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December 2016 CCMGA Newsletter

## Mark Your Calendars!

**January 1** Happy New Year! 2017

**January 4** Lunch & Learn -What is a Master Gardener, Armory Arts Learning Center, Noon to 1:00

**January 24** CCMGA Meeting

**February 18th - Green Thumb Pruning Seminar**

**March 6 HELPLINE!** Something new - Volunteer hours AND an extra bonus. Plan to join the Helpers on Mondays and Sign Up!

**May 1-3** 2017 AMGA Annual Conference in Huntsville, AL

Count Your Hours: Printable Card Side 1 and Printable Card Side 2



## President's Message

Greetings All,

If you missed the Christmas Luncheon, I began with a quotation by Marcel Proust "Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

This is the last message that I will write to you as your former President, and his quote is very much how I feel about all of you. I have truly been blessed to serve an organization whose many members are the driving force of their great works. So many people give their time and knowledge on a regular basis to make our group work its special magic in so many places in Montgomery.

If you have not heard, I presented the President's Award to Karin Carmichael. She not only has supported me over the past two years, but this organization has so very much to thank her for, her work to increase revenue in the plant sale, her work to represent us at the State AMGA level, and her work on local projects. That said, she also is on the Board of the Montgomery Botanical Gardens and the Clean Water Commission. We all have much to THANK Karin for!!! I would like to thank you all for the generous Gift Card. I look forward to Spring and shopping at Southern Homes and Gardens!

In closing, I wish you all a safe and Blessed Christmas and the very best New Year. I look forward to seeing you in 2017!

Warm Regards, Margaret

## **Congratulations to our 2017 Officers**



L-R: Dave Toellner, Treasurer, Cindy Berg, Vice President, Julia Bounds, Secretary, and Janine Koslofsky, President.

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## **CCMGA Christmas Luncheon - December 13, 2016**







2016 Master Gardener Intern Graduates:

L-R: Jean Szabo, Charlene Beach, Janlyn Diggs, Claire Hubbard, Janell Diggs, Martha Skelly, Cynthia Harper, Jean Ducady, Cathy Kleinmann, Susan, O'Conner, Ruth Padgett, Lee Eaddy, Ann Eaddy, Tom Ringenberg

## Upcoming Lunch and Learn Programs

**January 4** Lunch & Learn -What is a Master Gardener by Mallory Kelley, Horticulturist, ACES

**February 1** Lunch & Learn - Making my Garden Organic by Lee and Amanda Borden, Master Gardeners

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## Governor's Mansion Volunteers



L-R Seated: Peggy Funk,  
L-R Standing: Mirenda Tatum, Jean Szabo,

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**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.

## Congratulations CCMGA Award Recipients



Intern with highest number of hours earned - Claire Hubbard



CCMGA Member with highest number of hours earned for 2016 - Carolyn Love Dorsey



President's Award - Karin Carmichael

Catherine Maddox Award (Most Cumulative Hours for CCMGA Member) -  
Laurice Goorley (Not pictured)

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## **Prime Magazine Gardening Articles**

We are in need of articles for 2017 so please consider authoring a gardening story or topic. You may email Mary Jane McCracken at: [mjmccracken@knology.net](mailto:mjmccracken@knology.net) if you are interested.

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## **Upcoming Montgomery Master Gardener Classes Announcement**

*Please pass on the information below from Mallory Kelley to anyone you know who may be interested in attending the upcoming intern classes in Montgomery.*

Do you love to grow fruit or vegetables or maybe flowers and herbs? If so, we would like you to consider the Master Gardener course this coming spring. The Montgomery County Extension Office is offering the Master Gardener Volunteer Program, but space is limited! Classes will be held every Thursday starting February 16<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-2:00pm

at the Montgomery County Extension Office on Atlanta Highway (the old probate office) and applications will be accepted through Friday, January 27th.

The Master Gardener Program is a nationwide Extension Education Program designed for non-professionals with interest in increasing their gardening skills and helping others with the knowledge they have gained.

The program will consist of in-class training for 12 consecutive weeks. After completing the courses, the Master Gardener interns will be expected to give 10 hours of service to the Master Gardener Helpline and 40 hours of volunteer service to Extension and/or their community in horticulture education.

Examples of volunteer efforts include: Talking to Garden Clubs, community garden projects, outdoor school projects and educational workshops just to name a few. The courses on gardening will be taught by specialist, county agents, and veteran Master Gardeners on subjects such as: Soils and Plant Nutrition, Plant Physiology, Plant Propagation, Care of Landscape Plants, Landscape Design, Lawn Care, Weed Identification, Vegetable Gardening, Herbs, Composting, and many more.

The fee associated with this class is \$150, that includes all course materials, and your lunch is provided by the Capital City Master Gardeners each week. For an application please contact the Montgomery County Extension Office at (334) 270-4133 or online at:

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1155/ANR-1155.pdf>

### **"To Prune or Not to Prune"**

#### **Free Pruning Seminar**

**February 18th 10:00 a.m.**

#### **Green Thumb Nursery**

The end of February and first of March is a great time to prune most but not all of your trees and shrubs. Charles Harwell will give hands on demonstration of pruning various plants.

Green Thumb Nursery  
Charles Harwell's Pruning Seminar-Free  
Saturday, Feb 18, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.  
4211 Troy Highway, Montgomery, AL 36116  
334-288-1414

### **Did you do it??**

#### **Membership Renewal**

See the link below for the 2017 Membership Renewal Form

Get your form in as soon as possible to get your name and address included in the 2017 membership directory.

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

### **Communications - Who to Call**

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[janice.jackson.al@gmail.com](mailto:janice.jackson.al@gmail.com) or phone her at 271-1549 or 462-3000.

**New Address:** Debbie Wakefield. 7256 Brisbane Place, Montgomery, AL 36117

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**Brenda Jordan's Email in 2016 Directory is incorrect**

**Correct Email:** Brenda Jordan - [BJMJ73@gmail.com](mailto:BJMJ73@gmail.com)

**Susuan Enzweiler New Email Address:** [smenz59@gmail.com](mailto:smenz59@gmail.com)

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

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



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