

November 2016 CCMGA Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendars!

November 15 CCMGA Meeting- moved up due to Thanksgiving holidays

December 7 Lunch & Learn -Care and Selection of Garden Tools by Mary McCroan, Armory Arts Learning Center, Noon to 1:00

December 15 Annual Holiday Lunch and intern graduation!!



RSVP with your \$\$

March 8 HELPLINE! Something's afoot. Plan to join the Helpers on Mondays.

May 1-3 2017 AMGA Annual Conference in Huntsville, AL



President's Message

Greetings all,

It is amazing how time flies, and very hard to believe that we are only a few weeks from Thanksgiving! I hope that you are planning a wonderful feast, whether at home, with loved ones or dining out!

This has been one cruel summer and fall, first our awful heat and now, only one day of rain since October 1st. Some of you may know that Birmingham is in a level three drought emergency, with no rain I fear we are next. I am doing my best to conserve water and hope you are doing the same. My husband scoffs at my efforts, but in my mind every drop counts! My yard certainly is not happy with me, I'm not watering to the level we were taught, but hopefully will give it enough strength to survive the winter.

Remember that at our next meeting **November 15th**, Cathy Maddox will be collecting for the Christmas luncheon (\$24), Mary Eleanor Hines will be selling calendars (\$5) and Kitty Simpson (or here designee) will be there with your clothing purchases!!! Additionally, you have received the slate of officers, and we will be casting our votes at the meeting. I for one will have a much easier time deciding my vote in this election than on November 8th.

Once again, please be thinking about the Silent Auction. If you can participate that's great, if you choose not to, that's OK too! Hope to see you on the 15th.

With Warm Regards,
Margaret

November CCMGA Meeting This Tuesday!

Be sure to come to our next meeting as we have important business to attend to including the election of officers for 2017, calendar and CCMGA apparel sales. Chip East will be our speaker prior to the business meeting. The topic he will discuss is *How to Prepare Citrus for Winter*.

Nominations for 2017 Officers

President: Janine Koslofsky
Vice President: Nominations will be taken from the floor
Secretary: Julia Bounds
Treasurer: Dave Toellner

November Lunch & Learn - Natural Holiday Décor
Ginger Gammon & Anna Owen





**Next Month's Lunch and Learn Program
Care and Selection of Garden Tools by Mary McCroan.**

**Capital City
Master Gardener Association
LUNCH & LEARN 2017**

1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

12:00-1:00 P.M.

FREE PROGRAMS

**Armory Learning Arts Center
1018 Madison Avenue, Montgomery 36104**

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| 4 January | What is a Master Gardener?
Mallory Kelley, Horticulturist, ACES |
| 1 February | Making my Garden Organic
Lee & Amanda Borden, Master Gardeners |
| 1 March | Planting your Summer Garden
Mike Forster, Master Gardener |
| 5 April | Tomatoes, Tomatoes, Tomatoes!
Mallory Kelley, Horticulturist, ACES |
| 3 May | Herbs - Growing, Drying, & Storing
Jane Mobley, Master Gardener |
| 7 June | Selecting & Caring for Roses
Gloria Purnell, Birmingham Rose Society |
| 5 July | Name that Tree
Patrick Cook, Alabama Forestry Commission |
| 2 August | Water Wisely - Drip Irrigation
Mary McCroan, Master Gardener |
| 6 September | Fall Gardening for Spring Color
Cindy Berg, Master Gardener |
| 4 October | Backyard Varmints
Chris Jaworowski, Biologist, ACES |
| 1 November | Papercrete
Carla McCune, Master Gardener |
| 6 December | Houseplants
Barbara Witt, Master Gardener |



**For more information contact
Montgomery County Extension Office (334) 270-4133**

BRING A SACK LUNCH

DRINKS PROVIDED

Join NC EMG Master Gardener Trip to Costa Rica!

Hello!

I am excited to offer the opportunity for your Extension Master Gardener Volunteers to register for the NC Extension Master Gardener Tour of Tropical Horticulture, Fruit and Nature of Costa Rica which is scheduled for February 26 through March 5, 2017. Join us as we tour this lush and beautiful country filled with a tremendous diversity of plants and animals. We'll visit tropical rain forests such as Laz Paz Waterfall Gardens, Sibú Chocolate, enjoy a relaxing boat tour on the Sarapiquí River, and experience agriculture from strawberries to organic bananas and a fruits of the world tour and more.

You can also attend with a travel companion! Several spots have been reserved already but there are still opportunities to take this extraordinary tour! Take a few minutes to immerse yourself in the attached itinerary. The registration form is on the last page.

The cost is \$2350 per person double occupancy and is a land-only package. Airfare can be arranged independently or by the tour operator. A passport is required for travel to Costa Rica. You can also visit go.ncsu.edu/emgv-costa-rica-2017 for more information and resources to prepare for the trip.

You can contact Kari Laudano with Hidden Treasures Tours at 573-303-2872 or her email at kari@hiddentreasurestours.com. You can also get with me if you have any questions.

Please share this wonderful opportunity for international travel with your volunteers. Thank you!

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Prime Magazine Gardening Articles

Thank you to Tom Ringenberg, a 2016 Intern, for his article [Keeping a Pollinator Friendly Lawn and Garden](#) for the Dec/Jan edition of Prime Magazine. To read his article (after December 1st) and also other gardening articles written by CCMGA members in previous editions, go to: <http://primemontgomery.com/>.

If you are interested in writing an article, please email Mary Jane McCracken at: mjmccracken@knology.net. We have enough articles for the rest of this year but are in need of articles for 2017. Please consider submitting an article on your favorite plant, garden topic or memorable gardening experience.

Upcoming Montgomery Master Gardener Classes Announcement

Please pass on the information below from Mallory Kelley to anyone you know who may be interested in attending the upcoming intern classes in Montgomery.

Do you love to grow fruit or vegetables or maybe flowers and herbs? If so, we would like for you to consider the Master Gardener course this coming spring. The Montgomery County Extension Office is offering the Master Gardener Volunteer Program, but space is limited!

Classes will be held every Thursday starting February 16th through May 4th from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Montgomery County Extension Office on Atlanta Highway (the old probate office) and applications will be accepted through Friday, January 27th.

The Master Gardener Program is a nationwide Extension Education Program designed for non-professionals with interest in increasing their gardening skills and helping others with the knowledge they have gained.

The program will consist of in-class training for 12 consecutive weeks. After completing the courses, the Master Gardener interns will be expected to give 10 hours of service to the Master Gardener Helpline and 40 hours of volunteer service to Extension and/or their community in horticulture education. Examples of volunteer efforts include: Talking to Garden Clubs, community garden projects, outdoor school projects and educational workshops just to name a few.

The courses on gardening will be taught by specialist, county agents, and veteran Master Gardeners on subjects such as: Soils and Plant Nutrition, Plant Physiology, Plant Propagation, Care of Landscape Plants, Landscape Design, Lawn Care, Weed Identification, Vegetable Gardening, Herbs, Composting, and many more. The fee associated with this class is \$150 and that includes all course materials and your lunch is provided by the Capital City Master Gardeners each week.

For an application please contact the Montgomery County Extension Office at (334) 270-4133 or online at:
<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1155/ANR-1155.pdf>

It's That Time Again! Membership Renewal

See the link below for the 2017 Membership Renewal Form:

Get your form in as soon as possible to get your name and address included in the 2017 membership directory.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5234c2958a6c41950d64692e8/files/2017_MembershipForm_09222016.pdf

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Accidentally Unsubscribe from Mail Chimp Emails?

Use this link to get back on: <http://eepurl.com/uXfnL>

Changes/Corrections to the Member Directory?

If you have a correction or change to make in the directory, please contact Janice Jackson at:

janice.jackson.al@gmail.com or phone her at 271-1549 or 462-3000.

New Address: Debbie Wakefield. 7256 Brisbane Place, Montgomery, AL 36117

Evelyn Watkins 83 Dogwood Ridge, Wetumpka, AL 36093

New Email: Elaine Galt: galt_elaine@yahoo.com

Intern Birthdays: Please send me yours if not listed:

Susan O'Connor - April 24th

Ruth Padgett - May 13th

Tom Ringenberg - October 9th

Reminder! Record Your Hours

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



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