

March 2015 CCMGA Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendars!

March 17th CCMGA Monthly Meeting Scheduled Early This Month Only

Frazer UMC, 9:30 Social, 10:00 Program and Business Meeting

April 1st - Lunch and Learn, "Creative Twists on Container Gardening"

March 23, 24th, 25th A.M.G.A Spring Conference, Cullman,

April 16th BUS TRIP!! Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Garden Gallery and Aldridge Botanical Gardens in Hoover - Sign up at CCMGA meetings, form also attached with this newsletter

April 24th Plant Sale Prep Day

April 25th CCMGA Plant Sale at Frazer UMC, 7:30-Noon.

Our Speaker for the March 17th Meeting

Our speaker for Tuesday, March 17th is Sarah Barnett, daughter-in-law of Jan Gill, and owner of Mama Mocha's Emporium & Roasters in Auburn, Alabama. She will tell us all about coffee from the plant to the cup. Their website is

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

President's Message

Rain Rain GO AWAY! OK I know that we are still currently listed as being in a drought

state, however, it is Springtime and my yard needs some maintenance! I know most of you are feeling the same way...

We are just over a month away from the annual plant sale. I know that Suzanne and her team, Karin, Julia, Mike, Eileen, Betsy and Barbara are looking forward to all of their hard work culminating in another successful day. I know they need ALL of our help in one way or another to make that happen. If there are any particular concerns or questions you may have please come prepared to discuss those at our meeting Tuesday.

AMGA Convention is March 23rd-25th and I hope that you are planning to attend. I have cajoled my other half to travel with me and would love to introduce you to him!

All that said...Happy Spring!

Warm Regards,
Margaret

February 2015 Treasurer's Report prepared by Jan Gill

Jan also provided the Reimbursement/Payment Request Form to be completed if you incur out of pocket expenses related to CCMGA activities and need to be reimbursed by our treasurer.

February 2015 Minutes prepared by Brenda Coleman



2014 CCMGA Plant Sale

2015 Plant Sale News

Please bring bagged POTTING SOIL on the 17th.

- VOLUNTEERS are still needed. Please sign up on the 17th or email Julia Bounds.
- REMEMBER, the more unusual the PLANT, the better, even if you contribute only one specimen to the sale.
- PLANTS can be brought to the March 17th meeting if they are in pots and labeled as to kind, color, etc. April 15th is the deadline to drop off plants that are potted, labeled and in healthy condition at Karin's house.
- GARDEN ITEMS can also be dropped off at Karin's or Anna Owen's houses or brought to the March 17th meeting. Suggested items include plant stands, benches, furniture, ceramic & Eurocast pots, garden tools, statuary, birdhouses, watering cans, baskets, broken clay pots, garden stakes, trellises, fencing and anything rusty.

- PLANTS still needed include: fatsia, Shasta daisy, coneflower, amaryllis, ginger lily, ferns of all kinds, moon flower, crinum lily, coleus, hosta, ajuga, Asiatic jasmine, phlox, Autumn Joy Sedum, verbena, butterfly weed, Rex begonias, cleome, lemon grass, Stella d'Oro daylilies, Sweet Autumn clematis, Confederate Rose, Angel Trumpet, Cahaba lily, Flowering Almond, Nun's Orchid and Rose of Sharon, Mondo grass/dwarf & regular
- Don't forget the "10:00 Rule" – Master Gardeners may not purchase plants or garden items before 10:00 on Saturday.



MPS Arboretum March Work Schedule

Here is the March schedule for the M.P.S. Arboretum. Cindy and Brian would be grateful for any time that you could volunteer this month. It's going to get warmer and the

grounds are beautiful in the spring.

Terese Goodson, CCMGA

MPS Arboretum Children in Nature Chairperson

[View Arboretum Work Schedule Here](#)



Lilly's Garden Composting Class - February 25th

Volunteers from Lilly's Garden Committee brought a real hands on composting activity to Forest Avenue fourth graders. The students learned that caring for the land is a civic responsibility. Emphasis was placed on reducing the amount of trash we make and how we can reuse much of what we throw away. The students were introduced to our First Lady's first book—American Grown—which discusses Mrs. Obama's involvement in helping focus on American families living more healthy lifestyles by growing and eating their own produce. To the surprise of most, the current White House garden was planted by

children their own age, and that community gardens are a part of American history—that there were other gardeners that occupied the White House. The children were familiar with the Victory gardens grown around the country during WWII encouraged by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Once familiar with vocabulary used in composting, students were shown samples of household “trash” used in composting—i.e. biodegradable papers, leaves, grass clippings and kitchen scraps. They learned about the green and brown elements as well as air and water needed for a successful recipe for decomposition including what not to include in the compost pile.

The presenters displayed live samples of compost in various stages of decomposition for the students from scraps to finished compost ready to enrich the garden soil. For quick review, the volunteers “packed a lunch”. The children were asked about its contents -- what could and could not be included in the compost pile. And last, the children started their own compost pile in the new compost bin purchased for Lilly’s Garden.

Our presenters were Janice Jackson, Wilma Howard and Ann Oldham. Information on recycling and composting from the Clean City Commission was distributed to each student for follow up. A total of six fourth grade classes (136 students) were recipients of a very informative lesson on composting and the process of decomposition.

- Ann Oldham

CCMGA February 24th Meeting

Program on Ikebana by Laurice Goorley





Receiving Service Award Pins

Gold Star Recipients (500 - 999 Hours)



L-R Front Row: Ann Waldo, Brenda Jordan, Brenda Deramus-Coleman, Earline Clark, Cindy McKenzie.

Back Row: Martie Hicks, Mike Forster, Carolyn Love-Dorsey, Annie Smith

Silver Star Recipients (300 - 499 Hours)



L-R Dale Shepherd, Rena Russell, Vickie Raney, Emily Frye, Cindy Berg.

Bronze Star Recipients (100 - 299 Hours)



Front Row, L-R: Cheri Youngblood, Peggy Funk, Barbara Barnes, Joyce Wilson.

Back Row: Julia Bounds, Georgia Young, Martha Howard, Dixie Bryan, Emily Brown, Cecil Barnes, Janice Jackson, Michael Jackson, Emily Smith, Dave Toellner,

Gold Badge Recipients (1000- 1,999 Hours)

No Picture Available: Ira Howard, Jane Martin, Debra Wakefield

Platinum Badge Recipient (4000- 5,999 Hours)

Laurice Goorley



Catherine Maddox Lifetime Hours

Award

Suzanne Reaves



Intern of the Year Award

Janice Jackson



Prime Magazine Gardening Articles

Thank you to Lynette Morse for her article on American Monarch Butterflies submitted for publishing in the April Prime Magazine edition. To read her article (after April 1st) and previous gardening articles written by CCMGA members in Prime Magazine, go to: <http://primemontgomery.com/>

AMGA Pathways Newsletter Article

Thank you to Betsy Coley for writing and submitting the CCMGA Happenings article for the Spring AMGA Pathways edition.

Karen Carmichael Inducted into Lamp Hall of Fame



Karin Carmichael (1986-96) taught Honors Biology and Advanced Placement Biology at LAMP and helped coach the award-winning Science Team. Her students competed across the nation in Science Paper Reading, Science Olympiad and Science Fair. Since her retirement, Karin has become very active in the Capitol City Master Gardner Association.

Lunch And Learn March 4th
Backyard Tomatoes by Mallory
Kelley





April CCMGA Member Birthdays

Lyl Parker - April 4

Debbie Wakefield - April 8

Richard Moore - April 16

Cindy McKenzie April 17

Allan Weil - April 17

Dale Shepherd - April 25

Kim Hoover - April 28

Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Annual Daylily Sale, Saturday, April 14th

Santuck Flea Market, Dawn 'til Gone

[View Daylily Sale Flyer Here](#)



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