



New Weeds

Lee County Master Gardeners weekly up-date September 25, 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

LCMGA Announcements

Reminder: The Tallapoosa County Fall Workshop in Alexander City is this Friday, September 29. If you are signed up and would like to share a ride, please contact Pat Giordano (334-329-7099) or Julia Freeman (334-740-4423.)

Reminder: October 26 (Thursday) Field Trip to Petals to the Past payment is due at or before the Oct 4 meeting. This is a firm deadline! You may still be able to sign up at the Oct. 4 meeting.

Checks or cash may be brought to the meeting or delivered to Cathy Shepard (334-887-0939)

Volunteer Opportunities

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail Regular workdays: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 8 to 10 am
September workdays: 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
Remaining 2017 workdays:

Next Workday: Thursday, October 12th prior to Second Saturday

Thursday, October 19th prior 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

Regular time: Every Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 am.

It is time to prep the beds for the end of season.

We are looking for someone who can take over as coordinator for this garden.

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

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Butterfly Garden

Regular 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)

Save the Date

Sept. 29, Friday, Tallapoosa County Fall Workshop, Alexander City.

Contact: Tallapoosa Co. Extension: 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."

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 they 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: Cathy Shepard, 334-734-0688 or email chattycathys@bellsouth.net

November 20, Monday: Fall Photo Contest Deadline: Photographing Fall Colors 2017 in Lee County

Two Divisions:

Fall Flowers

Fall colors in the landscape

Eligibility: LCMGA - Master Gardeners, Friends of MG and immediate family members

Deadline: November 20, 2017

JPEG images should be from 1 MB to 6 MB, but smaller than 1 MB could work too. Smartphone photos are acceptable.

Send JPEGs to David Peterson (davypeted@gmail.com)

Judging:

Judging by David Peterson; decisions of judge will be final

Prizes will be sets of greeting cards to be presented at our December 2017 meeting

Contact: David Peterson (davypeted@gmail.com)

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 - Grant Recipients reports

November - Nancy Loewenstein - Invasive plants

December - Ginger from Blooming Colors will demonstrate wreath-making

Community Announcements

September Arboretum Programs

September 29th: Fall Native Plant Sale Order Forms will be available – the fall plant sale is a pre-order only sale. New Weeds will include the order form when it is ready.

October 6th: Friday Night Fright Nights - 7:30 -9:30pm – admission is free – Azalea level members have access to VIP seating

October 13th: Friday Night Fright Nights - 7:30 -9:30pm – admission is free – Azalea level members have access to VIP seating

October 18th: Tree Identification Walk and Talk – 4:00-6:00pm – this tour is free but spaces are limited

Contact: L. Morgan Beadles, Curator, Davis Arboretum

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

www.auburn.edu/arboretum

Helpful links

Lee County Extension Office: 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/>