

The Master Gardeners of North Alabama
Spring Plant Sale 2026
Alabama A&M Agribition Center
4929 Moores Mill Road, Huntsville, AL

Calling all volunteers! Help is needed for the MGNA Spring Plant Sale, April 9 (set up) and 10 & 11 (sale).

Questions? Need to change your sign up? Contact:

Anita Reeves

MGNA Spring Plant Sale Coordinator, 2026

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Wagons (12 slots)

April 9-11, 2026

Do you have a plant wagon (no wheelbarrows) we can borrow during set up and during the sale? If so, please make sure your name is on the wagon and bring it to the Agribition Center on Thursday the 9th, set-up day. Plan to pick your wagon up during clean up time, 2pm-4pm on Saturday the 11th.

1. Deborah Quinn or Set up
2. Cheryl Carter
3. Dawn Nelson (2 wagons)
4. Debi Bonkoski
5. Dee Scott (one for sure, maybe two)
6. Paula Wheeler

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- 12.

THURSDAY SET UP

April 9, 2026, 8am - 12pm (No additional volunteers needed)

Set up crew at the Agribition Center

Help the Plant Sale Coordinator designate/measure areas on the arena floor for vendors, plant sections, Park-a-Plant, Ask-a-Master Gardener, etc. Set up tables, chairs, signs, etc. Cover tables with plastic table protectors as they are set up.

1. Kelly Cruzen
2. Ray Leonard - or transport plants if needed
3. Mike Morrissey
4. Cindy Morrissey
5. Deborah Quinn
6. David Lounmala
7. Susan Beam (and transportation of plants)
8. Bill Cooley
9. Karen Hansberger
10. Hayes Powers
11. Kim Robbins
12. Cookie Kruvand
13. Helen Carr
14. Katherine Moody
15. Elizabeth Gauthier
16. Michael Schleider

April 9, 2026, 9am - 2pm

Plant drop off logistics (No additional volunteers needed)

Assist individuals dropping off plants at the Agribition Center as well as help unload trucks/SUVs/UHauls as plants are brought in from the Huntsville greenhouse

1. Cheryl Carter
2. Kizzy Spencer
3. Ann Schroetter
4. Wendy Worley

April 9, 2026, 8:30am - 12pm (or until finished)

Transportation of plants from MGNA Huntsville greenhouse to Agribition. (No additional volunteers needed)

An SUV, closed truck or closed trailer is required. Indicate in comments which of these you will be using. If you have a hitch and are comfortable driving a towing vehicle, please contact Anita.

1. Marilyn Gillis
2. Susan Beam - SUV
3. Charlie Williams - Karen Kirk-Williams' spouse, has truck with hitch
4. Toby Reeves - Anita Reeves' spouse, has vehicle with hitch
5. Kelsey Nicely - can tow a privately owned enclosed trailer she has available for use
6. Barbara White - has pick up with hitch - can tow
7. Ray Leonard - or transport plants if needed
8. Geanine Lehmann
9. Dawn Nelson

FRIDAY MORNING PLANT SALE

April 10, 2026, 7:45am - 12:00pm Agribition Center

Parking Assistant - (No additional volunteers needed)

Arrive at 7:20am. Direct shoppers to a parking spot as they arrive in the rear Agribition Center parking area keeping the drive through area where customers will pick up their purchased plants clear. Wear an orange safety vest. (Provided)

1. Hayes Powers
2. Geanine Lehmann

Greeter (No additional volunteers needed)

Prior to shift, walk throughout the Agribition arena, taking note of where things are located.

Stand in the foyer area along with one of our sponsors. Answer questions about where to find certain plants, plant sections, restrooms, etc.

1. Charlene Learner

Receipt Checker (3 slots)

One person will be at the front entrance and one person will be at the rear. Ask customers to show their receipt checking to see if it has a "paid" stamp on it and the number of plants they have matches the number they have paid for. If not, kindly direct them to the check out area at the rear of the Agribition Center.

1. Ralph Carson
2. Dottie Markell
- 3.

Plant Team Assistant (1 Houseplant person needed)

The plant team assistant will help the plant team with tasks such as re-grouping plants as other plants are sold, helping customers find a particular plant and answering their questions, giving plant team members a break, etc. You will not be required to stand the entire time, chairs will be available, but you will need to be on your feet some.

Herbs	Connie Ulrich, Elise Fulda
Houseplants	Ray Leonard
Perennials	Stephen Walls, Deborah Quinn, Wendy Worley
Roses	Josie Asquith, Barbara McFarlen (11am - 4pm)
Vegetables	Julie Anderson, Ann Schroetter, Helen Carr
Woodies (Trees & Shrubs)	Geoff Boak, Trena Mary Powers

Park-A-Plant (No additional volunteers needed)

When customers have several plants for purchase and wish to continue shopping, they bring their plants to "Park-a-Plant" where MGNA volunteers take their name and store their plant until they are done shopping and wish to check out.

Susan Beam and Marcia Obermann - leads

1. Christy Freeman
2. Deen Rice

FRIDAY MORNING PLANT SALE (cont.)

April 10, 2026, 7:45am - 12:00pm Agribition Center

Park-A-Plant Floater (3 slots)

Walk throughout the plant sections looking for customers who have multiple plants to purchase. Inform them about Park-A-Plant and offer to “park” their plants for them.

1. Kelly Cruzen
2. Kizzy Spencer
3. Amy Helser

pH Testing Assistant (No additional volunteers needed)

Rita Icenogle - lead

1. Deborah Quinn
2. Marilyn Porter

Ask-a-Master Gardener (2 slots)

1. Cheryl Carter
- 2.

Cashier (4 slots)

Carol Weand - lead - assisting other cashiers during busy Friday morning

1. *Credit card line:* Marleen Suchman
2. *Credit card line:* Dee Scott
3. *Cash line:* Shireen Fletcher
4. *Cash line:*

Tag Tally (No additional volunteers needed)

1. Julie Rudolph
2. Shuana Maguire
3. Cindy Morrissey
4. Terry Boyd

Plant Loader (No additional volunteers needed)

When customers pull into the pick up area just outside the back doors, plant loaders will assist customers in placing their plants into their vehicles.

1. Mark Reed
2. Mike Morrissey
3. Linda Steakley

Floater (No additional volunteers needed)

Willing to work in any location as needed? Then this is the spot for you.

1. LuAnn Poniatowski
2. Hayes Powers
3. Katherine Moody (after 8:15am)
4. LuAnn Poniatowski
5. Hayes Powers

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PLANT SALE

April 10, 2026 11:45am - 4:00pm

Greeter (1 slot)

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Receipt Checker (No additional volunteers needed)

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1. Ralph Carson
2. Bill Cooley
3. Dottie M

Plant Team Assistant (2 slots for each)

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Herbs - Valeta Wheeler, Paula Wheeler

Houseplants Ruth Kempel

Perennials Stephen Walls

Roses

Vegetables Julie Anderson, Charlene Learner

Woodies (Trees & Shrubs) - Geoff Boak

Park-A-Plant (No additional volunteers needed)

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1. Elesia Cressman
2. Barbara White
3. Donna Everett

Park-A-Plant Floater (2 slots)

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1. Diane Rodger
- 2.

pH Testing Assistant (1 slot)

Rita Icenogle - lead

- 1.

Ask-a-Master Gardener (No additional volunteers needed)

1. Cheryl Carter (lead)
2. Elouisa Stokes

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PLANT SALE (cont.)

April 10, 2026 11:45am - 4:00pm

Cashier (4 slots)

1. *Credit card line:* Carol Weand
2. *Credit Card Line:* Dee Scott - as needed
3. *Cash Line:* Fletcher, Shireen
4. *Cash Line:*

Tag Tally (3 slots)

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- 2.
- 3.

Plant Loader (3 slots)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Floater (3 slots)

Willing to work in any location as needed? Then this is the spot for you.

1. LuAnn Poniatowski
2. Hayes Powers
- 3.

SATURDAY MORNING PLANT SALE

April 11, 2026, 7:45am - 11:30am

Parking Assistant - (2 slots)

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- 1.
- 2.

Greeter (1 slot)

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Receipt Checker (2 slots)

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Herbs - Valeta Wheeler

Houseplants -

Perennials - Stephen Walls, Karen Hansberger

Roses -

Vegetables - Ann Schoetter, Charlene Learner

Woodies (Trees & Shrubs) - Geoff Boak

Park-A-Plant (No additional volunteers needed)

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1. Deborah Quinn
2. Deen Rice
3. John Givan

Park-A-Plant Floater (2 slots)

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1. Christy Freeman
2. Barbara White

SATURDAY MORNING PLANT SALE (cont.)

April 11, 2026, 7:45am - 11:30am

pH Testing Assistant (2 slots)

Rita Icenogle - lead

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- 2.

Ask-a-Master Gardener (2 slots)

1. Cheryl Carter
- 2.

Cashier (4 slots)

1. *Credit card line:* Carol Weand
2. *Credit Card Line:* Dee Scott - as needed
3. *Cash Line:* Fletcher, Shireen
- 4.

Tag Tally (2 slots)

- 1.
- 2.

Plant Loader (3 slots)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Floater (3 slots)

Willing to work in any location as needed? Then this is the spot for you.

1. LuAnn Poniatowski
2. Hayes Powers
3. Wendy Worley

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PLANT SALE

April 11, 11:15am - 2:30pm

Greeter (No additional volunteers needed)

Prior to shift, walk throughout the Agribition arena, taking note of where things are located.

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1. Trena Mary Powers

Receipt Checker (2 slots)

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1. Ralph Carson

2.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PLANT SALE (cont.)

April 11, 11:15am - 2:30pm

Plant Team Assistant (1 slot for each)

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Herbs Valeta Wheeler

Houseplants

Perennials Stephen Walls, Karen Hansberger

Roses Barbara McFarlen (11am - 2pm)

Vegetables Charlene Learner

Woodies (Trees & Shrubs) - Geoff Boak

Park-A-Plant (No additional volunteers needed)

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1. Deborah Quinn

Park-A-Plant Floater (1 slot)

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Ask-a-Master Gardener (2 slots)

1. Cheryl Carter

2.

Cashier (3 slots)

1. *Credit card line:* Carol Weand

3. *Cash Line:* Fletcher, Shireen

4. *Cash Line:*

Tag Tally (2 slots)

1. Maria Cayse

2.

Plant Loader (1 slot)

1.

Floater (3 slots)

Willing to work in any location as needed? Then this is the spot for you.

1. LuAnn Poniatowski

2.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLEAN UP

April 12, 1:45pm - 4:30pm (or until done)

Clean up crew at the Agribition Center (5 slots)

Clean tables (as needed) and break down tables and chairs. Place clean chairs and tables in Agribition closets. Gather signs and other non-plant MGNA property and place in a central location to be transported to the MGNA greenhouse or storage unit. Help load vehicles with remaining plants which will be taken to the greenhouse. Gather any lost and found personal items and give them to the Plant Sale Coordinator.

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- 2.
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- 5.

Transportation of unsold plants from Agribition to MGNA Huntsville greenhouse (5 slots)

Upon arriving at the greenhouse, unload the plants in your vehicle and place them inside of the greenhouse on the tables. An SUV, closed truck or closed trailer is required. Indicate next to your name which of these you will be using.

1. Marilyn Gillis
2. Barbara White (and spouse Keith)
3. Susan Beam
- 4.
- 5.

Updated March 17, 2026 12:00pm