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### Gardening

- Gardening is the practice of growing and cultivating plants as part of horticulture. In gardens, ornamental plants are often grown for their flowers, foliage, or overall appearance; useful plants, such as root vegetables, leaf vegetables, fruits, and herbs, are grown for consumption, for use as dyes, or for medicinal or cosmetic use.

### **President's Message**

When I moved to Montgomery over 12 years ago, the best decision I ever made was to join the Newcomers Club. It was a serendipitous moment when I went into the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Peppertree Plaza and stumbled upon a wonderful lady who heard me whining about needing to get connected and making friends. She took my email and the very same day she invited me to an upcoming coffee and luncheon. From that chance meeting has come almost every friendship, activity and even my two jobs.....that I love! And yes, that includes Master Gardeners, which I learned about from Audrey Shelnutt, who was an employee of Wild Birds at the time.



The second best decision I made was to say “yes” when the Newcomers Club asked me to be the treasurer for the following year. I was not only new to Montgomery but also new to the whole idea of being in a club. But I decided that the best way to get truly involved and to get to know people better was to be on the board or a member of a committee. That brings you in closer contact with a smaller part of the group and you get to know people on a more personal level. I went on to be the president of the club a few years later. And I have now served as secretary, vice president and president of the CCMGA.

We will be voting on a **nominating committee** in September, and some of you will get a call asking if you’ll serve on the board. Please say yes. It is rewarding and fulfilling on many levels. There are plenty of members who have done these jobs in the past and will be there for you every step of the way. You are NOT alone!! We will also need many committee chairs and volunteers and appreciate everyone who participates. Thank you in advance for saying “**YES**”.

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President CCMGA

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### **NEXT CCMGA Meeting**

**September 25. We miss you when you're gone!**



### **LAST CHANCE for AMGA Fall Seminar**

September 27

RSVP by September 21

Fee: \$30

Send a check and lunch choice (ham, turkey, or veggie) to Margaret Cully, 3300 Evergreen Hill, Montgomery 36106

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### ***CCMGA Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction***

***Tuesday, December 11, 2018***

***Wynlakes Country Club***

***Buffet - \$26 per person***

Reservations can be made at the September CCMGA meeting. Bring your checks and make your plans to be there for the fun, food and fellowship.

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### **LINKS**

- **AMGA Pathways** [Click For Current Issue](#)
- **August MUD**

- **August Supplement MUD**
- **Extension Blog**
- **Alabama Master Gardener Helpline Ext. Link**
- **Volunteer Opp's Bulletin**
- **ACES**
- **Montgomery County Extension Newsletter**
- **Webinar** in the All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series
- **BOOM Magazine** All gardening articles for Boom magazine should be sent to Mary Jane McCracken at: [mjmccracken@knology.net](mailto:mjmccracken@knology.net).

September BOOM!

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## Reports

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### Special Notes from Mallory

#### 1. **Successful Aging Initiative Expo**

Danielle Rudolph with Extension has the SAI Expo on Thursday and is looking for volunteers to help staff the registration table. She said you could rotate working the table to go in and experience the expo as well. She needs volunteers for registration from 7:30- around 2:00 Thursday.

Email me back if you would like to help for any or all of the day.

[Jones57@aces.edu](mailto:Jones57@aces.edu)

Here is a little more information on the Expo and everyone is welcome to attend the expo!

**The SAI Expo is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the**

**Crampton Bowl Multiplex. Please arrive on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> by 7:30 a.m. and enter through main entrance.** Undoubtedly, we will have early arrivers. Upon arrival, your door prizes can be given to a representative at the registration station. We ask that you please label your door prize(s) with a business card or agency name to better help us recognize your contribution.

We invite you to take part in the following:

- Health screenings by Baptist Health and Nigerian American Association of South Central AL,
- Donate at least one canned good to give to Montgomery Area Food Bank,
- Bring your expired and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medications for proper disposal,
- Register for Project Lifesaver and Yellow Dot through Montgomery County Sheriff Office,
- Register to vote and to receive new voter's ID cards from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. by Office of the Secretary of State (check details at [www.alabamavotes.gov](http://www.alabamavotes.gov)), and
- Plan to give blood on-site with LifeSouth Blood Center (sign-up at <https://fs18.formsite.com/lifesouth/SuccessfulAging/index.html>).

Thank you for your support of the Successful Aging Initiative. If questions should arise or additional information is needed, I may be contacted at 334.270.4133 (office), 334.201.2847 (mobile), or [ddr0007@aces.edu](mailto:ddr0007@aces.edu) (email).

## 2. **Farming Basics**

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System has launched an online course to help new farmers and agribusiness employees learn the basics of what it takes to grow food and fiber in today's competitive environment.

It's called Farming Basics. This is a free, online course that provides an introduction to the critical topics in farming. You will find the course in the ACES Catalog at ACES Catalog <https://aces.catalog.auburn.edu>

The self-paced program will take about two hours to complete. Topics include: farm management and marketing, pesticide safety, food safety, basic crop production, and pest management. Each topic is followed by a short quiz to help students review the content concepts. Upon completion, students receive a certificate.

Farming Basics follows the proven model of Beef Basics. These courses will serve as the foundation of our growing commitment to online learning.

Farming Basics is a project under the Beginning Farmer Program, funded by a grant from the USDA Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program (Award 2015-04598). The overall project implementation plan involves collaboration with a wide range of institutions, producer organizations, and nonprofit agencies for supporting beginning farmers statewide. These include Farmscape Solutions, Crotovina, and The United Christian Community Association (TUCCA).

The program will be announced in news and social media. Please help us extend these messages through your social media channels, and also personally visit with those in your community who would benefit from the program.

### 3. **Community Garden Workshop**

Starting and Sustaining a Garden in Your Community

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## **Announcements, Things, ETC.**

- **HELPLINE** starts in March and ends August. Co-Chairs and continued willing and enthusiastic volunteers, yummy snacks, and lots of fun will be needed for 2019! [Sign Up!](#) You, too, can play with the vetch and ID that black stuff dripping off the crepe myrtles!

**Webinar** in the All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series, Next class October 5, Structural Misidentified Pest by Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown

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

**SNACK SIGN UP -**

Snacks: Cheri Youngblood <[ycheri2@aol.com](mailto:ycheri2@aol.com)>

September: [www.volunteersignup.org/AWB4M](http://www.volunteersignup.org/AWB4M)

October: [www.volunteersignup.org/T9BHQ](http://www.volunteersignup.org/T9BHQ)


November: [www.volunteersignup.org/DH8BB](http://www.volunteersignup.org/DH8BB)

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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).

Membership Form

[CLICK HERE](#)

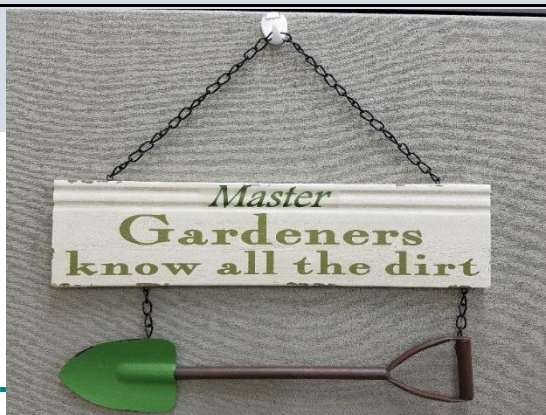
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## The Gallery

Special Photos provided by Annie Smith from Montgomery County Youth Facility will be posted in the Supplement at the end of September. Stay tune and special thanks to Mike Forster.

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## HelpLine



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## Reminder! Record Your Hours

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

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