

## Project Spotlight:

# Fairy Garden Fun—Tuscaloosa County

Tuscaloosa County Master Gardeners take the opportunity to spend time at Eagle's Wings of Tuscaloosa, a non-profit agency providing day habilitation services to adults with intellectual and physical disabilities. During one of their many weekly visits to Eagle's Wings, Barbara Martin, Caroline Wiggins, Ida Gleaton, and Ann Hewitt demonstrated the techniques for making "Fairy Gardens" to the students. These dedicated Master Gardeners brought an abundance of broken pieces of flower pots, various sizes and shapes of flower pots, assorted ornamental figures, many succulent plants, and bags of potting soil to bring this special project to life. As the students watched in amazement at the process and the outcome, they were later grouped and given an opportunity to make their own "Fairy Gardens" with the help of a Master Gardener. Then they used the "gardens" to beautify their favorite spots of the campus. Although the winter climate is often cold and dreary, this unique and cheerful project brought joy and laughter to the students at Eagle's Wings of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Photos (Below): Master Gardeners preparing the Fairy Gardens at Eagle's Wings.

Article & Photos courtesy of Octavia Miles



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# County Outreach

## MORGAN COUNTY

Master Gardeners from Morgan County have been collecting gardening magazines to donate to the Limestone County Correctional Facility. Inmates that work in the greenhouses enjoy reading them!

## CHILTON COUNTY

Chilton County Master Gardener members are pruning the crape myrtles at the Chilton Research and Extension Center. They will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:00 am until the job is completed. Please see page 3 for entire volunteering schedule.

Master Gardener and retired Forester, Don Burdette, is overseeing the trimming for ease in maintenance mowing and beautification. Other pruning will be done by the CREC crew under Don's directives.

Photo: Shown here are MG Lee and Wally Walters with Don Burdette.



# Thank You Volunteers!



We would like to extend our appreciation to our Helpline volunteers across the state. In 2015, we received an amazing 9,208 helpline calls and logged over 7,000 hours. Without your help, this could not have been achieved. Let us keep up the incredible work for 2016.

Photo: Baldwin County MG, Frieda Romanchuk, answering Helpline phone calls.

# Volunteering Across Alabama

## Autauga County Master Gardeners

### **Demonstration Garden Workdays**

When: Every Tues. and Thurs. at 8:00 AM  
**Governor's Mansion Workdays** every Monday

## Claybank Master Gardeners

Use the contact numbers below to confirm your slot.

### **Dale County Lake Walking Trail**

Contact Carole Ball at (334) 774-5353

### **Ozark First United Methodist Church Meditation Garden**

Contact Jan Lisenby at (334) 774-6998

### **The Ozark-Dale County Public Library**

Contact Carole Ball at (334) 774-5353

## Calhoun County Master Gardeners

### **Cane Creek Gardens**

When: every Tuesday morning  
 Where: Anniston, AL

## Chilton County Master Gardeners

### **Demonstration Garden**

When: Mondays and Thursdays at 9:00AM  
 Where: Chilton Research and Extension  
 Center (CREC)

### **Pruning Days**

When: Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00AM  
 Where: CREC

### **Craft Days**

Contact Sondra Henley at (205) 567-3333

### **Jr MG Workshop**

When: March 29th  
 Where: CREC

## Etowah County Master Gardeners

### **Demonstration Gardens**

When: TBA, call the office

## Lee County Master Gardeners

### **Kiesel Park Demonstration Garden**

When: Most Tuesday mornings  
 Contact Charlot Ritenbaugh (334) 750-1984

### **Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail**

When: 8:00 – 10:00 AM  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month  
 Where: Municipal Park; Opelika, AL  
 Contact: Spencer Roy, 334-744-0769

## Tuscaloosa County Master Gardeners

### **Eagles' Wings**

When: Wednesday mornings  
 Where: Coker, AL

### **Hospice of West Alabama**

When: Wednesday mornings  
 Where: Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Contact Judith Rives, [jjarives@gmail.com](mailto:jjarives@gmail.com)

## Shoals Master Gardeners

### **Florence Community Gardens**

When: TBA, call the office

## Wiregrass Master Gardeners

### **Dothan Area Botanical Garden**

When: Mondays, 8:00 AM  
 What: Maintain demonstration beds

## **Helpline Reminder!**

Please volunteer to work the Helpline this spring in one of the following counties.

Autauga	Etowah	Madison
Baldwin	Jefferson	Mobile
Chilton	Lauderdale	Montgomery
Elmore	Lee	



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join and promote the following events!

## March Lunch & Learn:

Lunch & Learn occurs once a month, shares a new topic every event, and takes place from 12:00—1:00 p.m. Drinks are provided, but tell friends to bring a sack lunch. L&L are a cooperative effort between Extension Agents and several hard working crews of Master Gardeners.

<b>1</b>	<b>Houston County:</b> Topic: Starting a Garden Where: Houston-Love Memorial Library, Dothan	<b>8</b>	<b>Elmore County:</b> Topic: How to Make Succulent Wreaths Where: Elmore County Extension Office
<b>2</b>	<b>Montgomery County:</b> Topic: Backyard Veggies Where: Armory Learning Arts Center, Montgomery	<b>8</b>	<b>Morgan County:</b> Topic: Insects Where: Aquadome Recreation Center, Decatur
<b>3</b>	<b>Autauga County:</b> Topic: Backyard Tomatoes Where: Christ Lutheran Church, Prattville	<b>17</b>	<b>Cherokee County:</b> Topic: Starting Plants from Seeds Where: Cherokee Public Library, Centre
<b>8</b>	<b>East Central:</b> Topic: Pollinators in the Garden Where: Randolph County Equine & Ag Center, Wedowee	<b>21</b>	<b>Mobile County:</b> Topic: Vertical Gardening & Hydroponics Where: Jon Archer Ag Center, Mobile

**Have a cool story or project you'd like to share?** We'd love to hear what your association is doing in your community. Contact us so we can learn more and publish it in an upcoming *Volunteer Opp's!*

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