

***New*** ***Weeds***

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

**March 26, 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 Reminders***

**Garden Tour Tickets are now available for purchase.** Tickets (including lunch) are $35 if purchased the day of the event, $30 if purchased beforehand, and $28 each for groups of 10 or more. Master Gardeners are encouraged to purchase/sell five tickets. Tickets will be available at the April meeting. There are 10 private gardens on the tour, with five each in Opelika and Auburn. The two public gardens are Opelika Grows and the Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail in Opelika.

**AMGA State Conference will be held May 2-4.** Links for registration are below in Save the Date.

**Tentative trip to Petals from the Past for Tuesday, April 10 @10 AM.**  The topic is currently a tour of the gardens, emphasizing the Native Plant area.  Please let me know if you would like a different topic.  The cost is $12 per person, which covers a boxed lunch.  It is open to Master Gardeners, Friends of Master Gardeners, and anyone who might be interested.  If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible, so I will not have to cancel.  I will need your money at the April meeting.

Contact: Cathy chattycathys@bellsouth.net

***Volunteer Opportunities***

**Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail**

**Regular workdays: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.** **Next Workday is Tuesday, March 27th, 9:00-11:00 AM.**

Please note: In event of rain, we will reschedule.

We will walk about to see the plants blooming on the trail: Florida Flame azaleas, Piedmont azaleas, and several selections are starting to bloom. Carolina silverbell, trillium, tirella, garden phlox, and Atamasco lilies are almost ready for Easter. Weeding is our primary focus for the morning so grab those gloves & join in. Also, one area needs mulch over the irrigation line.

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail is located in Opelika Municipal Park. Turn onto Park Road and access the Trail through the covered bridge.

*Contact:* *billieoliver@gmail.com* *or text 334 749-2679.*

**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**

**Next Workday: Tuesday March 27, 9am - 11am**

Work continues on our new trellises for muscadines and blackberries.

We'll be adding new herbs to that area along with some great annuals.

We would love to see lots of folks on Tuesday morning!

LCMGA’s demonstration garden at Kiesel Park is located near the Nunn-Winston House in the park, [440 Chadwick Lane](https://maps.google.com/?q=440+Chadwick+Lane&entry=gmail&source=g).

*Contacts: Jimmy Petrey* *334 821-6412* or *Charlot Ritenbaugh*  334-750-1984 or cdritenbaugh@gmail.com

**Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Regular workdays: Thursday mornings at 9:00**, weather permitting. **Next workday: Thursday, March 29.**

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*

**Master Gardener Help Line: Tuesdays, March-August.** More volunteers are needed! Volunteers answer gardening-related calls from a multi-county area in support of the Lee County Extension Office. Hours are 8:45 AM – 1:00 PM. One Master Gardener and two interns are needed each Tuesday. Please sign up online: From the [Leemg.org](http://Leemg.org) page select  "MG hours log in.“ On that page select Helpline in the upper left and there you are. *Contact: Gene Galloway,* *ggalloway4813@charter.net*.

***Save the Date***

**April 6 – Field Trip to Eufaula $14 9:00 am -2 pm**

For Master Gardeners, Friends, and Interns. You are welcome to invite friends.

*Contact: Cathy Shepard,* *chattycathys@bellsouth.net**, 334-734-0688*

**April 14 LCMGA Native Azalea and companion plant sale** Dean Rd. Rec Center, on Dean Road in Auburn,

9am-Noon. Volunteers are needed for the sale/fundraiser, especially for setup at 7:30 a.m.

*Contact: Dennis Pinkard,* *pinkardd@charter.net**, 334-332-8773*

**April 28, Saturday: Auburn City Fest,** Kiesel Park, Auburn. We will provide seed balls for children to plant. We also need more volunteers to sign up for the afternoon shift.

To sign up, please *contact Debbie Murphy* *djmurphy915@yahoo.com*

**May 2-4, Wednesday-Saturday: AMGA State Conference** in Birmingham, AL.

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**May 5, Saturday: Opelika Garden in the Park,** Opelika Parks and Rec. **Volunteers are needed**. To volunteer, *contact Susan Parker* *parkersj@charter.net*

**May 6, Sunday: Garden Tour Launch Dinner,**  AU Davis Arboretum, 5 p.m. All MG, MG Friends, & Interns invited ($5, Spouses $15)

*RSVP to Pat Giordano,* *giordape@gmail.com**, 765-409-6001.*

**May 19-20, Saturday & Sunday: MG Garden Tour**

***LCMGA Meetings***

**April 4 – MG meeting,** Davis Arboretum on Auburn Campus, S. College Street, Auburn.

11:30 meeting, 12:30 program. Presentation by Patrick Thomas and Morgan Beadles,

including a walk through the Arboretum.  They will talk about the new varieties of Auburn azaleas and news from the Arboretum.

Parking is available at the parking lot of the Church of Christ next door to the Arboretum

and carpooling is encouraged!

***Community Announcements***

**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 full bloom!

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

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*

***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>

<http://www.auburnalabama.org/news/>

<http://www.opelika-al.gov/>

<http://amga.org>