

April 2016 CCMGA Newsletter

THE • Prairie Mud •

Mark Your Calendars!

April 26 CCMGA Meeting,
Frazer UMC, 9:30 Social, 10:00

May 4th Lunch & Learn - "*Bloom Times, Year Round Color*"

Presenter: Terese Goodson
Armory Arts Learning Center, Noon to 1:00



President's Message

Happy Spring!

For those who were unable to make the bus trip you missed a really great day! Mary Eleanor and her team put together a full day a variety of gardens for us to visit. Our day began with a visit to Pat Dye's, Quail Hollow Garden where he led us on a tour of the MANY varieties of Japanese Maples he has planted and has for sale.

He joined us for lunch, his special chicken salad, several other salads, ham and cheese sliders and some tasty brownies. We then toured Davis Arboretum where we viewed the Native Alabama Plants, and later visited the Medicinal Garden where we had excellent presentations by Tia Gonzales and Dr Mitchell.

Did you know that chickweed was edible and medicinal? Just a nasty weed to me!!! To cap things off we had the opportunity to shop at Blooming Colors which is a lovely garden shop! For those on the trip you may count 3 ½ CEU and 4 ½ volunteer hours. I don't know about you but I have enjoyed the recent cool days and the breeze. Makes eliminating all those weeds a little more palatable. And no, I am not keeping the chickweed in my garden!

Thanks to everyone for their hard work on the very successful plant sale. Hope to see everyone at our April meeting on the 26th.

Warm Regards, Margaret

APRIL Meeting Program

April's meeting presentation will be Hal Smith from Wild Birds Unlimited in Auburn/Opelika. He will do a PowerPoint presentation about enjoying and feeding the birds.

CCMGA Bus Trip April 14th Coach Pat Dye's Quail Hollow Gardens





Auburn University Gardens





March 2016 Treasurer's Report
Prepared by Dave Toellner

Below is 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.

March 2016 Minutes
Prepared by Karin Carmichael

2016 CCMGA Plant Sale
A Great Day, Great Fun and a Great Success!







Central Alabama Master Gardener Plant Sale

May 7th

For more information see the flyer below.

EAT South Spring Soiree

May 14th

The EAT South Spring Soiree is being held on Saturday, May 14th from 5 to 9pm at the Jim Scott Lake House located on Lake Martin, AL. There will be 200 guests including sponsors, the general public and EAT South staff & board members. Guests will enjoy the acoustic talents of local musicians as they wander from one garden delight to another. In celebration of our local food revolution, many of the best Montgomery chefs, partnered with local farmers & producers will be creating inventive, delicious culinary delights with expertly curated wine pairings to ensure a memorable visit. At sunset, we will host a champagne toast on the lake front lawn lead by three inspirational Montgomery locals. There will also be a silent auction.

Tickets for this event are on sale through Eventbrite accessible through our website at: <http://www.eatsouth.org>

Tickets are \$250 per couple or \$150 per individual guest.

Prime Magazine Gardening Articles

Thank you to Susan O'Conner, one of our current interns, for her article on Fairy Garden preparations, entitled "Move in Ready" that will appear in May's Prime Magazine. To read her article (after May 1st) and also previous gardening articles written by CCMGA members in Prime Magazine, go to:

<http://primemontgomery.com/>

If you are interested in writing an article, please email Mary Jane McCracken at: mjmccracken@knology.net.

March CCMGA Meeting
Speaker Jimmy Smitherman
Critters in the Garden



Welcome Back Chris Henderson!



Reminder! Record Your Hours

<https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/>



Capital City
Master
Gardener
Association
Montgomery, Alabama

The Prairie Mud will be published monthly on the 15th. Please send photos and announcements to Eileen Webb at capcitymga@gmail.com. If you have a flyer to submit, please make sure it is in a PDF format.

This publication would not be possible without the help from our photographers Janice Jackson and Carolyn Dorsey . Thank you to Sara Brown for seeing that printed copies are mailed each month to those requesting them.

Copyright © 2016 Capital City Master Gardener Association, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this e-mail as a member of the Capital City Master Gardener Association.

Our mailing address is:

Capital City Master Gardener Association
Eastmont Shopping Plaza, 5340 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, AL 36109

[Add us to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

The MailChimp logo is displayed in a white, cursive font on a dark grey rectangular background.