

New Weeds

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date
September 11, 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

Volunteer Opportunities

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail Regular workdays: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 8 to 10 am
September workdays: Tuesday, Sept. 12 – No work due to Irma - Watch for makeup announcement.
Next scheduled workday: 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: Thursday, October 12th
Possibly October 26th due to Pioneer Days

November 9th (Last one until February or March)

Contact: Kathy Hayward <brvaub@hotmail.com>

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

Kiesel Park

The NEXT Scheduled Work Day will be Monday, September 25, 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.

Come out and see our new entrance "pergola" [right.] It was created by Mike Bumgardner with support from Steve Norred and Jimmy Petrey – thanks to all who worked on it!

Kerry Smith will secure a new sign that identifies this as a LCMGA Demonstration Garden, now one of several in Lee County.

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. 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. 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](tel:3347493354).

Sept. 29, Friday, Tallapoosa County Fall Workshop, Alexander City. Contact Tallapoosa Co. Extension for more information and to register: [256-825-1050](tel:2568251050).

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](tel:2568251050) (office) [256-596-1363](tel:2565961363) (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."

The link to sign up for the field trip 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 for the trip.

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.

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

Friends/spouses are invited. As always, Master Gardeners get a discount!

Contact for more info, payment, and signup: Cathy Shepard, [334-734-0688](tel:3347340688) 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

October 4: To be announced

November 1: To be announced

Special Community Announcements

Carolyn McConnell, our fellow Master Gardener, is continuing to dismantle her garden. There are still garden ornaments and pots for sale. She will be returning the "color themed" garden rooms back to grass so many perennials are available. She may be reached at the following numbers:

Cell-[334-559-3567](tel:334-559-3567)

Home- [334-745-3567](tel:334-745-3567)

September 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. [New Weeds plans to include a copy.]

Contact: L. Morgan Beadles, Curator, Davis Arboretum

[334-740-5296](tel:334-740-5296) cell [334-844-5770](tel:334-844-5770) office www.auburn.edu/arboretum

Helpful links:

Lee County Extension Office: [334-749-3353](tel:334-749-3353).

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/>

Links for Beekeeping information:

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

Rossman 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/>