



New Weeds

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date January 29, 2018

Hello gardening friend,

If you would like an announcement to appear in New Weeds, please send it to nancy@redcrayon.biz and 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

Thank You from 4H History Seekers

Once again, the funds that you provide to our group via The Master Gardener Chuck Browne Award continue to keep on giving. Those funds were used to purchase the sweet potato slips that were planted in the Crops Garden at Pioneer Park that served to educate the 1000s of visiting public during Pioneer Day, and that contributed to the sales that resulted in the offering provided by the 4h History Seekers for The Community Market. As you can see below, we donated 40 hours and \$1,280.00 as a result. It's a group of Auburn youth that you should be proud of supporting.

And, as an additional aside ... Our "Back in Time" Historical Holiday Celebration turned out to be a success! The months of preparation seemed to pay off. We entertained 75 guests in the historic buildings of Pioneer Park on the evening of December 9th, including some Master Gardener supporters, and our guests of honor, Chuck and Cathy Browne. A period appropriate dinner was served by our 4H members and assisting adults ... we were all decked-out in period costumes. Everyone seemed to embrace the fun and myriad of educational opportunities afforded through the event. We managed to involve youth within and outside of 4H, 4H parents, adults not previously involved with 4H, local business leaders, Auburn City Schools and Auburn University educators. It turned out to be a wonderful learning experience for all those involved! In addition, as of our last accounting, it showed that we had earned \$3,450.00 for The Lee County Historical Society.

Many thanks for the continued support of The Lee County Master Gardeners!

Betsy Jordan

Master Gardener

4H History Seekers Parent Advisor

The 4H History Seekers made their annual donation to The Community Market on December 21st. Working together, they donated 40 community service hours to help prepare and stock the shelves for holiday grocery shoppers, and presented \$1,286.80 to coordinator Ms. Elsie Lott on behalf of the 4H History Seekers and Lee County Historical Society. The money donated was primarily earned by club members from their sale of sweet potatoes, heirloom poppy seeds and corn swags during Pioneer Day at Pioneer Park in October.

Important Reminders

February 1, Thursday: MG Board Meeting—10 am - Susan Prices' home

If you have not paid your 2018 Active Members and Friends dues, please bring to February 7 meeting 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.

February 7, Wednesday -- MG Meeting Shay Grant presentation on rejuvenating residential landscapes. Location is Harris Center in Auburn.

Master Gardeners Class begins Monday, February 12 - 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

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

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>

Kiesel Park

2018 workdays to be announced.

Contact: Charlot Ritenbaugh 334-750-1984 or cdritenbaugh@gmail.com

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Garden

Regular workdays: Thursday mornings at 9:00, weather permitting.

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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February 17, Saturday: Grafting Workshop at Dr. Bill Shells' home on Deer Run.

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

LCMGA Meetings

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.

April 4 – MG meeting

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/>