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**April Flowers  
are Daisy, & Sweet  
Pea:**

- It is thought that the name "daisy" is a corruption of "day's eye", because the whole head closes at night and opens in the morning. Chaucer called it "eye of the day". The species is widely naturalized in North America, where it is considered an invasive weed.
  - April Explanation: This month is associated with Sweet pea flower which bloom in a wide range of soft colors as well as two tone colors. It is said to symbolize pleasure or good-bye. In the Victorian era, these flowers formed a part of the bouquet which was sent to someone to convey gratefulness.
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**April 21 Plant Sale**

**April 24th , CCMGA Meeting,**

*Social 9:30, Meeting 10:00,*

*Program: Pres Marshall will be presenting a program on" Water Features in the Yard"*

**April 27:** Application Deadline for Educational Displays at Alabama National Fair from September 28 to October 8

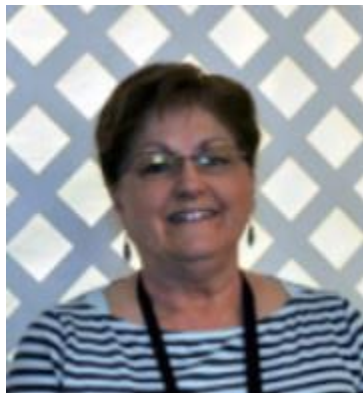
**May 2, Lunch & Learn Noon,**

*Program: Dabbling with Daylilies*

*Presenter: Terese Goodson, CMG*

May 11: Autauga MGA Growing a Beautiful Garden

May 22 CCMGA Meeting : A Daylily Caravan (CCMGA on the move)



**President's Message**

Is it spring? Or is it winter? No one know, least of all Mother Nature. Frankly, I think we're all ready to just pick a season and stick to it. That's fine so long as we all pick spring! We've got plants to sell and plants to grow, and we're ready for digging holes. Our Plant Sale is imminent and with all the volunteers and planning, it is bound to be a success. So many of our members have spent so much time and energy over the years perfecting the coordination of the Sale that it is running like a well-oiled machine. Of course,

machines need more oil, new parts, and new workers from time-to-time. We hope that many of our new interns will be able to come and help out. Even if you have not signed up for a specific job, feel free to come and pitch in where needed. You'll enjoy the fun and comradery and learn a lot about the plants and the master gardener organization.

See y'all there.

Janine Koslofsky  
President CCMGA



**Helpline Monthly Mystery:**



This gentleman called with brown boxwoods and wanted to know what the problem was and what to do. WSHLD?

(What Should Help Line Do)



## Moments with Mallory

All Programs are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!  
EVERY MONTH from 12:00-1:00, Bring a Sack Lunch. Drinks Provided!

### Topics and locations:

#### Montgomery:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of EVERY month, Armory Learning Arts Center, 1018  
Madison Ave. For more information: (334)270-4133

#### Wetumpka:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of EVERY month, Elmore Co. Extension Office, 340 Queen Ann  
Rd. For more information: (334)567-6301

#### Prattville:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of EVERY month, Trinity United Methodist, 610 Fairview Ave.,  
Prattville AL. For more information: (334)361-7273

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## Announcements, Links, and Things

- **HELPLINE** started March 5. So far we've had willing an enthusiastic volunteer, yummy snacks, and lots of fun! Sign Up! You, too, can play with the vetch and ID that black stuff dripping off the crepe myrtles! A Special thank you to our very knowledgeable volunteers. I am constantly impressed!!

**Webinar** in the All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series

- Montgomery County Water Festival May 8th and 9th. Volunteers needed! [CLICK HERE](#) for volunteer form.

***BOOM Magazine*** - All gardening articles for Boom magazine should be sent to Mary Jane McCracken at: [mjmccracken@knology.net](mailto:mjmccracken@knology.net).

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## **CCMGA Membership**



For information on joining, contact Janice Jackson at [janice.jackson.al@gmail.com](mailto:janice.jackson.al@gmail.com).

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## **The Gallery Part I (Gallery Part II Pending)**

### **April Lunch and Learn**

Tomatoes, Tomatoes, Tomatoes! by Mallory Kelley,  
Horticulturist, ACES



### **Lilly's Garden Repairs Before**



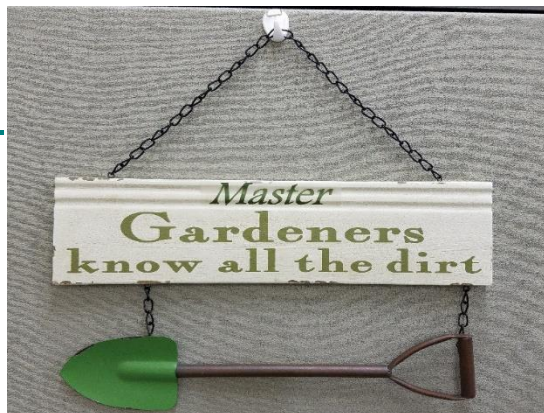


# Lilly's Garden Repairs After



## CCMGA Meeting

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## HelpLine

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### CCMGA MAY MEETING – A DAYLILY CARAVAN (CARPOOL IF AT POSSIBLE)

**May 22, 2018**

**Garden 1 8:00-9:00 a.m.** Freda and William Frye 160 Williamson Way Millbrook, AL 36054 334-290-7189

**Garden 2 9:30-10:30 a.m.** Linda and George Carleton 49 Okfuski Trail Pike Road, AL 36064 334-277-1664

**Garden 3 10:45-11:45 a.m.** Nancy and Oliver Billingslea 6291 Thach Road Montgomery, AL 36117 334-277-0994 **(Park at the roadway and walk down the driveway –VERY limited parking.)**

**Garden 4 Noon-1:30 p.m.** Terese Goodson 7407 Woodley Road Montgomery, AL 36116 334-354-2854

- Bring your sack lunch, drink, snacks, etc. and plan to eat at the farm. Tables will be set up under the shade trees.
- Please try to follow the posted garden times. The owners may be visiting the remaining gardens on tour before the AL/MS daylily conference. Some daylily club members will be touring the gardens, too.

If you are unsure of the directions, use Google maps or your GPS.

Call Terese at 334-354-2854 if you have questions.

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## Reminder! Record Your Hours

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

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