



DIRTY DIGS



Autauga County Master Gardeners Association

October 2014

ENTERTAIN, EDUCATE, ELEVATE

Next Meeting

October 9,
2014

Meeting Location:

Don and Glenda

Armstrongs

@9:00 AM

Guest Article: Submitted by Anthony Yarbrough



Planning

Now that Fall is upon us we turn our attention to landscaping,

raising Fall vegetable crops and winterizing the garden in preparation for next year. However, this is also the best time to start planning for next season. If you are desiring to enlarge your present garden or putting in a new garden, planning is essential. Failure to plan is a plan to fail. Here are a few planning tips for you to consider: (1) Why do you want to garden? Some of the reasons are enjoyment of watching things grow, exercise, freshness of vegetables, chemical free vegetables, and save money. Probably the worst reason to start a garden is for economics. Unless you have a good size garden and have a way to preserve your food, you will probably spend more than you would save.

(2) How much time will I have to devote to my garden? Think about all your other activities that will take you away from your garden next season. How much am I willing to give to my plants? When will I take a vacation, etc.? I used to think I could till the soil, throw a few seeds out and ferti-

lize. Then I would do nothing till harvest time. What a disaster! It takes time to weed, feed, water, remove insects and other pests, and inspect your garden each day.

(3) What do you want to grow? Grow what you like to eat. If no one in your family likes spinach, then don't grow spinach (unless you enjoy giving vegetables away).



Also, you may desire to grow what is pleasing to the eye and not for eating.

(4) What size garden is best for you? Well, a lot of that depends on the above factors of time and family needs. For instance, one thing to remember, watermelons take a whole lot more room than bell peppers. If you live on a small lot and don't have a lot of space, you can consider growing some vegetables among your other landscape plants.

(5) Costs? You may have to adjust the aforementioned factors based on your financial resources that you are willing to provide for your garden. Let me say that if you can get free stuff, that is better. There are free sources of compost and mulch. Tree trunks may be cut to fit the sides of your raised beds. But if you buy boards, soil, seeds, fertilizer, and watering system, you may spend upwards of \$300. Mentioning watering systems, during Alabama summers when temperatures are above 90 degrees and no rain, you will be watering daily. A good drip irrigation system is highly recommended. That alone could have an initial cost of \$150. These are just a few tips to consider. Growing gardens is a therapeutic hobby for me, entertainment if you will. If you plan well, considering all the variables, your garden experience will be pleasurable.

What's Bugging You?



Do You know the name of this critter? Is it beneficial or destructive or both?

Answer and information can be found on Page 23

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

Plant Plants this Fall

Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner and many people will be focused on mums, pumpkins and Christmas trees, not their landscape. But, fall is actually the best time to plant trees and shrubs for many reasons. Below are three reasons why.....

Fall is the best time for root growth!

Although above ground your plant may look dormant, there is a lot of activity going on beneath the soil. Fall is the best time to plant because the plants are not trying to put on leaves, flower or grow fruit. This allows the plants time to put all their energy into making roots while the parts of the plant above ground are dormant.

According to Dr. Dave Williams, horticulture professor at Auburn University and former Alabama Extension agent, photosynthesis is the source of this root growth.

“Instead of photosynthates being used immediately for bud development, they have been stored and in the fall begin to move down into the root system. In the root system, they’re stored as carbohydrates,” Williams said. “Some of them are used for root growth through the fall and winter when the soil is still warm.” The plants have time to get established.

Planting in the spring requires trees and shrubs to immediately begin budding. Planting in the fall gives your plant a period of rest, so it can firmly establish itself.

“The plants have fall and all winter to develop roots with very little care otherwise. In central Alabama we typically get sufficient rainfall to supply adequate moisture to the roots all winter so less maintenance is required,” said David West, Alabama Extension agent. “They can get established before they try to commit resources to blooming and new shoot growth.”

A strong network of roots is key to a successful tree or shrub. More roots help the plants to be stronger and healthier the following year when hot, dry weather arrives and they are trying to put on flower and fruit all at the same time.



Sales!

Because fall is not a popular time to plant, it is a good time of year to find plants on sale. Most consumers are buying pumpkins, poinsettias and Christmas trees, leaving slashed prices for common trees and shrubs.

It is still important, however, to choose a good quality plant for your climate and soil type.

“You may have to search a little bit,” Williams said. “Local gardening centers are a good place to start.”

To plant your tree or shrub, begin by researching and selecting a plant for your climate and growing site. Once you’ve chosen your plant, dig a hole that is two times as wide and just as deep as the plant is in the pot. Be cautious of power lines and roof eaves overhead and fiberoptic and gas lines underground. Always call [811](tel:811) to have your site checked!

Add organic matter to the hole, and mulch around the plant to suppress weeds and insulate the soil from temperature. Lastly, and most importantly, water your plant immediately and often if no rainfall.

More resources:

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-0814/index2.tmpl>

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1405/ANR-1405.pdf>

Additional Source: Jamie Wallace, Public Relations Student working with the *Extension Daily*





THIS IS AUBURN.



Introduction to Aquaponics

The Auburn University School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences will host the workshop "Introduction to Aquaponics" Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-noon, at the E.W. Shell Fisheries Center, North Auburn Unit. The workshop costs \$60 and will include detailed instruction on the basics of aquaponics/hydroponics, a tour of the unit's fish and plant greenhouses and a session on designing aquaponics systems. Space is limited, so register now at <http://bit.ly/auburnaquaponics>. For more information, contact Mollie Smith at 334-844-2872 or mrs0018@auburn.edu.

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Alabama Gardener's Calendar

October

Fruits and Nuts

- Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama.
- Clean up orchard area
- Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

Shrubs

- Shrub plantings can be made.
- Water when needed
- Note varieties of camellias in bloom.
- Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

Lawns

- Continue to mow lawns until no new growth is noticeable.

Roses

- Continue insect and disease control practices
- New rose catalogs will be coming in.
- Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

Annuals and Perennials

- Visit flower shows and gardens

- List desirable varieties of mums
- Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost.

Bulbs

- Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculuses.
- Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

Miscellaneous

- Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds.
- Loosen mulches that have packed down.
- Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc.
- Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds.
- Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

Vegetable Seed

- Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.



All Bugs Good and Bad

2014 Webinar Series

Please join us for this webinar series for information you can use about good and bad insects. Webinars will be on the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. Eastern.

- February 7** If Flowers are Restaurants to Bees, Then What Are Bees to Flowers?
Dr. John Skinner
- March 7** Straight Talk About Termites
Dr. Xing Ping Hu
- April 4** Get TickSmart: 10 Things to Know, 5 Things to Do
Dr. Thomas Mather
- May 2** Are Those Itsy Bitsy Spiders Good or Bad?
Dr. Nancy Hinkle
- June 6** Fire Ant Management
Elizabeth Brown
- August 1** Minimize Mosquito Problems
Molly Keck
- September 5** Kudzu Bug Takes Over the Southeastern U.S./Brown Marmorated Stinkbug—All Bad
Dr. Michael Toews/Dr. Tracy Leskey
- October 3** Alien Invasions, Zombies Under Foot, and Billions of Decapitated Fire Ants
Dr. Sanford Porter
- November 7** Where Have All the Honey Bees Gone? Hope for the Future
Dr. John Skinner



For more information on the series and how to connect to the webinars, visit: <http://www.extension.org/pages/70120>.



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Hummingbird Award for September



Millie Ledford was awarded the Hummingbird Award at the September meeting. Millie was the Assistant Helpline coordinator. Her efforts were indispensable in assuring the success of the helpline program in Autauga County. Hats off to Millie for these accomplishments.





September Monthly Meeting

Our regular meeting was held on September 11, 2014 at the First Baptist Church. Mr. Patrick Cook from the Extension System gave the program on controlling unwanted wildlife.

Important Announcements

From Pam Olson: Here's your monthly reminder to bring items for the "Cultivating Our Community" project with you to the next meeting. Pam Olson usually collects them. If she's not at the meeting, Nancy Waggoner steps in. This is our sister project to the Prattville-Autauga Demonstration Garden. Produce from the garden supplies fresh vegetables to AICC, Autauga Interfaith Care Center – our county's food bank. But people who need a temporary helping hand have many needs in addition to food. Cleaning products, both personal and for the home, can take a big bite out of one's wallet yet are essential for one's dignity. We, as individual members, help supply the non-food items. AICC is in constant need of: **adult toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and household cleaners.** Smaller-sized store brand cleaning products are better because your dollars put products into more bags at the center. Sample sizes of any of the items are okay, too. Anything is appreciated! As with all our MG projects, participation is optional.

New Item Requested for "Cultivating Our Community" Project

We have a new item to add to the other six we regularly collect for AICC – **adult** toothbrushes. The center has finally run out of the generous supply donated by a local dentist. Thank you for your generosity. AICC is always grateful for our donations.

PALS Beautification Award

Anytime you see a yard that you would like to nominate for this award and do not have a nomination form, please get the information to me, Rose McCauley, by regular mail, email or drop it by my home. Include the following:

Your name and contact information

Category - Private House, Business, School, Government

Nominee's Name (if you have it)

Nominee's Address

Nominee's Phone Number (if you have it)

Directions

Reasons for Nomination

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Rose McCauley



Forget-me-nots

By Pam Olson

Drive Time to Local Monthly Meetings

Last month's *Forget-me-nots* piece was all about Drive Time. This month's will quickly finish up that topic.

ACES sets the guidelines for what qualifies as a volunteer activity that we're allowed to count toward our total hours, but sometimes local associations are given a certain amount of wiggle room. That's the case here in the Autauga County MGA when it comes to drive time to monthly meetings. ACES' guideline reads: "Drive time to monthly MG association meetings ONLY counts when you are involved with a committee or have a specific responsibility at the meeting." It's the only situation I know of when a distinction of this kind is made.

The idea is to encourage an extra level of participation by offering something only to those who step up to the plate. That would include officers, coordinators, project-garden chairs, telephone committee members, refreshment organizer, refreshment providers for the meeting, and the like.

But what about long-time members who've held multiple positions in the past but may be taking more of a backseat now, I wondered. Our association exists today because of their earlier efforts, so in order to show continued appreciation to these members, we've been given the nod to make no distinction between who does and who doesn't count drive time to meetings. Long story short, the bonus includes everyone, and both Mallory Kelley and Kerry Smith approved the change. That's right – everyone in our local association counts drive time to every monthly meeting. The part about not making ANY distinction really helps yours truly. I no longer need to explain the ins and outs of when to and when not to count the time it takes you to drive to the meetings. The bottom line is that we all count drive time to all activities all the time, PERIOD. Now isn't that simple?! Thank you, Mallory and Kerry!!!

Questions or comments? Email or call me: polsonhome@charter.net, 361-7030.

SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report Sept. 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$5,829.98
REVENUE		
Local and State Dues	\$ 410.00	
Wedding - Prattvillage	\$ 50.00	
725 Anthony Yarbrough - void	\$ 68.39	
REVENUE SUBTOTAL		<u>\$6,358.37</u>
CHECKS/EXPENSES		
726 Rose McCauley - Mobil hotel	\$ 68.39	
727 Library - Memory of Don McClain	\$ 25.00	
728 Carroll Bonify - Plants	\$ 60.60	
729 Anthony Yarbrough - Mobile hotel	\$ 68.39	
Water - Prattvillage	\$ 55.66	
EXPENSES TOTAL		\$ 278.04
ENDING BALANCE		\$6,080.33

Interns

Here are the Interns for the 2014 Class

Please join me in Welcoming Them



Tim McCoy is retired and likes to volunteer. He and his wife recently moved to the South and wants to learn what grows best here and about plant pests in this area. One of his desires is to do a good job landscaping his yard, especially in the back.



Bill Crum is retired and been in Prattville since 1989. He has been taking computer science at Trenholm State the last 2 years and volunteers at the LPGA Tournament where he operates the computer scoring. He and his wife enjoys working in the yard and gardening.



Ofie McCoy moved to Alabama 5 years ago and fell in love with its beauty. She is very active in the community and currently volunteers at Autauga Interfaith Community Center. Ofie has admired the vegetables that come from our Demo Garden and plans to volunteer there.



Elaina Pyle had never been interested in gardening until she and her husband recently purchased their first home. They are military but plan on retiring here in Prattville. She was a nurse for awhile until she landed her dream job of being a Mom. They have one child but plan on a larger family. She is interested in learning how to garden economically.



Laura Toman moved to Prattville this summer with her husband and daughter. They are a military family. She wants to learn about gardening since her only experience has been with containers. Laura enjoys volunteering and looking for volunteer opportunities in the area.

Interns (Continued)



Lee Thomas and his wife moved to Millbrook from Pennsylvania about 5 years ago. Both are retired and enjoy growing flowers and vegetables. Gardening with his grandmother at an early age played a role in his gardening enjoyment. He plays chess on the internet globally and restores old cars.



Don Armstrong whose wife is our own Glenda Armstrong has had an extensive military career before taking on several jobs in the Prattville area. He was in gardening with his mother and both grandmothers. He now enjoys working on major landscaping beds under the hardwood forest at his home.



Beatrice Hill grew up on a cattle and horse farm on Sand Mountain near Chattanooga, TN. She moved to Perry County 32 years ago and is now a retired teacher. Driving an 18-wheeler for a number of years prepared her for her part-time job of driving a bus for a university. She enjoys gardening and watching things grow and eating foods produced.

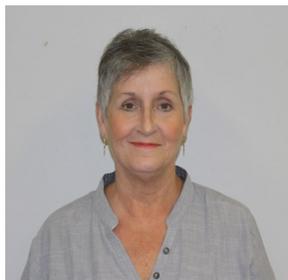


Stephanie Stephens moved to Prattville from Plantersville. She is retired but works at a Christ's Church food program every two weeks. Stephanie believes she is ever much an amateur gardener as she plants, fertilizes and hopes it grows. She has a strong interest in starting community gardens.



Robert Hill Both he and his wife Beatrice have enjoyed gardening for years. Both grew up on farms and have started establishing their own home gardens.

Interns (Continued)



Jill McLemore lived in Alabama, then moved to Tennessee, and lived in Prattville for the last 15 years. She retired from FedEx, then went back to work at Lowe's outside garden center. This is where she realized gardening was fun. Jill's grandfather introduced gardening to her which started a lifelong interest in growing plants.



Dave Davis has lived in Prattville since 1980 after moving from Tallahassee. Graduated from Troy in 1978 in Environmental Science, then worked for ADEM for 34 years and Chilton County Health Department for 6 years. This gave him a vast experience in farm chemicals. He grows a vast array of flowers and vegetables in his home garden.



Lisa Carswell is a chemist who moved to Prattville in 2004 before retiring from the Force in 2010. She volunteers with Autauga/Prattville Community Emergency Response Team where she helps police with traffic and crowd control. Lisa wants to make her plants happy in her yard and teach others about gardening.



Wendy O'Riley moved to Billingsley about 4 years ago. She has two daughters and a husband that help her with their home hobby garden. Her interest is to increase the production and get the best land use for their property.



Sophie O'Riley moved to Billingsley with her parents and sister in 2010. She enjoys vegetables and herbs. Eventually she would like to have a hobby farm with milk cows and sheep.

Ange Frith was a late addition to the program so her information and picture are not available at this time. Look in next newsletter.

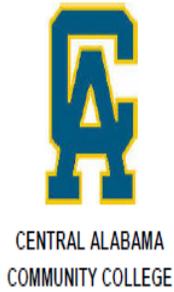
Lanark Garden Tour

Thursday September 18th was a beautiful day to be at Lanark for the talk and tour given by Maria Pacheco-West.

Construction for NaturePlex, a new building designed to enhance public education about conservation, was clearly underway, but created no problems, as Ansley Hunt, was there to guide and direct us. After Maria's informative talk, we headed outdoors to take in some nature and identify some of the plant life that abounds at Lanark. Maria kept us entertained along the way with her tales of working at this wonderful nature center. Afterwards, she tested us by asking us questions about what we had learned! Hopefully, we all passed. Thanks to Maria and Ansley for a great tour!



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The 2014

Fall Gardening Extravaganza

will be held at the
Betty Carol Graham Technology Center
located on the campus of
Central Alabama Community College
1675 Cherokee Road
in
Alexander City, Alabama



The Betty Carol Graham Technology Center (X)
is on east side of campus. Parking for the
building will be on the left just past the pond.

Fall Gardening Extravaganza

October 10, 2014
Alexander City, Alabama



Hosted by
Tallapoosa County Extension Office and
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Robert "Buddy" Lee, the inventor of Encore® Azalea, the world's best-selling re-blooming azalea, has more than 30 years' experience in nursery management, breeding, propagation, and new plant development. Buddy currently serves as Director of Plant Innovations for Plant Development Services (PDSI), the Introducers of Encore® Azalea, the Southern Living® Plant Collection, and the new Sunset Western Garden Collection. Buddy resides in Independence, Louisiana.



Lois Trigg Chaplin is the Director of Marketing for Bonnie Plants and lifelong vegetable and herb gardener. She studied horticulture and entomology at the University of Florida. She loves to exchange tips and tales about plants with other gardeners. After her first career as garden editor of *Southern Living* magazine for 13 years, she went solo for 20 years, communicating gardening in print, web, TV, and on stage for companies, publications, and garden brands. Lois is also author of multiple books, including the best-selling *Southern Gardener's Book of Lists*.



Steve Bender is a senior writer for *Southern Living*, where he has been since 1983. In that time, he's produced such well-known books as *Passalong Plants*, *The Southern Living Garden Book*, and the *Southern Living Landscape Book*, and is rumored to be the true author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. His humorous articles emphasize that gardening is supposed to be fun, no matter how many expensive plants you accidentally destroy along the way. His popular blog, "The Grumpy Gardener," answers each and every gardening question with 100% accuracy. Steve lives in Hoover, Alabama with his beautiful wife, Judy. He is currently working on a revision of the *Southern Living Garden Book* that is due out in January 2015.



Fall Gardening Extravaganza

Friday, October 10th

- 8:30 a.m. Arrival / Registration
- 9 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. Robert "Buddy" Lee
"New Plant Explosion"
- 10:15 a.m. Lois Trigg Chapman
"Eat Your Way Around the House"
- 11:15 a.m. Recognize Sponsors
- 11:30 a.m. Catered Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Steve Bender
"Grumpy's Deadly Garden Plagues"
- 1:30 p.m. Jason Powell
"Reliable Plants for the Fall Garden"
- 2:30 p.m. Conclusion

Jason Powell, along with his wife Shelley, and parents Arle and Gwen Powell own and operate Petals From the Past nursery in Jemison, Alabama. His nursery specializes in antique roses, heirloom shrubs and hard to find perennial flowers, herbs, and fruit crops. Since starting Petals From The Past in 1994, Jason and his wife Shelley have applied contemporary techniques in growing the finest old-garden plants along with new varieties. Jason holds a master's degree in horticulture from Texas A&M University.



Event Registration

\$15 per Person
(Includes Lunch)

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 3, 2014

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-mail: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Submit Registration Form and Payment to:

Tallapoosa County Extension Office
125 N. Broadnax Street, Room 23
Dadeville, AL 36853

Make check payable to:
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

To register online or for more information, visit www.aces.edu/Tallapoosa. Registration also available by calling 256-825-1050.





2014

**Stars & Stripes Heroes
Brunch**

**Honoring Autauga County Veterans
at the
William Howard Smith Agricultural Building
2226 Highway 14 West
Autaugaville, AL 36003**

**Thursday, October 30, 2014
9am -1:30pm**

**For more information or to register for this event,
call the Autauga County Extension Office at
334-361-7273 by Tuesday, October 23, 2014**



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Autauga County Master Gardeners Association
Membership Form

Annual County membership dues for 2014 are \$10. State dues, are \$10 and optional. State dues entitle you to State membership and **Garden Pathways** newsletter. You can also receive state awards such as, Reach for the Stars. Please complete this form and return it to our Treasurer, **NO LATER THAN**

OCT. 15th 2014.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____ DOB _____

(Only give email address if you wish to receive info via email) mm/dd

COUNTY OF TRAINING _____ YEAR OF GRAD _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

	Local Dues	State Dues
___ Active Member Local & State (includes graduating interns)	\$10	\$10
___ Active Member Local Only (includes graduating interns)	\$10	\$0
___ Active Member w/ current State Lifetime	\$10	\$0
___ Active member w/ new State Lifetime	\$10	\$100 (One-time fee)
___ Yes, I am a dual member. County of primary membership _____		

Make check payable to ACMGA. Mail or give to:

Tina Reed
1936 Tara Dr.
Prattville, AL 36066

Mark Your Calendars
Southern Region Master Gardener Conference
October 21-24
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The [East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association](#) of the LSU AgCenter's MG Program is proud to host the 2014 Southern Region Master Gardener Conference. When gardening enthusiasts from Texas to Virginia converge on Louisiana's capital city, they will be greeted with riveting speakers, entertaining tours and a trade show that promises to offer those 'one-of-a-kind' items.

This event will bring together master gardeners, vendors, horticulture professionals and others with a common interest in all aspects of gardening, the environment and plant sciences. The 2014 Conference Committee is grateful to all who have made this conference possible through [sponsorships](#), in-kind gifts and hundreds of volunteer hours from our members.

Please join us in beautiful [Baton Rouge](#) from October 21st through October 24th at the [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#). Check back often for updates! Hope to see you there!



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Baton Rouge

What's Bugging You Answer from Page 2:

Puss Caterpillar—Don't let this cuddly little creature fool you. If you handle this creature you will get the worst stinging sensation in your life. Usually you find them around trees such as oak. It won't kill you but it will make you wish you were dead. Several people have gone into the ER in a panic due to the intense pain.

Working at the Governor's Mansion

If you are looking for a rewarding gardening project, please consider joining us for workdays at the Governor's Mansion. We meet every Monday 8:00-11:00 a.m. during the summer months to beat the heat, and--with all the beautiful blooming plants--it is a lovely place to work. Add to that the pleasant company of your fellow laborers, and I believe you'll find it a truly enjoyable way to earn volunteer hours. Please call Jane McCarthy (334-221-9936) by noon the Friday prior to any workday to be put on the list for access to the grounds. Bring your favorite tools.

Future Events Schedule from Paula Seamon

October 9: ACMGA meeting at Don & Glenda Armstrong's

November 13: ACMGA Meeting will be at First Baptist Church and the presentation will be on wine making by Bill Gilmore.

Jim Scott Tour in May and Youngs Plant Farm tour in June

One last note. Due to time constraints, the deadline for submitting articles to the newsletter is now the 25th of the month. Thanks!



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