



NEW WEEDS

March 23, 2026



2026 YEAR OF ALABAMA EXTENSION
INVASIVE PLANTS

AWARENESS • IDENTIFICATION • ACTION

Alabama Extension has declared 2026 to be the Year of the Invasives, an effort to raise public awareness about invasive plants and their impacts throughout Alabama.

Through social media, workshops, and other educational opportunities, people will learn how to identify various invasive species and feel emboldened to take action in controlling plants that negatively impact the state's economy and harm native ecosystems. This project also includes volunteer opportunities with partner organizations and chances for participants to receive prizes and certificates by logging their hours spent controlling invasive plants.

Read more about the project here:

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

And then consider taking the pledge to help with this project:

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

LOG HOURS

Be sure to log services hours and contacts

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

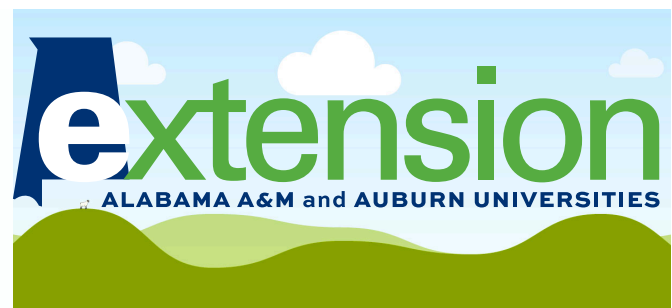


Demonstration Gardens

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail
9-11 AM April 2 and 16, 2026
Betsy Akins 404.861.9717


Grandma's Garden
at Pioneer Park 8-10 AM
March 26, April 9 23, 2026
Kathy Hayward 540.233.3028

Garden at Kiesel Park Workdays
9-11 AM April 7 & 21 Jan Holt
334.663.3357



The Alabama Cooperative Extension System (Alabama A&M University and Auburn University) is an equal opportunity educator, employer, and provider.

 leemastergardeners@gmail.com

 www.leemg.org
To access member page, click on tab and use password "member"

Meetings and Programs

Next Meetings

April 1: Harris Center, 425 Perry Street, Auburn

Program: Landscape Design, Shade Gardens, Claire Goldman, R& R Landscaping

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.

April 1 - Harris Center

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)

**If you know of congratulation or
condolence cards that should be
sent to our members, interns, or
Friends, please contact
Susan Parker**

parkersj12@gmail.com or

Betty Plaster

bettyplaster@icloud.com

**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)**

**To see a list of those who are leading
different parts of our organization, go
to the Member page on our website:
www.leemg.org and enter the
password: member. The list is under
Leadership and Committees. Click on
the button for 2026-2028 LCMGA
Leadership.**

Upcoming New Weeds: April 13, April 27

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/10C0D4AAB82BAAF8C43-62825811-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 from 8:30 AM to 1 PM. John Sewell -

jesewell@mindspring.com.

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

Save the Date

Garden in the Park, May 2, 2026 9 AM to 3 PM Municipal Park, Opelika

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/10C0D4AAB82BAAF8C43-62882190-cityfest>

Senior Therapeutic Gardeners will present *Alabama Gardens & Flowers, a Visual Tour* through Master Gardener's Popup Garden at Summer Village Azalea Place on March 24th 2:00 pm. After program, seniors will create flower arrangements. Help is needed to assist seniors with making flower arrangements. Donations of greenery and square vases are needed. Summer Village Azalea Place 1601 Professional Pkwy. Auburn. The program will last about one hour.

Please sign up here to volunteer for this **service** opportunity:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA82BAAF8C43-62400892-senior>

Lynn Peer is stepping down as the lead of this program after the March event. If anyone is interested in assuming this role, please contact Joan Jacobs at jcjacobs84@gmail.com or 919-407-2836.

CEU's

Save the dates for Field Trips:

April 22, 2026 – Guided tour of the Montgomery Botanical Gardens with possible tour of Lily's Garden at Forest Avenue School. Donations appreciated. Sign up Genius forthcoming

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



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO AN AFTERNOON TEA PARTY
IN CELEBRATION OF THE

Auburn Rose Society

Sunday **12** April

at two o'clock in the afternoon

The home of Kaye Clothiaux
4830 Gold Hill Road
Waverly, AL 36879

RSVP to Jami Johnson (334) 450-7502
by March 30th *see back for details



Photos will be taken so please come and celebrate this special day with us. Ladies attire will be garden tea dresses. Hats and gloves are welcome and for our gentlemen, dress pants with button up shirts. Jackets are welcome depending on weather. Think pastels and English high tea.

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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/2025/10/20/26-amga-annual-state-conference/>

State conferences are definitely a CEU!



SAVE THE
DATE

*The Rosalynn Carter
Butterfly Trail
Spring Symposium*

FRIDAY
MAY 1, 2026
PLAINS, GEORGIA



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

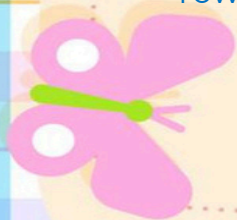
Lions Club - Moulton, AL

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

April 11,2026 - 8am – 4pm
April 12,2026 - 8am – 2 pm
AlabamaA&MAgribition Center -
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