



New Weeds

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date August 28, 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

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 (our October meeting).

Cost is \$15, which includes lunch.

Contact for more info and payment: 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

September workdays: Tuesday, Sept. 12, 8-10 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 8-10 a.m.

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: Our big WORK DAY is TODAY, Monday, August 28!

Please consider joining us even if you have never worked at Kiesel before. 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.....

The **NEXT Work Day will be Monday, September 11**, starting at 7:30 and ending about 9:30.

Folks are invited to HELP us even if they come later than 7:30 a.m.

Contact: Charlot Ritenbaugh 334-750-1984 or cdritenbaugh@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.

Here's a video that Lew Scharpf, a member the Preserve's board, just sent me. It was all taken at the Preserve's butterfly garden. His camera equipment and expertise are amazing! What a gift he has to be able to capture some of God's miracles in action!!

You can access it at: https://youtu.be/RUW1GeaU_Ko

Contact: Margaret Holler [334-740-8548](tel:334-740-8548)

Help Line Needs Your Support. 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

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. 2017-18 Master Naturalist Course

Tallapoosa County Extension Service is planning a Master Naturalist Course for our area on Thursdays beginning October 5th at Wind Creek State Park. More details and proposed dates to come. Contact: Shane Harris 256-825-1050 (office) 256-596-1363 (cell)

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 the Sept. 6 meeting.

Absolute deadline for signup and payment is October 4 (our October meeting).

Friends/spouses are invited. As always, discount for all Master Gardeners!

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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.

Contact: 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 haravest4health@uab.edu or call toll-free 844-476-9478 for questions or sign-up.

Fall Arboretum Programs

September 13th: Floral Arrangements for Tailgating - 8:30-11am – \$125 non-member \$110 member (all materials will be provided) Spaces are limited

September 29th: Fall Native Plant Sale Order Forms Will be Available – the fall plant sale is a pre-order only sale

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October 18th: Tree Identification Walk and Talk – 4:00-6:00pm – this tour is free but spaces are limited
October 20th: Friday Night Fright Nights - 7:30 -9:30pm – admission is free – Azalea level members have access to VIP seating
October 25th: Fall native Plant Sale Order Forms are Due!! LAST DAY TO SEND IN ORDER FORMS!
October 27th: Friday Night Fright Nights - 7:30 -9:30pm – admission is free – Azalea level members have access to VIP seating
November 8th: Pinecone Craft Workshop – 9:00am-12:00 pm - \$75 non-member/ \$55 member (all materials will be provided) Spaces are limited
November 15th-17th: Native Plant Sale Pick Up Dates
December 13th: Pruning and How to Sharpen Your Tools- 9:00am-12:00pm - \$55 non-member/ \$40 member

Please note that by joining the Friends of the Arboretum at the Azalea level or higher will get you discounts on workshops and plant sales along with other VIP perks. During our *Friday Night Fright Nights* we will be screening classic horror movies on the front lawn of the Arboretum with a large screen set up by the pond. Bring a seats and a picnic if you would like. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Contact: L. Morgan Beadles, Curator, Davis Arboretum

334-740-5296 cell 334-844-5770 office

www.auburn.edu/arboretum

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.

Links from the August potluck dinner program:

Links for Beekeeping information:

<http://www.beeculture.com/>

Rossmann Apiaries (catalog for supplies, etc) gabees.com

Saughahatchee Beekeepers Association on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/335762273247421/?ref=bookmarks>

The Million Pollinator Garden Challenge:

<http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/>