

February 2017 CCMGA Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendars!

February 16 Master Gardener Class

February 18 - Green Thumb Pruning Seminar, 10:00 [Harwell's Green Thumb Nursery](#)

February 18 Attracting Birds with Native Plants, 10:30-12:00 [Petals from the Past](#)

February 18 [Pruning Workshop](#) 9-11 A, Doster Center Prattville (Free Trees)

Convenient Links

- [Record your Hours](#)
- [Sign up for Helpline](#)
- [AL Master Gardener Assoc.](#)
- [ACES Website](#)
- [ACES Montgomery Website](#)

February 22 Fruit Orchard Field Day
February 28 CCMGA Meeting
February 28 Helpline Volunteer Luncheon 12:00

March 1 Planting Your Summer Garden , Mike Forster, Master Gardener, 12:00 Lunch & Learn

March 3 Webinar - Protect Your Veggie Harvest From Hungry Insects, 3:00 pm

March 6 HELPLINE! Something new - Volunteer hours AND an extra bonus. Plan to join the Helpers on Mondays and Sign Up!

March 7 Irrigation Workshop, 9-11am Founders Station Pike Road

March 7 Benefits of Bees, Honey, and Beeswax, Lonicera Garden Club (See below)

MARCH 9 HELPLINE TRAINING 9:00-11:00

March 14 Montgomery County Water Festival at AUM March 14-15, 2017.

March 16 MENTOR LUNCH

March 28 CCMGA Meeting

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

June 3 Herb Workshop 9-11a
Doster Center, Prattville

- [All Bugs Good and Bad - Webinar Series](#)
- [Petals from the Past](#)
- [Harwell's Green Thumb Nursery](#)
- **Count Your Hours:** [Printable Card Side 1](#) and [Printable Card Side 2](#)
- **NOW and Ongoing - Membership FORM**



President's Message

Thank goodness the budget is done! I don't know about you, but I hate budgets. Just the thought of all those figures, forms and facts makes me crazy. It's just plain "NOT FUN". But thanks to Dave, Margaret,

Cathy, Karin, Cindy, Julia, Janice and Mallory and their input and support during this process, we made it through successfully.

Now it's time to move on to the "Fun" stuff. Cindy Berg has a wonderful lineup of speakers and programs for us this year. It's going to be another fun and informative year at Lunch and Learn. Elaine Barron and her crew have the whole year all set up already. Be sure to check it out. We're all looking forward to the AMGA Conference in Huntsville in May when Cathy Maddox is sworn in as President of that group. Be sure to sign up now so you don't miss out. Remember that a group is as good as its members! And that means all of us. We all have our own unique talents, strengths and interests. Please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with the rest of us. You just never know when your idea might be just what the group needs!

Thank you all for your participation.
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CCMGA Membership

For information on joining, contact Janice Jackson t janice.jackson.al@gmail.com.

Membership Form

Vegetable Gardening Starts Now by Mike Forster

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Mike Forster

I know it's cold and damp outside and finishing your IRS 1040 is higher on your "To Do" list than vegetable gardening. But now is the time to get your garden ready for your cool season crops. Whether your vegetable garden is in ground or in a raised bed, it's time to dig up the weeds and grass, and pull up all the dead vegetable plants from last year. Turn the soil over mixing in good organic materials, compost, top soil and a little balanced fertilizer 8-8-8, 10-10-10, or 13-13-13. I also mix in a bag or two of composted manure, which can be purchased at

most of the nurseries, Lowes, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, and Farmer's Feed & Seed etc. Cool season vegetable plants and seeds can also be purchased in most of these same stores. My cool season favorites include: onions, radishes, cabbage, broccoli, arugula, leaf lettuce and potatoes. ACES publications ANR-0063, ANR-0479 and ANR-47 all have very nice charts for when and what to plant whether it be cool season or summer vegetable gardening. A little work now will pay off all season long.



Prime Magazine's Last Issue February 2017



From the Prime Magazine Editor:

Bob and I are very proud of the magazine and very grateful for the contributions of so many people to the publication, not the least of which are the Master Gardeners. Your columns every month were interesting and engaging, reflecting the creative urge so many of us have to work with our yards and gardens to create a lovely area and/or produce a delicious bounty for later consumption. We hope you have enjoyed working with Prime.

Sincerely,

Sandra Polizos, Editor

Articles will now be submitted to BOOM magazine

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Upcoming Montgomery Master Gardener Class Interns Has Mentors!!



The Montgomery County Extension Office is offering the Master Gardener Volunteer Program beginning February 16, 2017. This is the largest class with 30 registered interns. Classes will be held every Thursday February 16 through May 4th from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Montgomery County Extension Office on Atlanta Highway. Congratulations, everyone, for stepping up to mentor!

Montgomery County Extension Upcoming Meetings (and Educational Opportunities)



Montgomery Neighborhood Library Garden Club

The Montgomery neighborhood library is hosting a garden event, "The Benefits of Bees, Honey and Beeswax" on March 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the Coliseum Branch Library.

Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Gallery - February Lunch and Learn





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Brenda Jordan's Email in 2016 Directory is incorrect

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Reminder! Record Your Hours

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



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