

President's Message

Fall, 2020

November has always been a time of reflection for me. As I clean out flower beds, rake leaves, and put out daffodil bulbs, I think back over the past year.

I am thankful that despite the challenges we have faced our Lee County Master Gardeners have adapted. We have continued to support each other and share with the community. Our volunteers kept working at Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail, Kiesel Demonstration Garden, Grandma's Garden, and the



Butterfly Garden at Kreher Preserve and Wildlife Center. We manned the Help-Line. Working with the Extension Service through their Grow More, Give More program, we donated our produce to the East Alabama Food Bank. We learned to log in and do our monthly meetings by Zoom.

I am thankful to our officers and executive board. As we navigated through this year, it has been a team effort. We have problem solved and done our best to keep our organization going and keep our members safe.

I am thankful for the intern group who started in fall of 2019. They managed to complete their classes and volunteer hours by October, 2020. Their energy and enthusiasm are contagious and they will be an asset to our organization.

I am thankful for all those working on the 2021 Lee County Master Gardeners Tour. Julia Freeman and Jan Holt have contacted the garden owners scheduled to be on the 2020 Tour. Most of them have agreed to stay on the

2021 Tour. Pat Giordano and Charlot Ritenbaugh are continuing to organize committees and keep us on our timeline. Nancy Golson and her Sponsorship committee have done a fantastic job. Everyone is working to make the 2021 Tour a success.

Our Thanksgiving celebrations may look a bit different this year, but we are all blessed. Thank you for supporting the Lee County Master Gardeners Association.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving,

Linda Nowlin

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