



## **New Weeds**

### **Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date October 23, 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**

**Reminder: LCMGA Board Meeting** will be held Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at the ACES office. *Contact: Nancy Golson* [nancy@redcrayon.biz](mailto:nancy@redcrayon.biz)

**Reminder: ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDENS Christmas Lights Tour on November 29-30 - arrangements must be made before November 1.** **Let me know by phone if you plan to go:** Cathy Shepard, [334-887-0939](tel:334-887-0939) or [334-734-0688](tel:334-734-0688).

**You are responsible for your hotel reservations-** call the Atlanta Midtown Regency, [404-876-5003](tel:404-876-5003) and tell them you want to make reservations for the Lee County Master Gardener's Christmas Party, November 29th for \$159 and the 2-for-1 dinner special. Joy was the name of the Rep I made arrangements with. **Call now because there are limited rooms.** All arrangements will have to be made by the November 1 meeting, so I can see if others may join us, and I can release the rooms.

**Contact:** [334-887-0939](tel:334-887-0939) or [334-734-0688](tel:334-734-0688).

Sean Forbes of **Opelika Grows** would like for us to spread the news and attend if possible their upcoming **Chili Cook Off**. The funds raised will go back into the greenhouses and educational programs to help them thrive through the upcoming cool season. It will be held on October 28 at 1103 Glenn St, Opelika. Chili tasting will begin at 11:30 AM and the winners will be announced at 3 PM. Some merchants have chipped in to provide a cash prize to be awarded to the winning contestant. There will be games, music, and much more to entertain both adults and children. Tickets for adults will be \$5, available at the event.

It's not too late to sign up to be a volunteer host for the **Auburn Preservation League's Loveliest Village Christmas Tour**. It will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 4,

and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4. People are welcome to contact me to get on the volunteer list. *Contact: Susan Price <prcsmp@aol.com>*

## **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! If there is too much rain on Monday, we will send an email to reschedule.**

*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, 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**, start at 7:30 am.

**In case of rain, Monday's workday is cancelled.**

*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**

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### ***This week:***

**October 25, Wednesday: Order forms are due for the Davis Arboretum Annual Fall Native Plant Sale 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 cell 334-844-5770 ofc [beadllm@auburn.edu](mailto:beadllm@auburn.edu)*

**October 26, Thursday: 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 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 or [barrtar@aces.edu](mailto:barrtar@aces.edu)*

**October 28, Saturday: Opelika Grows Chili Cook Off** will be held at 1103 Glenn St, Opelika. Chili tasting will begin at 11:30 AM and the winners will be announced at 3 PM. There will be games, music, and more to entertain both adults and children. The funds raised will go back into the greenhouses and educational programs to help them thrive through the upcoming cool season. Tickets for adults will be \$5, available at the event.

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**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 cell 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.*

**November 29-30, Wed.-Thursday: ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDENS Christmas Lights Tour - arrangements need to be made before November 1.** **Let me know by phone if you plan to go: Cathy Shepard, 334-887-0939 or 334-734-0688.** Each MG or Friend is welcome to bring a family member or friend. It's also a good idea to share a hotel room and/or carpool.

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**All arrangements will have to be made before the November 1 meeting, so I can see if others may join us, and I can release the rooms.** We will leave by 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 29.

You are responsible for your own garden tickets for the evening of November 29th, by going to <http://atlantabg.org/visit/events/garden-lights>. The "buy tickets" button is in the middle of the page. Call me if you have problems- the website is a little tricky to navigate. Buy ASAP, because tickets are limited. They will be \$29.99 or 19.99 - I suggest the more expensive one.

*Contact: Cathy Shepard 334-887-0939 or 334-734-0688.*

**December 9, 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.*

**December 9-10, Saturday: Auburn Preservation League’s Loveliest Village Christmas Tour.** It will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 4, and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4. People are welcome to contact me to get on the volunteer list and receive a free ticket to the tour. *Contact: Susan Price <prcsmp@aol.com>*

**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 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, fountains, stepping stones, metal chairs, garden art and large plants in planters for sale.

*Contact: Carolyn McConnell Home: 334-745-3567 Cell: 334-559-3567*

### **October Arboretum Programs**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>: Fall native Plant Sale Order Forms are Due!!** LAST DAY TO SEND IN ORDER FORMS!

**October 27<sup>th</sup>: Friday Night Fright Nights** - 7:30 -9:30pm – admission is free – Azalea level members have access to VIP seating

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

*334-740-5296 cell 334-844-5770 office [www.auburn.edu/arboretum](http://www.auburn.edu/arboretum)*

### **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/>