

New Weeds

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date

April 16, 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

Garden Tour Launch Dinner Registration is Open

All MGs, friends of MGs, garden owners, intern class, and significant others are invited to join us Sunday, May 6, as we celebrate our garden tour, which is almost here. This is our opportunity to thank our garden owners and to hear the latest details of each garden on the tour.

The dinner will be on SUNDAY, May 6, from 5 pm - 7:30 pm in the Davis Arboretum on Auburn's campus. You must sign up and pay to attend. Use the link below or call Pat Giordano (334 329 7099).

Ursula's Catering is providing the food. We are charging a fee of \$5 for Master Gardeners, Friends of Master Gardeners and Interns. Spouses and significant others are invited and will pay \$15.

REGISTRATION IS NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY PAT GIORDANO, 742 MOORESMILL DRIVE. Cash or checks payable to LCMGA. Last day to sign up and pay is Wednesday, April 25.

Parking will be available in the lot at the corner of Samford and S. College.

TO SIGN UP - follow this link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAB22A2FF2-launch

Spread the word: Garden Tour Tickets are now available for purchase at area outlets: Auburn Chamber of Commerce, The Flower Store, Ace Hardware, the Potting Shed, Lee County Extension Office, Heritage Gifts, and Wild Birds Unlimited. Tickets (including lunch) are \$35 if purchased the day of the event, \$30 if purchased in advance, and \$28 each for groups of 10 or more. Master Gardeners are encouraged to purchase/sell five tickets. Tickets are also available at the Master Gardener events and from Pat Giordano. There are 12 gardens on the tour, with five private gardens in Opelika, five private gardens in Auburn, and two public gardens in Opelika. Contact: Pat Giordano, giordape@gmail.com, 765-409-6001.

Harvest for Health needs more Master Gardener volunteers to mentor a cancer patient for one year. Your commitment is one personal visit with a photo and one phone call/email per month. You can also mentor with a friend! *Contact: Renee Thompson, thomprw@auburn.edu, 334-844-3041*

Volunteer Opportunities

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail

Next regular workday is **Tuesday, April 24, 9:00-11:00 AM.**

Bring your gloves and shovel for planting perennials and small shrubs. Weeding is also a priority as the date for the Garden Tour approaches. Every workday is really important to get the garden ready so please help if you can. In the event of rain we will post another opportunity.

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

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

Grandma's Garden

Next workday: **Thursday, May 10, 8:30 am**

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, April 24, 8:30 – 10:30 am**

It should be beautiful out in the garden. Come out and help with weeding, planting, and other routine chores! LCMGA's demonstration garden at Kiesel Park is located near the Nunn-Winston House in the park, [440 Chadwick Lane](#).

Contacts: Jimmy Petrey [334-444-1585](tel:334-444-1585) or Charlot Ritenbaugh [334-750-1984](tel:334-750-1984) or cdritenbaugh@gmail.com

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Garden Regular workdays: Thursday mornings at 9:00, weather permitting. Next workday: Thursday, April 19.

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)

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 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.*

Next LCMGA Meeting

June 6, Wednesday: 11:30 meeting at Young's Plant Farm Test Garden. The meeting will be followed by a tour of the test plots. Location: 1166 Biltmore Lane, Auburn, also known as Lee Road 9.

Save the Date

April 28, Saturday: Auburn City Fest, Kiesel Park, Auburn. We will provide seed balls for children to plant. We need a coordinator for the day (advance planning is complete) and 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.

May 5, Saturday: Opelika Garden in the Park, Opelika Parks and Rec. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer, contact Susan Parker parkersj12@gmail.com.

May 6, Sunday: Garden Tour Launch Dinner, details above.
Contact: Pat Giordano, giordape@gmail.com, 765-409-6001.

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

Community Announcements

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/>.

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.

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<http://www.leemg.org>

<https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/>

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

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

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

<http://amga.org>