



NEW WEEDS

April 13, 2026



As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System is inviting gardeners across the state to make a difference through the Grow More, Give More 250 Pound Challenge. Rooted in the same spirit of service, innovation, and community that has shaped the nation for the last two and a half centuries, this challenge aims to help the approximately 2 million Alabama residents who face food insecurity.

This challenge is open to everyone, from gardening pros to those still establishing their green thumb. The challenge runs May 25 (Memorial Day) through September 7 (Labor Day).

Each time you donate during the challenge period (May 25 through September 7), record the pounds of produce that you gave. Visit aces.edu/go/givemore or click the button below to record donations.

For more information:

<https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/grow-more-give-more/grow-more-give-more-250-pound-challenge/>

LOG HOURS

Be sure to log services hours and contacts

<https://www.acesagmg.site/login.php>

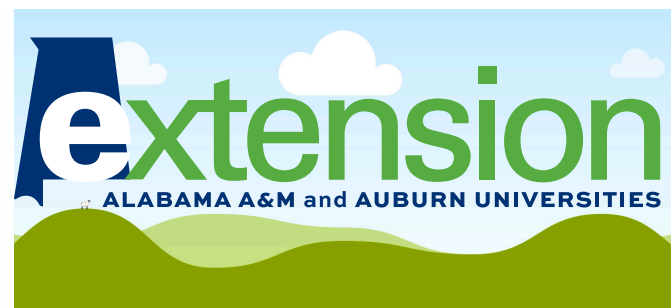


Demonstration Gardens

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail
9-11 AM April 16, May 21, 2026
Betsy Akins 404.861.9717

Grandma's Garden
at Pioneer Park 8-10 AM
April 23, May 14 & 21, 2026
Kathy Hayward 540.233.3028

Garden at Kiesel Park Workdays
8-10 AM April 21, May 12 & 26 Jan
Holt 334.663.3357



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www.leemg.org

To access member page, click on tab and use password "member"

Meetings and Programs

Next Meeting:

May 13: Bennie Adkins Meeting Center, 205 S 10th Street, Opelika
Program: Garden as You Age, Mike Rushing, Jefferson County EMG

LCMGA 2026

Business Meeting – 10:00 AM.

Public Program – 11:00 AM.

May 13– Lee County Mtg Center, Opelika

June 3–Youngs Plant Farm

July 8 – Harris Center

August 5 – Harris Center

September 2 – Lee County Extension Office

October 7–Lee County Extension Office

November 4–TBA

December 2 Social–TBA

(Monthly Programs are CEU's)

LCMGA Board Meetings

scheduled for:

May 12, Aug 11,

and Nov 10 10 AM to 12 PM

Lee County Extension Office

**Do you have gardening books to
give away?**

Call Kat Anderson at 202-487-8748

**Look for free book giveaways at
each meeting!**

State newsletters

(Pathways and Happenings)

can be accessed on the

Alabama Master Gardener

website:

<https://alabamamga.org> or

<https://alabamamga.org/archiv>

[e-pathway-news-letters/](https://alabamamga.org/archiv)

**Lee County Volunteer Training Coordinator will
host monthly Extension-EMG meeting last
Monday of each month at 1 PM (1 CEU)**

<https://auburn.zoom.us/j/89715057283>

**Get Outside with Alabama Smart Yards
Webinar Series – Wednesday 1 PM**

**Register at www.aces.edu/go/asywebinars
(CEUs)**

LCMGA 2027 Tour Timeline

Advance Committee will visit potential
gardens in April and May 2026

Goal to confirm gardens by May 31, 2026

Identify Garden Directors by

May/June 2026

2026 Year of the Invasive Plants

Read more about the project here:

<https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/forestry-wildlife/2026-year-of-invasive-plants/>

Consider taking the pledge to help
with this project:

https://auburn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d0UMRR28XbQyUS2

Upcoming New Weeds: May 18, June 1, June 15, June 29

Service Hour Opportunities

Beulah Days

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Shifts: 10:00 AM to 2 PM CST

Location: Beulah Elementary School

4747 Lee County Rd 270. Valley, AL

Responsibilities: Lee County Extension Master Gardeners and interns provide an educational table and hand out free seed packs. Brochures and other documents will be available for distribution to the public. Questions: Contact Joan Jacobs 919-407-2836 or jcjacobs84@gmail.com

Sign up for **service** hours here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA82BAAF8C43-62825811-ninth>

Please check Member page for all links provided in New Weeds, such as volunteer opportunities, workshops, field trips, online store and Gardening App program!

Helpline

One of the best ways to learn more about horticulture and to advance the mission of Extension Master Gardeners.

Upcoming dates: April 14 & 28 and May 12 from 8:30 AM to 1 PM. John Sewell - jesewell@mindspring.com.

Please sign up for this **service** opportunity now: www.acesagmg.site

25th Annual Auburn CityFest

Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Kiesel Park

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Two shifts 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM)

Three volunteers are needed for each session to monitor the booth. We will be offering free vegetable seeds, handouts about planting/growing tips, and info on the SOW app. We are sharing the booth with the Auburn Tree Commission. Questions? Call Shelley Aistrup at 785-565-2519 or email shelley.aistrup@gmail.com

Sign up for **service** hours here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA82BAAF8C43-62882190-cityfest>

Garden in the Park

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Opelika Municipal Park, 1102 Denson Drive

Garden in the Park: Four to six volunteers are needed from 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Three shifts 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and clean up 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM) to monitor the booth, pass out seed packs and information, answer questions, and guide children who participate in a quick, easy garden related activity for children. Two people are needed to clean up and return materials to the Lee County Extension Office.

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail: Volunteers needed to answer questions and greet visitors from 9:00 AM to 12 and 12 to 3:00 PM

Sign up for **service** hours here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA82BAAF8C43-62926005-2026>

CEU's

Join us as we travel to Montgomery for a fun filled day on Wednesday, April 22, 2026
We will meet at 8:00 AM at Church of the Highlands (2001 East Samford Ave, Auburn),
carpool due to limited parking at our destination. Leave promptly at 8:15 AM.
After the tour, we'll go to Lilly's Garden (on the grounds of Forest Avenue Magnet School,
1700 West 5th St, Montgomery) around 10:45 AM –11:00 AM, a volunteer will meet us.

We'll go to lunch around 12:00 PM at South Fork Cafe, 2998 Carter Hill Rd, Montgomery.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA82BAAF8C43-63328782-montgomery>

Save the dates for Field Trips:

June 2, 2026 Tour of Kreher, visit to new facilities, herb refreshments, and a hike. \$7.00 fee

The Alabama Master Gardeners Association's
2026 Annual State Conference will be held
Wednesday, May 6 through Friday, May 8 in
Huntsville.

Detailed information here:

<https://alabamamga.org/2025/10/2026-amga-annual-state-conference/> State
conferences are definitely a CEU!

Youth Protection Training – Due Annually

All EMG Volunteers involved in any youth activities must register in the Youth Protection Portal and complete the annual Protecting Minors training.

Portal link: <https://aub.ie/ypp-portal>

Save and Submit Your Training Confirmation

After completing the training, you will receive a confirmation email.

– Please save this email for your records.

– Once you have finished your training, please forward your email of completion to Annie Hinson at

lcmgmembership@gmail.com

Wildflower Walkabout

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Tuesday, May 12 11 AM–noon

Wander through the Kaul Wildflower Garden with environmental educator and habitat gardener Michelle

Reynolds, witness abundance of Alabama's biodiversity. Learn how to draw on this rich

environment to inform your plant palette and gardening style at home. Participants will practice using iNaturalist to identify plants. Garden paths are uneven. Remember to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

Members: \$20 | Nonmembers: \$25 Register for this CEU here: <https://bbgardens.org/event/wildflower-walkabout/>



Alabama Invasive Plant Council meeting will be held at Auburn Oaks Farm on Tuesday, April 28. Agenda and a registration link for anyone interested below. Registration, \$50, includes lunch.

Agenda-<https://bugwoodcloud.org/CDN/seeppc/alipc/2026/ALIPC%202026%20Agenda.pdf>

Registration- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alabama-invasive-plant-council-annual-conference-2026-tickets-1985136089482?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>




Plant Sales 2026



AUTAGUA COUNTY

April 28, 2026 - 9am - 2pm
Prattville Garden - Prattville, AL

BALDWIN COUNTY



April 9-11, 2026 - 9am - 4pm
Across from Weeks Bay Preserve
11404 Hwy 98 - Fairhope, AL

BLOUNT COUNTY

April 18, 2026 - 8am - 1pm
Blount County Multipurpose Center
6700 County Road 1, Cleveland, AL

CALHOUN COUNTY

May 2, 2026 - 8am - 2pm
Cane Creek Community Gardens
Ft. McClellan - Anniston, AL

CAPITAL CITY

April 11, 2026 - 8am - 12 noon
Frazer Church - 6000 Atlanta Hwy
Montgomery, AL

CENTRAL ALABAMA

May 2, 2026 - 9am - 12 noon
Elmore County Extension Office
Wetumpka, AL

CHEROKEE COUNTY



April 11, 2026 - 8am - 2pm
City Park - Centre, AL
April 18, 2026 - 8am - 2pm
Town Park - Leesburg, AL


CHILTON COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 9am - 1pm
Goosepond Park - Clanton, AL

COFFEE COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 7am - 12 noon
525 N. Main St. - Enterprise, AL

CULLMAN COUNTY



Native Azaleas and Wildflowers
March 21, 2026 - 8am - 4pm
Cullman Fairgrounds - Cullman, AL
April 17-18, 2026 - 8am - 4pm
Cullman Fairgrounds -- Cullman, AL

DEKALB COUNTY

March 21, 2026 - 8am - 12 noon
VFW Grounds - Ft. Payne, AL

EAST CENTRAL ALABAMA



May 2, 2026 - 8am - 12 noon
Kiwanis Park - Wedowee, AL

JACKSON COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 9am - 1pm
Jackson County Senior Center
Parking Lot - Scottsboro, AL

LAWRENCE COUNTY



March 21, 2026 - 9am - 1pm
Berniece Mill Iris Preservation Sale
Lions Club - Moulton, AL
April 25, 2026
Lions Club - Moulton, AL
May 1-2, 2026 - 8am - 4pm
Strawberry Festival - Moulton, AL

Plant Sales 2026

LEE COUNTY

NativeAzlaeasale October 2026

LIMESTONE COUNTY

April 18,2026 - 9am -4 pm
Offhighway31 - Athens, AL
behind Athens Middle School

MARSHALL COUNTY

May 2, 2026 - 8am – 12 noon
Sunset Drive Pavillion #2 and #3
Guntersville, AL

Master Gardeners of North Alabama

April10,2026 - 8am – 4pm
Alabama Botanical Garden -
Huntsville, AL

MG WALKER COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 8am – 2 pm
Walker County Extension Office
Jasper, AL

MOBILE COUNTY

March 28, 2026 - 9am – 2pm
Mobile Botanical Garden
Mobile, AL

MORGAN COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 8am – 4 pm
April 12, 2026 - 1pm – 4 pm
Point Mallard Park - Decatur, AL

PIKE COUNTY

April 25, 2026 - 9am –5pm
Troy Fest – on the square
Troy, AL

SHOALS MGA

April 24, 2026 - 7:30am – 5:30 pm
April 25, 2026 - 7:30am – 2:00 pm
Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market
Florence, AL

St. CLAIR COUNTY

April10,2026 - 9am–4pm
April11,2026 - 9am–1pm
Pell City Recreation Center
Pell City, AL

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY

March 28,2026 - 9am–2pm
Dadeville HighSchoolparkinglot
Dadeville, AL

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

April 24, 2026 - 11am – 6pm
April 25, 2026 - 9am – 1pm
Tuscaloosa County Annex Auditorium
Tuscaloosa, AL

WIREGRASS MGA

March 27-28, 2026 - 9am–4pm
Dothan Area Botanical Gardens
Dothan, AL

Streamside Planting Workshop

Tuesday, April 14
Lee County Extension Office
3:00-4:00pm

Free + Open to the Public
Free native plants!

Learn about how to keep our streams healthy and stable - with native plants! Find out why stream-side plants matter, which ones to pick, and exactly how to plant them to keep stream banks strong and healthy. Take home native plants while supplies last.



Register!



<https://aub.ie/streamside>