

## September 2016 CCMGA Newsletter

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### Mark Your Calendars!

**September 27** CCMGA Meeting - Program: Slide show of European gardens by Romae Bush and Jan Gill.

**September 29** AMGA Fall Conference, Birmingham

**October 4** - All About the Cullman Gourd Show, E.L. Lowder Library, 11:00 a.m.

**October 5** Lunch & Learn -Fruit Tree Selections for the Backyard  
Armory Arts Learning Center, Noon to 1:00

**October 7** Deadline to Preregister for 63 Annual Fall Flower Show, Alabama National Fair

**October 15,16** Alabama 2016 Gourd Show. Cullman, Al

**October 20** Concrete Draping, Gail Cotney's House, 10:00 to 12:30



### President's Message

Greetings All,

I know that we are all ready for Fall to arrive! I keep saying to myself, soon...please?

We are fast approaching the year end. Our Christmas luncheon is again scheduled at Wynlakes on December 13th. There was some misunderstanding at our last meeting about the silent auction. I want to make sure everyone knows, we WILL be having the auction. Please think about what you might have that you no longer want or need to contribute. There is nothing too small or large (well, maybe) to contribute. Remember, the proceeds go to support our Spring bus trip. More details will follow soon. We also will be identifying Nominating Committee members and will need to identify potential Board members for a vote in November. Please consider volunteering to serve if you are contacted!

Our meeting in September will be presented by Jan Gill and Romae Bush, and is a power point presentation of European Gardens. Sounds like a great show! Hope everyone stays well! See you soon.  
Margaret



**Draped Concrete Workshop**

**October 20th, 10-12:30, Gail Cotney's Home**

Please note that Gail's cell phone number has been corrected in the in the revised flyer below.

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/DrapedConcretePlanterWorkshop.docx.pdf>

**August CCMGA Meeting**

**Rain Gardens by Ashley Henderson**





**August Lunch & Learn**  
**The Art of Bonsai by Rhona Watson**





### **Prime Magazine Gardening Articles**

Thank you to Martha Skelley, an intern in the 2016 class for her article for October, entitled [RAISED WITH THE VIOLETS](#). To read her article (after October 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](mailto:mjmccracken@knology.net). We have enough articles for the rest of this year but are in need of articles for 2017. Please consider submitting an article on your favorite plant, garden topic or memorable gardening experience.



## **Montgomery Botanical Garden Update**

**by Betsy Coley**

Thank you to Betsy Coley for submitting the following article for the upcoming AMGA Garden Pathways newsletter.

Capital City Master Gardeners Association (CCMGA) continues to be involved in the development of the Montgomery Botanical Gardens (MBG) at Oak Park. CCMGA has a strong presence on the Board of Directors and our members assist in various ways, such as financial support, planning, and labor.

Recent additions to MBG are a gravel pathway and signage in the Southern Garden. (See photo.) The signs indicate how various sections will be developed.

One aspect of MBG that Master Gardeners are particularly excited about is the new greenhouse. Members have assisted in the construction of the framework. The next phase will be running various utility lines and then spreading crushed rock on the floor. After that is complete, the tables and shelves will be brought in. The covering will be added when the Master Gardeners are ready to use the greenhouse.

Most importantly the MBG board of directors will be compiling a Greenhouse Operations Plan to organize and manage the access and use of the greenhouse and insure oversight of any plant materials inside when it is placed in service.



Members in Action at Shakespeare Garden Work Day



### Free Presentation at the E.L. Lowder Library

**October 4th 11:00 a.m.,**

"The Cullman Gourd Show, What to Expect." This presentation is sponsored by the Lonicera Garden Club. See the flyer below for more information. The 2nd link is to the website about the Alabama 2016 Gourd Show on October 15, 16 in Cullman/

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/images/afc82fca-aab2-4757-a795-1ff5d4e4dd1a.jpg>

Alabama Gourd Society Website

[http://alabamagourdsociety.org/html/2016\\_show.html](http://alabamagourdsociety.org/html/2016_show.html)

### It's That Time Again! Membership Renewal

See the link below for the 2017 Membership Renewal Form:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/2017\\_MembershipForm\\_09222016.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/2017_MembershipForm_09222016.pdf)

### Alabama National Fair October 28 - November 6, 2016 63rd Annual Small-Standard Flower Show



In early September we will have all the forms to view and/or print on the Alabama National Fair website <http://www.alnationalfair.org>

Horticulture Division competition entries are open to the public.

We have two new features this year:

1. The Photography Division Competition; Pre-registration is required by October 6, 2016 and is open to the public.
2. A Creative & Traditional Floral Design and Technique Demonstration presented twice: Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 5, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. - Noon.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Regards

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President of Lonicera Garden Club

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### **CCMGA Clothing Orders**

If you are interested in ordering any CCMGA clothing, now is the time to order. Kitty Simpson is taking orders this month. You may bring your orders to our next CCMGA meeting on September 27, 2016 or by September 30. We have included the order form and some pictures of the clothing items shown at our last CCMGA meeting.



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**Intern Birthdays:** Please send me yours if not listed:

Susan O'Connor - April 24th

Tom Ringenberg - October 9th

### **Reminder! Record Your Hours**

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



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