



New Weeds

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date December 11, 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 out New Weeds on Sunday or Monday of each week.

Nancy and Julia

LCMGA Reminders

It is very important for active members to log in our **service and educational program hours** at <http://www.leemg.org/>. Hours must be entered before January to be counted in 2017 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.

2018 Active Members and Friends dues are being collected now. Please mail to the Extension Office. Dues are \$20 and the form is attached. If you have any questions *contact Anne Morgan*, morfamanne@gmail.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

Next workday: Tuesday, December 12 – Mulch day: Steve Carter is bringing his tractor to help us complete the mulching of the paths in the Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail garden area. We plan to start at 9 AM due to the colder weather and hope to finish by 11. Please remember those gloves and garden rakes!

If raining, we will reschedule.

The mulch work day will be the only work opportunity in December- no 4th Tuesday.

Contact: Spencer Roy spencerroy55@gmail.com or 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

No scheduled workdays for now.

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

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Garden

No work days in December. Beginning in January, regular work days: Thursdays, 9:00 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

Reminders for This Week

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, we need more participants!

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

MG meeting programs

Tuesday, January 16: The January Social will be a Pot Luck Dinner at the Episcopal Church in Auburn. More details to come.

Community Announcements

We have **another special opportunity**, a graduate student is leaving Auburn to go overseas and has several **large, unique house plants to give away:**

Passion fruits (*P. edulis* var. *flavicarpa*) from Puerto Rico, avocado tree (*Persea americana* cultivar Hass), pineapple tree (*Ananas comosus*), *Phalaenopsis* (I am not sure of the species), geranium (*Pelargonium peltatum*), lemon tree (*Citrus limon*), orange tree (*Citrus sinensis*), bay tree (*Laurus nobilis*), a rose (I think it is a Double Pink KnockOut Rose but I am not sure), and a poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) that is starting to become a bonsai.

She lives on Deer Run and will be leaving in two weeks. You need a truck to pick them up, Let Nancy know if you are interested and she will give you the details. [334-728-5064](tel:334-728-5064)

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

Saturday, February 10: Empty Bowls Project 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Denson Recreation Center in Opelika. Two thousand bowls will be available for purchase at a range of \$10 to \$35 each.

Arboretum Programs

Wednesday, 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

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/>