



NEW WEEDS

March 9, 2026

Hello everyone!

We are ready to begin planning for the LCMGA 2027 Tour. An Advance Committee will be scouting and visiting potential gardens in April and May. Our hope is to confirm the 2027 gardens by May 31st. We are requesting the names and contact information of any potential homeowners/tour gardens.

After the gardens are identified and confirmed, we will ask MG members to serve as directors. The directors can begin visiting their assigned gardens in June to meet the garden homeowner and become the point of contact for the homeowner during the lead up to the tour.

Serving to educate and draw people to the joys of gardening is a very important part of our mission as Alabama Extension Master Gardeners and ambassadors. We hope that our MG's will consider becoming a member of the 2027 Garden Tour Team.

**Beth Dorman and Ann Nahikian,
Co-chairs for the LCMGA 2027 Tour**

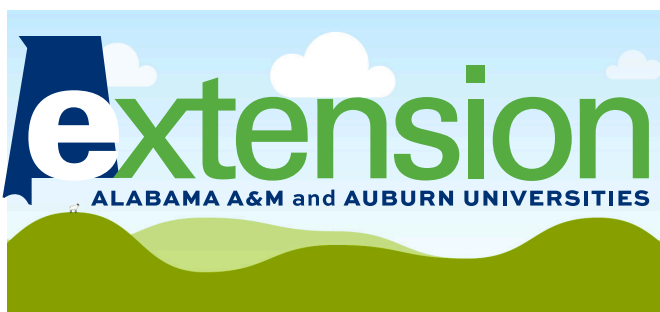


Demonstration Gardens

Caroline Dean Wildflower Trail
9-11 AM Please note: March 18th, not
March 19th due to travel. April 2
and 16, 2026
Betsy Akins 404.861.9717

Grandma's Garden
at Pioneer Park 8-10 AM
March 1 & 26, April 9 23, 2026
Kathy Hayward 540.233.3028

Garden at Kiesel Park Workdays
9-11 AM March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21
Jan Holt 334.663.3357



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LOG HOURS

Be sure to log services hours
and contacts

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



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

LCMG and OGrrows Community Garden will host a Seed Starting Workshop on Saturday, March 21 10AM - 12 PM. Participants will learn to select, start, and save seeds, simple techniques for successful germination, and seasonal planting tips to help a garden flourish. Volunteers needed to help with setup, assist participants and cleanup. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for **service** hours: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA82BAAF8C43-62517264-seed>

Helpline

One of the best ways to learn more about horticulture and to advance the mission of Extension Master Gardeners. Upcoming dates: March 17 & 31 and 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

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 jjacobs84@gmail.com or 919-407-2836.

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

Did you enter your service hours and CEU for the Jan and Feb meetings?

Login: <https://www.acesagmg.site>

Click on Quick Menu: EMG Program Support
Choose Local MGA or AMGA Meeting

Enter the date

Enter time spent at the meeting

Travel time to and from the meeting

Activity (Attended January meeting)

Click on CEU Hours

Click on the dot for CEUs

Enter 1.0 hour

Choose from the drop down: Monthly MGA educational program

Submit/Save

Did you serve at the Kiwanis Sale or Empty Bowls?

Click on Quick Menu: Community Partner Event

Enter the date

Enter your travel and service time

Activity: Worked at the Kiwanis Sale or

Worked the Empty Bowls Event

Only enter contacts at the Kiwanis Sale if you provided plant or planting info to individuals.

From the drop down, choose the community partner

Submit/Save

Save the Date

CityFest Saturday, April 25 9 AM to 4 PM
Kiesel Park, Auburn Free Admission

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

CEU's

The Donald E. Davis Arboretum in Auburn offers tours the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Stroll through the beautiful garden and learn about the wonderful world of Alabama's native plants. Tours begin at 12 noon, plan to arrive at 11:50. Parking is available in the Church of Christ parking lot on South College. Tours are March 9, April 13, etc.... Volunteer opportunities are also available at the garden. See Patrick Thompson for details (thomppg@auburn.edu)



Auburn Rose Society
For more information, contact Jami Johnson, President (334) 450-7502
auburnrosesociety@gmail.com
<https://auburnrosesociety.org/>

**Be sure to check workshop offerings at Hills and Dales:
www.hillsanddales.org**

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.

June 2, 2026 Tour of Kreher including 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!

March 12, 2026 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Phenix City Library, 1501 17th Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36867

Join Fred Schlich, LCMGA intern, for a blooming good time as he shares expert tips on selecting, planting, and caring for azaleas—Southern garden favorites known for their vibrant beauty!

Articles and Information

Beulah Days

Saturday, April 18

Shifts: 10:00 AM to 2 PM CST

Location: Beulah Elementary School

4747 Lee County Rd 270. Valley, AL. (Yes...it is in Lee County)

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



9th Annual Beulah Family Day 2026
Saturday, April 18th, 2026
10:00 am - 2:00 pm CT
*****Guest Admission is Free to Family Day*****

Food available for purchase
Ice Cream for purchase
Charge for Face Painting

Car Show
Inflatables
Entertainment
FUN FUN FUN

Car Smash \$1.00
Putt-Putt Golf & Corn Hole games
Drawing for Gift baskets

Vendor booth(s): Contact Paula Brickner
Cell: 706-366-3531
Email: extrapb70@gmail.com or
beulahalfriends@gmail.com

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Location: Beulah Elementary School
4747 Lee Road 270 Valley, AL 36854

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