

New Weeds

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date

April 2, 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 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.

Trip to Petals from the Past for Tuesday, April 10 @10 AM. The topic is a tour of the gardens, emphasizing the Native Plant area. 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. I will need your money at the April meeting. We can carpool - we will park behind Sonic at the Walmart on S. College in Auburn at 8 and leave by 8:15 for the 10:00 tour. Contact: Cathy chattycathys@bellsouth.net

Volunteer Opportunities

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail

Regular workdays: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Next Workday is Tuesday, April 10, 9:00-11:00 AM.

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

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](tel:3347492679).

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 April 3, 9am - 11am

LCMGA's 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:3348216412) or Charlot Ritenbaugh [334-750-1984](tel:3347501984) or cdritenbaugh@gmail.com

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Regular workdays: Thursday mornings at 9:00, weather permitting. Next workday: Thursday, April 5.

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:3347408548)

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.

LCMGA Meeting

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.

Carpooling is encouraged and parking is available at the parking lot of the Church of Christ next door to the Arboretum. **Anyone who has concerns about walking from the church lot to the pavilion should call Pat ([334 329 7099](tel:3343297099)) by Tuesday, April 3.** Otherwise enjoy the walk through the Arboretum which is lovely and colorful this time of year.

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. **I will need your money at the April 4th meeting.** Contact: Cathy Shepard, chattycathys@bellsouth.net, [334-734-0688](tel:3347340688)

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](tel: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.

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.) Park in the lot at the corner of Samford and S. College.

RSVP to Pat Giordano, giordape@gmail.com, [765-409-6001](tel: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](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.

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<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>