

Mark Your Calendars!

January 28th CCMGA Meeting,

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

Feb 3rd Lunch & Learn - Home Landscape Design by

Dr. Carolyn Robinson

Armory Arts Learning Center, Noon to 1:00

Feb 12th Water Festival Deadline for Volunteer Sign-Ups

Feb 12th Fruit Pruning Workshop, Rockford, Al

February 16th Pecan Management Workshop, Pike Road

February 23rd Helpline Training After Meeting

April 23rd CCMGA Plant Sale

May 12-14th AMGA Conference Dothan



President's Message

Greetings,
Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year! May our plants thrive and flourish...that said, with all the warm weather my plants are flourishing when they should be asleep! I am hoping for a cold spell just to kill the weeds I worked so hard to eliminate this fall, arghhhhh.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of those who made 2015 a wonderful year for our organization. The committee chairs, their teams and the membership are to be commended! A HUGE thank you to all those who have agreed to chair committees in 2016. There will be bringing sign-up sheets for the committees for you to be able to commit some of your expertise to each of these groups. I look forward to an exciting year of great projects and learning opportunities. Bring your suggestions for an educational offering to the January meeting so that the Education Committee can begin work on setting up a program.

Please keep those members who are sick or who have experienced loss in your thoughts and prayers.

With Warm Regards,

Margaret

Congratulations to our 2016 CCMGA Officers



President Margaret Cully, Vice-President Janine Koslofsy, Secretary Melinda Tatum and Treasurer David Toellner

Christmas Luncheon December 10th











2015 Award Winners

Top Lifetime Hours Award - Maggie Stringer (not pictured)

Top Hours Award for 2015 - Anita Ward (left)

President's Award - Cathy Maddox (right)



2016 Water Festival Volunteer Registration Deadline March 15th, 16th, AUM

This is a rewarding and fun event with 4th graders from the Montgomery area schools.

You may use this link to view the website for detailed information:

<https://www.mwwssb.com/en/Community/Water%20Festival>

Below is the 2016 Montgomery Water Festival Volunteer Form and T-Shirt order. It **must** be turned in by Friday February 12th in order to get your correct size T-shirt! You will have a ball helping children learn about water and how it impacts their lives in a fun and entertaining environment.

Treasurer's Report Prepared by Jan Gill

Lilly's Garden

Tree Planting & Christmas Decorating



Lilly's Garden Kindergarten Bird Class



It's Membership Renewal Time!

Janice Jackson, our 2016 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.

Helpline Training February 23rd

Carolyn Love- Dorsey and Mallory Kelley will be providing a hands-on refresher course on the Helpline Feb. 23rd starting at 1:00 following the CCMGA monthly meeting.

Please go grab lunch and meet at the Montgomery County Extension Office and bring your laptop or iPad if possible. We are going to need all Master Gardeners to be well equipped in working the helpline so YOU can help Carolyn and me as we train the incoming interns!

Thanks,
Mallory Kelley
Alabama Cooperative Extension System
Regional Extension Agent, Home Horticulture
Jones57@aces.edu / 334-703-9197

2016 All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series.

This webinar series provides information you can use about good and bad insects. Webinars are free and open to everyone.

We will discuss how you can help pollinators and other good insects by using pesticides properly. We will also talk about how to control insects we think of as bad, like fire ants, vegetable bugs, a new invasive fruit fly, and cockroaches. Snakes aren't insects but they can be good and bad, so we will have a webinar about them too. Webinars will be on the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. Eastern time.

Here is the link to a web page listing all of the webinars:

<http://articles.extension.org/pages/73368/2016-all-bugs-good-and-bad-webinar-series>

Link to flyer:

<http://articles.extension.org/sites/default/files/2016%20All%20Bugs%20Flyer.pdf>

Prime Magazine Gardening Articles

If you have a particular favorite plant or garden interest, would you consider writing an article for Prime Magazine's gardening article? Some of the most interesting articles are about gardening experiences while growing up or just beginning to garden. Our articles are well received by the public and gives master gardening great exposure in the community. Please contact Mary Jane McCracken at mjmccracken@knology.net if you are interested. You will also earn credit for all hours spent preparing and writing your article.

February Workshops

February 12th Fruit Pruning Workshop

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/Fruit_Pruning_registration_Flyer_Coosa_County_2016.docx

February 16th Pecan Management

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/Pecan_Workshop_Flyer_Montgomery_2016.docx

AMGA Garden Pathways Newsletter & Conference Spring Conference - Dothan, May 12-14

It's really easy to register for the conference with the on-line version. Save a stamp!! Garden Pathways and Happenings and online registration for the conference is available using the links below:

Conference registration:

<http://alabamamg.org/amga-conference/2016-alabama-master-gardeners-conference-dothan-alabama/>

Garden Pathways Newsletter:

<http://alabamamg.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Happenings-Winter-2015-2016.pdf>

The mailing of Garden Pathways and the Conference insert will be mailed as soon as we have access to the database to get the names and addresses. Thanks for being patient with us.

Patricia A Peoples, AMGA newsletter editor

November CCMGA Meeting



Maggie Stringer provided inspiring thoughts during the invocation.



Robert Cope (above) presented Cypress Nature Park photography awards from field trip/photo competition to Carolyn Love Dorsey and Janice Jackson (below).





Phil Easter presented the December program on "Decorating with Natural Materials".



Great refreshments and decorations at the November Meeting (L-R) Elaine Galt, Emily Smith and Sandra Ferguson

December Lunch And Learn Trees for Montgomery Soils - Russell Stringer



Upcoming Montgomery Master Gardener Classes

Dates: February 18th – May 5th

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. **Deadline is January 25th.**

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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Use the following link to get back on.

<http://eepurl.com/uXfnL>

Member Information Updates:

New Update

Gene Payne has a new email address and phone number:

f_payne43@yahoo.com

(334) 549-3080

YTD Corrections are below:

Elaine Barron - phone number 334-294-9797

Anne Hamner's Correct Birthdate is September 8th

Pamela Thornton's Birthday is December 8th.

The Prairie Mud will be published monthly on the 15th. 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.

This publication would not be possible without the help from our photographers Janice Jackson and Carolyn Dorsey . Thank you to Sara Brown for seeing that printed copies are mailed each month to those requesting them.

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2016 CCMGA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please give or mail this completed form and dues to the Membership Chairman, Janice Jackson, P.O. Box 241221, Montgomery, AL 36124-1221 by Dec. 1, 2015. Dues are **\$25.00** for full members and **\$15.00** for interns, provisional members and any dual members who have their primary membership in another county. Checks should be made payable to CCMGA. Email janice.jackson.al@gmail.com with any questions.

Name _____ DOB Month _____ Day _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (please print legibly) _____

Year of your Master Gardener Class _____ County _____

Amount Enclosed: Check \$ _____ Ck No. _____ Cash \$ _____

_____ Yes, I am a dual member. County of primary membership _____

REACH FOR THE STARS hours will be calculated from the ACES volunteer database and awarded in Feb., 2016.

To help in future planning, please provide the following information: What topic(s) would you like to see presented at a meeting? Do you know a person who could present a program on this topic? Also indicate any ideas you may have for CCMGA projects.

(a) _____

(b) _____

Please list your primary areas where you volunteered last year

Please check your knowledge and skills which could benefit our organization? _____ Financial _____ Excel

_____ Power Point _____ Quick Books _____ Publicity _____ Garden Design _____ Leadership

_____ Committee Membership _____ Speaking (Topics) _____

_____ Other (Please specify) _____

Your completed form and money must be submitted by December 31, 2015 or you risk not being included in the next CCMGA directory

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WATER FESTIVAL 2016 VOLUNTEER FORM

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Yes, I would like to take part in the annual Montgomery County Water Festival.
The Festival will be held on March 15th & 16th, 2016 at Auburn University Montgomery.

_____ Tuesday, March 15th

_____ Wednesday, March 16th

_____ Both Days

☐

No, I will be unable to participate in this year's event.

Preferred Area of Participation (please check all that apply)

Classroom Presenter

Will teach activities to the students and work in the classroom

Presenter Aide

Assists classroom presenter with student activities

Tour Guide

Responsible for a 4th grade class and will lead students from activity to activity

Transportation Guide

Help coordinate transportation and buses

Responsible for getting children to and from buses

Entertainment Guide

Responsible for helping seat children during magic show

Runner

Check with classroom presenters to see what materials may need to be replaced

Serve as a floater to help where needed

Volunteers Name (Contact)

Name of Organization

Address

City, State & Zip

Phone: ()

Fax No.: ()

Email:

T-shirt size: _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ XX-Large _____ XXX-Large
(Adult sizes only)

Mail or Email Volunteer Form to:

Christy Bise

**Alabama Department of Environmental Management – Nonpoint Source Unit
PO Box 301463 Montgomery, AL 36130-1463**

Phone: 334-271-7757 Email: cbise@adem.state.al.us

Backyard Fruit

Pruning Workshop

Hosted by the
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Friday, February 12, 2016

The Grazing Garden Fruit Orchard

97 Coosa County Rd. 75

Rockford, Alabama 35136

(Adjacent to the Coosa County 4H Club House in front of Coosa Central
Middle School in Hanover)

9:00 am to 11:00 am



**LEARN HOW TO PRUNE MUSCADINES, BLUEBERRIES,
PERSIMMONS, FIGS, PLUMS, PEARS, AND APPLES.**



**To sign-up or for more information, contact the Coosa County Extension
office at 256-377-4713. Registration fee is \$5 per person.**

Pre-Registration and Payment is required by Wednesday, February 10th.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM- Grazing Garden Fruit Pruning



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail address: _____

_____ # of Participants X \$5 = Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Return Pre-Registration Form and Payment by Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 to:

**Coosa County Extension Office
P.O. Box 247
Rockford, AL 35136**

Make check payable to: **Alabama Cooperative Extension System**

Pecan Management Workshop

**Hosted by the
Alabama Cooperative Extension System**

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

**Founders Station in Pike Road
4902 Pike Road
Pike Road, Alabama**

9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

**SITE SELECTION, VARIETIES FOR LOW INPUT PLANTINGS,
PROPER PLANTING, FERTILIZATION , WEED CONTROL,
IRRIGATION, GRAFTING, INSECTS, AND DISEASE.**

There is no registration fee but seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by calling the Montgomery County Extension Office at 334-270-4133 by Friday, February 12.

