

May 2017 CCMGA Newsletter

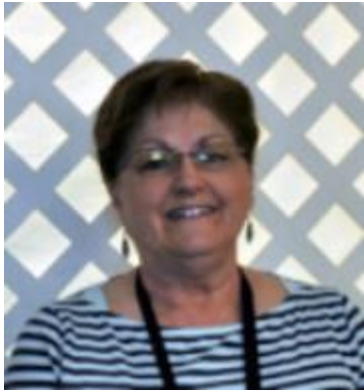
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President's Message



We had another hugely successful Plant Sale in April....and now I know why! It was such a pleasure to watch the coordination of the volunteers. Teamwork was the order of the day. Everyone seemed to know just what to do and how to do it. No one seemed to be content to do just 'their' job. Once they were finished with one task they just jumped in to help someone else. I hesitate to name anyone for fear I will forget someone else but there has been many years of organizers, planners, coordinators and volunteers to thank for the smooth operation of this event. Obviously, lessons were learned and changes were made along the way through trial and error. We now have a fine-oiled machine and yet I'll bet one of our volunteers will come up with ways to make things even better next year. We have a creative and innovative membership. In case you were wondering, we grossed **\$8,947.13** and netted **\$6,299.75!** Before noon!!

Thank you all for the hard work, camaraderie and spirit of volunteerism.

Janine

Additional Scheduled Activities!

May 18 MBG at Oak Park Volunteer Work Day, 8-12

May 20-21 Columbus Tour of Gardens

May 22 **HELPLINE - Seeking 2 CMGs and 2 Interns!!**

May 23 CCMGA, Frazer UMC, Atlanta Hwy, Invasive Plants,
Extension Invasive Plant Specialist, Dr. Nancy

Loewenstgein -

May 29 **Helpline Closed for Memorial Day**

June 1 The Sanctuary, 432 S. Goldthwaite St, Montgomery,
12-1, Professional Tree Pruning Tips for the
Homeowner,
Russel Stringer, Certified Arborist, RSVP May 29
info@montgomerytrees.org

June 2 Webinar, 2PM Eastern, Aphids, Scales, and
Whiteflies, --- Dr. Erfan Vafaie

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

June 3 Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Festival

June 7 Lunch & Learn 12-1, Armory Learning Arts Center
Selecting and Caring for Roses, Gloria Purnell,
Birmingham Rose Society

June 7 Trial Garden Tour - Young's Plant Farm, 12-1:30,
863 Airport Rd, Auburn

June 15 MBG at Oak Park Volunteer Work Day, 8-12

June 27, CCMGA, Frazer UMC, Atlanta Hwy, Orchids,
Charlotte Bent

July 5 Lunch & Learn 12:1, Armory Learning Arts,
Name That Tree,
Patrick Cook, AI Forestry Commission

August 2 Lunch & Learn 12:1, Armory Learning Arts,
Water Wisely,
Mary McCroan, CMG

Announcements, Edifications, Retractions, Additions



Ooopsies:

Did you catch any? Email capcitymga@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunity: Carter Hill Road Entrance

- Call Anne Waldo at 334-263-1727

BOOM Magazine



All gardening articles for Boom magazine should be sent to Mary Jane McCracken at: mjmccracken@knology.net. Mary Jane McCracken will be the one forwarding the article to Boom each month. The editor of the magazine indicated that our articles are welcome will be included in their publication. Spaces are often available for your articles. If you are interested in writing an article, please contact Mary Jane and she will provide the details

This month's article by Richard Goff (page 19)

Hot House of Horrors.

Communication Needs?



Newsletter, Minutes, Photos, Special Extra, Lunch n' Learn, Birthdays, Sunshine Requests, Announcements, Events, **Email us at:**

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HelpLine Questions of the Week.

How do I get rid of the fleas on my grass?

***By Mallory Kelley
Regional Extension Agent
Home Grounds, Gardens, Home
Pests***



Fire Blight

Fire blight affects many plant species each year and once you know the symptoms you will start noticing it everywhere. This spring it seems to be more prevalent and a warmer winter along with the drought stress we had in the fall is what I attribute it to. Fire Blight, caused by the bacterium *Erwinia amylovora*, is a common and destructive disease of pear, apple, quince, hawthorn, many other members of the rose plant

family as well as several stone fruit trees. The host range of the fire blight pathogen includes nearly 130 plant species in 40 genera. Badly diseased trees and shrubs are usually disfigured and may even be killed by fire blight.

The term fire blight describes the blackened, burned appearance of damaged flowers, twigs, and foliage. Symptoms appear in early spring. Blossoms first become water-soaked, and then wilt, and finally turn brown. Fruit may be infected by the bacterium directly through the skin or through the stem. Immature fruit are initially water-soaked, turning brownish black and becoming mummified as the disease progresses. These mummies often cling to the trees for several months. Shortly after the blossoms die, leaves on the same spur or shoot turn brown and black. As the twig and leaf blight phase progresses, leaves die and curl downward, but do not drop from the tree which produces a "shepherd's crook" appearance. This is usually the time when this disease is noticed on a tree or shrub.

Spraying at this time is pointless, sanitization is the only cure. This means cutting back at least 12 inches behind the scorched area and sanitizing pruners between every cut. Choosing tolerant plant varieties is an easy way to reduce the likelihood of getting fire blight. Another option is to apply antibiotics (bactericides) very early in the spring, but timing can be very tricky for complete control. Remember, **Antibiotics are protectants and not cures so they must be present to prevent the infection. The best way for a homeowner to avoid fireblight is to choose resistant varieties.**

If you have gardening related questions, call the Master Gardener Helpline!

March through August the Alabama Cooperative Extension System offers a Gardening Helpline for the public each Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This helpline is operated by Master Gardener Volunteers who use research based information to best answer all of your gardening questions.

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CCMGA Membership



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Membership Form

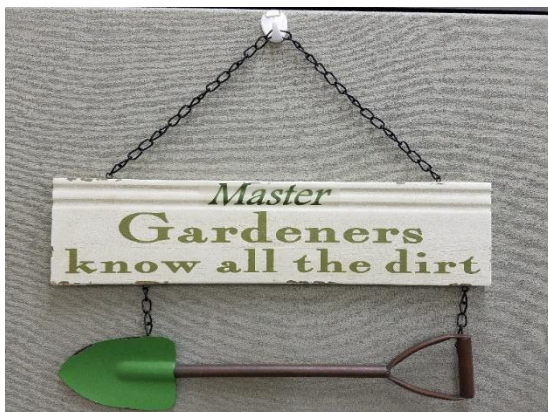
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janice.jackson.al@gmail.com or phone her at 271-1549 or 462-3000.

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CCMGA Meeting March 28, 2017





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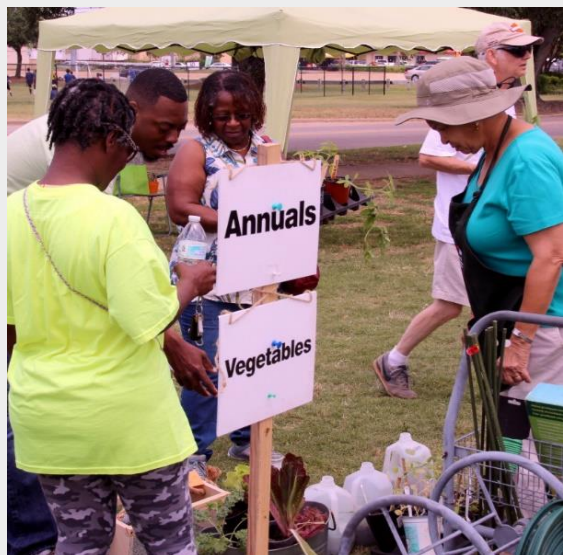
















Lilly's Garden







CCMGA Field Trip to Lanark





CCMGA Meeting



Cathy Maddox being installed as AMGA president. Congratulations!





Dr. Doug Phillips, Speaker



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