



MG SPROUTS

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Message from the President ***By Dick Pritchett***

The Calhoun County Master Gardener Association overwhelmingly voted to hold the 2021 AMGA State Convention in Anniston, Alabama, Calhoun County and the surrounding area. This strong vote of confidence will give us an opportunity to showcase our beautiful Calhoun County.

The date and arrangements must be completed within six months, but I forecast a deadline much earlier. I am working to complete our Steering Committee members, and within a short time period will try to set the dates, and locations for our convention.

The most exciting part of this vote was that several members who voted “No” have already called, texted or contacted us verbally that they would support our efforts to make this the very best AMGA Convention. Calhoun County Master Gardeners is an awesome group dedicated to make our organization the best in our state.

Until later,
Dick

Garden Inspiration

Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful. ~Jim Carrey



MG Calendar	
MG Board Meeting	10:45 a.m., September 12, Cane Creek Community Gardens
MG Business Meeting	12 p.m., September 12, Cane Creek Community Gardens
Sprouts Deadline	September 25, 2018

Lunch & Learn

A series of free gardening programs sponsored by Calhoun County Master Gardeners and Calhoun County Commission. Held the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Cane Creek Community Garden at McClellan, 77 Justice Avenue. Noon to 1 p.m. Bring your own lunch!

September 26
Tremendous Trees Known for their Size and Character
Hayes Jackson.

Recipe of the Month

For those with a sweet tooth, apple season will be here very soon.

Apple Crisp

Ingredients

5 apples – peeled, cored and chopped
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 cup sugar
¼ cup flour
¼ cup butter

Directions

Mix the flour, sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon together in a bowl. Combine butter with the flour mixture using fingers or a fork until coarse crumbs form then set aside. Place the apples in a slow cooker and toss with lemon juice. Sprinkle the crumb topping on top. Cover and cook on High for 2 hours or Low for 4 hours, until apples are tender. Partially uncover the slow cooker to allow the topping to harden, about 1 hour.

These recipes and many others can be found in the Auburn Cookbook, a publication of Alabama Extension.

MG Happenings

A large crowd turned out for Lunch and Learn to hear David Doggett talk about using Japanese maples in the landscape. His programs are always well attended. If you have not been attending Lunch and Learn, the series is an excellent way to add to your horticultural knowledge. Hayes Jackson will present the final program on September 26th with his topic “Tremendous Trees Known for their Size or their Character. Lunch and Learn will take a break until April 2019. Please join us and invite a friend to come.

Stephen Faughn brought some fascinating creatures for our July MG business meeting. We even had the unusual experience of watching the snake eat a mouse.

On September 12, Kevin Jenne of the Calhoun Conservation District will speak about Choccolocco Watershed: Education and Outreach. Lunch is brown bag. It would be terrific if someone brought something cool for dessert.

Just a couple of Fall Fest reminders: please label your cookies packaged four to a bag for the bake sale. We will accept all sorts of individually bagged items. The kids love candy corn if you are not a baker. Items for the cake walk should be labeled for our participants. There will be hot dogs and drinks for sale. Linda McDaniels and Judy Shew will have an assortment of beautiful items for sale, many handmade, at the craft booth. This is a tremendous family fun day opportunity and there is plenty to keep the adults happy too.

Please join me at the Public Library of Anniston Calhoun County on September 11th at 2pm for “Tiptoe through the Tulips.” We will be talking about bulbs that perform well in our area including care and maintenance. Programs at the Library are free with no reservations required and the staff always fixes delicious treats to accompany the program.

Celebrate: the first day of Fall is September 22!

Sherry Blanton

Update from Longleaf Botanical Gardens

Sensational Salvias with Hayes Jackson
Third Thursday, September 20, James P. Roberts Educational Room– Longleaf Botanical Gardens
5-6 pm

Salvias are a wonderful species for Central Alabama gardens and landscapes. The flowers come in an array of colors and forms. There are native species, species for shade, and the numerous varieties suited for pollinators and hummingbirds. Come join us on September 20th from 5-6 p.m. to learn about the dazzling palette of choices for your garden situation. We will offer numerous species for sale prior to the program. If you love easy to grow plants, an abundance of seasonal color, and butterflies and hummingbirds, then you need to love salvia!

To reserve your spot, call Anniston Museum of Natural History at 256-237-6766. Reservations are required. Cost is \$5.00 per person or free to members. Payment is to be made at the time of registration and may be made by cash, check (made payable to Longleaf Botanical Gardens and earmarked for educational programs) or credit card in person or by phone.



Flowers from Cane Creek Community Gardens

Mystery Master Gardener

Last month's mystery gardener was Mary Banks identified by Dick Pritchett and Skeeter Sims. Can you guess this month's gardener? Drop Sherry an e-mail if you recognize September's hard-working MG.

Where are you from originally? Huntsville
 What other hobbies do you have besides gardening?
 Eating well, white tablecloth or oilcloth, New Orleans or Riverside

What is your favorite gardening activity? Watching spring work turn to summer color
 What did you do before retiring? I ran restaurants all over the country & ended up writing federal grant applications after Hurricane Katrina
 Where do you live now? Anniston



Update from Cane Creek Community Gardens

from Skeeter Sims

FALL FEST, FALL FEST, FALL FEST!!!

We need your help. Both the week prior to prepare the site and the day of to make it a success. Contact Lisa at the office to volunteer day of and contact Skeeter week prior to get the week's preparation schedule

- Please contact Skeeter if you have a plant to donate to Cane Creek. We have had plants dropped off, left, and even planted in locations that are not compliant with the overall plan. So please if you have a plant to give to Cane Creek, coordinate that with Skeeter or another Cane Creek Crew member.
- We appreciate all the help every week maintaining our home grounds; HOWEVER, please do not use weed killer, pesticides or herbicides on our grounds. There are two qualified personnel to conduct spraying and if you don't know that you are one of them, then you ain't, so don't spray!! We have lost several significant plants in the last month due to someone spraying poison or having drift from inappropriate sprayer use. You can pull weeds!!! Just don't spray!!



Stephen shows Judy one of the residents of the Legacy Wildlife Room at the August meeting.

Garden Hints for September

Begin gathering clippings of any plant to propagate and keep through the winter.

Pansies will begin to show up this month in the big box stores. As appealing as they are, they do not like September's heat and dry days. Wait until temperatures begin to drop before adding a color bed of pansies.



Jerry Gilbert helps out at the CCCG greenhouse



Winners from Chick Chain 1917 at Fall Fest. Who will be this year's winners? Come to Fall Fest and find out.



We asked everyone over 70 years old at the August 8th meeting to stand for a photograph



'Jack's Giant' Elephant Ear with a three-foot leaf (for sale at Tree Amigos Program if you want one!)

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