# *New Weeds*

**Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date**
**April 23, 2018**

Hello gardening friend,
We are making significant changes to New Weeds!
The detailed New Weeds will come to you by the first Monday of the month. (It is also attached this week.) Please save it to view the details or view it online at http://www.leemg.org. Each week, only new announcements and volunteer opportunities will appear. If you would like an announcement to appear in New Weeds, please send it to **leemastergardeners@gmail.com** 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.

*Thank you,*
*Nancy and Julia*

## *LCMGA Reminders*

# Garden Tour Deadline

**Master Gardener volunteers are urgently needed for our garden tour May 19 and 20!** All Master Gardeners are expected to participate by working at least one shift on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, or Sunday afternoon. Please, respond positively when one of the 12 Garden Coordinators calls to ask for your help. This is our biggest fund-raiser and requires everyone to participate so we can support our community projects. Volunteers are also invited to attend the launch party on May 6 at the Auburn University Arboretum. It should be a fun evening during which our garden owners will be honored.

**Launch party DEADLINE : Wednesday, April 25**
Don't forget to sign up for the Launch Dinner on Sunday, May 6 at the Arboretum.
Use this link: **www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAB22A2FF2-launch**
or contact Pat ( 334 329-7099, giordape@gmail.com )
Payment is required to finalize reservation.
Parking will be available in the lot at the corner of Samford and S. College.

**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 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**

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*

### Kreher Preserve & Nature Center **Butterfly Garden Regular workdays: Thursday mornings at 9:00**, weather permitting. **Next workday: Thursday, April 26.**

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

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

**CONFERENCE INFORMATION**
https://jeffcomg.org/about-us/2018-conference.pdf
**REGISTRATION FORM**
http://www.planetreg.com/E82122235114887

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**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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https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/

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