



## ***New Weeds***

**Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date  
January 2, 2018**

Hello gardening friend,

If you would like an announcement to appear in New Weeds, please send it to [nancy@redcrayon.biz](mailto:nancy@redcrayon.biz) and [freemja@auburn.edu](mailto:freemja@auburn.edu) by Friday night. **Please be sure to include "New Weeds" in the subject line or your announcement may be missed.** We plan to get out New Weeds on Sunday or Monday of each week.

Happy gardening,

*Nancy and Julia*

## ***LCMGA Announcements***

**Please join in the fun as we welcome 2018 at our potluck dinner.** Plan to arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 so that we are ready to serve and eat at 6:00. Following dinner, David Peterson will award prizes for the winning Fall photos. Renee Thomas will talk briefly about Harvest for Health, which is one of our grant recipients.

**We also need signups for set up (5-6 pm) and clean up (7-8 pm). Both go very quickly if we have enough hands on deck. We are not setting up nor taking down tables and chairs.**

**Sign up Genius is ready to accept your RSVPs for the potluck social on Tuesday, Jan 16. Please sign up to bring one item per person/couple. Leave a comment about the dish you plan to bring, and don't forget to volunteer for set up or clean up.**

**Please use the following link to sign up electronically:**

**[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAB22A2FF2-january](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAB22A2FF2-january)**

**If you have any problems or prefer not to use Sign Up Genius, please call Pat at 334 329 7099.**

Last date to sign up will be Sunday, January 14.

Location: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (1 Church Drive, Auburn) 5:30-7:30 p.m. If you are not familiar with this location - please call Pat at 334 329 7099 for directions. It will be dusk or dark when we arrive!

## **LCMGA Reminders**

It is very important for active members to log in our service and educational program hours at <http://www.leemg.org/>. It is important that we log our hours so that the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service can compute the value of our volunteer work for them. **If you did not log your 2017 hours, please do so ASAP so they can be counted in 2018.**

If you have not paid your 2018 Active Members and Friends dues, please mail them now to the Extension Office. Dues are \$20 and the form is attached. If you have any questions contact Anne Morgan, [morfamanne@gmail.com](mailto:morfamanne@gmail.com).

Master Gardeners may order the textbook used in the current Master Gardener course for \$40.00. Contact: Lee County Extension Office, 334-749-3353

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail** Regular workdays: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 8 to 10 am  
**Regular workdays will be suspended in January.** Work will resume when Opelika Parks has fencing materials ready for install. Special work sessions will be scheduled. **Also, please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3, 9-12 A.M. for our spring cleanup!**

Contact: Spencer Roy [spencerroy55@gmail.com](mailto:spencerroy55@gmail.com) or Billie Oliver [billieoliver@gmail.com](mailto:billieoliver@gmail.com)

### **Grandma's Garden**

**2018 workdays to be announced.**

Grandma's Garden is located on Highway 14 at the Lee County Historical Society.

Contact: Kathy Hayward <[bryaub@hotmail.com](mailto:bryaub@hotmail.com)>

### **Kiesel Park**

**No scheduled workdays for now.**

Contact: Charlot Ritenbaugh 334-750-1984 or [cdritenbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:cdritenbaugh@gmail.com)

## **Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Garden**

**Beginning in January, regular work days: Thursdays, 9:00 am.**

Park in the north parking lot off County Rd 72 - across from water tower.

Walk a short trail to the garden.

*Contact: Margaret Holler, 334-740-8548*

## ***Save the Date***

**February 12, 2018, Monday: 2018 Lee County Master Gardener Class** will be held on Mondays, 9-2, beginning February 12 and concluding on April 30. The cost is \$150, which includes the textbook. **Urgent: please encourage your gardening friends to sign up for the class, we need more participants!**

Master Gardeners may order the textbook used in the current course for \$40.00.

Contact: Lee County Extension Office, 334-749-3353

**On the horizon: May 19-20, 2018, MG Garden Tour**

## ***MG meeting programs***

**Tuesday, January 16: The January Social will be a Pot Luck Dinner** at the Episcopal Church in Auburn, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (1 Church Drive, Auburn) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Details are announced above.

## ***Community Announcements***

Everyone is invited to the **Farm City meetings** each second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 AM at the Lee County Extension Center. The tours that Farm City promotes are very interesting.

*Contact: Lee County Extension Office, 334-749-3353*

**Saturday, February 10: Empty Bowls Project** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Denson Recreation Center in Opelika. Two thousand bowls will be available for purchase at a range of \$10 to \$35 each.

## ***Helpful links***

**Lee County Extension Office: 334-749-3353**

Don't forget to log in your service and educational program hours at

<http://www.leemg.org/>

<http://www.leemg.org/apply-for-a-grant.html>

<http://www.auburnalabama.org/news/>

<http://www.opelika-al.gov/>