

# Volunteer Opp's Bulletin

## Jefferson County Master Gardeners

Jefferson County Master Gardeners, Alberta Fields and Kate Musso, hosted the educational table at the Hueytown Farmers Market on July 7<sup>th</sup>. They provided a workshop on growing and using culinary herbs. Visitors were provided guidance on which herbs grow best from seed and which grow best from cuttings or division. Children were given the opportunity to make seed tapes of basil and cilantro. On August 4<sup>th</sup> the Jefferson MGs returned to the Farmers Market to discuss planting a fall vegetable garden. Helping others learn rewards the teachers too!



Pictured: Alberta Fields at Hueytown Farmers Market

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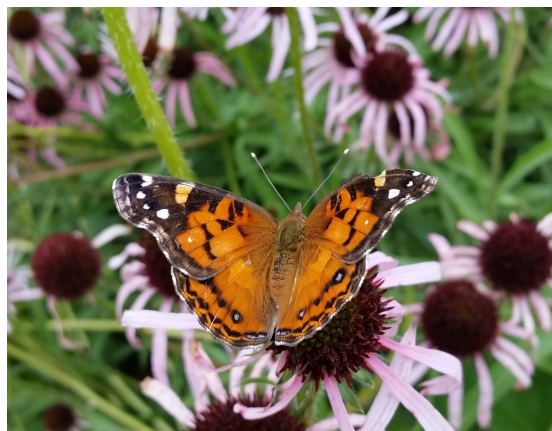
# Activity Spotlight

## Baldwin County MG's Prepare for Scholarship Fundraisers and Plan October Event

Ongoing outreach projects include working the greenhouses at both Daphne High School and South Baldwin Center for Technology in Robertsdale. Members begin volunteering at the greenhouses as soon as school starts! Some cuttings are brought in by members; plants are propagated and raised for plant sales. Plants from both greenhouses will be available **October 11-14, at the Weeks Bay Reserve Plant Sale**. After that sale, work continues in preparation for the 2019 Baldwin County Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale, April 4-8. This plant sale is our major source of income for scholarships awarded to Baldwin County students planning to attend horticultural or agricultural universities in Alabama.

Mark your calendar! Our **Fall Seminar, October 25, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**, will be at Fairhope Civic Center Dr. Arlie Powell will speak on "Citrus in the Home Garden." Also from Petals from the Past, Jason Powell, speaks on "Perennials for Every Spot in the Garden." There will be a short talk on Monarch Butterflies as well as a Gardening Fashion Show and a Raffle.

For information on BCMG: [www.BaldwinMasterGardeners.com](http://www.BaldwinMasterGardeners.com)



BCMG Members: Shirley Ryals, Gerry Lester, Myra Lassere, Martha Seale

# Activity Spotlight

**Your MG activities could be here!**

**What's your story?**

**We know you're buzzing too.**



# Wet Season Problems

During this unusually wet summer, the temperature, sunlight, and humidity are the perfect environment for fungal diseases. Plants are lush and grow big and strong. But so do diseases. Many diseases are spread by water; moving spores and contaminating their neighboring plants. Here are a few things to watch out for.....

## Powdery Mildew

Powdery Mildew (left) is a very common problem lately in south Alabama. It looks like white growth on the leaves and shoots.



## Downy Mildew

Downy Mildew (right) is a disease having angular yellow patches on the surface of the leaves and cotton-like fungi on the underside of the leaf.



## Plectosporium blight

Plectosporium blight is a disease that produces white spindle shaped lesions on the stems and petioles of the plant. The good news is, it usually does not affect the leaves or fruit



## Bacterial Spot

Bacterial spot produces faint, water-soaked patches on leaves and fruit, which turn into darker spots. Infected leaves often drop, causing too much sun exposure. This leads to further fruit damage and reduces yields.



# Volunteering Across Alabama

## Autauga County Master Gardeners

### **Demonstration Garden Workdays**

When: Every Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

### **Governor's Mansion Workdays**

When: Every Monday

## Capital City Master Gardeners

### **Lilly's Garden**

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 8:45 a.m.

Where: Forest Avenue School

Contact: Ann Oldham, 334-318-9762

## Claybank Master Gardeners

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

Contact Carole Ball at (334) 774-5353

### **Ozark First UMC 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 at Extension Center**

When: Monday and Thursdays, 8 a.m.

Where: Chilton Research and Extension Center (CREC)

Contact: Sondra Henley

## Lee County Master Gardeners

### **Kiesel Park Demonstration Garden**

When: call Jimmy or Charlot, 7:30 am

Contacts: Jimmy Petrey 334 821-6412; Charlot Ritenbaugh 334-750-1984

### **Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail**

When: August 14 & 28, 8:00 am

Where: Municipal Park; Opelika, AL

Contact: call to be sure of work dates, Billie Oliver, [billieoliver@gmail.com](mailto:billieoliver@gmail.com), or text, 334-749-2679

### **Grandma's Garden**

When: August 9th, 8:00 am

Where: Pioneer Park, Loachapoka, AL

Contact: Kathy Hayward, [bryaub@hotmail.com](mailto:bryaub@hotmail.com)

### **Kreher Preserve & Nature Center, Butterfly Garden**

When: Thursday mornings at 8:00, weather permitting

Contact: Margaret Holler, (334) 740-8548

## 2017 MG Annual Activity Report!

<https://bit.ly/2J99Zlp>

## Helpline Reminder!

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

Autauga Elmore Lee Montgomery  
Jefferson Chilton Etowah Madison  
Lauderdale Baldwin Mobile



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## Morgan County Master Gardeners

### **Pond Spring, General Joe Wheeler Home**

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
Where: 12280 AL Hwy 20, Hillsboro, AL, 35643.  
Volunteers meet at Pond Spring.  
Contact: Sabrina Green, mskmgreen@msn.com

### **Hospice of the Valley Memory Garden**

When: Weeding, planting, and maintaining occurs when needed.  
Contact: Nancy Shannon, swampboss7@aol.com

### **Morgan County – Decatur Farmers Market**

What: Volunteers are needed for the *Ask a Master Gardener Booth* at each special event at the market.  
Contact: Judith Looney, judyjill@bellsouth.net

## Shoals Master Gardeners

### **Florence Community Gardens**

When: Call the office; Volunteers are needed

## Tuscaloosa County Master Gardeners

### **Eagles' Wings**

When: Wednesday mornings  
Where: Coker, AL,

### **Hospice of West Alabama**

When: Wednesday mornings  
Where: Tuscaloosa, AL

## Wiregrass Master Gardeners

### **Dothan Area Botanical Garden**

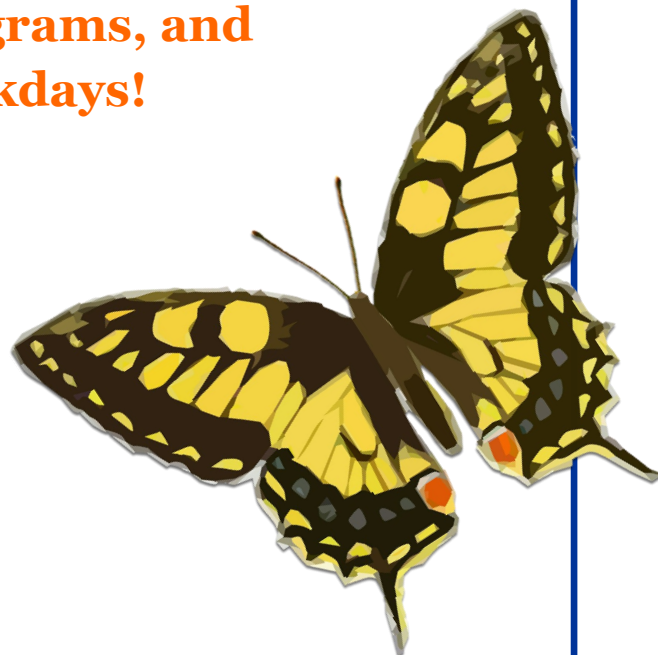
When: Mondays, 8:00 a.m.  
What: Maintain demonstration beds

### **Landmark Park**

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month

# WE HAVE MORE ROOM FOR YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## Please email Kerry (p. 7) to send your upcoming volunteer opportunities, programs, and workdays!



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# Mark Your Calendar!

Join and promote the following events

## Lunch & Learn, and ETC.:

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 is a cooperative effort between Extension Agents and several hard working crews of Master Gardeners. *Similar events are listed here too, but may have other arrangements.*

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| <p><b>3</b></p>  | <p><b>Houston County:</b><br/>(We'll be back in SEPTEMBER!)</p>   | <p><b>11</b></p> | <p><b>Morgan County:</b><br/>Topic: Canning and Preserving Food<br/>Where: Decatur, Aquadome, 1202 5th Ave. SW</p> |
| <p><b>10</b></p> | <p><b>Elmore County:</b><br/>Topic: Snake Identification<br/>Where: Elmore Co. Extension Office</p>                   | <p><b>12</b></p> | <p><b>Autauga County:</b><br/>Topic: Cooking with Herbs and Spices<br/>Where: Trinity United Methodist</p>         |
| <p><b>10</b></p> | <p><b>Russell County:</b><br/>Topic: Snake Identification<br/>Where: 508 14th Street</p>                              | <p><b>25</b></p> | <p><b>Calhoun County:</b><br/>Topic: Safe Use of Chemicals in the Home<br/>Where: Cane Creek Community Gardens</p> |
| <p><b>11</b></p> | <p><b>Dale County:</b><br/>Topic: Native Plants<br/>Where: 202 South Hwy 123, Ste. D, Ozark</p>                       |                  |  |
| <p><b>11</b></p> | <p><b>Montgomery County:</b><br/>Topic: Working with Ponds in the Landscape<br/>Where: Armory Leaning Arts Center</p> |                  |                               |

**Have a cool story or project you'd like to share?** We'd love to hear what your MG 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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