

## *New Weeds*

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date  
October 16, 2017

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*

**We need volunteers for this Saturday's mulch sale, October 21!** Please sign up for October 21 9 to 1 – or some part of that time period. We need at least FIVE volunteers with two people having boots and gloves to help remove trash from the very old mulch. We need Master Gardeners available to answer questions.

*To sign up please email Steve Carter at [sec4500@gmail.com](mailto:sec4500@gmail.com) or call [334-737-2099](tel:334-737-2099)*

LCMGA Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at the ACES office.

Please send Nancy any items you want included.

Contact: Nancy Golson [nancy@redcrayon.biz](mailto:nancy@redcrayon.biz)

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

**Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail** Regular workdays: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 8 to 10 am

The special workday for mulching the paths on Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail has been rescheduled for TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 8-10 AM. Please save the date and plan to help prepare the paths!

Contact: Spencer Roy <[spencerroy55@gmail.com](mailto:spencerroy55@gmail.com)>

**Grandma's Garden** Regular time: Thursday before the Second Saturday at 7:45 AM  
Remaining 2017 workdays:

Next Workday: Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> prior to Pioneer Days

Thursday, November 9th (Last one until February or March)

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

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

## Kiesel Park

Next workday: Monday, October 23, 7:30 - 9:30 am.

If any of our MG's have experience growing blackberries, please contact me. Thanks!

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

## Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Garden

Regular work days: Thursdays, 8:00 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](tel:334-740-8548)

## Save the Date

October 21: Mulch Fundraiser Saturday, 9 AM-1 PM: Lee County Master Gardeners will be selling pine bark mulch at the Lawrence Farm, [3327 Moores Mill Rd, Auburn](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3327+Moore+Mill+Rd,+Auburn,+AL+36832). (From Auburn, 1 mile east of Publix on the left. Watch for small sign.) The pine bark, purchased from a local lumber mill, is excellent for soil amendment or top-dressing. LCMGA has three pine bark mulch selections with different composting times. The price, cash or check, is \$25 per cu. yard for coarse and \$35 for fine. There is a front-end loader tractor available for loading trucks or trailers. If Saturday is a rainy day, the sale will be rescheduled.

October 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Davis Arboretum Annual Fall Native Plant Sale order forms (attached) are due by email or in the Arboretum office no later than 5:00 pm. Selections include Auburn Series Azaleas. Contact: Morgan Beadles, Curator, Davis Arboretum [334-740-5296](tel:334-740-5296) cell [334-844-5770](tel:334-844-5770) ofc [beadllm@auburn.edu](mailto:beadllm@auburn.edu)

October 26, Thurs. Field Trip to Petals from the Past For those registered who plan to carpool, meet at 7:55 a.m. at Walmart on S. College Street in Auburn, park near Sonic.

Contact: Cathy Shepard, [334-734-0688](tel:334-734-0688) or email [chattycathys@bellsouth.net](mailto:chattycathys@bellsouth.net)

October 27, Friday: Auburn-Opelika Wine Trail, a wine tasting tour of three wineries in East Alabama with farm-to-table lunch provided by Acre. (See pdf attached,) Tickets (tours, transportation, and lunch) are \$40. Contact Tara Barr at [334-707-5143](tel:334-707-5143) or [barrtar@aces.edu](mailto:barrtar@aces.edu)

November 15-17, Wed.-Friday, 8am-4pm: Davis Arboretum Annual Fall Native Plant Sale pick-up dates. The pick-up location will be the south end of the Arboretum property along Lem Morrison Drive next to the Old Cotton Rotation. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card (sorry, no American Express.)

Contact: Morgan Beadles, Curator, Davis Arboretum [334-740-5296](tel:334-740-5296) cell [334-844-5770](tel:334-844-5770) ofc

November 20, Monday: Fall Photo Contest Deadline: Photographing Fall Colors 2017 in Lee County

## Two Divisions:

### Fall Flowers

### Fall colors in the landscape

**Eligibility:** LCMGA - Master Gardeners, Friends of MG and immediate family members  
JPEG images should be from 1 MB to 6 MB, but smaller than 1 MB could work too.

Smartphone photos are acceptable.

Send JPEGs to David Peterson ([davypeted@gmail.com](mailto:davypeted@gmail.com))

**Judging:** Judging by David Peterson; decisions of judge will be final

Prizes will be sets of greeting cards to be presented at our December 2017 meeting

**Contact:** David Peterson ([davypeted@gmail.com](mailto:davypeted@gmail.com))

**November 20, Monday:** The Farm City Banquet at Lazenby Farms. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be picked up at The Lee County Extension Center.

**Contact:** Lee County Extension Office, [334-749-3353](tel:334-749-3353).

**December 9, 2017, Saturday** A Holiday Trip "Back in Time" 5 pm-8 pm. Pioneer Park evening of mid-1800s to early 1900s fine dining and entertainment by 4H History Seekers. Fund raiser for Lee County Historical Society/part of ALABAMA 200 Bicentennial Celebration. Seating limited and reserved only. Tickets \$50 on sale Oct. 1. **Contact:** Dacey McCormick [MyAngieGirl2@gmail.com](mailto:MyAngieGirl2@gmail.com) or Steve Crannell [334-750-1834](tel:334-750-1834).

**February 12, 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 encourage your gardening friends to sign up for the class.

## MG meeting programs

November 1 - Nancy Loewenstein - Invasive plants

December 6 - Ginger from Blooming Colors will demonstrate wreath-making

January – Social (Details to come)

## Community Announcements

**Free Plants:** If you are interested in digging FREE plants including coneflowers, lantana, iris, and other perennials, please contact Carolyn McConnell. This area will soon be sprayed and turned into a lawn. For those with strong backs, spirea, azaleas, oak leaf hydrangeas, and other shrubs are available. Carolyn still has flowerpots, bird houses, birdbaths, fountains, stepping stones, metal chairs, garden art and large plants in planters for sale.

**Contact:** Carolyn McConnell Home: [334-745-3567](tel:334-745-3567) Cell: [334-559-3567](tel:334-559-3567)

## October Arboretum Programs

October 18<sup>th</sup>: Tree Identification Walk and Talk – 4:00-6:00pm – this tour is free but spaces are limited

October 20<sup>th</sup>: Friday Night Fright Nights - 7:30 -9:30pm – admission is free – Azalea level members have access to VIP seating

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Contact: *L. Morgan Beadles, Curator, Davis Arboretum*

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### *Helpful links*

Lee County Extension Office: [334-749-3353](tel: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/>