

New Weeds

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date

March 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 out New Weeds on Sunday or Monday of each week.

Nancy and Julia

LCMGA Reminders

March 7, Wednesday: MG meeting 11:30, program 12:30 Harris Center, Auburn. Details below.

Speaker: Joel Pittard Topic: Orchids

For the March 17th Mulch Sale, we need volunteers for talking with customers or raking if you bring gloves and a rake. We need 2 more people from 11:00-1:00 plus cleanup.

To volunteer, contact Steve Carter, [334-332-6100](tel:334-332-6100).

AMGA State Conference will be May 2-4. Announcements for Master Gardeners are attached. Please note that the deadline for early Registration is March 1. Don't miss eligibility for the Conference fee reimbursement raffle!

Also of note: The Cahaba River Tour is separate from the conference and must be self-scheduled. It is a wonderful opportunity that time of year! Please see the last flyer for information.

We have planned a tentative trip to Petals from the Past for Tuesday, April 10 @10 AM. The current group is not large enough (we have 9 people currently, but need at least 10). The topic is open at this time, but I have set it up currently as 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 a person, which covers a boxed lunch. It is open to Master Gardeners, Friends of Master Gardeners, and any other persons 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

In March, 2nd & 4th Tuesday workdays resume on the Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail. Next workday is Tuesday, March 13. The Parks Department plans to deliver cedar split rail fencing for us to add on the left of the entry, and a few fencing repairs need to be made. Some plants are peeping from their winter leaf cover and a few are threatening to bloom so we will walk about to check them out. Weeds will be well represented and need to be removed. Grab your gloves and join us 9 AM to 11 AM.

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

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

Regular Workdays will resume on Tuesday, March 6, 9am -11am. If the current weather predictions hold true for chilly and wet weather, we will reschedule for Tuesday, March 13th.

Our demonstration garden at Kiesel Park is located near the Nunn-Winston House in the park, [440 Chadwick Lane](#).

Contacts: Jimmy Petrey [334 821-6412](tel:334-821-6412) or Charlot Ritenbaugh [334-750-1984](tel:334-750-1984) or cdritenbaugh@gmail.com

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Garden is resuming regular Thursday work days on March 8 at 9:00 am. Regular workdays: Thursday mornings at 9:00, weather permitting.

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](tel:334-740-8548)

Save the Date

March 17, Saturday: MG mulch sale/fundraiser, 8-1 pm. 3327 Moores Mill Road, Auburn.

Volunteers needed to talk with customers or raking. We need 2 more people from 11:00-1:00 plus cleanup. Steve will load mulch with tractor.

Contact: Steve Carter Cell [334-332-6100](tel:334-332-6100)

March 24, Saturday: MG mulch sale/fundraiser, 3327 Moores Mill Road, Auburn, 8 am-1 pm.

We need 4 more volunteers from 11:00-1:30 to talk with customers or rake if you bring gloves and a rake. Steve will load mulch with tractor.

Contact: Steve Carter, [334-332-6100](tel:334-332-6100)

March 24, Saturday: Opelika Home and Garden Show, 9 am – 1 pm.

Volunteers needed 8 am – 1:30 pm for MG display.

Contact: *Raleine Sillman*, raleinemg2012@gmail.com, [334-663-1948](tel:334-663-1948)

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](tel:334-734-0688)

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

8am-Noon. Volunteers needed for sale/fundraiser.

Contact: *Dennis Pinkard*, pinkardd@charter.net, [334-332-8773](tel:334-332-8773)

April 28, Saturday: Auburn City Fest, Kiesel Park, Auburn. More details later.

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

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May 5, Saturday: Opelika Garden in the Park, Opelika Parks and Rec. More details later.

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

Contact: *Pat Giordano*, giordape@gmail.com, [765-409-6001](tel:765-409-6001).

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

LCMGA Meetings

March 7: meeting 11:30, program 12:30 Harris Center, Auburn

Speaker: Joel Pittard Topic: Orchids

Following our business meeting, we will leave the Harris Center at 12:15 and caravan to the Pittard 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.

Note: For this program we are NOT opening it to the public, but MG members, MG Friends and their friends are welcome. Their address is 435 Cross Creek Road Auburn, in Willow Creek.

April 4 – MG meeting, Davis Arboretum, S. College Street, Auburn, 11:30 meeting, 12:30 program

Morgan and Patrick will talk about native azaleas and new projects at the Arboretum. Walk in the Arboretum to follow the presentation.

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 blooms?!

Contact: the Davis Arboretum at arbinfo@auburn.edu or call us at [334-844-5770](tel: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](tel: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/>.

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](tel:334-749-3353)

<http://www.leemg.org/apply-for-a-grant.html>

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

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

<http://amga.org>