

## May 2016 CCMGA Newsletter

### Mark Your Calendars!

**May 24** CCMGA Meeting/Trip to Jim Scott's at Lake Martin

**May 25 CCMGA Board Meeting 10:30**

Margaret Cully's House

**June 1st** Lunch & Learn - *Daylilies by Suzanne Sikes*

Armory Arts Learning Center, Noon to 1:00

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### President's Message

Greetings All,

For those of you who were not able to attend the conference in Dothan, you missed a well planned and organized event. There were 33 CCMGA members who attended. What a GREAT turnout!

I have appreciated this wonderful weather and so has my yard which has had some much needed work finished (OK, it's never finished, started)and is at least becoming somewhat more presentable. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to enjoy the cool and get some work accomplished. We know that too soon it will be the hot and sweaty Montgomery we all know.

I hope many of you will plan to tour Jim Scott's garden. I have been told that he is about to stop tours...could be just a rumor, but don't miss this chance to go in case it is true! You should have gotten directions in a separate mailing. The terrain is hilly, so it is important you wear shoes to walk around safely.

Best wishes to all, and I hope to see you Tuesday!

Margaret



Aunt Katie's Community Garden in Dothan, one of the stops on the tour at the AMGA Conference - photo courtesy of Cathy Maddox

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## **May Meeting/Trip to Jim Scott's Gardens**

Meet at the Renfro's Foodland parking lot between 8:30-8:45am. This is the new grocery on Chantilly Parkway at exit #11 off of I-85. We will consolidate cars and drivers. You may of course go by yourself but it is a long ride and a lot more fun with companions. We will head up about 9:00am or whenever a car is full and ready to roll.

When you arrive at the property, go through the stone gate and drop off your picnic lunches at the main pavilion. After a greeting and introduction by our hostess, Jeannie, we'll enjoy the gardens and art until about 11:15am. We'll have our lunch and a short meeting in the pavilion at that time. We expect to complete our tour about 12 noon.

Remember that this is a hilly, sometimes steep and often uneven terrain. Appropriate shoes are highly recommended. Bring any items you may need for your comfort; sunglasses, hats, water, sunscreen or bug repellent.

### **Directions:**

Take I-85 north (towards Atlanta) to the Tallassee exit #26; turn left onto Hwy 229 and drive through Tallassee. Route 229 veers right after Tallassee at a Marathon station. Stay on 229 until you intersect with Hwy 50 (turn right). Continue on Hwy 50 over the Martin Dam and then turn left on Overlook Drive (almost immediately after the dam). You will pass the parking area for the Cherokee Ridge Alpine trails and then turn left on the first dirt road (it is immediately past the trail parking lot) Ghost Hollow. This road is red dirt, quite steep and narrow with some ruts. Drive carefully! After about a mile you will come to another dirt road, Shadow Point, and turn left. The stone gate is about 100 feet down on the right. Park along the roadside. Go through the stone gate and down a narrow path to the pavilion to drop of your lunches. There is quite a bit of room for vehicles. It takes about 1 hour to get there from Renfroes.

See y'all there.

Janine Koslofsky

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## **Progress! Moving Forward Toward Montgomery Botanical Gardens in Oak Park!**

Excitement is in the air among garden lovers in the River Region because significant steps have begun in the development of the Montgomery Botanical Gardens at Oak Park. Progress is being made on several fronts: the first pathway, signs to inform visitors and on the installation of the MBG Greenhouse.

The first pathway has been completed in the Phase I, Southern Garden, section of MBG located on the right as you enter Oak Park. The pathway is a necessary first step for the installation of the Southern Garden. Additionally, along the pathway colorful signs have been installed to illustrate the design of each area and what plants and trees will be included in each section of the Southern Garden when it is planted. At the entrance to this section is a sign with a drawing of the whole design for the Southern Garden. As people travel along the pathway, the signs will enable them to envision how beautiful the garden will be when it is all planted and growing.

The next step in preparation for Phase I is the installation of the irrigation system. Fundraising efforts continue to provide for this vital addition that can help to keep the gardens healthy and beautiful when they are planted. Fundraising also continues to provide funds for procuring the plants, trees and hardscape for the Southern Garden. Anyone interested in donating funds to help create the Southern Garden of the MBG can contact any member of the MBG Board of Directors or Ethel Boykin, Chair, at 395-5949.

The other exciting event this week was that work on site preparation began for erecting the MBG Greenhouse. Tom McLemore, Vic Canerday, Alan Weil and Doug Woodruff cut asphalt and dug 22 holes for footings for the green house. David Funderburk and Tom McLemore poured concrete in the holes for the footings and placed pip risers 3 1/2 feet tall above each of the footings. Once the greenhouse is erected and power and water are connected, work can begin

on plant propagation to provide some of the plant material for the gardens. The vision to make this park a place of beauty filled with a myriad of plants, flowers and trees for all to enjoy is beginning to come to fruition. Photos below: Top Left- Future Site of Wedding Pavillion, Top Right, Middle Left and Right-New Walkways and Signage, Bottom Left and Right, site for future greenhouse





**April 2016 Treasurer's Report**  
**Prepared by Dave Toellner**

**April 2016 Minutes**  
**Prepared by Mirenda Tatum**

**Daylily Sale June 4th Eastdale Mall**

**Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Festival**  
**Sat, June 4th at the Columbus Botanical Garden**

**Reminder! Record Your Hours**

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