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Mark Your Calendars!

- January 14** Small Fruits in the Home Garden 10:30-12:00 [Petals from the Past](#)
- January 24** CCMGA Meeting - Business Meeting
- January 28** Garden Design 10:30-12:00 [Petals from the Past](#)
- February 1** Lunch & Learn, Making My Garden Organic, Lee & Amanda Borden, Montgomery Armory
- February 2** Lunch and Learn (Prattville) Vegetable Garden Preparation, Amanda Borden, Christ Lutheran Church
- February 3** [Extension Webinar](#), 2:00, Don't Let Tramp Ants Take Over Your Home, Karen Vail
- February 14** Garden Club Valentine Tea 1:30-3:30 Young Meadows Presbyterian Church [FLYER](#)
- February 14** Lunch and Learn (Wetumpka) Pruning Pointers, Chip East, Elmore Co Ext Office
- February 18** Green Thumb Pruning Seminar, 10:00 [Harwell's Green Thumb Nursery](#)
- February 18** Attracting Birds with Native Plants, 10:30-12:00 [Petals from the Past](#)
- February 28** CCMGA Meeting
- 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](#)
- NOW and Ongoing - Renew Your Membership [FORM](#)**



President's Message

Happy New Year 2017!

I'm happy to say that Mother Nature put a little bit of a dent in our drought the past couple of days. Hopefully no one had any serious problems during the storm. I learned many years ago....but yes, since I've moved to Alabama, not to ever complain about rain! So despite driving home with my fists clenched on the steering wheel and trying to see through my thrashing windshield wipers, I continued to thank God for every drop. Let's hope the rain is a trend but maybe just a little gentler in the future. I hope you are all as excited as I am about CCMGA in 2017. Cindy Berg has given me some hints about our meeting programs and I know you are all going to enjoy them. She has some wonderful ideas.

Our first meeting on January 24th will be our business meeting as always. Hoping to see y'all there and that we get all the slots filled in for the volunteer opportunities.

Janine Koslofsky, President

Announcements, Edifications, Retractions, Additions **CCMGA Membership**

Have you forgotten? Hope not.

Be sure you have joined CCMGA for 2017. You don't want to be left out of the directory.

1. Just fill out our membership form and
2. Send it with a \$25.00 check.

If you are not sure, check with me, Janice Jackson, as your membership chairman. You may email me at janice.jackson.al@gmail.com.

Prime Magazine's Last Issue February 2017



Bob and I are very proud of the magazine and very grateful for the contributions of so many people to the publication, not the least of which are the Master Gardeners. Your columns every month were interesting and engaging, reflecting the creative urge so many of us have to work with our yards and gardens to create a lovely area and/or produce a delicious bounty for later consumption. We hope you have enjoyed working with Prime.

Sincerely,
Sandra Polizos, Editor

Governor's Mansion Volunteers



Front L-R: Peggy Funk, Jane McCarthy, Sandi Rosamond

Back L-R: Amanda Borden, Allyson Ludington and sons Bradley, Oliver and Elliot, Miranda Tatum, Jean Szabo, Jean Smyth

Our apologies for the incomplete caption last month.

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 for 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 16th through May 4th 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 and 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>

Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Presents
“A Valentine Tea”



Tuesday, February 14, 2017 1:30-3:30 P.M.
Young Meadows Presbyterian Church
5780 Vaughn Road Montgomery, Alabama 36116
“A Tea”, Fashion Show, Hat Contest, Door Prizes and Basket Raffle

All Profits Go to Local Graduating Senior Scholarships
For Tickets: June Cyrus-334-313-0068 or janetmg71650@aol.com
Tickets are \$12.00, Checks made payable to Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Gallery

December Lunch and Learn



Our cutest little CMG!



January Lunch and Learn



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Use this link to get back on: <http://eepurl.com/uXfnL>

Changes/Corrections to the Member Directory?

If you have a correction or change to make in the directory, please contact Janice Jackson at:

janice.jackson.al@gmail.com or phone her at 271-1549 or 462-3000.

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

Evelyn Watkins 83 Dogwood Ridge, Wetumpka, Al 36093

Brenda Jordan's Email in 2016 Directory is incorrect

Correct Email: Brenda Jordan - BJMJ73@gmail.com

Susuan Enzweiler New Email Address: smenz59@gmail.com

Reminder! Record Your Hours

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

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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.

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