

October 2015 CCMGA Newsletter

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## Mark Your Calendars!

**October 27th** CCMGA Meeting,  
Frazer UMC, 9:30 Social, 10:00, FIELD TRIP!!  
**November 4th** Lunch & Learn - *"Bulbs for the Garden"*  
Armory Arts Learning Center, Noon to 1:00

## President's Message

Greetings All,



I can't believe that the year is almost over, certainly evidenced by the Christmas decorations which have already shown up in stores...amazing! It has been a truly wonderful start to the month with the cool nights and comfortable days. I have even been able to get out and do some much needed work in the yard! I hope you have found this time to be productive for you as well.

You received a notice from Eileen earlier about our field trip to visit the home of Stacy Harris who has written several cookbooks and is very involved in sustainable living. I am looking forward to seeing her farm and hearing about her efforts.

Also, just around the corner is our Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction. This year's luncheon will again be at Wynlakes Country Club. The lunch will be served buffet style providing you more choice in your selections. Cost for lunch is \$24 which includes meat and vegetable selections, desert and drink. Cathy Maddox will be accepting

checks (payable to CCMGA) at the October meeting. Reservations must be made by December 11. Please be thinking about your contributions to the Silent Auction. I know we all are looking forward to the wonderful morning of shopping, good food and great fellowship!

Warm regards,  
Margaret

## Fall Extravaganza Fun Alexander City, Al September 22





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## Field Trip to Stacy Harris' House Sustainable Living October 27<sup>th</sup>

This October CCMGA program is a Field Trip to Ms. Harris' Home at 1073 Merrywood Drive, Pike Road, AL, (Take Vaughn Road east to Pike Road and turn right, in ¼ mile turn right on Merrywood and go to the end of the block. The driveway is on the left and the house is not visible from the road. Proceed up driveway about ¼ mile. Parking will be along the road, off the side of the drive and around the circle driveway. Car-pooling is highly recommended due to limited parking.) A golf cart will be available for those who cannot walk too far.

Ms. Harris will be speaking about how, why and when her family approached the "Sustainable Living" concept. It is truly a family collaboration of love, work and their approach to life.

Please dress comfortably for the weather. Enclosed shoes, such as sneakers, are highly recommended as there are gravel and other uneven surfaces. Bring a lawn chair for your comfort.

We will meet at Frazer Methodist Church at 9:30 for fellowship and light snacks. After a brief meeting, we will car-pool to our destination. We expect to arrive around 10:45am and depart at 12:00pm, although times are approximate.

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## Work Day at Lily's Garden October 1<sup>st</sup>

Participants: Ann Oldham, Maggie Stringer, Peggy Dorminey, Dave Toellner, Andy and Janice Jackson.





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**September CCMGA Meeting**  
**Program: Gardens Abroad by Kim Chaloupka**





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## **It's Membership Renewal Time!**

Janice Jackson, our 2015 membership chairman will be accepting membership renewal forms for the remainder of the year at our monthly meetings and through the mail. You may pay by check or cash but be sure to have the correct cash amount since she will not have cash on hand to make change for you. Below is the membership form. It is vital that we get our membership renewed as early as possible so we can have an up-to-date directory printed as early as possible for next year.

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### **Alabama National Fair 62nd Annual Small-Standard Flower Show Competition October 30 - November 8 1555 Federal Drive Montgomery, AL 36107**

Entries of Container Grown Plants and in the Horticulture Division are open to any amateur gardener (no entry fee). Competition in the Design Division is open to members of The Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Judges in Council VI, Student Judges and Master Gardeners.

Exhibitors may pick up entry tags at the Fair office. A printable working copy of the tag is available online at: <http://www.alnationalfair.org>

Exhibitors must follow the general rules and horticulture rules in the 2015 "Flower Show Schedule" available online at:

<http://www.alnationalfair.org/competitions/flower-show>

Use the link below for the flyer on the Flower Show.

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/FED\\_FlowerShow\\_Flyer2015\\_1\\_.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/FED_FlowerShow_Flyer2015_1_.pdf)

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## **Volunteers Needed: Alabama National Fair for Creative Living Center Setup & Decorating!!!**

Sweet Ms. Glenda Yarborough is in desperate need of any help you can spare from 10/21-10/29 for taking in entries, decorating, and setup at the Creative Living Center. If you can assist any time PLEASE call her ASAP 334-272-6831. I'm sure you will get a few free fair tickets out of the deal too! Thanks for your consideration and I hope you will also share this need with your contacts in the River Region.

Appreciatively,  
Shannon Andress  
Auburn University/ACES  
4-H Foundation Regional Extension Agent &  
State 4-H SAFE Program Coordinator  
334-270-4133

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### **Prime Magazine Gardening Articles**

Thank you to Mirenda Tatum for her article on [Pruning the Scuppernong Vine](#) for publishing in the November Prime Magazine edition. To read her article (after November 1st) and previous gardening articles written by CCMGA members in Prime Magazine, go to: <http://primemontgomery.com/>

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### **October Lunch and Learn Succulents are Addictive! Dr. Barbara Witt**

Barbara Witt presented our October Lunch and Learn program because the originally scheduled presenter, Russel Stringer, had to cancel a few days before the date. He will present his program on Trees for Montgomery in December. A big thanks goes to Barbara who did an excellent program, especially since she had just gotten back from Maine.





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## **Upcoming Montgomery Master Gardener Classes** **Dates: February 18th – May 5<sup>th</sup>**

If you know of anyone interested in participating in the intern classes, please pass on this information. Classes will be held each Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Applications NOW being accepted for the Montgomery Master Gardener Winter Class.**

Application forms are available at the Montgomery Co. Extension Office:  
Eastmont Shopping Center, 5340 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL 36109

A fee of \$150.00 is to be paid after acceptance into the program. This program is hosted by the Capital City AL Master Gardener Association.

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