***New* *Weeds***

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

**February 5, 2018**

**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***

**There will be a Helpline refresher training session for any Lee County Master Gardeners who would like to get current on the operation of the Helpline. It will be held February 21, 2018, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Lee County Extension Office. Mallory and Dani will be there and we will try to have enough computers for everyone who attends. We will have a signup sheet at the February 7th meeting.**

***Contact: Gene Galloway,*** ***ggalloway4813@charter.net******.***

**The Spring 2018 Mulch sale Dates will be February 24th, March 17th and 24th. All sales will begin at 8:00AM and end at 1:00PM Please look at your schedules and see if you can join us as a volunteer to talk with customers or help with loading. Steve will have a tractor there for loading.**

***Contact:  Steve Carter,  334-332-6100***

**Note: The Mulch Sale dates for March have changed due to a conflict on March 10th.**

**LCMG members and Friends will be working at the Kiwanis Azalea Sale on March 2,3 and 4th.  We will be promoting LCMG, handing out information, soil test kits and assisting people with the selection of the right plant for the right place. Please help during that weekend if at all possible.  Signup sheets will be at the February meeting.  We will need volunteers in shifts to cover Friday from 9-5 Saturday 8-5 and if needed Sunday from 10 to 3. (If they have sold all plants by Saturday night there would be no sale on Sunday.) *Contact:  Steve Carter,  334-332-6100***

***LCMGA February Event Reminders***

**February 7, Wednesday  -- MG Meeting   Shay Grant presentation on rejuvenating residential landscapes.  Location is Harris Center in Auburn.**

**Master Gardeners Class begins Monday, February 12 - April 30, Mondays 9 to 2, $150. Please tell at least 5 people this week and get them interested.  What a great experience we all had and this will be the same.   Master Gardeners may order the textbook used in the current Master Gardener course for $40.00.     *Contact:  Lee County Extension Office,*** ***334-749-3353***

**February 17, Saturday:  Grafting Workshop  at Dr. Bill Shells’ home,** [**130 Deer Run Road, Auburn**](https://maps.google.com/?q=130+Deer+Run+Road,+Auburn&entry=gmail&source=g)**.**

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

**February 24, Saturday: MG mulch sale,** [**3327 Moores Mill Road, Auburn**](https://maps.google.com/?q=3327+Moores+Mill+Road,+Auburn&entry=gmail&source=g)**.**

***Contact:  Steve Carter Cell*** ***334-332-6100***

***Volunteer Opportunities***

**Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail**

**Work will resume when Opelika Parks has fencing materials ready for install. Special work sessions will be scheduled. Also, please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3, 9-12 a.m. for our spring cleanup!**

***Contact: 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**

**2018 workdays to be announced.**

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

**Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Garden**

**Regular workdays: Thursday mornings at 9:00, weather permitting.**

***Contact:  Margaret Holler*,** **334-740-8548**

***Save the Date***

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**March 17  and 24, Saturday:  MG mulch sales, Moores Mill Road, Auburn**

**April 14  MG Native Azalea and companion plant sale  Dean Rd. Rec Center, Auburn**

**May 6, Sunday:  Garden Tour Launch Dinner - All MG, MG Friends, & Interns invited ($5, Spouses $15)**

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

***LCMGA Meetings***

**February 7, Wednesday, Harris Center [Jan Dempsey Rec Center, Opelika Road, Auburn]**

**Speaker:  Shay Grant**

**Topic: Refreshing existing home landscapes.**

**Shay has her degree in Horticulture and has experience in landscaping.  She will talk about some common problems as landscapes mature and as trends change.**

**March 7, Harris Center [Jan Dempsey Rec Center, Opelika Road, Auburn]**

**Speaker:  Joel  Pittard**

**Topic:  Orchids**

**Following our business meeting, we will leave the Harris Center at 12:15 and caravan to Joel's home (about a 10-15 minute drive) to see his orchid collection and his greenhouse.  Joel and other members of the Orchid Society will demonstrate care of orchids, including repotting.**

**For this program we are NOT opening it to the public, but members, friends and friends of friends are welcome. I am not providing Joel's address prior to the date.**

**April 4 – MG meeting**

***Community Announcements***

**Saturday, February 10:   Empty Bowls Project   10:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Denson Recreation Center in Opelika. Sale of beautiful handmade bowls made by local potters.  Bowl prices start at $10 and include a coupon for soup.   All proceeds go to the East Alabama Food Bank.**

**Master Gardeners have been a great help in the past and are needed this year.  If you can help, call Lela** **337-540-0664** **or sign up at the Covered Dish Dinner.**

**March 3, Saturday:  Kiwanis Azalea Sale.   Master Gardeners will be on site to answer questions.**

**March 3, Saturday:  Fit as a Fiddle    Master Gardener  information display at Park and Rec.  Auburn**

**March 31, Saturday:  Second Annual Azalea Festival and Spring Plant Sale, Davis Arboretum at Auburn University, S. College Street.**

**Join us for the Second Annual Azalea Festival and Spring Plant Sale at the Davis Arboretum on Saturday March 31!  Come out to enjoy all of the beauty our native azalea collection has to offer as you stroll through the grounds.  The native plant sale will begin at 8:00am and will be the only time during the spring that we will have Auburn Series Azaleas for sale!  Come check out the array of local artists and makers in the pavilion and stay for the live music and food trucks!  What better way to celebrate the coming of Spring than surrounded by azaleas in blooms?!**

***Contact:  the Davis Arboretum at*** ***arbinfo@auburn.edu*** ***or call us at*** ***334-844-5770*** ***for more information.***

**April 28, Saturday:  Auburn City Fest**

**May 5, Saturday:  GARDEN IN THE PARK   Master Gardener information display, Park and Rec. Opelika**

**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.**

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***Helpful links***

**It is very important for active members to log in our service and educational program hours at** [**http://www.leemg.org/**](http://www.leemg.org/)**.**

**If you did not log all your 2017 hours, you may log them now. They will be counted in 2018 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.**

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

[**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/)