



New Weeds

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date August 21, 2017

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.** We plan to get out New Weeds on Sunday or Monday of each week.

Nancy and Julia

Announcements

Subject: 2017-18 Master Naturalist

Tallapoosa County Extension Service will host a Master Naturalist Course for our area beginning October 5th. Proposed host site is Wind Creek State. Classes will be on Thursdays during the day like last time; it is too difficult to do night classes. More details and proposed dates to come.

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The link to sign up for Petals for the Past field trip on Thursday Oct 26 is open. Please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4dada62da4f58-trip> You do not have register to be a member of SignUpGenius in order to sign up.

We would like a rough idea of the number by the Sept 6 meeting.

Absolute deadline for signing up and paying the fee is October 4 (which is our October monthly meeting).

Cost is \$15 includes lunch.

Contact for more info, payment, and signup: Cathy Shepard, 334-734-0688 or email chattycathys@bellsouth.net

Volunteer Opportunities

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail Regular workdays: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 8 to 10 am
Next workday: Tomorrow - Tuesday, August 22, from 8 to 10 am
Contact: Spencer Roy <spencerroy55@gmail.com>

Grandma's Garden Regular time: Every Thursday before Second Saturday at 7:45 AM
2017 workdays:

Next Workday: September 7th
October 12th
Possibly October 26th due to Pioneer Days
November 9th (Last one until February or March)

Contact: Kathy Hayward <bryaub@hotmail.com>

Grandma's Garden is located on Highway 14 at the Lee County Historical Society.

Kiesel Park

August at Kiesel Park: NEXT WORK DAY is Monday, August 28!

Please consider joining us even if you have never worked at Kiesel before. We love to share the beauty of our garden. There will be cold beverages and fresh fruit.

Gate is open at 7:30....come when you can. We'll finish by 10 a.m.

Weeding, thinning of perennials (take home plants!), pruning, spraying.....

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Contact: Charlot Ritenbaugh 334-750-1984 or cdrittenbaugh@gmail.com

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Garden

New Time for work days: Thursdays, 8:00 am.

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)

Help Line Needs Your Support in August. If you can help answer or research questions, please go to our MG webpage under Help Line <http://www.leemg.org/master-gardener-help-line.html> and sign up for a Tuesday morning time to help.

Save the Date

August 23, Wed, The Fall Master Gardener workshop CUT and COLOR for the Fall Season, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, \$20. Grace Episcopal Church, 906 Pike Rd, Pike Road, AL.
For more information visit www.capcitymga.org or email capcitymga@gmail.com.

Aug 24, Thurs, Farm City Tour, leaving at 9 a.m. for Reeltown, Kiwi farm tour and lunch at Elmer's. Contact Lee County Extension Office for more info/signup, 334-749-3353.

Sept. 5, Tues, Diabetes Cooking School at the Extension Office 10-Noon. Contact Extension Office for more info/sign up: 334-749-3353.

Sept. 20, Wed. "Growing Hops and Home Brewing" Workshop at the Lee County Extension office September 20th. 3:30-7:30 p.m. The registration flyer is attached. Cost is \$15 per person and includes pizza dinner and tour at the Red Clay Brewing Company. Pre-Registration and Payment is required by Friday, September 15th. PLEASE help us advertise this event!
To sign-up or for more information, contact the Lee County Extension office at (334) 749-3354.

Sept. 29, Friday, Tallapoosa County Fall Workshop, Alexander City. Contact Tallapoosa Co. Extension for more information and to register: 256-825-1050.

Oct. 5, Thurs. Master Naturalist course hosted by Tallapoosa County Extension Service. Wind Creek State Park on Thursdays. More details and proposed dates to come.

Oct. 12, Thurs. AU Smart Yards Workshop, 9 am-2 pm, AU campus - Lowder 113A, \$30/35. For info, visit <http://mg.aces.edu/resources/>

October 26, Thurs. Field Trip to Petals to the Past "Natives for Fall Planting." Plan to leave at 8:30 for 10 a.m. program. Transportation will be on your own, but encourage carpooling. Tour, lecture, and box lunch for \$15. Sign up by September 6. Deadline to pay is October 4th. Friends/spouses are invited. As always, discount for all Master Gardeners! Contact for more info, payment, and signup: Cathy Shepard, 334-734-0688 or email chattycathys@bellsouth.net

2018 Lee County Master Gardener Class will be held on Mondays, 9-2, beginning February 12 and concluding on April 30. The cost is \$150, which includes the textbook. Please encourage your gardening friends to sign up for the class.

MG meeting programs

September 6: Landscape Design Charlene Le Blue, Associate Professor, AU School of Architecture

October 4: Grant Project reviews. Updates from Master Gardener 2017 grants.

Special Community Announcements

Many of you may remember Carolyn McConnell's lovely garden in the Beauregard Community that featured whimsical color-themed garden rooms. Carolyn is downsizing her garden and wanted to let her fellow Master Gardeners know that she is selling yard art, patio plants, and deck plants. The planters/pots are included in the price of plants. She will be available for buyers beginning August 24.

You can call Carolyn at 334-745-3567 to get more information and directions to her garden.

Harvest For Health is seeking Cancer Survivors in Alabama who are novice gardeners interested in joining a NCI-funded research study which pairs cancer survivors with Master Gardeners to measure gardening benefits for cancer survivors. Please invite friends you know to contact harvest4health@uab.edu or call toll-free 844-476-9478 for questions or sign-up.

Helpful links:

Don't forget to log in your service and educational program hours at <http://www.leemg.org/>

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

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

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

Lee County Extension Office: 334-749-3353.

Link from Thursday night's potluck dinner program:

<http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/>