drip irrigation.

Thursday, November 10 9:00 Install plant material, build pot man, punch drip line

## October, 2010 - 4 years ago

The October Meeting was held at Pat Dye's Quail Hollow garden. Toured the property, catered lunch and long talk and visit with the Coach.

## October, 2009 - 5 years ago

The following people were nominated to serve on the selection committee for officers for the 2010 year: Mary Eleanor Hines, Jane Shalhoop, Reggie Gibson, and Elizabeth Littleton.

## October, 2008 - 6 years ago

Volunteer Day is October 25, 9-12. We will be working at the Family Sunshine Center Exodus House. Bring tools, gloves, trowels, & edgers. We are going to trim, edge and plant some new flowers. A blanket email will go out.

## October, 2007 - 7 years ago

The October 23, 2007, meeting of CCMGA will be a field trip to Oakview Farms Granary, located in Elmore County on Redland Road. Joe & Paty Lambrecht own and operate the granary, using a stone burr grist mill. Joe will conduct a tour of the granary explaining the process of producing a bag of grits and other grain products

## October, 2006 - 8 years ago

The October meeting of CCMGA will be Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at 10 am, at Southern Homes and Gardens (SH&G), 8820 Vaughn Road. The program will be "Creating Holiday Decorations with Bounty from the Garden," by Patsy Grant, SH&G Greenhouse Manager.

## October, 2002 - 12 years ago

The October meeting will be a work day and be held at the Shakespeare Garden on October 22, 9am. Karen Weber will be there to guide us in planting winter annuals. Wear comfortable clothing and come prepared to dig in the soil. We will also be having a plant swap at the meeting. Bring at least one perennial to share or as many as you would like. Bring a sack lunch.

## October, 2000 - 14 years ago

Karen Weber will be presenting a program on preparing your garden for winter at this month's meeting.





## To Do's IN THE OCTOBER GARDEN

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### Fruits and Nuts



Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama.

Clean up orchard area.

Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

### Shrubs



Shrub plantings can be made.

Water when needed.

Note varieties of camellias in bloom.

Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

### Lawns



Continue to mow lawns until no new growth is noticeable.

### Roses



Continue insect and disease control practices.

New rose catalogs will be coming in.

Study closely; add some new varieties

to your list.

### Bulbs



Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculuses.

Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

### Miscellaneous



Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds.

Loosen mulches that have packed down.

Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc.

Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds.

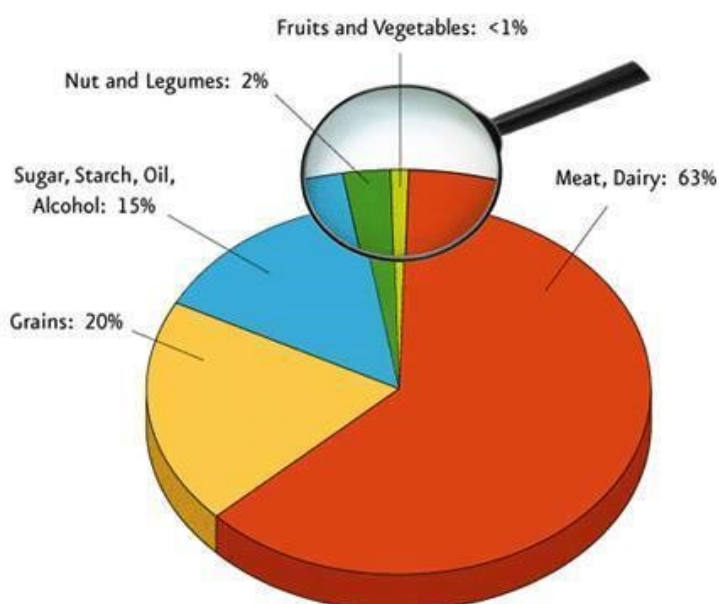
Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

### Vegetable Seeds



Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.

### The Foods that Subsidies Support







# BITS, PIECES AND LINKS



**FOLLOW THESE LINKS FOR THE ACREDITED SOURCES**

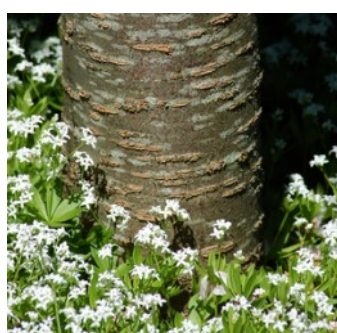
## Are Your Hydrangeas Singing the Blues?



You were drawn to that hydrangea for its blue color. So what's up with those pink blooms? The answer's in the ground. Watch this video to learn the easy fix: aluminum sulfate.

[Are Your Hydrangeas Singing the Blues?](#)

## Ground Covers for Shade: the Good and the Bad



But at what point does

"vigorous" cross the line and become "too vigorous?" Ultimately, only **you** can decide when it comes to growing a plant on your own land. It can be a dilemma, since not just any ground cover will perform well in the shade. This fact limits your choices immediately. My article introduces [ten ground covers for shade](#) to provide an idea of what you might be getting yourself into.

## Add Pops of Color with Fall Containers

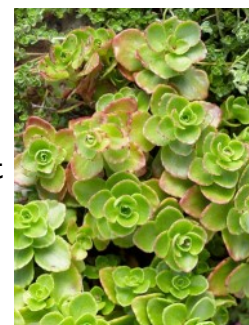


Dress up your doorstep with containers full of fall color.

[Fall Container-Garden Recipes](#)  
[Fall Perennial Container](#)  
[Succulent Pumpkin Decoration](#)  
[Fall Favorites Window Box](#)  
[Dramatic Container Gardens](#)

## Take Advantage of Plant Sales with These Hardy Finds

You want to take advantage of fall garden center closeouts but don't want to waste your time, effort,



or money on something that won't come back in the spring. After last winter, it's easy to be skeptical about plants surviving the bitter cold, but we've rounded up our favorite perennials that can withstand a polar vortex or two.

[Perennials Designed to Withstand the Harshest of Winters](#)  
[Tips & Tricks for Planting Perennials](#)  
[Plant Spring Bulbs Now](#)

## Tips for Evaluating This Year's Garden Design

### Planning a Better Garden for Next Year By Marie Iannotti

No one dreams grander than a gardener. We don't start a garden with some vague idea of a little color. We see Versailles. And it doesn't matter how many times we step up to Lucy's football, we're going to kick with full gusto. There's no point in becoming frustrated at gardening's little setbacks, because we know a garden is never finished. Hopefully it gets better each year, not worse.

<http://gardening.about.com/od/gardendesign/a/GardenReview.htm?nl=1>

## Planning a Fall Garden

By Kelly Roberson BH&G  
 Take advantage of autumn's unique outdoor opportunities with these ideas for planning a fall garden.

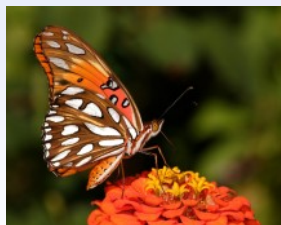
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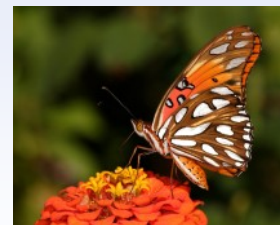
"Bug Squad" had a link to this very interesting website.

<http://bugguide.net/node/view/970792/bgimage>



# BUG SQUAD

Happenings in the Insect World  
 Author: **Kathy Keatley Garvey**



## No Butterflies Without Caterpillars

How can you hate a caterpillar and love a butterfly? You can't.

Some gardeners so love their passionflower vine (*Passiflora*) that they squirm at the thought of a caterpillar munching it down to nothing.

But that's what caterpillars do. The Gulf Fritillary butterfly (*Agraulis vanillae*) lays its eggs on its host plant, the passionflower vine, the eggs develop into larvae or caterpillars, and the caterpillars into Gulf Frits.

Our passionflower vine--which we planted specifically for the Gulf Frits--is now a skeleton. The caterpillars ate all the leaves, the flowers and the stems. What was once a flourishing green plant looks like a criss-cross of brown sticks.

Comedian George Carlin supposedly said "The caterpillar does all the work but the butterfly gets all the publicity."

And architect-author-designer-inventor Richard Buckminster Fuller observed: "There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly."

And someone named John Grey offered this



From a very hungry caterpillar to a magnificent butterfly. This Gulf Fritillary is Nectaring on Cosmos.  
 Photo by Kathy Keating Garvey

poetic comment:  
 "And what's a butterfly?  
 At best,  
 He's but a caterpillar, at rest."

So, it is. Take a look at the Gulf Frit caterpillar and then check out the Gulf Frit butterfly.

Yes, a hungry caterpillar turned into a magnificent butterfly.

How can you hate a caterpillar?

You can't.



A very hungry Gulf Fritillary caterpillar working over a Passiflora. Photo by Kathy Keating Garvey

Follow the links to Kathy's blog - Bug Squad and subscribe to her free newsletters. Her content and photos cannot be matched.



# CCMGA CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2014

Marigolds

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 28	29	30	October 1	2	3	
			Lunch & Learn Japanese Maples in the Home Landscape, Donnie Tomlin		Bug Webinar Zombies Under Foot	Alabama National Fair
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Alabama National Fair					Fall Garden Extravaganza	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Columbus Day		Shakespeare AWF		ARBORETUM Montgomery Public Schools	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Southern Region Master Gardeners Conference, Baton Rouge				
26	27	28	29	30	31	November 1
		CCMGA MEETING	Shakespeare AWF		Happy Halloween	

### EVENTS & OCCASIONS FOR OCTOBER

1st - Lunch & Learn, Donnie Tomlin,  
Japanese Maples

3rd - Bug Webinar - Zombies Underfoot 1:00 CDT

3rd & 6th - Federation Flower Show

3rd - 13th - Alabama National Fair

10th - Fall Garden Extravaganza

13th- Columbus Day

21st to 23rd Southern Region Master Gardeners  
Conference, Baton Rouge

28th - CCMGA Meeting, Frazer. 9:30-10am Goats

28th - Lilly's Garden Hot Diggity Dog - 5 to 7

31st - Halloween - Drive with care.



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## 2014 YTD Volunteer Hours

6,775

## EDU Hours

1,363

## Contacts

28,700

## 2014 STATE RANKING

Volunteer Hrs. 4th

EDU 1st

Contacts 4rd

*A word to the Wise. While we will never be able to overtake the three groups in front of us we could very easily be overtaken by the group behind us. Please get your hours recorded. At the current pace, by 12/31 we can easily drop to 7th or 8th after other groups bring out their December magic pencils.*

## Happy Birthday!

GEORGIA YOUNG	10/1
NANCY BOWDEN	10/4
KATHIE MANGUM	10/6
KITTY SIMPSON	10/8
MIRENDA TATUM	10/9
SUSAN SAMUEL	10/10
SHOU-LIH CHUANG	10/10
BILL MARTIN	10/13
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ANNA WILLIAMS	10/31





## 2015 CCMGA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please give or mail this completed form and dues to the Membership Chairman, Suzanne Reaves, 702 Green Ridge Rd, Montgomery, AL 36109, **not later than Dec.1, 2015**. Dues are **\$25.00** for full members and \$15.00 for interns, provisional members and any dual members who have their primary membership in another county. Checks should be made payable to CCMGA. Email [suzanne.reaves@hotmail.com](mailto:suzanne.reaves@hotmail.com) with any questions.

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Year of your Master Gardener Class \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am a dual member. County of primary membership \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many volunteer hours will you report from 01/01/15 to 12/31/15? \_\_\_\_\_

REACH FOR THE STARS award hours will be calculated from the ACES volunteer database and awarded in Feb., 2015.

To help in future planning, please provide the following information: What topic(s) would you like to see presented at a meeting? Do you know a person who could present a program on this topic? Also indicate any ideas you may have for CCMGA projects.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the areas where you worked last year \_\_\_\_\_

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What special skills do you have that could be used to help our organization? \_\_\_\_\_

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(Use the back if necessary.)