

April 2015 CCMGA Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendars!

April 16th BUS TRIP!! Boarding at 7:00; Leaving at 7:30

April 18th Plant It Montgomery, Oak Park, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

April 24th Plants Sale Prep Day, volunteers needed

April 25th CCMGA Plant Sale, Frazer UMC, 7:30-Noon.

April 28th Field Trip to Cypress Nature Park after Meeting

Frazer UMC, 9:30 Social, 10:00 Short Business Meeting, No Program

May 6th - Lunch and Learn, "Beneficial Pollinators and Native Bees"

President's Message

Welcome Springtime!

On, March 23-25, there was a good representation of Capital City Master Gardeners who attended the Annual Convention in Cullman. The Cullman and

Blount County Master Gardeners did a SUPERB job coordinating the convention. The speakers were great, food a treat and the fellowship wonderful. If you didn't make this years, next year will be in Dothan, May 12-14, so mark your calendars.

Additionally, at the banquet, **Karin Carmichael** was award the 2015 Mary Lou McNabb Award. This annual award is the highest honor that a Master Gardener can receive and is named for Mary Lou McNabb who was the driving force that established the Master Gardener program in Alabama. Way to go Karin!!!!

This month will prove to be another busy one for us all. The field trip is Thursday, April 16th. I am looking forward to seeing the gardens and have said many prayers that the rain does not make us miserable!

We are only a couple of weeks away from our Annual Plant Sale, April 25th with set up on the 24th... I know that Suzanne, and her team have worked very hard to make this another successful year. Please tell your friends about the great buys that they can get, and this IS a wonderful time for planting!

Our next event will be our Spring outing to Cypress Swamp following a brief meeting at Frazier on the 28th. Don't forget to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring insect repellent. I want to thank Robert Cope and Janine Koslofsky for their work in coordinating this event. Hope to see you all very soon!

Warm Regards,

Margaret

"Plant it! Montgomery" this Saturday at Oak Park

The event will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude no later than 11 a.m. There will be speak topics from recycling to conservation, as well as the presentation of the Betty Fitzgerald presented to our fellow master gardener, **Carolyn Love Dorsey**, for her part in the b Montgomery. Please come out and show your support for her in being awarded this de

Along with the speakers and award presentation there will be demonstrations of garde will also be arts and crafts for the children. CCMGA will be manning an information bo and ask questions of Master Gardeners. Door prizes will be given away which include It! Montgomery is a great outdoor event and perfect for the entire family!

April CCMGA Meeting April 28th
Cypress Park Field Trip Afterwards!



We will meet at Frazer Church at 9:30am for snacks and socializing followed by a brief business meeting starting at 10:00am. We will not have time to do door prizes this month. We will carpool to the Cypress Pond Swamp no later than 10:30am. Estimated time of the walk at Cypress Pond is about 1 hour (11am to 12noon). Remember to dress accordingly. Comfortable attire, walking shoes or boots, water, hat and bug spray are recommended.

When you depart from Frazer use the traffic light in front of the church or at the west end of the parking lot on S. Burbank Drive. This will make it easier to turn left (west) onto Atlanta Hwy. Proceed downtown to N. Ripley Street, immediately west of Oakwood Cemetery. Turn right on N. Ripley and continue past the cemetery and Montgomery Sanitation Department then turn right on Communications Parkway. Continue to the end of the road and park in the front lot of 911 Communications Parkway, 36104. Please carpool as parking space is limited.

We had a list of approximately 40 people who plan to attend. Call Janine Koslofsky (334)391-2875 if you have any questions.

March 2015 Minutes
prepared by Brenda Coleman



2014 CCMGA Plant Sale

2015 Plant Sale News

April 25th 7:30 - Noon

VOLUNTEERS are still needed.

We have many spots to fill on Saturday morning, the day of the sale. Please call Julia Bounds, our volunteer coordinator at 334-478-3927 or email her at jbounds_belle@yahoo.com to let her know your preferred area if you have not already committed to work in another area.

First shift - 7:30 to 9:30

Second shift - 9:30 to noon.

Need two volunteers for each shift in the following areas:

Trees and Shrubs

Bulbs

Pass Along Plants

Kids Corner

Cashier Helpers - tally up purchases prior to check out, circling the total at the bottom for quick check out.

Customer Assistants - help customer take plants to their vehicle and return the wagons.

One volunteer needed for the second shift for Annuals and Vegetables

Be sure to bring:

Milk jugs filled with water for plant watering either on April 24th or the day of the sale on the 25th.

Cardboard trays available from Costco or Sams; they are more available in the early morning hours.

Wagons with your name identified taped to underside.

Don't Forget

Wear name tag, hats, CCMGA apron or vest, comfortable shoes and sunscreen.

Bring a chair for yourself.

Don't forget the "10:00 Rule" – Master Gardeners may not purchase plants or garden items before 10:00 on Saturday.

Volunteers for Montgomery's Water Festival

May 19th & 20th

Deadline for T-Shirt Order This Friday!

Volunteers Needed:

CCMGA has always been a supporter of this event being held at AUM on May 19th and 20th. You can select what days and events you want to work. This is a fun filled experience with sixth graders learning about the many aspects of water in our daily lives. Unfortunately, after many attempts, I could not convert the registration form to a PDF for publishing in this newsletter. You will need to call Christy Bise (contact information below) to let her know you are volunteering and if you want a t-shirt. I will also contact her to get a PDF that I can send out to our

members next week. - Eileen Webb.

About Alabama's Water Festival Program

The Groundwater Festival Program had its beginnings in the late 80's in Nebraska where a sixth grade class traveled to the state's capitol Lincoln to attend a symposium on groundwater. According to the Groundwater Foundation, Groundwater Festivals have been held in 40 states, Mexico City, several provinces in Canada and New Delhi, India.

The Groundwater Festival Program was introduced to Alabama in 1997 by Dr. Enid Probst, Wellhead Program Coordinator for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Since then thousands of fourth grade students in over 25 counties have participated in the Groundwater Festival Program.

I must have your form back to me by Friday April 17th in order to get your correct size T-shirt! (Not necessary to volunteer.)

Thank you,

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**Montgomery Public School
Arboretum
April Work Schedule**

Prime Magazine Gardening Articles

Thank you to Barbara Witt for her article on *Don't Murder Your Crapemyrtles*, submitted for publishing in the May Prime Magazine edition. To read her article (after May 1st) and previous gardening articles written by CCMGA members in Prime Magazine, go to: <http://primemontgomery.com/>

AMGA Pathways Spring Newsletter

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**April Lunch And Learn
Creative Twists on Container Gardening
by Betsy Coley**



Don't Forget to Record Your Hours!

This link will be in all future newsletters as a reminder for us all to record hours.

Here is the link:

Member Birthdays

A separate email will be mailed out monthly for member birthdays. April Birthdays were previously in the March Mud.

Member Information Updates:

Please make the following changes in your member directory: This will be a regular posting in our monthly newsletter including all year-to-date updates and corrections.

Elaine Barron - phone number 334-294-9797



The Prairie Mud will be published mid-monthly . 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.

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