***New* *Weeds***

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

**April 9, 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 Announcement***

**Ready to launch our 2018 Gardens on Tour!**

**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.**

**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).**

**Ursala'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 *MOORES*MILL DRIVE.  Cash or  checks payable to *LCMGA*.  *Last day to sign up and pay is Wednesday, April 25.***

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

**TO SIGN UP - follow this link:** [**www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAB22A2FF2-launch**](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948AAAB22A2FF2-launch)

***LCMGA Reminders***

**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.***

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

**Trip to Petals from the Past on Tuesday, April 10 @10 AM.  Details are below in Save the Date.**

**April 14  LCMGA Native Azalea and companion plant sale  Dean Rd. Rec Center,  on Dean Road in Auburn,  9 AM-Noon. Details are below in Save the Date.**

**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.**

***Contact:  Renee Thompson,*** ***thomprw@auburn.edu******, 334-844-3041***

***Volunteer Opportunities***

**Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail**

**Regular workdays:  Every Tuesday, 9:00-11:00 AM.   Next Workday is Tuesday, April 10.**

**Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail is on the Garden Tour in May, and a lot of work is needed to prepare.**

**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 garden through the covered bridge.**

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

**Grandma’s Garden**

**Next workday: Thursday, April 12, 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 10, 8:30 or 9:00 am (you pick) until 11:00am.**

**It should be beautiful out in the garden. Come out and help with weeding, planting, and other routine chores!**

**Our next workday will be Tuesday, April 24th.**

**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*** ***334-444-1585*** ***or Charlot Ritenbaugh*** ***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 12.**

**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*****.**

***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***

**Trip to Petals from the Past on 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.  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 Shep*** ***chattycathys@bellsouth.net***

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

**9am-Noon or sold out.  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 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,  AU Davis Arboretum, 5-7:30 p.m.  All MG, MG Friends, & Interns invited ($5, Spouses $15.)  Park in the lot at the corner of Samford and S. College.    Deadline for sign-up  and payment:  April 25.  TO SIGN UP - follow this link:** [**www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAB22A2FF2-launch**](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948AAAB22A2FF2-launch)***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/**](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**](http://www.leemg.org)

[**https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/**](https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/)

[**http://www.leemg.org/apply-for-a-grant.html**](http://www.leemg.org/apply-for-a-grant.html)

[**http://www.auburnalabama.org/news/**](http://www.auburnalabama.org/news/)

[**http://www.opelika-al.gov/**](http://www.opelika-al.gov/)

[**http://amga.org**](http://amga.org)