

MG SPROUTS

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Black Magic Camellia by Kris Schmit

MG Calendar

- 2021 AMGA Steering Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., October 4, Cane Creek Community Gardens
- MG Board Meeting, 10:45 a.m., October 9, Cane Creek Community Gardens
- MG Business Meeting, 12 p.m., October 9, Cane Creek Community Gardens. "The Fragrant Garden," Sherry Blanton
- "Gardens of Faith," Sherry Blanton, 2 p.m., October 15th, Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County
- Sprouts Deadline, October 25, 2019

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President's Message

* Now is the time to begin planting broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower transplants and lettuce and radish seeds. Chrysanthemums can be planted now for instant color to replace summer blooms. Winter pansies, ornamental kale and cabbage can be planted in the flower garden to give color and contrast for the garden when the summer flowers have faded away.

If you haven't done a soil test, now is the time to do so for plant growth and productivity. Choose and plant trees and shrubs with edible berries to provide meals for wildlife and for bright splashes of Fall foliage. Before fertilizing, always water first, preferably the day before, especially during hot weather, or there is a risk of burning the plants' roots. The fertilized area should be watered soon after application if rain is not forecast for a few days.

* **Cooperative Farming News, September, 2019**

**I was reading about Green Gold, a new pumpkin seed oil being grown and processed in Austria. Kuirbiskenol is the brand name. Can't wait to get a bottle or can and give it a try! They say it is great on vanilla ice cream!

** **The Furrow**

The nominating committee has provided a list for 2020-2021:

President, Edwin (Skeeter) Sims

Vice-President, Linda Wakefield

Secretary, Judy Shew

Board Members-at Large:

Gary Lawson

Ellen Cannon

Linda McDaniel

We will be accepting nominations from the floor at the October meeting and will vote on the slate at the November Master Gardener meeting.

Philosophy

Nothing in life is more remarkable than the unnecessary anxiety which we endure, and generally create ourselves. **Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)**

Good intentions are at least, the seed of good actions and every one ought to sow them, and leave it to the soil and the seasons whether he or any other gather the fruit.

Sir Winston Temple (1628-99)

'Till Later,
Dick

Garden Inspiration

"A single rose can be my garden - a single friend, my world."

Leo Buscaglia

MG Happenings

Thank you to the hard-working MGs who turned out or donated for Fall Fest. Never enough thank yous to those who make our Association the great group it is.

Dale Dickens joined us at our August business meeting. Dale provided a list of trees for our area and Lisa e-mailed it. If you accidentally overlooked the list, let me know please and I can resend. We had a delicious covered dish lunch around the fresh from the garden theme.

Hayes Jackson finished up our 2019 Lunch and Learn series with a large crowd in attendance. We all have a better idea of tough plants to use in our gardens to fill in the empty places caused by this year's drought and heat. Look for Lunch and Learn next April.

I will be doing the October 9th program for our monthly Master Gardener meeting. The topic will be "The Fragrant Garden," flowers that are as sweet smelling as they are beautiful. Please join us. Lunch is brown bag. Anyone want to contribute ice cream sandwiches for a snack?

My most meaningful program of the year will be October 15th at the Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County. "Gardens of Faith" will feature gardens of area houses of worship. Hope you will come to the Library at 2 p.m. No admission is charged; great refreshments and door prizes are part of the afternoon.

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of officers: Skeeter Sims as President, Linda Wakefield as Vice-President, Judy Shew as Secretary. Members at Large has two places and we have three nominees: Gary Lawson, Linda McDaniel and Ellen Cannon. We will take nominations from the floor when we vote in November. Be sure to attend to decline if you choose not to run and are nominated.

Our MG report year ends October 31. At that time all hours must be completed (CEU and service) and also reported. Our new reporting year begins November 1. Active MGs must report 25 service hours and 10 continuing education hours. Time to pay our dues, which are \$20; checks are made to Calhoun County Master Gardeners. Skeeter has asked that hours be turned in online; please also give a brief description of

where you earned your hours. This information is very helpful to the Extension Office and the State MGs. Madge and Skeeter Sims received a Calhoun County Beautification Board Award for 2019. Congratulations!

Our sympathies to Don and Amelia Crow on the death of their grandson. We also send condolences to the family of Sam Blackwell, a member of our Association for years, who passed away last month.

We send our best wishes to Pat Nolen Langston who married in September.

Sherry Blanton

My favorite flower from Kris Schmit

"My favorite plant is the camellia. They are fairly easy to grow and the reward is a bounty of numerous blossoms of many colors, shapes and styles from fall through winter and into spring. What more could you ask for?" (Photo page 1)

Cane Creek Update from Skeeter Sims

* Thanks to all who volunteered their time in support of Fall Fest and those that donated/spent money as well. Our overall attendance was down quite a bit but with great efforts, we may come in at our fundraising goals!! Thank y'all again for supporting Cane Creek, our home site; and for supporting those that work so hard and diligently to make our home grounds such a showpiece for Calhoun County. This was another great community outreach event!!! Please send any lessons learned to Skeeter as soon as possible so we can begin making plans for next year.

* If/when summer and the drought ends, we will begin efforts to prepare our grounds for winter weather. We will continue to work each and every Tuesday to clean the grounds, cut back dead/dying plants, mulch for insulation and protection, and prepare Cane Creek for our short down time. I will announce at our upcoming meeting the planned decoration dates for December.

*Please open both gates when opening Cane Creek grounds, we have had some vehicles damaged due to the narrow gate entry of one gate....part of the problem is the rose grown into the one gate (we will trim back when dormant). Also, if you are the last one out (and verify that), please lock the gate or make sure someone else knows they have to lock up. We have had instances of the grounds being left open overnight as well as instances of folks being locked inside!!

Hope this works, still recovering from Fall Fest and everything else...it's so hot!!!

Skeeter

MG Mystery Gardener

Dick Pritchett and Skeeter Sims identified September's mystery gardener as Judy Cole of Heflin.

Please see if you know who the October mystery gardener is:

Where are you from originally? Rabbittown
What part of gardening do you like the best? I like everything about gardening except weeding! I like watching something start from seed or a cutting and then growing and producing fruits or flowers. I love digging in the dirt.

What are your other hobbies? I enjoy cooking and baking, reading, camping with my husband, and spending time with my family . . . especially my six grandchildren.

If you are retired what did you do for a career?
I was an educator for twenty-seven years.
Where do you live now? Rabbittown

Let me know your ideas.

Sherry

October Recipe from Ruth Sarro

Tomato Pie Recipe
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 50 minutes
Yield: 6 Slices

Ingredients

- 2 - 3 fresh Tomatoes, sliced or cubed.
- 8 fresh Basil leaves, finely chopped.
- 1/2 cup Spring Onion, or other onion, chopped.
- 1 Pre-Baked Pie Crust, 9 inch.
- 1 cup of grated Cheddar Cheese.
- 1 cup of grated Mozzarella Cheese.
- 1/2 cup of Mayonnaise.
- Salt and Pepper to taste.

Instructions

1. Slice and chop the Basil, set aside.
2. Slice and chop the Onion, set aside.
3. Slice and cube the Tomatoes, place in colander to

drain.

4. Sprinkle the Tomatoes with Black Pepper.
5. Sprinkle on the Salt, stir and let continue to drain.
6. In a separate mixing bowl, add the Cheddar Cheese.
7. Add the grated Mozzarella Cheese.
8. Add the Mayonnaise, stir until combined, set aside.
9. To assemble the Pie, place chopped onions in bottom of crust.
10. Sprinkle with the chopped Basil.
11. Add the drained Tomatoes, spread around evenly in crust.
12. Top with the Cheese mixture, spread almost to edges of pie crust.
13. Bake at 350° for about 30 minutes or until lightly browned.
14. Remove from oven and allow to cool on a wire rack.
15. Serve warm and Enjoy!

Notes

I found the pie was easier to cut and serve by letting it cool completely first. Refrigerate it for a couple of hours, then remove and slice. Place individual slices on a serving dish and microwave each slice about 30 seconds or just until warm. If warming in the oven, don't let it get too warm before serving.

Garden Tip

The weather lately has tried a gardener's mettle. Hayes Jackson shared the following tip: "Water wisely. Water deeply and less frequently. Concentrate on tough, drought tolerant plants."

(The best time to water is between 4 and 9 a.m. If you are not up that early, inexpensive timers can help with this chore.)



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🍁 Fall Fest 2019 in Photos 🍁



Sarah Ballard



Happy group of MGs hold down the Fall Fest hot dog concession stand



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