

# MG SPROUTS

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Sweet Tea Garden sign by Myra Gann at Cane Creek Community Gardens

## President's Message: Fall into Good Habits or A Season of Change

Fall has finally arrived – cooler weather, lower humidity, fewer bugs!! My favorite time of the year but also a busy time on the farm. I hope all have planted their Fall gardens and begun all the normal Fall things like decorating, raking leaves, cooking soups, and breaking out the jackets/sweaters. I know with these crazy times we have all cleaned out closets, organized pantries, deep cleaned everywhere and found more and more things to do at home. Fall is also a good time to begin or reinforce some good habits. Maybe one we could all work on is: getting your hours updated online into the Master Gardener system. Remember to update your hours, some of us are good at doing it daily or weekly; others, weekly or monthly; and then some are monthly or quarterly; BUT none of us should be doing the whole year in one month or one day!! Remember a day is only 24 hours long so putting in more than 24 hours on a day is not right. If you are doing this, then you must be sure to list the times, dates, and locations in the description for accuracy and future use by Extension or Universities. ALL should be using the description box, no matter how/when you update: location, activity and times are appreciated in this box.

So, in addition to washing your hands, wearing your masks, and staying physically distanced – update your hours!! Don't forget you can count all those webinars/educational sessions as CEUs and that if you are an active MG, these can count this year as your volunteer hours, but all should be logged as CEUs. Again, in the description box, include titles, how you watched (Zoom, Facebook, etc.) and what site was used (BTB, ASY, Trees, etc).

We are meeting for October, again outside if possible, BYO chair/lunch, wear a mask from exit of car to seat (everyone!), sit apart by family groups, and use hand sanitizer as required. We will have a speaker this time for another CEU opportunity. And at our meeting we will discuss upcoming conference and issues in our near future. There will be a few resolutions presented for discussion and consideration of vote at our November business meeting.

A short summary of those resolutions are as follows:

1. Change in bylaws to a true calendar year. Jan-Dec for all finances, hours, terms, etc.
2. Clearly define certification of interns to active Master Gardener upon completion of mandated hours and course completion. But limited service/voting until paid as Active.
3. Modification for election of Board members, terms of service and continuity of leadership.

I plan to have better wording and descriptions for each at meeting; but again, these will be discussed and voted upon at November meeting if Board agrees and decides to move forward.

Please don't forget that we will have the Country Store open on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to support our efforts and raise funds for continued maintenance and improvements for our home grounds of Cane Creek Gardens.

See y'all at the Creek!

## MG Calendar

- "Ah Fall," Sherry Blanton, 2 p.m., October 6, Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County. View at [facebook.com/publiclibrary.cc/live/](https://www.facebook.com/publiclibrary.cc/live/)
- MG Board Meeting, 10:45 a.m., October 14, Cane Creek Community Gardens
- MG Business Meeting, 12 p.m., October 14, Cane Creek Community Gardens.
- Sprouts Deadline, October 25, 2020

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## Garden Inspiration

"A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows." Doug Larson

### Favorite Plant: Donna Tillison

Moonflower vine, ipomoea Alba, is a favorite of mine. I enjoy the beautiful white blooms and the wonderful fragrance they emit in the late afternoon. I have grown them for several years and usually have some of the seeds that have fallen to the ground come up in the early spring.



### Cane Creek update from Skeeter Sims

With Fall Fest cancelled, we will open the Country Store for sales on Oct 10th and 17th, both Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Cane Creek under the pavilion. Please share on social media, invite friends/family, and promote to all you can. Remember this is our only fundraising event that supports the ongoing maintenance and improvements of our home grounds at Cane Creek!! Thanks to all those that have volunteered to donate freely and willingly to these efforts!! Please remember that we will be following the mask ordinances and social distancing guidelines.

We will continue to work every Tuesday for October. This month is cleaning up, pruning/shaping, debris removal, dividing/thinning and freshening mulch. We

will also be having additional workdays on the 10th and 17th while the Country Store is open --- ALL HANDS are invited to shop and work!! We will be completing the porch wall in the Sweet Tea Garden area; and with sufficient numbers, we may try to scrape/sand and repaint the Coke Shed and Equipment Shed.

### Recipe of the month from Jimmy Sloan



This is the best pimento cheese I have ever eaten!  
**PIMENTO & CHEESE**

#### Ingredients

10 – 12 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, grated and divided into 2 portions  
½ cup mayonnaise  
½ cup sour cream  
4-ounce jar diced pimentos, sliced or diced  
Cayenne pepper  
Course ground black pepper

#### Directions

Mix mayonnaise and sour cream  
Stir in cayenne pepper and black pepper (no particular amount – about 2 teaspoons each)  
Add about one-half of the mayonnaise/sour cream mixture to one of the portions of grated cheese. Stir until thoroughly mixed.  
Drain pimentos but retain the juice.  
Add drained pimentos.  
Add rest of cheese and about 2 teaspoons of pimento juice and stir until blended.  
Add enough more of mayonnaise/sour cream mixture until desired consistency is met.



Banana blooming in the Tropical bed

## MG Happenings by Sherry Blanton

We will have our regular monthly meeting on October 14 at noon. Hunter McBrayer will be our guest speaker. Please remember that we follow the state's mask orders and social distancing guidelines.

Lunch and Learn is over for 2020. Thanks to those who participated via Zoom.

Events change so frequently that the best source of information comes from Linda McDaniel and her weekly e-mails.

I will be presenting a program, "Ah Fall," via livestream at Public Library of Anniston Calhoun county Library. You can tune in on the link on the library on <http://facebook.com/publiclibrary.cc/live/>, [publiclibrary.cc/](http://publiclibrary.cc/), or on [YouTube.com/publibann/](http://YouTube.com/publibann/). For those still seeking CEU's this program counts. Since the topic is Fall; we will not only be talking about fabulous fall flowers but tasks to keep us busy during this season. These presentations are not open to an audience at the library.

If you missed Jerry Gilbert's program on bees when it was live streamed, you can catch it on the Library's YouTube page. He did an excellent informative presentation on bees. Every gardener needs to know how to share our world with these important creatures.

Thank you to all those who worked on the Sweet Tea Garden, it is a beautiful addition to Cane Creek. Take some time to walk through it. Our Association is fortunate to have such a talented, hardworking Crew. We have taken photos twice but still have missed some folks who helped.

It is only a few months until we host the State Master Gardener's conference. If you have not signed up to help, please contact Dick or Skeeter and join a committee. Lots of work ahead.

We bid Kris Schmit a fond farewell as she and her husband transition to North Carolina for his new position with Honeywell. Kris is a dedicated Master Gardener and a wonderful friend to all of us. We will surely miss her, but we wish Kris and Andy much happiness in their new home.

Stay healthy.

## Garden Giggle

"Nothing ever looks like it does on the seed packet."



Another view of the Sweet Tea Garden



Sweet Tea Garden Volunteers

## Who is October's Mystery Gardener?

Janet Evans, Sarah Ballard, and Skeeter identified Stan Bennett as last month's mystery gardener. Now it is your turn to identify October's Mystery Gardener.

Where are you from originally?

Jacksonville

What is your favorite part of gardening?

Actually watching the plant grow from day to day.

What other hobbies do you have besides gardening?

Watching the Braves and Fishing.

If you are retired what is your former profession?

Worked within the University Athletic Departments for 3 different Schools for 33 years as the Equipment Supervisor.

Where do you live now?

Ashville, Alabama



Dick donated this bench made from a truck tailgate in honor of Sarah



Masked Gardeners, the Kaylors

**Back 2 Basics Wednesday Gardening Series:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/648885695794800>  
 Wednesdays at 10:00 AM CT  
 Join us with Zoom or watch live on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaExtensionAAMU>

**Get Outside with Alabama Smart Yards Webinars:**  
<https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/lawn-garden/smart-yards-online-series/>



Masked Gardener Gary Lawson



**CEUs**

Check the Calhoun County Master Gardener, Cane Creek Community Gardens, and the Cane Creek Community Gardens Volunteer Crew Facebook pages for CEUs that you can watch to meet your requirements for this year's MG hours.

Selected Sources for CEUs

**Alabama Garden Walks Series:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/3062132267346969>  
 Join us the first and third Fridays of the month from noon-12:45 p.m. The webinars are presented through Zoom, an online video presentation format. They are also available through Facebook Live at  
<https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaExtensionAAMU>

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