

## January 2015 Prairie Mud

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**January 23rd - Helpline Review Salad/Pizza Party- ACES Office, 11:30 - 1:00**

**January 24th - Hydroponic Gardening Workshop, Auburn**

**January 27th - CCMGA Monthly Meeting**

***Frazer UMC, 9:30 Social, 10:00 Business Meeting, no program. Your attendance is very important!***

**February 4th - Lunch and Learn, "All About Seeds"**

**April 24th - Plant Sale Prep Day**

***Help will be needed to price the plants and many other duties to prepare for the sale. Sign-up sheets will be available at future meetings.***

**April 25th - CCMGA Plant Sale at Frazer, 8-Noon.**

***Mark your calendar for volunteering at the sale.***

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### President's Message

Happy 2015 to all! I hope that your holidays were enjoyable and that you are ready for learning and new opportunities in the New Year. The Board of Directors met on January 15<sup>th</sup> and will be bringing news of exciting projects for us to be involved in during the year. I look forward to everyone becoming increasingly active in our volunteer projects.

I would like to thank Tom McLemore for his two years of serving as President of the organization. He, the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs did a superb job of moving the organization forward.

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While I have been successful in recruiting most of our committee chairs we still have a couple of vacancies. Maureen Emerson needs a co-chair for the MG class which is scheduled to begin February 12th. This involves setting up the room and grading tests for the interns. Once that is complete there is no requirement that the chair/co-chair remain for the duration of the class. It, however, is a good chance to sit in on the classes and refresh your memory on the topics! Another vacant position is the Education committee. Elaine Barron has agreed to coordinate the Lunch and Learn program, so this position would only be responsible for any additional seminars which we plan in the community.

If you haven't already paid your dues please do so before January 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure that you are included in the membership directory.

I look forward to working with each of you and ask for your continued support, suggestions and guidance. Hope to see you at our January meeting!

Margaret Cully

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## December Treasurer's Report prepared by Jan Gill

[View the Report](#)

### AMGA Garden Pathways Happenings

Here is your personal copy of the *Happening's* part of **Garden Pathways**. A hard copy of The Garden Pathways newsletter will be mailed directly to you sometime next week. The Conference insert for *the "Gardening ... Wow!"* spring AMGA *conference* will be included in the newsletter. Thank you all for your good work.

Ona Garwood

Editor

**Garden Pathways**

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## **New Awards Chairman- Marie Tomlin**

Marie Tomlin has agreed this year to chair the Awards Program for CMGA. The link below is a list compiled of people who have qualified for their next award. Please let Marie know no later than Monday Jan. 19, 2015 if you believe you are supposed to receive an award and do not see your name. Please note: If you are receiving a Silver Star and you never received your Bronze star, you will only receive the Silver Star. Karin Carmichael, past chair did an exceptional job in the past and we need to thank her for a job well done.



**Bronze Stars (100-299)**

Barbara Barnes	James Canerday	Joyce Wilson	Cecil Barnes
Julia Bounds	Peggy Funk	Rupert Wilson	Dave Toellnar
Emily Brown	Michael Jackson	Georgia Young	
Dixie Bryan	Janice Jackson	Cheri Youngblood	

**Silver Stars (300-499)**

Cynthia Berg	Sandra Ferguson	Vickie Raney
Erica Clark	Emily Frye	Dale Shepherd

**Gold Stars (500-999)**

Earline Clark	Reginald Gipson	Carolyn Love-Dorsey
Brenda Coleman	Martha Hicks	Cindy McKinzie
Michael Forster	Brenda Jordan	Anne Waldo

**Gold Badge  
(1,000-1,999)**

Ira Howard  
Jane Martin  
Debra Wakefield

**Platinum Badge  
(4,000-5,999)**

Laurice Goorley

## Plant Sale Request

The folks working on the succulent section of the plant would like to plant some small dish gardens. However, we need interesting or attractive containers that are shallow and small or medium sized. If you have empty pots in your garage

or elsewhere that might be suitable, please contact Barbara Witt at [wittbar1@gmail.com](mailto:wittbar1@gmail.com).

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### **From Mallory:**

Please spread the word to friends that we are in need of additional applicants for the upcoming Montgomery County Master Gardener intern class beginning in February. Please have them call the ACES office at [334-270-4133](tel:334-270-4133) as soon as possible if they are interested. We currently only have nine applicants and usually have close to twenty.

### **Dear Master Gardeners,**

As we start 2015, here are some general reminders for all Master Gardeners across the state.

\*Never give out Herbicide (plant killer) recommendations, unless it is in print from an .edu source.

\*When presenting information to the public, only give research based recommendations.

\*If monetary donations are received for a program or service, please donate it back to your local MG association.

\* Make sure you keep up with your hours in the system throughout the year if possible and remember to report contacts if you are the educator.

I am looking forward to a GREAT year with each of you! Wow, how busy already with great programs to help educate the community in which you live!

Keep up the great work!

Mallory

**We are having the annual.....**

Helpline Review and Pizza/Salad Party

Friday, January 23rd from 11:30-1:00 at the Montgomery County Extension office!

Please come with feedback on 2014 and we will talk about preparations for the Helpline in 2015. Even if you just worked it one time, we want you to come and those earning pins will be rewarded at this time!

Please call or email Lula Tyson if you plan to attend for a headcount on food!  
[334-270-4133](tel:334-270-4133) or [tysonlk@aces.edu](mailto:tysonlk@aces.edu)

I look forward to seeing you there!

Mallory Kelley

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**Margaret Cooley Health Update**

Phase one of Margaret's treatments went well. Phase two will be February 11th. She is doing good, just a little weak. She really enjoyed the cards she received.  
- Cindy McKenzie

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**Terese Goodson's Trip to the  
Atlanta Botanical Gardens**





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## **Aquaponics Workshop**

### **January 24, 9- Noon, Auburn**

[View Workshop Flyer Here](#)

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### **Sustainable in the City Workshop**

#### **Columbus Botanical Gardens, Feb 7, 10 - 2**

Where: 3603 Weems Road, Columbus, GA 31909

Cost: \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers

We will hear from University of Georgia Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, Wade Hutchinson about the Basics of Backyard Chickens. Learn how to get started, some key elements to think of before you start and the basics of a backyard flock management. The day will continue with a session on creating a Backyard Orchard. Our specialist will cover the basics of starting your own fruit-bearing plants in the urban setting. Which ones work best, how do you take care of them and problems you might encounter will be covered in this session. Join us for a delicious lunch on the grounds of the beautiful Columbus Botanical Garden brought to you by Cheerful Occasions. Continue learning in the afternoon with a session on Backyard Bees. It's



easy! Learn from the pros how you can support our precious pollinators by becoming a beekeeper and receiving the gift of honey as a bonus. Small changes can make big impacts in our environment. Come learn how to be a change-maker!

To register:

By phone contact Amy at [706-327-8400](tel:706-327-8400); Online at [columbusbotanicalgarden.org](http://columbusbotanicalgarden.org) or In person at 3603 Weems Road, Columbus, GA

### Prime Magazine Gardening Articles

Thank you to Cheryl Hitch for her article on Paper Whites submitted for publishing in the February Prime Magazine edition. To read her article (after February 1) and previous gardening articles written by CCMGA members in Prime Magazine, go to: <http://primemontgomery.com>



The Prairie Mud will be published monthly on the 15th of each month (or there about :). Please send photos and announcements to Eileen Webb at [capcitymga@gmail.com](mailto:capcitymga@gmail.com). If you have a flyer to submit, please make sure it is in a PDF format.

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