



DIRTY DIGS



Autauga County Master Gardeners Association

May/June 2015

ENTERTAIN, EDUCATE, ELEVATE

Next Meeting

June 11, 2015

Meeting Location:

Leanne

Wadsworth's

Directions in this
Newsletter

@9:00AM

Guest Article: Submitted, by Rose McCauley



Don't let It Rain On the Plant Sale Parade

As Master Gardeners, we always appreciate the rain. For those of us who started plants last year or early this year for our plant sale, we had to do very little watering this spring since we had more rain than usual.

I was very, very thankful for the rain we received during April. The week of our plant sale I started to watch the weather forecast a little more closely. The weather at the beginning of that week was beautiful but rain was predicted for Friday and possibly Saturday. I was not too worried at that time because the weatherman sometimes gets it wrong. After all he is just telling us what he thinks will happen. I know meteorologists have all those gadgets, gauges, history and Accuweather to fall back on when they give us weather reports but the man upstairs many times has a different plan..

By Wednesday of the plant sale week, I started to get a little nervous. Rain forecasts for Saturday had increased to 60 percent. I sent an email asking members who had more experience with the plant sale for suggestions—do we have the sale even if it is raining or do we postpone it? Debbie Boutelier replied that the very first plant sale was delayed for about 30 minutes due to rain but the sale was successful. Gene Stapleton stated that he has been working the plant sale for over 10 years and we've never been rained out. This information made me feel somewhat better but I was still nervous.

On Thursday, rain on Saturday was expected to be 100 percent. Now I was getting worried and anxious. I brought a truckload of plants to Prattville and spent the rest of the day helping other MGs unload their plants. When I left

there around 4:00, I went to the Parks and Recreation Department to check on using the pavilion at Pratt Park on Saturday. The pavilion was reserved beginning at noon. We might be able to use it that morning but we would have to move all the plants from Prattville AND have the pavilion cleaned up before noon. That night as I was trying to write an email to send to everyone about this possibility, Anthony called and asked what I was doing. I told him I was stressing out because it looked as if our sale would be rained out. His comment, “you can’t control the weather”, really calmed me down. I couldn’t control the weather and if it rained, we would just deal with it.

The forecast on Friday was still 100 percent chance of rain on Saturday. So I gathered my rain gear and boots and put them by the front door. I woke up several times during the night expecting to hear rain and since there was none I turned on the weather channel to see what the radar was showing—heavy rains coming our way. When I left home at 5:30 am, the rain started and when I got to Prattville, it was storming.

Thankfully, by 7:00 the rain storm had passed through Prattville. With lots of helpers, we were able to get the tents erected and everything in place. We had customers lined up before 8:00 and as everyone knows we had a very profitable plant sale.

I have said before and I will repeat it again and again—our plant sale is a success because of our members. One person cannot do it. It takes each member participating and I thank each of you for all you do for our organization.



More Plant Sale Pictures



June 2015

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<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Governors Mansion workday</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Demo Garden <u>8:00 AM</u></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Prattville <u>9:00 AM</u></p> <p>ACMGA monthly meeting at Leanne Wadsworths</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Lanark Hydrangea Festival</p> 
<p>14 Flag Day</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Governors Mansion workday</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Demo Garden <u>8:00 AM</u></p>	<p>17</p> <p>Young's Plant Farm Tour (see Flier)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Prattville <u>9:00 AM</u></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
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What's Bugging You



Can You Identify the above insect?
Beneficial or Destructive

(Answer is on the Last Page)



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

Are Fire Ants Invading your Lawn or Garden?

If you're from the south, you are already too familiar with fire ants and when it comes to insect pests, fire ants are probably on the top of your list. Fire ants entered Mobile, Alabama by ship in the 1930's and have since been marching their way across the southern United States. They will inflict a painful sting and can injure or even kill animals and humans. To effectively control fire ant populations there are several things you need to understand that will help you make the right decisions on when to treat, how to treat and what to treat with so you are not wasting your time and money.

Many people try to control fire ants by treating individual mounds. Mound treatments can be expensive if you count the amount of labor it takes to treat each mound. If you have used mound treatments before, you have probably realized after treatment that another mound has now popped up nearby. This is the result of the ants moving to escape your insecticide application. To be effective, the mound treatment must kill the queen, otherwise, the colony will survive and more than likely move. Many nests are often undetected until after a heavy rain when they build their mounds up above the ground to escape the rainwater. It is usually more effective and less expensive for homeowners to treat the entire yard with a product designed for broadcast application than individual mound treatments.

Also there are home remedies that you have either heard of or might have tried. Drenching a mound with two to three gallons of almost boiling water eliminates ant colonies about 60 percent of the time, but it will also kill the plants around the mound. This method is labor intensive and the hot water must be handled carefully. Home remedies such as; applying instant grits, molasses, aspartame or club soda to ant mounds, do not work. Pouring chlorine, ammonia, gasoline or diesel fuel on mounds can contaminate the soil and groundwater and is dangerous.

There are so many different insecticides out there for fire ant control that it is hard for anyone to know what to purchase. I recommend you narrow the search down by applying a broadcast bait. Baits contain active ingredients dissolved in a substance ants eat or drink. Some bait ingredients affect the nervous system. These include abamectin (Ascend® Fire Ant Bait, Award® II Fire Ant Bait, Clinch® Fire Ant Bait), indoxacarb (Advion® Fire Ant Bait), metaflumizone (Altrevin™ Fire Ant Bait Insecticide, Siesta™ Insecticide Fire Ant Bait), spinosad (Fertilome Come and Get It! or Payback Fire Ant Bait), and fipronil (MaxForce FC Fire Ant Bait Killer). Some affect the metabolism (hydramethylnon Amdro® Fire Ant Bait, Pro bait®). Other bait ingredients interfere with reproduction or growth. These include methoprene (Extinguish® Professional Fire Ant Bait), and pyriproxyfen (Distance® Fire Ant Bait or Esteem® Ant Bait). A relatively new type of bait combines two active ingredients, hydramethylnon and methoprene (Amdro® Kills Fire Ants Yard Treatment Bait or Extinguish® Plus Fire Ant Bait).

To be effective, baits must be fresh and applied when ants are actively foraging. To determine if the time is right for treatment, place a small amount of bait in the area to be treated and see if foraging ants remove it within an hour. Because ants collect bait and return it to the colony, very little insecticide is needed. Baits are ruined by water, so do not water baits after application or apply when rain is expected.

The price in baits will vary by their active ingredient and how quickly they will kill the colony. Also remember to always read and follow the label on any insecticide product. Some baits are not labeled for edible plants so they are not acceptable for fruit or-

chards or home vegetable gardens. Only a few bait products are specifically registered for treating imported fire ants in home gardens, such as, Fertilome Come and Get It (spinosad). The bait product Extinguish® Professional Fire Ant Bait, which contains methoprene, is registered for use in "cropland." Esteem® Ant Bait (pyriproxyfen) is another bait that is registered for use near 400+ edible food crops. Other bait products not specifically registered for use inside home vegetable gardens can be applied outside the garden's perimeter. Foraging ants from colonies both inside and outside the garden will collect the bait and take it to their colonies. For home lawns or gardens, calculate the area to be treated and how much is recommended for application to that area and apply using the smallest spreader setting that allows bait to flow. A handheld spreader will work great and it may not seem like you are applying enough, but it only takes a little! Applying baits once or twice a year will reduce the colony by 80-90%.

For more information on fire ant bait products, please visit: <http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-0175-A/ANR-0175-A.pdf>
If you have questions about fire ants or any other garden related topic, our Master Gardener Helpline is here to help.

Brown Patch in your Lawn

Brown patch is a serious disease on home lawns across Alabama and it seems to be very common right now, especially in our urban landscapes. If you are in an area getting the feast of afternoon showers you could be seeing brown patch starting in your lawn. The phone calls have been pouring in so I thought this information would be timely.

Brown patch outbreaks occur on St. Augustine grass, zoysia, centipede and tall fescue, but can also be found on Bermuda. This fungal disease is almost always tied to excessive or late use of nitrogen along with several days of cloudy wet weather (especially afternoon showers) and high humidity.

Any lawn can be subject to brown patch damaged when hot, wet summer weather is occurring. In the Gulf Coast counties, brown patch often appears during warm spells anytime from late fall to early spring. Further north, this disease is usually seen just before the first frosts in the fall and shortly after green-up in the spring.

Brown patch first appears as small brown areas a few inches in diameter. These patches quickly increase in size and merge together, forming large patches of damaged turf. On St. Augustine, these patches may reach 20 feet in diameter. Damage is often worse on shaded lawns.

Good management often helps prevent outbreaks of brown patch. Never water your lawn in the late afternoon. This water remains on the blades of grass throughout the night giving the fungi lots of time to multiply and grow into a problem. Watering first thing in the morning is best so the sun is able to dry up the water on the blades very quickly. Also apply low rates of nitrogen fertilizers monthly through the growing season. Avoid fertilizing St. Augustine grass, zoysia grass and centipede grass with high rates of nitrogen shortly after spring green-up and do not apply high rates of nitrogen to tall fescue in the summer.

To speed evaporation of dew, prune trees and shrubs to increase sunlight penetration and increase air circulation. In addition, dethatch your lawn to prevent the buildup of thatch if needed, but if you are mowing your lawn on a regular basis there should never be a thatch problem.

Preventative fungicide of home lawns is usually unnecessary. Routine applications should only be considered on lawns damaged by brown patch year after year. Otherwise, spot-treat damaged areas after symptoms are first seen. Make several fungicide applications with Immunox or Banner Maxx to those areas every 7 to 10 days to prevent further spread of the disease.

For more information on brown patch and its control, ask your county Extension agent for circular ANR-492, "Controlling Brown Patch on Warm-Season Turfgrasses."

Source: Dr. Austin Hagan, Extension Plant Pathologist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System

If you have gardening related questions, call the Master Gardener Helpline!

March through August the Alabama Cooperative Extension System offers a Gardening Helpline for the general public each Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This helpline is operated by Master Gardener Volunteers who use research based information to best answer all of your gardening questions.

If you've got home garden questions, we've got answers!

Call 1-877-252-GROW (4769)

Interested in learning more about seasonal gardening topics? Please join us for the FREE Master Gardener Lunch and Learn Program in your area. These are EVERY MONTH from 12:00-1:00, Bring a Sack Lunch, Drinks Provided:

This month's topics and locations:

Montgomery: The 1st Wednesday of EVERY month

Topic: Roses for the Faint of Heart

Armory Learning Arts Center on Madison Ave.

Wetumpka: The 2nd Tuesday of EVERY month

Topic: Tough as Nails Plants for the South

Elmore County Extension Office Auditorium

Prattville: The 1st Thursday of EVERY month

Topic: Tree Identification and Care

Christ Lutheran Church on Cobbs Ford Road

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MASTER GARDENER?

**UPCOMING MASTER GARDENER
CLASSES FOR AUTAUGA and ELMORE COUNTY**

The deadline for registering for the Autauga and Elmore County Master Gardener Fall 2015 classes is August 20th. Please call the county office for more information or to receive an application. Autauga County- 334-361-7273 and Elmore County- 334-567-6301.

Brown Patch May Look Like This:



Jim Scott Tour Pictures



Hydrangea Fest at Lanark By Maria Pacheco-West

Hydrangea Fest is June 13th at the Lanark Nature Center. Dr. Dan Jones will do a fabulous presentation on Hydrangeas at 9:30 A.M. He is Professor Emeritus at UAB and is extremely knowledgeable.



I will have a Lanark plant sale and there will be golf cart drivers to take folks down to the pond which will be in full bloom with mop-head Hydrangeas. If it's not too hot, when Dr. Jones finishes his presentation, I will walk folks down to the pond. We will open at 8 A.M. and close around noon. All activities will take place at the Pavilion. There is a small fee of \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 4 to 12 years old and children 3 and under are free. Please come join us, Dr. Jones is traveling from Birmingham and does not charge us for his informative, entertain-ing presentations and we want him to feel like his time is well spent. Please mark your calendar for this fun event.

Governor's Mansion Report by Amanda Borden

In May volunteers at the Governor's Mansion cleaned out the azalea beds behind the tennis court, pulling up weeds, cherry laurel and other volunteer trees. They trimmed dead material from the hydrangeas and weeded in the



front and side yards. Daylilies were in bloom during May making the Governor's Mansion a beautiful place to work.

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.

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT—Deb Hill

APRIL 2015

BEGINNING BALANCE 4,155.98

REVENUE

Alabama MG Assoc Newsletter Award	100.00
Renee Emanuel – P'village Wedding	50.00
Patricia Billingsley – P'village Wedding	50.00
Apron – Leann Wadsworth	17.00
Plant Sale	3,418.35
Plant Sale – Late sales	43.00

REVENUE SUBTOTAL 3,678.35

CHECKS / EXPENSES

4/23/2015 Water 14.98

EXPENSES SUBTOTAL 14.98

GRAND TOTAL 7,819.35

Master Gardeners at Work



Recently, Master Gardener's Bob Scheffler, Lisa Carswell, and Pam Olson worked to straighten and perform maintenance on trees at the Autauga County Court House. These trees were planted three years ago to commemorate 50 years of the master Gardener Program.

Hummingbird Award for April



The Hummingbird Award for the month of April went to Glenn Nichols (Pictured on the left). He has done an outstanding job in being available for many different functions. He has been the muscle behind many of the garden projects as well as being available to set up and take down the many booth activities of the ACMGA. Hats off for a job well done.



Hummingbird Award for May



The Hummingbird Award for the month of May went to Rose McCauley (Pictured on the right). She performed an outstanding job in organizing every aspect of our plant sale as well as doing a lot of the physical labor required to make our plant sale a success. In fact we had the largest plant sale receipts (\$3,500) we have ever had. Hats off for a job well done.



Young's Plant Farm Tour

**Wednesday, June 17 at 2-3:30
1166 Lee Road (Biltmore Ln)
Auburn, Al**

Directions straight to Young's Plant Farm #2 For the tour only:
From I-65 go to I-85 continue until you get to Auburn Exit 50 on the right, head South on Cox Rd. for .5 mile. Turn right onto Beehive Road and travel 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Lee Rd. 9 (also known as Biltmore Lane). Young's Plant Farm is on the right. Follow the signs to the trial garden.

Directions if you are carpooling and having lunch at Crepe Myrtle Café in Auburn: We will depart the 1st Baptist Church parking lot at 10:30 and head to I-65 then onto I-85 . Continue on interstate for 51 miles, until Exit 51 on the right, then turn left onto College Street. Blooming Colors will be 2.2 mi. on the right at 1192 Donahue Drive, and Crepe Myrtle Café is behind Blooming Colors. To get to Young's from College Street go South for 3.5 mi. turn right onto Beehive Rd. keep left on Beehive Road for 2.5 mi. then turn left on Biltmore Ln. Young's Farm is .07 mi. on the right.

POI: Blooming Colors 1192 Donahue Drive, Auburn Alabama
Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, 901 S. College Street
Donald E. Davis Arboretum-College & University

Alabama Gardener's Calendar

June

Fruits and Nuts

- Layer grapes and continue spray programs.
- Thin apples and peaches if too thick.

Shrubs

- Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs.
- Water as needed. Fertilize now.
- Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips.
- Take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

Lawns

- Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering.
- Lawns should be mowed weekly.
- Planting may continue if soil is moist.
- Continue weed spraying if necessary.

Annuals and Perennials

- Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if not already in.
- For compact mums, keep tips pinched out.
- Watch for insects and diseases.

Bulbs

- Foliage may be removed from spring bulbs if it has yellowed and is becoming dry.
- Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

Miscellaneous

- If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils.
- Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water.
- If desired, air layer houseplants.

Vegetable Seed

- Plant beans, fieldpeas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

Vegetable Plants

- Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potato vine cuttings.

May Meeting Speaker



Dr Wayne Deloach spoke to the Master Gardeners at the regular monthly meeting. He spoke to us on the Autauga reseeding Crimson Clover. It was a surprise to us that the first reseeding crimson clover was discovered in Autauga County. It was propagated here and shipped all over the world.

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.

Pam Olson reported that last year we donated 145 pounds of personal care and cleaning products (and most of the personal care items don't weigh very much) in addition to almost 20 cosmetic bags to be used in gift baskets for ladies, a school backpack, and a set of sheets,

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

Autauga County Master Gardeners Association

JOIN US FOR LUNCH & LEARN 2015



THE 1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

12:00-1:00 P.M.

FREE PROGRAMS

Christ Lutheran Church, 2175 Cobbs Ford Road, Prattville 36066

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| FEBRUARY 5 | MONTHLY GARDEN TASKS AT A GLANCE |
| MARCH 5 | MULTIPLYING YOUR PLANTS |
| APRIL 2 | BACKYARD TOMATOES |
| MAY 7 | HYDRANGEAS |
| JUNE 4 | TREE ID |
| JULY 2 | YEAR ROUND COLOR |
| AUGUST 6 | BULBS |
| SEPTEMBER 3 | GARDEN DESIGN |
| OCTOBER 1 | CACTI AND OTHER SUCCULENTS |
| NOVEMBER 5 | HOLIDAY DECORATING |



For more information contact the Autauga County Extension Office. (334) 361-7273

BRING A SACK LUNCH. DRINKS PROVIDED.

April Lunch and Learn



On April 2, 2015, Autauga County Extension Home Horticulturist Mallory Kelley, presented the Lunch and Learn Program at Christ Lutheran Church. The topic of the day was Backyard Tomatoes. There were approximately 45 people in attendance and many received tomato plants as door prizes.

May Lunch and Learn



On May 7, 2015, Master Gardener, Albert Striplin gave the Lunch and Learn program at Christ Lutheran church to about 50 people. He talked about many different types of cultivars and the best way to care and propagate Hydrangeas. Many people took home hydrangeas given away during his presentation.

Having Fun at City Fest





Gold Badge Awards

At our April meeting these lovely ladies were awarded Gold Badge Certificates for completing over 1000 volunteer hours since joining the Master Gardener program. This is no small achievement and they are to be congratulated. Pictured from Left to right are: Nancy Waggoner, Paula Seamon, Rose McCauley, and Carolyn Gray.

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Platinum Badge Awards

At the same above meeting Anthony Yarbrough and Pam Olson were awarded the Platinum Certificates for completing over 2000 hours since joining the Master Gardener Program.



All Bugs Good and Bad

2015 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 6** **Pesticide Strategy: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**
Kaci Buhl
- March 6** **Fire Ant Management Using Baits**
Dr. Lawrence "Fudd" Graham
- April 3** **Common Termites of the United States: Biology, Behavior, and Management**
Dr. Robert Puckett
- May 1** **Beneficial Garden Helpers**
Dr. Kris Braman
- June 5** **Insect-borne Diseases Affecting People**
Dr. Nathan Burkett-Cadena
- August 7** **Management of Japanese Beetles and Other White Grubs**
Dr. Juang-Horng "J.C." Chong
- September 4** **Bees, Wasps and Hornets - They're All Different**
Dr. Charles Ray
- October 2** **Keep Ants and Cockroaches from Ruining Your Holidays**
Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown
- November 6** **Let's Beat the Bug! New Things to Know about Bed Bugs**
Dr. Stephen Kells
- December 4** **Wildlife in the Backyard - a Double-edged Sword**
Dr. Scott Hygnstrom



For more information on the series and how to connect to the webinars, visit: extension.org/pages/72197.



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Directions to ACMGA meeting on June 11th at 9 AM at Leanne Wadsworth's house will include the following:

Address—428 County Road 27, Prattville. County road 27/29 is called Wadsworth Loop Road.

Take Highway 14 towards Autaugaville. Just past the Airport Road and Big Bass Bait shop is county Road 29 (Wadsworth Loop Road), take a left and take a left on Co Rd 27 go to 428 and destination is on left.

Some are meeting at the First Baptist Church Parking Lot at 8:30 to car pool. I will be unable to attend so someone please take pictures and notes for me.

Other Tidbits: We really need more volunteers for our gardens. Please consider giving and extra hour here and there.

Interns: check your hours!!!!!! Graduation is around the corner.

We are planning on having a class starting September 9th. Please get the word out.

See message below from Pat Farmer, Chilton County Master Gardener President.

I wanted to pass along a message to your members about the Chilton Research and Extension Center's EXPO on August 8th. We always pass along this news to surrounding associations looking for volunteers. If any of your members would like to help this year (registration, ice cream house, fruit tent, etc), have them contact Lee or Wally Walters at leeewalters@gmail.com. Wally and Lee will be out of town from June 12th through July 3rd. They can email them and let them know if they want to volunteer. I will also add this to the July AMGA Volunteer Ops bulletin; however, Lee and Wally like to have their volunteers lined up in advance since it is such a big project

Future Events Schedule

Chilton County food Expose on August 8.

Master Gardener Graduation at August Meeting

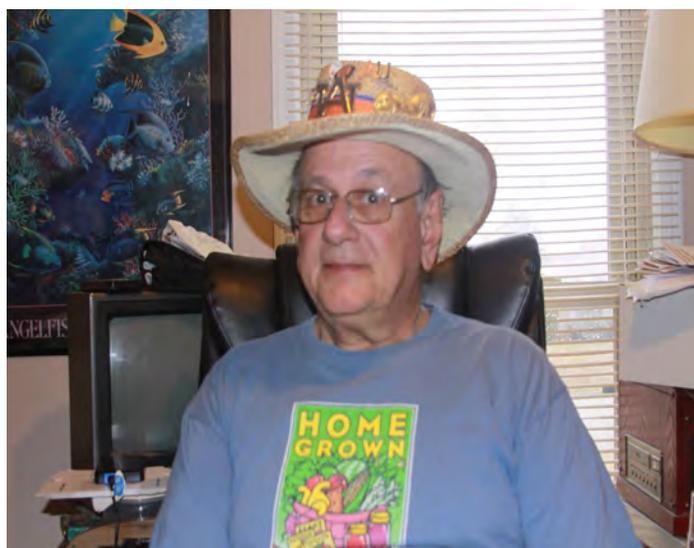
Fall AMGA meeting in Chilton County on September 9th

Intern class begins September 9th TBD.

What's Bugging You Answer:

The Harlequin Bug

Damages many types of vegetable crops because it has piercing sucking mouthparts. I have recently seen a very large outbreak in my garden.



Anthony Yarbrough, Editor
Email: ayarb@knology.net
May God Bless