***New* *Weeds***

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

**November 6, 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 or your announcement may be missed. We plan to get outNew Weeds on Sunday or Monday of each week.**

***Nancy and Julia***

***LCMGA Announcements***

**LCMGA School Tree Project:  We need volunteers to coordinate planting five trees at Loachapoka High on Wednesday, Nov. 15th at around 1:30 and five trees at Beulah elementary on Friday, Nov. 17th at around 1:30. The holes are to be dug, and at Loachapoka we should have several high school students to assist with moving and planting. At Beulah we will have some adult help to go with the eager elementary students who are very good at putting out the pine straw mulch. I hope I can count on several Master Gardeners to help lead small groups in the plantings so this can be accomplished in an expeditious manner.**

**These two schools are very thrilled to get the trees, and I hope we can demonstrate that we are thrilled to provide them.  Our goal is to help educate these students in the value of native trees and proper care of them.**

***Contact:  Gene Galloway at home 749-4813 or cell*** ***256-295-3512******.***

**Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail welcomes Master Gardeners and Friends who would like the opportunity to plant perennials and oakleaf hydrangeasin remembrance of Kelly Haynes to come on our next regular workday, Tuesday, November 14, starting @ 8 A.M.  Please note: In event of rain, the planting will be rescheduled.    *Contact:  Billie Oliver  billieoliver@gmail.com*.**

**Dec 6, Wednesday, Wreath workshop:  The Master Gardening Meeting program will be a wreath-making demonstration by Ginger Purvis of Blooming Colors. If anyone would like to make a wreath during the demonstration, Ginger will bring the wreaths made with live magnolia leaves and all kinds of embellishments.  For the price of $55, you can customize your wreath with Ginger's guidance (and I am sure encouragement and suggestions from others watching !)    Four spots remain!     *Contact:  Pat Giordano*** ***334 329 7099***

**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 9th, from 10 to 4, and Sunday, December 10th, from 1 to 4. People are welcome to contact me to get on the volunteer list.     *Contact:  Susan Price*** **prcsmp@aol.com**

**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: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 8 to 10 am**

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***Contact:  Spencer Roy*  spencerroy55@gmail.com or *Billie Oliver*** ***billieoliver@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)**

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

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

**Kiesel Park**

**No scheduled workdays for now. Thanks you guys!  The garden looked great all thru the growing season.**

***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***

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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***

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

**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  will leave by 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 29.**

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

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**December 9-10, Saturday: Auburn Preservation League’s Loveliest Village Christmas Tour, Saturday, December 9th, from 10 to 4, and Sunday, December 10th, 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**

**December 9, Saturday evening:   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***

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**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.**

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**Contact:  Lee County Extension Office,  334-749-3353**

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

***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 perennials and shrubs, please contact Carolyn McConnell. This area will soon be sprayed and turned into a lawn.**

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

**October Arboretum Programs**

**November 8th: Pinecone Craft Workshop – 9:00am-12:00 pm - $75 non-member/ $55 member (all materials will be provided) Spaces are limited**

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**December 13th: Pruning and How to Sharpen Your Tools:  9:00am-12:00pm - $55 non-member/ $40 member**

***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/)

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