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Next Meeting
Tuesday
September 23
9:30 Social
10:00 Meeting
Program
"Raised Bed
Fall Vegetable
Gardening" w/
Mike Forster,
CCMGA

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TOM'S THOUGHTS



Tom McLemore
2009
President

I hope everyone is having a great Labor Day! Looking back, this hot summer could have been much worse. I can't remember more than two weeks without a good rain. It was still hot but maybe a little less than 'normal' for a Montgomery summer.

I can never thank Terese Goodson enough for all she did helping Anne Waldo get her presentation ready the last meeting on such short notice. Eileen Webb quickly got the word out about the program change and Anne Waldo was wonderful to jump in with such short notice. Now if I can just figure out when and where to plant all those plants.....the materials were excellent

but it won't get done by itself. Most of the plants were perennials. Anne is an inspiration to us all!

We missed Laurice and Chris Henderson who is also recovering from a very scary heart incident. Get better soon and feel better too. You are both in our prayers for speedy recoveries. I have been told by Terese that Laurice's Ikebana presentation looked fabulous and I cannot wait until she is well enough to present it at one of our meetings. Hopefully, it will be by February.

Mike Forster is the presenter at the September Lunch and Learn. He is also continuing the theme at our CCMGA monthly program on September 23. While there may be some overlap, Mike is using different materials to make each program different and complete. Mike always does a great job.

The underlying topic is Fall Vegetable Gardens.

Thank you Rena Russell and Brenda Coleman for heading up Help Line this year. We averaged between 2 and 12 calls day. No reason known for the wide variance. Thanks to everyone that helped. All interns have completed that part of their required volunteer hours! Mentors please check on your intern. Help them finish the minimum volunteer hours necessary for graduation! This is very important! Most of our interns are in great shape. Let's help them finish strong!

We have an AMGA Fall Conference coming up in mid-September in Gunterville. It looks like something fun to do. My favorite intern and I plan to attend. We hope to see you there!



August Meeting Minutes



Janine Koslofsky 2011

Secretary



CCMGA Meeting Aug 26, 2014

Tom called meeting to order.

Invocation read by Nell Copeland.

Please keep Laurice Goorley and Chris Henderson in your prayers due to continuing heart issues.

If you win a door prize, please remember to bring one to donate to the next CCMGA meeting.

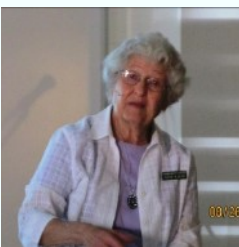
The July minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Terese Goodson and Yvonne Evans



1991, a classmate, introduced our speaker Anne Waldo for "Blooms All Year Long". Thank you to Anne for stepping in at the last minute.

Thank you to Anne, Terese and Jerry for the great handouts getting this program together with very little notice. Stop by Hazel Hedge on Carter Hill Road to see Anne's gar-



den year round.

Committee to review and revise our by-laws: Suzanne Reaves, Karin Carmichael, Cathy Maddox and Margaret Cully. Suggested changes will be emailed to the members so they



can read them prior to voting on the changes at the September meeting. Thank you ladies for volunteering for this important process.

Karin Carmichael reviewed next year's



Plant Sale plans. She desperately needs volunteers to plant sit over the next few months. Please let her know how many plants you can take care of for the sale. Emily Frye and Jane Martin will be in charge of the shade plants.

Jerry Belcher suggested that the organization invite the five Emeritus Status members to our December Luncheon. We would pay for their lunch and need volunteers to pick up and take home those who need rides. The emeritus members are: Martha Blackwell 1993, Ken Whitaker 1988, Mary Bullard 1999, Gloria Jennings 1996 and Evelyn Watkins 1999. A motion was made by Elaine Barron and

seconded by Mike Forster. We will vote at September's meeting.

The family of Tina Bowles 2000, donated her beloved gardening books to CCMGA. Tina passed away in April and Tom McLemore suggested we plant a Legacy Tree in her name. The motion was made and will be voted on at the September meeting.



Robert Cope updated us on the Cypress Pond Park. More funds will be available next year and volunteers are needed to remove privet

and other invasive or non-native plants. Contact Robert at: rcopeworks1@att.net or 334-819-7900, 334-538-1357 or check the website www.cypresspondpark.org.

Membership forms are now available and should be returned as soon as possible. They are due Dec 1, 2014 and considered past due on Dec 31, 2014. Contact Suzanne Reaves if you have any questions.

We had 69 attendees.

The 2015 Membership Form is on page 21 at the end of this newsletter. The AMGA Fall Conference Registration Form can also be found on page 22.



JULY TREASURER'S REPORT



CAPITAL CITY MASTER GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report - August, 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE

\$18,298.48

Petty Cash

\$22.55

REVENUE

Raffle

\$ 30.00

Clothing Sales

\$118.00

TOTAL REVENUE

\$148.00

EXPENSES

CHECKS

#1561 Suzanne Reaves

\$7.69

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$(7.69)

Petty Cash

\$(22.55)

ENDING BANK BALANCE

\$18,438.79

PLANTING A FALL VEGETABLE GARDEN



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

We are blessed by our warm Alabama climate that we can grow vegetables almost year round. Many vegetables we grow in the summer are well adapted for fall harvest and even further into the fall and winter if protected from frost, examples of these are tomatoes and peppers.



Many cool-season vegetables, such as carrots,

broccoli, cauliflower, collards and Brussels sprouts, produce their best flavor and quality when they are maturing during cool weather. In Alabama, the spring temperatures often heat up quickly causing vegetables such as lettuce and spinach to bolt (flower) or develop a bitter flavor. This is why planting these veggies late in the summer or early fall when we are transitioning to cooler temps is more ideal than in the spring.

Growing a productive fall vegetable garden requires thoughtful planning and good cultural practices. In Alabama, August and Sep-

tember are the ideal months for planting a fall garden.

For a more accurate planting schedule, determine the average date of the first killing frost in the fall, and then count backward from the frost date, using the number of days to maturity to determine the best time to plant in your area.

Alabama summers can be hot and dry, and soils may form a hard crust. If you choose to plant your fall veggies from seed you must be careful to keep the soil moist. Incorporating organ-



ic matter into the soil will help add nutrients and also break up the hard crust that has developed throughout the summer, particularly in heavy clay soil. Lettuce and spinach seeds will not germinate if the soil temperature exceeds 85 degrees F so for these you



may need to wait a bit longer before sowing or plant from transplants. Also remember to mulch the garden to moderate moisture levels as September and October are our driest months with very little rainfall.

You can extend your summer vegetable crop and your semi-hardy vegetables on into the fall and winter easily by protecting them from frost.

In Alabama, we often enjoy several weeks of good growing conditions after the first frost. Cover



growing beds, rows or individual plants with burlap or a floating row cover supported by stakes or wire to keep the material from directly touching the plants.

Why Baby Carrots Are Killing You

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



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COMMITTEE REPORTS



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



SEPTEMBER 3 Planting, Managing, and Harvesting a Winter Vegetable Garden w/Mike Forster 2012

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



NOVEMBER 5, Making Your Own Terrarium, w/Laurice Goorley 2007

**All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series:
Kudzu Bug Takes Over the Southeastern U.S./
Brown Marmorated Stinkbug -- All Bad
Friday, September 5 at 1:00 pm CDT**

Link: https://learn.extension.org/events/1379#.U9_sQPIdUQN

Learn about two new invasive insects, the kudzu bug and the brown marmorated stinkbug, in this webinar presented by Dr. Michael Toews, Associate Professor of Entomology, University of Georgia, Tifton, GA; and Dr. Tracy Leskey, Research Entomologist, USDA ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Laboratory, Kearneysville, WV. Moderated by Willie Datcher, Regional Extension Agent, Alabama Cooperative Extension System.



COMMITTEE REPORTS



PLANT SALE COMMITTEE

Karin Carmichael 2005, Chair

As discussed at the August CCMGA meeting, the Plant Sale Committee has already begun to work on next year's sale. We are always looking for new ideas to improve and simplify the entire process of preparing for this sale. The following points are very important for the fall season so that we can better prepare for the spring.

Fall is the best time to dig, separate and pot perennials for next spring. We have a couple of digs already planned so if you need help, contact Karin Carmichael (jkcarmi@bellsouth.net) to get on the list.

Plant Parents are needed to care for plants that are already potted. This commitment would extend from the fall until the Plant Sale. Plants obtained closer to the Plant Sale will also need Parents.

Team leaders are needed for these remaining plant categories: Trees & Shrubs, Ground Covers, Bulbs and Pass Alongs.

Inexpensive, lightweight (plastic) pots are needed for container gardens. The end of summer is a great time to pick up bargains at discount and big box stores.

Now is the time that a lot of plants are on clearance. They may look hopeless but still have some life in them.

- We need potting soil for our fall plantings. It can be dropped off at Karin's house or brought to the September meeting. Any size and any quality is acceptable.
- The list of plants that are most needed will appear in the September Mid-Month Prairie Mud.

If you have any suggestions to help improve the Plant Sale, please don't hesitate to let the committee know what you think.

We appreciate everything that you do!



COMMITTEE REPORTS



Plant Sale Committee Group
Leaders & Responsibilities

(Open)

Continued from previous page

PLANTS Karin Carmichael	VENUES Dianne Bush	EQUIPMENT Mike Forster	VOLUNTEERS (Open)	PUBLICITY Eileen Webb
Locating	Ask A MG	Wagons	Transport	Magazines
Digging	Cashier	Tables	Plants	Newspapers
Potting	Garden Shop	Chairs	Set Up	TV/Radio
Buying	Hospitality	Sound System	Plant Sales	Flyers
Labeling	Kid's Corner		Check Out	Posters
Pricing	Seminars		Clean Up	
Adoption	Signs			
Inventory				

GOVERNOR'S MANSION

JANE MCCARTHY, CHAIR - CAMGA

"With the help of many dedicated Master Gardeners, we are making great progress in the gardens at the Governor's Mansion. The scraggly Knock-out roses that CAMGA moved to the Perry Street fence line back in November are doing very well. The Secret Garden has been weeded and pruned several times and is starting to look quite tidy. The dwarf crepe myrtles in the Guest House garden were pruned to 6" and are now 4' of pure color. The poolside sago palms with severe cold damage were pruned back and are now off the patio and are far less threatening. We have started taking cuttings from certain hydrangeas, dividing perennials, and planning for the future.

There is a master list of all our volunteers at the security gate so if you have worked in the gardens, you are on the list at the Finley St gate. If you are interested in joining us at the Governor's Mansion, please give me a call (221-9936) and you will be put on the master list. Bring your hand tools and join us any Monday 8-12. And yes, we will work on Labor Day...weather permitting.

Many thanks for all the help...you all certainly make Monday mornings very enjoyable...Jane"



COMMITTEE REPORTS



CCMGA Bylaw & Constitution Proposed Revisions

To CCMGA Voting Members, please review the attached proposed bylaws and constitution revisions (additions in red and deletions noted by strike through).

The purpose of these changes are:

- To ensure that our Bylaws and Constitution more accurately reflect our actual functioning;
- To define the existing CCMGA membership categories in the Constitution, including the new Emeritus category, instead of only referencing them; and
- To revise the responsibilities of the Fundraising Committee to be more applicable to the needs of those committees that actually raise funds.

We encourage you to contact any member of the Bylaws Revision Committee listed below with your questions so that we will be prepared to vote on these changes at the September meeting.

Use these links to open the two documents under review.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/document_2_.pdf

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/ConstitutionRevisions_81714.pdf)

[ConstitutionRevisions_81714.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/ConstitutionRevisions_81714.pdf)

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Karin Carmichael jkcarmi@bellsouth.net, 334-271-3084 (h) 334-207-3409 (c)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



REGULAR VOLUNTEER HOURS

ARE AVAILABLE WEEKLY

**Every Monday at the
Governors Mansion**

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

**Every Thursday at
MPS Arboretum**

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**

Directory Changes

Please update your directory with
the following change.

New Email Address

Margaret Cooley

memarte777@gmail.com

If you have any changes to your current 2014
directory info, let us know. Send the changes to:

Suzanne Reaves or Jane Shalhoop

Suzanne.Reaves@hotmail.com

jshalhoop@bellsouth.net

SOUTHERN REGION MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

OCT. 21 – 24, 2014.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE TO GET
MORE INFORMATION**

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

**Master
Gardener**



ANNOUNCEMENTS



NOTICE!!

CCMGA SILENT AUCTION 2014

is just around the corner!

As one of our major annual fundraiser events, a 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



What's Your Southern Football IQ?

Kick off football season by testing your pigskin smarts. P.S. We promise not to tell how many times it takes you to get a touchdown-worthy score.

Take the Quiz

<http://www.southernliving.com/travel/test-your-southern-football-iq-question-1?iid=newsletter-sl-082614>



**Pet Owners
Recommended Website**

There are hundreds of pet food recalls every year and you need to know about them in order to protect your four legged family member.

With name brand pet food and products being made in poorly regulated countries like China, Bangladesh and worse, It is important to know when the one you are using is recalled.

This site will alert you to recalls as they are announced, not 4 weeks later when it finally makes the news.

<http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recalls/>



EDITORIAL COMMENTARY



DEFINING OUR MISSION AND OUR PURPOSE; AS I SEE IT

Jerry Belcher, Editor

I have had any number of conversations with members concerning the reasons a volunteer organization needs to raise 'so much money'. I also understand that not every member has the same vision of CCMGA as everyone else. MG is a very large umbrella and it is never the same thing to all people. Our individual membership and personal participation is what we as individuals make it. MG is nationwide and the one underlying theme that unifies state is volunteering. All 50 mission statements are the same, although they may vary in detail:

Auburn / Alabama A&M Mission Statement:

The Alabama Master Gardener Volunteer Program is an educational outreach program provided and administered by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Univ. of California, Davis, Mission Statement

The objectives of the Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County, a volunteer organization, are to support the educational activities of the University of California Cooperative Extension and to operate for scientific and educational purposes, promoting horticultural education and service to the community and provide continuing horticulture enrichment for members.

Our Mission:

To develop, adapt and extend research-based horticultural information and educational programs to the residents of Santa Clara County.

Our Goals:

- Have a research-based and educational component for all Master Gardener activities.
- Increase Master Gardener outreach to and participation by our multicultural community.
- Provide horticultural enrichments to all Master Gardener volunteers.
- Focus on high priority projects to optimize Master Gardener efforts

CCMGA's mission is to educate the citizens of Montgomery County. Until recently we were incapable of achieving that mission in a meaningful way, because we could not afford to self fund large projects. The Board of Directors is working on developing major projects that will require expenditures of our funds and will impact our community. Any member suggestions or ideas for meaningful projects are welcomed.

We are not a social organization although I enjoy the social interaction of being a member of CCMGA. We do have a mission and it requires funding to fulfill that ongoing mission. The larger the funding the deeper our outreach. FYI - No matter what the situation is, the statement "We have too much money" is ever a truism. In no aspect of our personal or business lives is that an accurate statement. It just does not compute. 😊



ALABAMA NATIONAL FAIR



Kiwanis Club of America

61st Annual

Small-Standard Flower Show

October 3-13, 2014

Presented by the Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs

The Federation of Garden Clubs is requesting that Master Gardeners enter **horticulture** and/or **container grown plants** in the Federation of Garden Clubs Fall Flower Show at the Fair. The Fair will run from October 3-13, 2014. A schedule can be downloaded by accessing the Fair's website at www.alnationalfair.org for rules under Competitions tab. The first schedule for bringing entries will be 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2014 in the Alabama Agricultural Center. You will be asked to have your entries previously identified on an entry tag that will be available at the MG September meeting or through the Fair. **Cut horticulture** specimens will be accepted Friday, October 3, 2014 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and again on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Entries for the second show will be accepted Wednesday, October 8, 2014, from 7:30-9:30 a.m. The second show is cut specimens only. They run the gamut from cut flowers from annuals, cut flowers from herbaceous perennials, cut flowers from bulbous structures, herbs, cut decorative foliage, flowering vines, arboreal flowering branches of a woody shrub or trees, non-flowering or foliage branch from an evergreen tree or shrub, roses, flowering container grown plants (1st show only), foliage container grown

plants (1st show only) cactus, succulent or bromeliad (1st show only).

Container grown specimens will be entered only once in the show: Thursday, October 2, 2014 and must remain for the entire show.

Master Gardeners have entered some wonderful specimens in the past. Entering specimens in the Flower Show is a great way for Master Gardeners to highlight their expertise of Horticulture by exhibiting the plants they have grown. There will be class awards of first, second, third and fourth place designations. A specimen winning a Section Award will win a top award which is a ribbon with rosettes.

All of the judges of the flower show are drawn from a list of certified flower show judges or student judges who have met specific requirements for judging. The judges come from all over the State of Alabama and other states as well.

Please join the Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs in supporting the Flower Show at the Fair. Feel free to call any member listed in the Flower Show Schedule for further information. If you do not know the name of a specimen, someone will assist you in identification prior to the day of entry. All entries will be checked for specific genus, species and cultivar name prior to being placed in the show.



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 for rules under Competitions tab
For additional information contact Rose Winkler 334-270-0884

AMGA FALL SEMINAR

AMGA 2014

Fall Seminar

September 16, 2014

9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lake Guntersville

State Park

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



Registration: \$25

Payable to:

**Marshall County Master
Gardeners (MCMG)**

Send Registration

and Check to:

Wilma Tanner

80 Ensley Drive

Arab, AL 35016

800-548-4553

Seminar Sessions...

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

Lodging:

Lake Guntersville
State Park Lodge
1155 Lodge Drive
Guntersville, AL 35976

Reservations:

256-571-5440

800-548-4553

www.alapark.com/lakeguntersville

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FLOYD'S FEED & SEED

The 2014 Fall Gardening Extravaganza

will be held at the
Betty Carol Graham Technology Center
located on the campus of
Central Alabama Community College
1675 Cherokee Road
in
Alexander City, Alabama



The Betty Carol Graham Technology Center (X)
is on east side of campus. Parking for the
building will be on the left just past the pond.

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

Robert "Buddy" Lee, the inventor of Encore® Azalea, the world's best-selling re-blooming azalea, has more than 30 years' experience in nursery management, breeding, propagation, and new plant development. Buddy currently serves as Director of Plant Innovations for Plant Development Services (PDSI), the introducers of Encore® Azalea, the Southern Living® Plant Collection, and the new Sunset Western Garden Collection. Buddy resides in Independence, Louisiana.



Lois Trigg Chaplin is the Director of Marketing for Bonnie Plants and lifelong vegetable and herb gardener. She studied horticulture and entomology at the University of Florida. She loves to exchange tips and tales about plants with other gardeners. After her first career as garden editor of *Southern Living* magazine for 13 years, she went solo for 20 years, communicating gardening in print, web, TV, and on stage for companies, publications, and garden brands. Lois is also author of multiple books, including the best-selling *Southern Gardener's Book of Lists*.



Steve Bender is a senior writer for *Southern Living*, where he has been since 1983. In that time, he's produced such well-known books as *Passalong Plants*, *The Southern Living Garden Book*, and the *Southern Living Landscape Book*, and is rumored to be the true author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. His humorous articles emphasize that gardening is supposed to be fun, no matter how many expensive plants you accidentally destroy along the way. His popular blog, "The Grumpy Gardener," answers each and every gardening question with 100% accuracy. Steve lives in Hoover, Alabama with his beautiful wife, Judy. He is currently working on a revision of the *Southern Living Garden Book* that is due out in January 2015.



Fall Gardening Extravaganza

Friday, October 10th

- 8:30 a.m. **Arrival / Registration**
- 9 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:15 a.m. **Robert "Buddy" Lee**
"New Plant Explosion"
- 10:15 a.m. **Lois Trigg Chapman**
"Eat Your Way Around the House"
- 11:15 a.m. **Recognize Sponsors**
- 11:30 a.m. **Catered Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. **Steve Bender**
"Grumpy's Deadly Garden Plagues"
- 1:30 p.m. **Jason Powell**
"Reliable Plants for the Fall Garden"
- 2:30 p.m. **Conclusion**

Jason Powell, along with his wife Shelley, and parents Arlie and Gwen Powell own and operate Petals From the Past nursery in Jemison, Alabama. His nursery specializes in antique roses, heirloom shrubs and hard to find perennial flowers, herbs, and fruit crops. Since starting Petals From the Past in 1994, Jason and his wife Shelley have applied contemporary techniques in growing the finest old-garden plants along with new varieties. Jason holds a master's degree in horticulture from Texas A&M University.



Event Registration

\$15 per Person
(Includes Lunch)

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 3, 2014

Name:

Address:

City: State:

Phone Number:

e-mail:

Total Amount Enclosed:

Submit Registration Form and Payment to:

Tallapoosa County Extension Office
125 N. Broadnax Street, Room 23
Dadeville, AL 36853

Make check payable to:
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

To register online or for more information,
visit www.aces.edu/Tallapoosa. Registration
also available by calling 256-825-1050.





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.

There appears to be a common thread or theme to previous September Meetings

September, 2013 - 1 year ago

September was a very busy month; at Lunch & Learn Maggie Stringer gave a presentation on herbs. The AMGA Fall Conference, The Giving Garden was held at Taylor Road Baptist Church. The Pike Road Crafts Fair Committee was holding monthly work days. Lilly's Garden Committee were meeting, gardening and preparing its presentation for the AMGA 2014 Search for Excellence Award. Our monthly meeting included a road trip to The Waters for our program on Growing Citrus by Andrew Gerachis. We ended the month with Felder Rushing giving two presentations. All in all, not a bad month!

September, 2012 - 2 years ago

Our meeting speaker was Linda Franzo. In a memorial article in the Mud, we said our good byes to Chris Brown a true Montgomery treasure.

September, 2011 - 3 years ago

Suzanne recognized Judy Youngblood who reminded us to be thinking about the plants we want to exhibit at the Alabama National Fair Horticulture Exhibition in October. Judy hasn't been able to attend our meetings in quite a while and it was wonderful to have her with us. At our September 20th meeting bring clippings from your yard and Chris Shoup will give us pointers on the do's and don'ts for fair exhibits. Exhibition forms were passed out and more instructions will be in our newsletter.

Editor's note: As CCMGA individual members we need to support this annual flower show, if for no other reason than it is the Montgomery Flower Show. If you are interested please contact Chris Shoup or Laurice Goorley for entry details.

September, 2010 - 4 years ago

Please plan to bring a specimen of horticulture from your garden or your neighbors (appropriately labeled) to the next meeting. At this meeting we will have a demonstration of flower show activities. If you have never entered a flower show, but would like to know the ins and outs of how this is done please plan to come.

August, 2009 - 5 years ago

Ready, Set, Grow!

Harvest Festival 2009

Saturday, September 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and

Sunday, September 20, 2009, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

"And the winner is..." is what you will hear at our September 23, 2008 meeting at Vaughn Park Church of Christ. This will be our annual CCMGA Flower Show. It is not a matter of having the most perfect blossom or other fancy plant specimen to enter the show or even be a winner

Maggie Stringer, President

September, 2007 - 7 years ago

On Tuesday, September 18, at 10:00, during the monthly meeting, the CCMGA Horticulture Show will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Vaughn Road Church of Christ.

Mary Eleanor Hines, President

September, 2006 - 8 years ago

The meeting will be held at Grace Episcopal Church. Martha Barber of the Alabama National Fair will present how to compete for horticultural awards at the fair. Followed by a tour of the church gardens led by Karen Weber.



To Do's IN THE AUGUST GARDEN

<https://store.aces.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13856&SeriesCode=&CategoryID=143&Keyword=>

Fruits and Nuts



New catalogs will be arriving soon.

Start plans for future selection and plantings.

Take soil test for new planting areas.

Fertilize established strawberry plantings.

Shrubs



Study landscape to determine plant needs.

Check early varieties of camellias.

You may want to replace those damaged in spring by late freezes.

After fall growth is completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.

Lawns



Plant seed of winter grasses where situation prevents planting permanent grasses.

Winter seeds will appear soon.

Stop fertilization three weeks before frost.

Roses



Protect fall crops of blossoms from aphids and thrips.

Keep plants healthy.

Annuals and Perennials

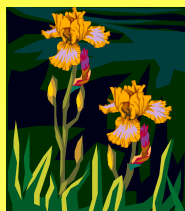


Last chance for planting perennials and biennials.

Old clumps of perennials may be divided.

Plant peonies.

Bulbs



Spring-flowering bulbs may be planted late this month in north Alabama.

Delay planting in south Alabama.

Miscellaneous

Clean up infestations of insects on azaleas, camellias, boxwoods, gardenias, hollies, etc.

If oil spray is needed, don't use in freezing weather.

Build compost bin or box; leaves will be falling soon.

Move houseplants indoors.

Vegetable Seeds and Vegetable Plants



Plant hardy vegetables and root crops.

Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, celery, Brussels sprouts and onion sets.

**It is okay to be angry.
It is never okay to be
cruel.**



BITS, PIECES AND LINKS



About GARDENING



Marie Iannotti
your Guide to
Gardening

Has mildew made an appearance in your garden yet this year? That's what I'm hearing from a lot of you. Don't let it get the best of you. If it's just starting, you can pull out the old baking soda remedy recipe. But for the past few years, I've been turning to milk. It stops mildew in its tracks and doesn't harm leaves. Mix up a batch.

[Milk for Powdery Mildew Control](#)

[Baking Soda Powdery Mildew Recipe](#)

3 Reasons You Need a Nursery Bed



<http://gardening.about.com/od/gardenmaintenance/fl/3-Reasons-You-Need-a-Nursery-Bed.htm?nl=1>



Video: How to Maximize Efficiency in Your Garden

Want to get more enjoyment from gardening? Watch this video! You'll learn the proper



way to use gardening tools, which will lessen the likelihood of injury as you weed, rake and dig. There's even a hammer exercise that will help you get stronger.

http://gardening.scout.com/story/1428113-how-to-maximize-efficiency-in-gardens?s=138&utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=gardening_newsletter_081914



VIDEO: HOW TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN BIRDBATHS



<http://gardening.scout.com/story/1433540-video-how-to-clean-and-maintain-birdbaths?s=138>



FOTHERGILLA

Nancy Rose **Contributor**

Fothergillas are handsome native shrubs with excellent multi-season appeal.



Common name: Fothergilla or witch alder

Botanical name: Fothergilla spp.

Plant type: Deciduous shrub

Zones: 4 to 9

Height: 2 to 10 feet

Family: Hamamelidaceae

Garden notes

All of the fothergillas make excellent components in mixed shrub beds or combined with herbaceous perennials and flowering bulbs.

Plant fothergillas near a door, window, walkway or patio where you'll be able to smell the sweetly fragrant flowers in spring.

Fothergillas like a humusy soil, so work in plenty of organic matter before planting.

<http://gardening.scout.com/story/1433521-fothergilla?s=138>



CCMGA CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2014

Asters

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 31	1	2	3	4	5	
			Lunch & Learn Planting, Managing, and Harvesting a Winter Vegetable Garden w/ Mike Forster		Bug Webinar Kudzu Bugs 1:00 PM CDT	
7	8	9	10	11	12	
			 Shakespeare 			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		AMGA Fall Conference Lake Guntersville 9:00a - 2:30p	 Shakespeare 	Lilly's Garden Workday 9am		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			 Shakespeare 			
28	29	30	October 1	2	3	
			 Shakespeare 			

EVENTS & OCCASIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

3RD - Lunch & Learn, Planting, Maintaining and
Harvesting a Winter Vegetable Garden,
W/Mike Forster pg. 5

5th - Bug Webinar - Kudzu & Stink Bugs pg. 5

16th - AMGA Fall Conference - Lake Guntersville
pg. 15 & 22

18th - 23rd Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic,
RTJ Capitol Hill, Prattville

23rd - CCMGA Monthly Meeting - Winter Vegetable
Garden w/Mike Forster

26th - Deadline for submissions to October Mud

Oct 10 - Fall Gardening Extravaganza pg. 15



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2014 YTD Volunteer Hours

6,340

EDU Hours

1,262

Contacts

26,011

2014 STATE RANKING

Volunteer Hrs. 4th

EDU 1st

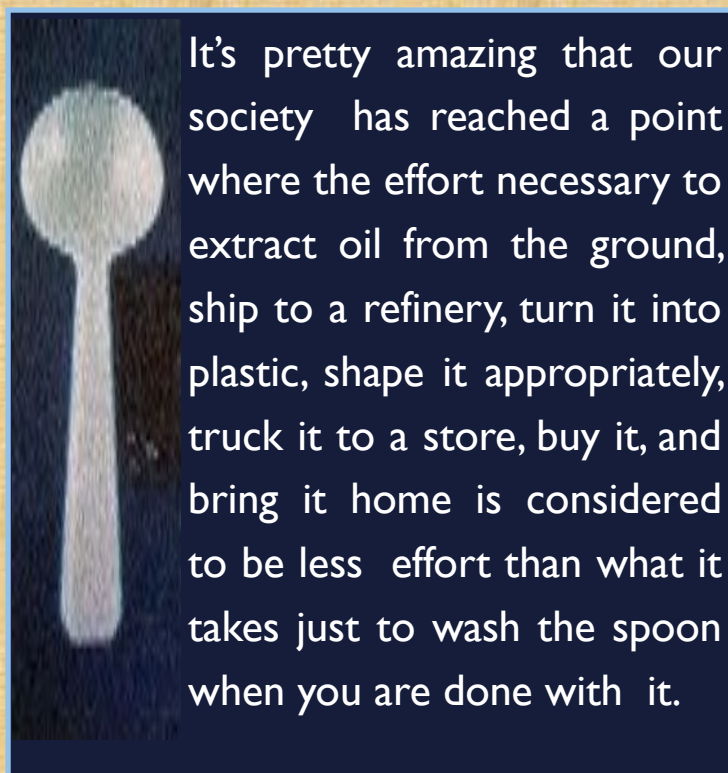
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**102 members out of 162 are
reporting their volunteer
hours YTD.**

**63% No change from
previous month**

Happy Birthday!

DAVID JONES	9/2
CINDY BERG	9/3
NELL COPELAND	9/5
BRENDA JORDAN	9/5
RENA RUSSELL	9/5
CATHY WHIGHAM	9/6
PEGGY DORMINEY	9/11
CAROLINE LAWSON	9/11
DIANNE BUSH	9/12
EARLINE CLARK	9/14
KATHERINE POOL	9/16
BRIAN COOLEY	9/20
JOYCE WILSON	9/21
KITTY HUFFAKER	9/23
TERESE GOODSON	9/24
EMILY FRYE	9/25
CHERYL HITCH	9/26
WAYNE HENDERSON	9/27



It's pretty amazing that our society has reached a point where the effort necessary to extract oil from the ground, ship to a refinery, turn it into plastic, shape it appropriately, truck it to a store, buy it, and bring it home is considered to be less effort than what it takes just to wash the spoon when you are done with it.

YOU KNOW THAT
LITTLE THING
INSIDE YOUR HEAD THAT
KEEPS YOU FROM SAYING THINGS
YOU SHOULDN'T?
**Yeah, I don't have
one of those.**

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 with any questions.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (please print legibly) _____

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 _____

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

(Use the back if necessary.)

AMGA Fall Seminar:
Wild About Our Back Yards- September 16, 2014

Name:

MGA Affiliation:

Address:

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

We encourage you to wear your official Master Gardener name tags.

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

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

Box Lunch Choices: ___ **Cold Cut Sandwich**
 ___ **Chicken Salad on croissants**
 ___ **Pulled Pork Barbeque on bun**

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

For more information contact:

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

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

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

Wilma Tanner
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* Refunds will be decided on a case by case basis and cannot be guaranteed after lunches are ordered.

