



## ***New Weeds***

### **Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date January 22, 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.

*Nancy and Julia*

## ***LCMGA Announcements***

Master Gardeners, Friends, and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening and covered dish dinner thanks to Pat, her committee, and all the great MG cooks. So, wonderful to have time to visit and see everyone AND the food was fabulous!!!!

Special love and condolences to Dr. Bill Shell in the death of his wife and to Carola Pike in the death of her mom. Our love and support to both of these families.

### **2018 Important Master Gardeners Dates**

**\*\*February 1 -- MG Board Meeting—10 am - Susan Prices' home**

**\*\*February 7 -- MG Meeting Shay Grant presentation on rejuvenating residential landscapes. Location is Harris Center.**

February 10 -- Empty Bowls - Opelika 10 – 2

February 12 – First Day of MG Intern Class

February 17 -- Grafting Workshop at Dr. Bill Shells' home on Deer Run

March 3 -- Kiwanis Azalea Sale

**\*\*March 7 -- MG Meeting - Business meeting at Harris Center, then carpool to Joel and Ann Pittard's home to see his orchids**

**\*\*April 4 – MG meeting**

April 28 -- Auburn City Fest

**\*\*May 2 – MG meeting**

May 5 -- GARDEN IN THE PARK

**May 19-20 -- MG Garden Tour**

If you have other dates, please let us know. MG native azalea plant sale and mulch sale are TBD.

## ***Important Reminders***

**If you have not paid your 2018 Active Members and Friends dues, please bring to the dinner Tuesday night or mail 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 Class** - February 12 to April 30, Mondays 9 to 2, \$150. **Please tell at least 5 people this week** and get them interested. What a great experience we all had and this will be the same.

**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 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: 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**

**2018 workdays to be announced..**

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

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

**The KPNC Butterfly Garden Volunteer schedule will resume starting Feb. 1.**

Thursday mornings at 9:00.

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. Please tell at least 5 people this week and get them interested. What a great experience we all had and this will be the same.

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

### **LCMGA Meeting Programs**

**February 7, Wednesday, Harris Center**

**Speaker: Shay Grant**

Topic: Refreshing existing home landscapes.

Shay has her degree in Horticulture and has experience in landscaping. She will talk about some common problems as landscapes mature and as trends change.

**March 7, Harris Center**

**Speaker: Joel Pittard**

Topic: Orchids

Following our business meeting, we will leave the Harris Center at 12:15 and caravan to Joel's home (about a 10-15 minute drive) to see his orchid collection and his greenhouse. Joel and other members of the Orchid Society will demonstrate care of orchids, including repotting.

For this program we are NOT opening it to the public, but members, friends and friends of friends are welcome. I am not providing Joel's address prior to the date.

## ***Community Announcements***

**Saturday, February 10: Empty Bowls Project** 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Denson Recreation Center in Opelika. Sale of beautiful handmade bowls made by local potters. Bowl prices start at \$10 and include a coupon for soup. **All proceeds go to the East Alabama Food Bank.**

**Master Gardeners have been a great help in the past and are needed this year.** If you can help, call Lela 337-540-0664 or sign up at the Covered Dish Dinner.

March 3, Saturday: Kiwanis Azalea Sale

April 28, Saturday: Auburn City Fest

May 5, Saturday: GARDEN IN THE PARK

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

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## ***Helpful links***

**It is very important for active members to log in our service and educational program hours at**

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

If you did not log all your 2017 hours, you may log them now. They will be counted in 2018 totals.

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.

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

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

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