

# THE • Prairie Mud •



## Additional Scheduled Activities!

**March 16** Montgomery Botanical  
Garden Workday

**March 17** 22nd Annual Urban  
Forestry and Horticulture  
Conference

**March 23** Spring into Spring  
Garden Conference Tuscaloosa

**March 23-26** Festival of Flowers,  
Mobile

**March 28 CCMGA** John and Kira  
Tolbert from Salem, AL Native  
Azaleas, (some azaleas will be  
available for sale).

## Convenient Links

- **Who you gonna call (email)?**  
[capcitymgs@gmail.com](mailto:capcitymgs@gmail.com)
- [Record your Hours](#)
- [Sign up for Helpline](#)
- [AL Master Gardener Assoc](#)
- [ACES Website](#)
- [ACES Montgomery Website](#)
- [All Bugs Good and Bad - Webinar Series](#)
- [22nd Annual Urban Forestry and Horticulture Conference](#)
- [Festival of Flowers](#)
- [Petals from the Past](#)

**April 5** Lunch and Learn Mallory

Kelly presents Tomatoesx3

**April 12** Hill and Dales Estate and  
Garden Tour

**April 22 PLANT SALE Set Up**

**April 21**

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

**June 3** Herb Workshop 9-11a  
Doster Center, Prattville

- [Harwell's Green Thumb Nursery](#)
- **Count Your Hours:** [Printable Card Side 1](#) and [Printable Card Side 2](#)
- **NOW and Ongoing - Membership** [FORM](#)



## President's

## Message

Spring has sprung! Albeit a little bit early this year. It's a not-so-gentle reminder that certain events are right around the corner. Our annual Plant Sale is coming up on April 21-22. Check with Janell Diggs if you would like to volunteer, bring plants or contribute garden 'art' to the sale. There are many ways that you can earn volunteer hours and have fun doing it.



Our annual Bus Trip will take place April 12 to Hills and Dales Estate in LaGrange, Georgia. Limited space is available so sign up soon. It's such a fun way to enjoy seeing new gardens and enjoy casual camaraderie with fellow Master Gardeners.

Shortly after that is the AMGA state conference in Huntsville May 1-3. It's time to sign up, reserve your hotel and find a friend to drive to Huntsville with. Join us for interesting speakers, vendors, tours and a silent auction. Also, we'll cheer on our own Cathy Maddox who will be sworn in as the new president of the AMGA! 🎉

So get your Spring Events planned and don't forget to save time for your own yard and garden.  
Janine Koslofsky

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## Announcements, Edifications, Retractions, Additions



### Ooopsies:

In "Helpline WOW," there were 2 misspellings.  
Mallory Kelley and Rena Russel, please accept my apologies!

### **BOOM Magazine**



All gardening articles for Boom magazine should be sent to Mary Jane McCracken at: [mjmccracken@knology.net](mailto:mjmccracken@knology.net). Mary Jane McCracken will be the one forwarding the article to Boom each month. The editor of the magazine indicated that our articles will be included in their publication if space is available, not necessarily every month. If you are interested in writing an article, please contact Mary Jane and she will provide the details

### Communication Needs?



Newsletter, Minutes, Photos, Special Extra, Lunch n Learn, Birthdays, Sunshine Requests, Announcements, Events, **Email us at:** [capcitymga@gmail.com](mailto:capcitymga@gmail.com)

**Charlene Beach** has accepted the responsibility for **Lunch and Learn** announcements and notices. Thank you, Charlene!



### Helpline Questions of the Week.

1. How can I get rid of the bats in my attic?



2. How can I grow corn to feed my chickens?





By Mallory Kelley  
Regional Extension Agent  
Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests

### Controlling Weeds in your Lawn

A weed can have many definitions, but its true definition is “a plant out of place” and in the case of your lawn, those plants can be hard to control and definitely an eye sore. Some even can be out right painful in the case of the lawn burweed.

When looking for control, the product label is the best source of information as to which lawn grasses can be treated with a particular product. Read the label carefully before purchase and use the information to ensure safety to the applicator as well as the home lawn setting.

Quickly, let’s review a few terms that will help you when trying to control weeds in your turfgrass: **Preemergence herbicide:** A herbicide that is applied to the lawn grass surface before problem weed seeds germinate and emerge from the ground. These herbicides must be applied before a weed problem is even noticed. **Postemergence herbicide:** A herbicide that is applied after weeds have emerged, but while they are small and actively growing. This type of herbicide is applied to the leaf and stem tissue of the problem weeds. Generally, postemergence herbicides will not control weeds that germinate and emerge after the application. **Non-selective herbicide:** A herbicide that kills all vegetation treated. Typically, these products are applied to the foliage of the weeds. This type herbicide will also severely injure or kill desirable plants. **“Green-up” period (transition period):** A short period of time in the spring when desirable lawn grass is emerging from its dormant state. It is during this time that grasses are most sensitive to herbicides and, in many cases, the herbicide labels prohibit their use.

This year is going to be tricky when it comes to weed control in the lawn due to the crazy fluctuations of temperatures and the fact that we have barely experienced winter. Our turf grasses went dormant, but many of them have been trying to come out of dormancy or “green-up” for weeks now. Generally, I would say February is the time to put out your pre-emergence products to control your spring weeds, but with the February we had, that would not have been a good idea and now March is upon us.

So this year I say skip your winter pre-emergence application and if you currently have weeds popping up you could spot spray with a non-selective herbicide if your extremely careful or use a labeled post-emergence product so you do not damage your turf. Then once your grass has fully emerged from dormancy apply a pre-emergence that will then help control your summer weed seeds that are sitting there waiting for the right

temperatures to germinate.

Knowing what type of turfgrass you have is especially important when it comes to weed control. If you are not sure, you can always contact your local county extension office. Below is a link to the Homeowner Lawn Weed Control Manual that will be extremely helpful in choosing what product is right for you.

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/I/IPM-0590/IPM-0590.pdf>

**When using Herbicides-Always read and follow label directions.  
If you have questions on a garden related topic, the Master Gardener  
Helpline is open!**

**Call 1-877-ALA (252)-GROW (4769)**

March through August the Alabama Cooperative Extension System offers a Gardening Helpline for the public each Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This helpline is operated by Master Gardener Volunteers who use research-based information to best answer all of your gardening questions.

**Join us for a Gardening Lunch and Learn!**

Interested in learning more about seasonal gardening topics? Please join us for the FREE Master Gardener Lunch and Learn Program in your area EVERY MONTH from 12:00-1:00, Bring a Sack Lunch, Drinks Provided. Call your local county office for topics, dates and locations for Elmore, Autauga and Montgomery Counties.

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## Recipes from the Intern Luncheon

*Click the cartoon!*



**Bread  
Pudding**



**King Cake**

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# The Gallery

**CCMGA February 28**





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## **CCMGA Awards February 28**



### **STAR AWARDS**

#### **CCMGA MEETING**

#### **FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

#### **BRONZE – 100-299 Hours**

Janell Diggs – 156.15

Claire Hubbard – 177.5

Catherine Kleinmann – 119.25

Cary Kuhlmann - 130

Ruth Padgett – 120

Gloria Szabo – 105.35

#### **SILVER – 300-499 Hours**

Shou-Lih Chuang – 384.5

Peggy Funk – 345.9

Martha Howard – 381.5

Michel Jackson – 378

Janine Koslofsky – 344

Cheri Youngblood – 434.45

#### **GOLD – 500-999 Hours**

Elaine Barron – 665.9

Cindy Berg – 529.75

Margaret Cully – 549.95

#### **ADVANCED BADGES**

**(Awarded at State Conference  
May 1-3, 2017)**

#### **GOLD BADGE – 1000-1999 Hours**

Cindy McKenzie – 1123.75

#### **PLATINUM BADGE – 2000-3999 Hours**

Anita Ward - 2183



Elaine Galt – 523.65

Vickie Raney – 505.35

Dale Shepherd – 591

Emily Smith - 722.5

Dave Toellner – 553.05



## **March Lunch and Learn March 1**

Planting Your Summer Garden with Mike Forster, Master Gardener



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## Pruning Workshop at Orrville February 22



## Helpline 2016 Luncheon



## Helpline Opening March 6



## Rainy Day at Lilly's Garden March 7

Between the light showers on March 7th, CCMGA members and some of the 2017 interns worked hard to clean up, plant and make new raised beds at Lilly's Garden. We enjoyed lunch on a porch at the school. We managed to finish just before the big rain moved. Thanks interns and members for a great workday!



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## **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

Evelyn Watkins 83 Dogwood Ridge, Wetumpka, AL 36093

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

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

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**New Dual Member** Lee Ann Marona [lawmarona@aol.com](mailto:lawmarona@aol.com) 850-255-8565

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## **Reminder! Record Your Hours**

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

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