***New* *Weeds***

**Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date**

**October 9, 2017**

**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.   We plan to get outNew Weeds on Sunday or Monday of each week.**

***Nancy and Julia***

***LCMGA Announcements***

**Mulch Fundraiser Saturday:   Lee County Master Gardeners will be selling pine bark mulch, 9 AM- 1PM, Saturday, October 14th and October 21, 2017. The location is the Lawrence Farm at 3327 Moores Mill Rd, Auburn. (from  Auburn, 1 mile east of Publix on the left.) 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. There will be Master Gardeners available to answer any questions. If Saturday is a rainy day, the sale will be rescheduled.**

**We need volunteers for each mulch sale!  Please sign up for October 14 and/or October 21  9 to 1  – We need at least FIVE volunteers with two people having boots and gloves to help remove trash from the very old mulch.**

***To sign up please email Steve Carter at*** ***sec4500@gmail.com*** ***or call*** ***334-737-2099***

**LCMGA Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 25th, at 10 a.m. at the ACES office.**

**Please send Nancy any items you want included.**

***Contact:  Nancy Golson*** ***nancy@redcrayon.biz***

**You are invited to the first Auburn-Opelika Wine Trail, a wine tasting tour on Friday, October 27. Don’t miss this chance to experience three wineries in East Alabama with a special farm-to-table lunch provided by Acre. The Wine Trail is sponsored by Lee County Extension, Lee County Master Gardeners, Farm City, and the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau. Tickets which include transportation and lunch are $40. For more information, see attached pdf or contact Tara Barr at** **334-707-5143** **or** **barrtar@aces.edu**

**Reminder:  LCMGA School Tree Donation: LCMGA is donating trees to three Lee county schools. If anyone would like to help with the selection of sites and trees please contact Gene Galloway. The schools are Beauregard Elementary, Loachapoka High and Beulah Elementary. Remaining dates are as follows: Beulah Elementary Wednesday, Oct. 11th, and Beauregard Elementary on Thursday the 12th. The time for each is 1:30.**

***Contact:  Gene Galloway*** ***ggalloway4813@charter.net*** ***or phone/text*** ***256-295-3512*****.**

***Volunteer Opportunities***

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

**October workdays: Tuesday, October 10 and 24, 8-10 a.m.**

***Contact:  Spencer Roy* <****spencerroy55@gmail.com****>**

**Grandma’s Garden   Regular time:  Thursday before the Second Saturday at 7:45 AM**

**Remaining 2017 workdays:**

**Next Workday:  Thursday, October 12th prior to Second Saturday**

**Thursday, October 19th prior to Pioneer Days**

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

***Contact:  Kathy Hayward* <****bryaub@hotmail.com****>**

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

**Kiesel Park**

**Next workdays: Mondays, October 9 (weather permitting) and Oct. 23, 7:30 - 9:30 am.**

**It is time to prep the beds for the end of season.**

**We are looking for someone who can take over as coordinator for this garden.**

***Contact: Charlot Ritenbaugh*  334-750-1984 or** **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**

***Save the Date***

**October 10, Tuesday. 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. The Farm City Banquet will be Nov. 20, 2017 at Lazenby Farms. Tickets are $15.00 and can be picked up at The Lee County Extension Center.  For more information,  *Contact: Lee County Extension Office,*** ***334-749-3353******.***

**October 11, Wednesday:  Reminder, AU Medicinal Herb Garden and Plant Diagnostics Lab Tour Day for those who have previously registered.**

**October 12, Thurs.   AU Smart Yards Workshop, 9 am-2 pm, AU campus - Lowder 113A, $30/35. For info, visit** [**http://mg.aces.edu/resources/**](http://mg.aces.edu/resources/)

**October 17, Tuesday  AU Medicinal Plant Garden Open House 5-6:30 p.m. Located off Woodfield Drive in Crops Garden (use Goggle maps.) Free & open to everyone dawn-dusk.**

**Info and tours by appointment.**

***Contact:  Tia Gonzalez*** ***greentia@live.com******@aumedicinalplantgarden;  Facebook***

**October 25th, 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*** ***cell*** ***334-844-5770*** ***ofc*** ***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*** ***or email*** ***chattycathys@bellsouth.net***

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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****)**

**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******)***

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**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*** ***or Steve Crannell*** ***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 also 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******Cell:*** ***334-559-3567***

**October Arboretum Programs**

**October 13th: Friday Night Fright Nights - 7:30 -9:30pm – admission is free – Azalea level members have access to VIP seating**

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

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***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/)

[**http://www.leemg.org/apply-for-a-grant.html**](http://www.leemg.org/apply-for-a-grant.html)

[**http://www.auburnalabama.org/news/**](http://www.auburnalabama.org/news/)

[**http://www.opelika-al.gov/**](http://www.opelika-al.gov/)