***New* *Weeds***

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

**April 30, 2018**

**Hello gardening friend,**

**We are making significant changes to New Weeds!**

**The detailed New Weeds will come to you attached to the first email of the month.  Please save it to view the details or view it online at** [**http://www.leemg.org**](http://www.leemg.org)**.  Each week, only new announcements and the week’s events, including 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 outNew Weeds on Sunday or Monday of each week.**

***Thank you,***

***Nancy and Julia***

***Garden Tour Countdown***

**Garden Tour Volunteers Needed**

**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. For reservations, call** *Pat Giordano,**giordape@gmail.com**, 765-409-6001.*

**Spread the word:  Garden Tour Tickets are now available for purchase at area outlets: Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Ace Hardware, Blooming Colors, The Flower Store, the Potting Shed, Heritage Gifts, Lee County Extension Office, 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.**

**For tickets, c*ontact:*  *Pat Giordano,*** ***giordape@gmail.com******, 765-409-6001.***

***LCMGA Events This Week***

**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, 5 pm at the Arboretum.**

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

**Payment is required to finalize reservation.**

***Contact:*  *Pat Giordano,*** ***giordape@gmail.com******, 765-409-6001.***

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***Volunteer Opportunities This Week***

**Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail**

**Next regular workday is Tuesday, May 1, 8:30-10:30 AM.**

**Please note Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail will have a change in the workday schedule for May in preparation for the Garden Tour. We will work every Tuesday morning *prior* to the Tour from 8:30-10:30. (May 1, 8, 15)    No work session on May 22 or May 29.**

**On Tuesday, May 1, new shrubs will be planted in the front fence area.  We will continue weeding and mulching by section. Bring gloves and a shovel or your favored weeding tools. Thanks!**

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

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

**Kreher Preserve& Nature Center Butterfly Garden 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***

**Master Gardener Help Line:  Tuesday, May 1,  8:45 AM – 1:00 PM . More volunteers are needed!  Volunteers answer gardening-related calls each Tuesday from a multi-county area in support of the Lee County Extension Office. 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*****.**

**Harvest for Health needs more Master Gardener volunteers to mentor a cancer patient for one year.**

***Please see the attached brochure.*  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***