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## Mark Your Calendars!

### June 23rd CCMGA Monthly Meeting

Frazer UMC, 9:30 Social, 10:00 Business Meeting

Program - Fiber Farming by Jen Lambert

**July 1** - Lunch and Learn, Gardens of the British Isles, Laurice Goorley

**September 9th** - Fall AMGA Conference, Clanton, Al

**May 12-14, 2016,** AMGA Annual Conference, Dothan

## President's Message

It's about to be official...summer is here. With temperatures this week in the upper 90's, and the heat index over 100 degrees, I don't think any of us need the reminder. I am thankful that at least we have had rain!

I hope everyone is enjoying the water weather whether inside or not. I am enjoying seeing some of my flowers begin to bloom, and have participated significantly in increasing the population of frogs...they just love to breed in our pond. I awaken after a rain to a cacophony of froggin!

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting and look forward to a very interesting speaker talking about harvesting and weaving fibers from her animals! See you on the 23rd!

*Warm Regards, Margaret*

## CCMGA May Meeting

### Speaker Mary McCroan on Shade Gardening



**April 28th**

### Cypress Park Field Trip Photos

Photos Courtesy of Janice Jackson and Rebecca and Rodney Byard







## **May 2015 Treasurer's Report**

### **prepared by Jan Gill**

Jan also provided the 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.

## **May 2015 Minutes prepared by Brenda Coleman**

### **May Lunch and Learn**

*From Elaine Barron*

We had a great speaker, Gloria Purnell, at L & L from Birmingham. One of her handouts was a list of roses that performed well when tested by Texas A & M. The roses were planted & left alone for 4 years - no watering, feeding, pruning or spraying. The list are those roses that not only survived but bloomed well.

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkindroses/cultivars/>

Tom found the following list of roses that performed well on a similar test conducted Louisiana. Interestingly, I didn't see any duplication on the two lists. Lots of tough roses to try.

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/archives/parsons/publications/roses/dozen.html>





## **Garden Website/I-Phone App**

### **Robert Cope highly recommends a garden website and I-Phone app**

"My wife Catherine has been using the above digital APP, Garden Compass, on her iPhone for some time now; as recently as yesterday, she sent them a photo of diseased grape leaves. She will have an answer in 24 hours. It occurs to me all Master Gardeners will enjoy having this APP for on-the-spot plant identification or disease identification by simply opening the app, take picture of the plant, supply location, and press Send. The email is received by one of a number of botanists nationwide for identification in approximately 24 hrs. Droid access is not yet available; however the website is available via computer."

<http://www.gardencompass.com/>

## **Alabama Master Gardeners Association Life Time Membership**

Did you know that you can send AMGA \$100.00 for a lifetime membership? After doing so, you will not be required to pay the annual \$10/yr. membership dues for AMGA, only CCMGA local dues.

CCMGA currently has two lifetime members: Cathy Maddox and Karin Carmichael by virtue of their being Mary Lou McNabb Award recipients.

## **Prime Magazine Blue Bird Article**



Our article submitted to Prime Magazine for the July edition is one written by Janine Koslofsky (2011) entitled *Blue Bird Behavior*. To read her article (after July 1st) and previous gardening articles written by CCMGA members in Prime Magazine, go to: <http://primemontgomery.com/>

We currently need two articles for the November and December editions if you have a topic you would like to write about. Please contact Mary Jane McCracken at [mjmccracken@knology.net](mailto:mjmccracken@knology.net).

## **AMGA Garden Pathways Newsletter Update**

The Communications Committee, with the able assistance of a panel of master gardener reviewers, has completed the challenging task of selecting a new editor for Garden Pathways. We are pleased and

excited to announce that MG Patricia Peoples, St. Clair MGA ([amganewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:amganewsletter@gmail.com)), has accepted this important role and will be editing the summer issue. We feel confident she will carry on the tradition established by previous newsletter editors ... and as they did, she will need your cooperation and support.

In addition to a new editor, new guidelines for submissions are being put into place beginning with the summer issue. Please read the following information carefully.

Criteria for Garden Pathways:

All articles and local MGA Happenings should be sent to: Patricia Peoples, Garden Pathways Editor, [amganewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:amganewsletter@gmail.com).

Garden Pathways will be published quarterly:

Winter (Jan – Mar): Submission deadline: Dec 15, Distribution: Jan 15

Spring (Apr– Jun): Submission deadline: March 15, Distribution: April 15

Summer (Jul – Sep): Submission deadline: June 15, Distribution: July 15

*(The deadline and mailing dates for this one issue are being extended. Deadline for submissions will be Thursday, June 25 and anticipated distribution date will be July 25. Back to regular schedule with the Fall issue.)*

Fall (Oct–Dec): Submission deadline: Sept 15, Distribution: Oct 15

Criteria for submissions to Garden Pathways:

General articles will be limited to 300 words or fewer.

Local MGA Happenings (Around Alabama) will be limited to 200 words and one picture each. Please share not only what has happened but also on what will be happening before the Fall issue.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to making AMGA and Garden Pathways the best they can be!!

*AMGA Communications Committee*

*AMGA Officers and Board of Directors*

## **Fall AMGA Conference**

### **September 9th, Clanton**

#### **AMGA Fall Seminar Speakers:**

Bulbs, Tubers & Corms – Oh My! Jason Powell, Petals From the Past, Masters Degree in Horticulture from Texas A&M University

Gardening Insights From Permaculture William Sheftall, Natural Resources Extension Agent IV, Leon County, FL Cooperative Extension Service

Seed Saving & Propagation Dani Carroll, Regional Extension Agent II, Home Grounds, Gardens and Home Pests (Gadsden, AL)

Sex In The Garden – Pollination Sallie Lee, Urban Region Extension Agent II, Home Grounds, Gardens and Home Pests (Birmingham, AL)

#### **Schedule**

8:30 – 9:15 Registration

9:15 – 9:30 Welcome

9:30 – 10:30 Bulbs, Tubers & Corms, Oh My! (Jason Powell)

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45 Gardening Insights From Permaculture (Will Sheftall)

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch (Provided)

12:45 – 1:45 Seed Saving and Propagation (Dani Carroll)

1:45 – 2:00 Break

2:00 – 3:00 Sex in the Garden – Pollination (Sallie Lee)

Below is a link to the AMGA website page about the conference with online registration form.

<http://alabamamg.org/2015-fall-seminar/>



## Don't Forget to Record Your Hours!

This link will be in all future newsletters as a reminder for us all too record hours. Here is the link:

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

## Member Information Updates:

### New Update:

Ken Whitaker and his wife have moved to Eastdate Estates. Please update your directories with their new address:

5801 Eastdale drive, Apt 129, Montgomery, 36117. Their phone number has not changed. It is 272-5932.

### Year to date Changes to our Directory:

Elaine Barron - phone number [334-294-9797](tel:334-294-9797)



The Prairie Mud will be published mid-monthly. Please send photos and announcements to Eileen Webb at [capcitymga@gmail.com](mailto:capcitymga@gmail.com). If you have a flyer to submit, please make sure it is in a PDF format.

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