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January Flower is Carnation and Snowdrops:

- Some scholars believe that the name "carnation" comes from "coronation" or "corone" (flower garlands), as it was one of the flowers used in Greek ceremonial crowns. Carnations are often worn on special occasions, especially Mother's Day and weddings.
- January Explanation: Though this cold and gloomy season seems like an unlikely time for flowers to bloom, but nature has designed flowers which love the extreme weather. The flower associated with the month is Carnation and is said to symbolize love, fascination and distinction. Carnation, which is also commonly called Gillyflower, is found in a number of colors from pink to purple-red.

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**January 23rd , CCMGA Meeting,**

*Social 9:30, Business Meeting 10:00,*

*Program: No program*

**February 7, Lunch & Learn Noon,**

*Program: Home Gardening Facts , Presenter: Mallory Kelley, Horticulturist, ACES*



Watch out for the big BADGE wolf!

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**President's Message**

I don't know about you, but I gave up making New Year's Resolutions years ago. It makes no sense to lie to myself about issues that I know darn good and well that I am NOT going to change. But I will continue to work gently at tending the **garden** of my life.



I'll redesign my living space inside and out. Slowly! With care, I will **weed** out things I don't need and don't love. I will declutter my life so that I can easier see what I have, what I need, and what is precious to me. I will use and display the things I love and cherish. Why wait? I will **fertilize** my soul with rest, relaxation and positive thoughts; take time to sit quietly and peacefully on my front porch with my husband enjoying a glass of wine and saying hello to passersby. We'll put a **water** feature in our yard for our enjoyment and for the birds. Speaking of which, we'll add bird feeders too. Why not? Watching birds at a feeder is a fun and calming pastime. We'll **plant** our yard with shrubs, trees, and flowers that will flourish with little care....we hope!

And most of all, I will not stress myself when all of these relaxing, calming

activities do not happen overnight!  
Sigh.....

Janine Koslofsky  
President CCMGA

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## **Announcements, Edifications, Retractions, Additions**



1. Order CCMGA Clothing from Susan O'Connor at the January meeting, January 23.



2. Sign up with Janice Jackson to help with the Plant Sale



3. Lagoon Park Trails has received a grant from the Alabama Invasive Plant Control, director Nancy Loewenstein, Auburn University. We are going to have a work day on Sat, Jan 20, 2018 (rain day Jan 27) from 9 to 12pm. Paula Sexton, contact for questions

4. Webinar in the All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series, February 2, 1:00pm Central: Feral Hogs, Ecology, and Control Presented by Norm Haley



5. Syruping in the South - Spend the day learning how to tap a variety of Southern trees. Not known as a region for Maple syrup, we have many other varieties of trees which can be utilized to provide a delicious treat.  
Trees we will be tapping are: Black Walnut, River Birch, Sycamore and Hickory.  
All participants will go home with their own syruping kits and a wealth of

knowledge about the natural world around us.

We will also discuss the medicinal properties of these trees and some other, lesser known sources of sweet sap.

Cost: \$45 per person via paypal to [darryl@thesouthernherbalist.com](mailto:darryl@thesouthernherbalist.com)

Public, · Hosted by The Southern Herbalist. Saturday, February 17 at 10 AM - 3 PM CST

- ***BOOM Magazine***

All gardening articles for Boom magazine should be sent to Mary Jane McCracken at: [mjmccracken@knology.net](mailto:mjmccracken@knology.net).



January Edition Article: "A New Resident" by George Szabo. (Just click on the title to read the article.)

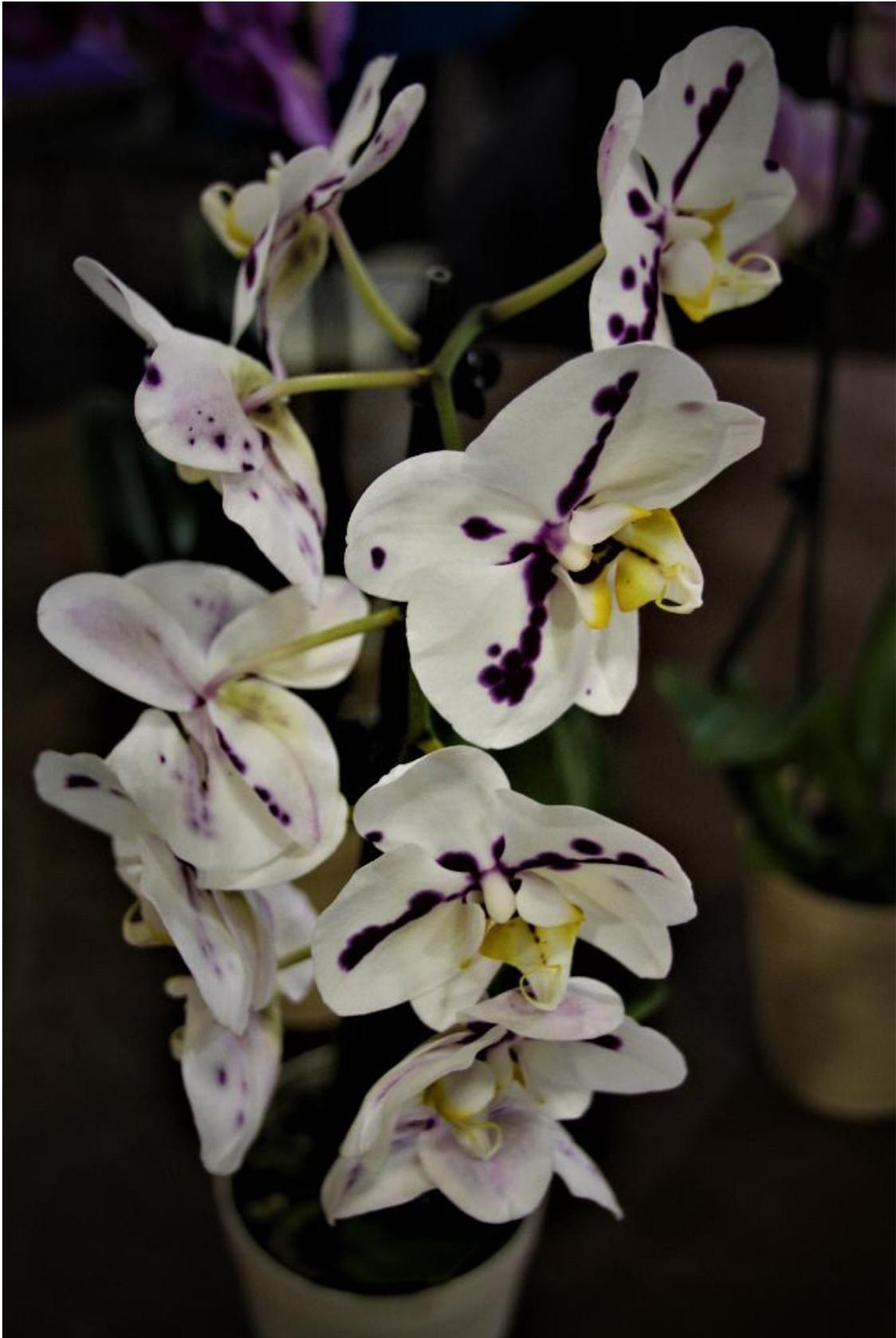
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## **The Gallery**

### **January 3 Lunch and Learn**

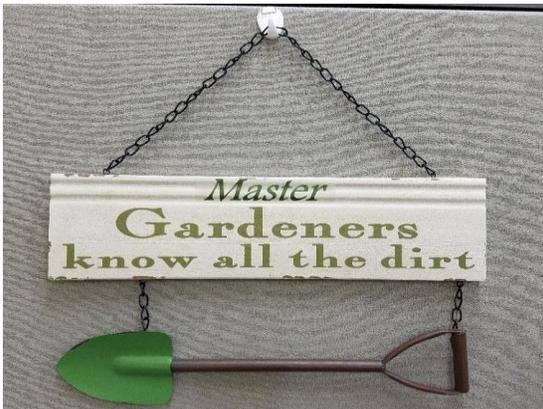
Kitchen Orchids presented by Charlotte Bent, Master Gardener





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## HelpLine



**Coming Soon to a Sign Up Sheet Near You!!**

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## Reminder! Record Your Hours

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