



GARDEN BUZZZZZ



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Message from: Rhona Watson CAMGA President



It is so beautiful just riding around and looking at all the new growth on trees and shrubs, but the most impressive are our learning gardens, and of course my yard. The Japanese maples are in full leaf, and all the perennials such as hostas are slowly reappearing. It is fun to walk around and see what's back. There are beautiful blooms on the roses, clematis and honeysuckle. May is the perfect time to try air layering if you have never tried it. It is the easiest way to propagate hydrangeas, clematis, and camellias. May is also the month I do containers to go by front door, hanging baskets in front of the green house, and a few for the porch and patio. A lot of the plants are cuttings from last year, and the plants from seeds are now a perfect size to go outside. I am sure I will also find a few additions at our plant sale, the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, and a few local nurseries.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in April. I think there were more master gardeners at Lanark than people from the public, but we had fun. Donny Tomlin was there with his Japanese Maples, and he also sang so there was entertainment. I have lots of Japanese Maples, but I couldn't resist buying two more. Donny will be our speaker at the May meeting, talking about Japanese Maples, and grafting. Earth Day plant swap was a success as well. There were lots of Master Gardeners there, led by Linda Griebble, talking to the public, and organizing the plants.

Special thanks to Amanda Borden for her presentation on "Low Maintenance Gardening". I am sure you all learned something you can use in your landscape. One of things she talked about that I have is drip irrigation. It has saved me time and money, my water bill was cut in half. Get with me or, Mary McCroan, or Amanda if you would like more information.

I know we are all getting ready for our plant sale on May 7th. Carol Rattan has done a great job organizing everything. Last year was a record year, we made \$3,185. With everyone's participation we should do even better this year. Friday the 6th we will be at the extension center pricing plants. If you bring plants that day I am sure you will find something to take home with you.

My picture this month is the bed on the side of my yard. It started out to be a rose garden, but has evolved. It now has two shrub roses, a beautiful white clematis, and the newest addition a Beni Kawa Japanese Maple that I grafted. Buy a new plant this month and make your favorite garden your own

Rhona



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Message from Mallory

Mallory Kelley

Regional Extension Agent — Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests

Caring for Fruit Trees

The excitement of spring is in the air and that means, time to dig in the “dirt.” I have to admit, the bug has bitten me and I have been browsing the stores for the new plant that is “needed” in my landscape. In the spring time we often see the beautiful hydrangeas, azaleas, perennials and annuals, but also you may be enticed by fruit trees. Fruits can be a great addition to the home landscape if the proper conditions and devotion to caring for them are a priority.



First of all, let's talk about the easiest fruits to grow in Central Alabama. If you are new to fruits in the landscape, start out with those that require the least amount of maintenance and care, such as: figs, pomegranate, blueberries (need acid soil), oriental persimmon and muscadines. These fruits rarely require spraying and very little pruning, except the muscadine. The muscadine needs a structure to grow on so that can be an initial investment of money and labor. In addition, the blueberries will produce best if there is more than one variety for pollination and the muscadines can be self-fertile or female. If you plant a female, you will need a self-fertile variety to accompany it.

Now for the more difficult fruits to grow such as peaches, plums, apples and pears. Peaches are self-fertile so just one tree will do, but all the others need another variety for pollination. Tree fruits require pruning and training year after year for best production. Beyond pruning, sanitation of the orchard or tree is very important in your success. Anytime fruit or leaves drop from the tree clean it up to prevent the spread of diseases. Heavy mulching all the way out to the canopy of the tree will also help prevent diseases while holding in moisture, suppressing weeds and adding organic matter.

Spraying is often required to have a healthy crop when it comes to fruit trees. Spray recommendation are to start spraying Captan (fungicide) as soon as the petals begin to open. Continue to spray every 10-14 days. Once the petals are falling to the ground and you no longer see bees visiting the flowers, start spraying Malathion or Sevin for insect control. Continue spraying every 10-14 days and it can be applied in conjunction with the Captan once the pollinators are gone.

Especially for fruit trees it is necessary to thin the fruit. For peaches, pears and apples you will want one fruit per 6"-8" with plums one fruit per 4"-6." If the fruit is not thinned the tree will try to produce too many. The end result is all the fruit ends up being the size of a golf ball when ripe or the stress of too much fruit can cause the tree to abort the fruit, meaning drop it all at once. This usually occurs about a week before you think the fruit is ready to be harvested and suddenly every fruit is laying on the ground under the tree. Thinning the fruit will greatly increase the size of your fruit and prevent the weight of the fruit from breaking limbs. Hopefully this information will improve your home fruit production.

Message from Mallory (Continued)

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May Lunch and Learn Topics and Locations:

Montgomery County: **Bloom Times, Year Round Color in the Garden**

May 4th – 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Armory Learning Arts Center on Madison Ave., Montgomery, AL

Autauga County: **Backyard Birds**

May 5th – 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church on Cobbs Ford Road, Prattville, AL

Elmore County: **Japanese Maples with the Maple Man--Donnie Tomlin**

May 10th – 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Elmore County Extension Office Auditorium, Wetumpka, AL

Congratulations to
Marie Updike for receiving a Gold Star!

Presented by Rhona Watson



CAMGA April 2016 Minutes By: Lois Pribulick, Secretary



CENTRAL Alabama Master Gardeners Association April 19, 2016 -- Regular Meeting

The CAMGA March meeting was called to order by President Rhona Watson at 10:10 a.m. at the Elmore County Extension Auditorium. There were 50 people present consisting of members, interns and guests.

MINUTES: The minutes from the March meeting as published in the Newsletter were approved by acclamation.

TREASURER: Joyce Vella presented the Treasurer report for the month of March. Balance as of February 28, 2016 was \$11,726.61. Income for March was 0. Expenditures were \$274.72. Balance as of March 31, 2016 is \$11,451.89 The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

CAMGA Field Trip: Joyce Vella reported the information for a Field Trip as follows: The trip will be a tour of the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham on April 27, 2016. There are still seats available on the bus. Call Joyce Vella.

Programs: Lee Borden introduced the guest speaker Amanda Borden. Amanda spoke on Low Maintenance Designs. Amanda gave a very good program. She recommended books that can be purchased at the book stores and are very helpful to gardeners for low maintenance. They are The National Gardener and The Southern Gardeners Book of Lists both by Lois Trigg Chaplin. Also Gaias Gardener by Toby Hemingway.

A break was provided, then Rhona opened the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAMS: Lee Borden reporting on future programs:

May---Dr. Charles Mitchell---"Loving plants, A Little Science, and a Lot of Loving" --- Perspectives from 60 Years of Gardening in the South.

June---Mallory Kelly will talk about GMOs, the use of the term "organic", and integrated Pest Management.

VIDEO EQUIPMENT: The video equipment has been put on hold. The committee has questions as to whether the equipment is needed for CAMAGA.

APRIL 2016 Minutes Continued

By: Lois Pribulick



PROJECTS COMMITTEE: John Barnes Reporting

Bowling Ball: John reported the Bowling Ball Class will be held on June 17, 2016. More bowling balls are needed.

Public Plant Sale will be held on April 23rd at the City Recycle Center from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Free compost will be available.

Earth Day: Earth Day at the Recycle Center in Wetumpka will be held April 23rd

Stepping Stone Class will be held on September 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Eclectic Senior Center work day will be held on May 27th from 9:00 to 12 noon to help the seniors.

HISTORIAN: Jane Mobley Reporting

The picture and history book for CAMGA is finished for 2015. It will remain in the Library for all to see.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Gale Wheeler Reporting

Gale reported that a get well card has been mailed to Sharon Potts and one sympathy card to Mary Ann Klatt on the death of her husband.

LUNCH AND LEARN: Charlotte Hall Reporting

Charlotte Hall stated that the CAMGA aprons have arrived and they may be purchased by CAMGA members today for \$13.00 each.

Phil Easter reported that he has made arrangements with WSFA for a CAMGA member to appear on their program the Monday before the Lunch and Learn. Mallory will do May.

COMMUNITY LEARNING GARDENS: Mary McCroan Reporting

Mary stated they are harvesting collards and kale. Members may take what they want. Mary explained a new raised bed she wants to build that the garden needs for more planting room.

She asked for \$250.00 for the cost of the bed. Bonnie McCormick made a motion to allow Mary to spend up to \$250.00 for the bed. Rhonda Miles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Plant Sale---Carol Rattan Reporting

The Annual Plant Sale will be held on May 7, 2016. Carol presented a very detailed slide show presentation on the plant sale. Carol will meet with all workers after the CAMGA meeting. All volunteers for the plant sale are asked to please stay for the meeting.

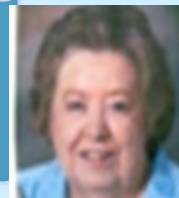
INTERNS: Becky Brown and Mallory Kelley Reporting

Becky announced that the applications are ready and in the Extension Office for new interns for the September class. Everyone is encouraged to recruit new interns. So far she has received four applications.

Mallory stated that the graduation for the 2015 class will be held at the Mulder Methodist Church in August.

APRIL 2016 Minutes Continued

By: Lois Pribulick



HELP LINE---Mary Ann Hatcher Reporting: Mary Ann stated that she has four slots open for volunteers for the coming season. Four people volunteered at the meeting so all slots are filled.

MALLORY Kelly: Mallory reported that CAMGA will take part in a Bee Keeping Program. Mallory will present more information on the project at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ann Hill stated that she has done an extensive electronic revision of the Membership booklet. You can check your information on line.

Rick Olson reported that the Millbrook Farmers Vegetable Stand will be open on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon every week. Call Rick at 334-233-7425 if you can work the stand.

2016 STATE CONFERENCE

The 2016 State Conference will be held in Dothan on May 12th through May 14th, 2016. You can register on line. CAMGA web site is <http://www.aces.edu/mg/Elmore/has> archived newsletters.

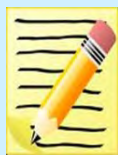
REACH FOR THE STARS AWARDS: Presented by Rhona Watson

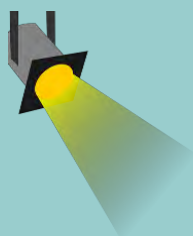
Rhona presented a gold star to Marie Updike

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectively Submitted

Lois Pribulick, Secretary
CAMGA Meeting: 4-19-16





SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

For Month of April 2016

By Judy May



The speaker this month for Lunch and Learn was Lisa Wright who spoke about Goat Products and other Garden Goodies. There were 27 attendees, 17 of them Master Gardeners. Assisting were Sandi Adkison, Carla McCune, Debbie Kelso and Brenda Bernal.

The wonderful refreshments at the meeting this month were from Sharon Potts, Joyce Vella, Terry Chambliss, Carol Pugh, Mary Long and Bonnie McCormick.

On April 21st, Jane Mobley gave an Herb presentation to the Junior League of Montgomery. Ten members were present.

Working the CAMGA booth at Southern Homes and Gardens April 8 were John Barnes, Rhonda Miles, Judy May and intern Sherry Schaefer. April 9th Rhonda Miles and intern Susan Littleton worked and did again on April 15th and 16th.

Linda Griebel, Janet Lewis, Jane Mobley, Candy Jones, John Butler, Johan Beumer, Lois Pribulick, Joyce Vella and John Barnes attended the Projects Committee meeting April 18th.

Working at Lanark in March were Ann Hill, Norman Turnipseed, Peggy Gelpi, Carla McCune, Terry Chambliss, Cathy Whigham and intern Glenn Huovinen. Helping set up for Lanark Flora and Fauna Days on Friday, April 8th were Terry Chambliss, Sheila Pearson, Ernest Edwards, Cathy Whigham and Leslie Bingham.

Working Saturday at Lanark Flora and Fauna Days April 9th were Ernest Edwards, Don Hoover, Carla McCune with her husband John, Ann Hill, with husband Gene, Sandra Gilley, Gale Wheeler-Leonard, Peggy Gelpi, R.J. and Penny Arceneaux along with Penny's sister Gloria, Joyce Vella, Ricky and Mary Ann Hatcher, Judy May, Catese Chaffee, Joe and Sally L'Abbe, Cathy Whigham, Terry Chambliss, Janet Lewis, Jimmy May, Debra Kelso, Maria and her daughter Alex Pacheco West and interns Leslie Bingham, Sheila Pearson, Deann Stone and Sherry Schaefer.

Working at the CAMGA table at Lanark Flora and Fauna Days were Jane Mobley, Linda Griebel, Bob and Becky Brown.

Volunteering during the month of April at Lanark were Ann Hill, Norman Turnipseed, Carla McCune, Peggy Gelpi, Cathy Whigham, Judy May and intern Glenn Huovinen.

Phil Easter did press releases on the Plant Swap for local newspapers and on the Plant Sale for magazines.

Working the Helpline this month were Deann Stone, Joyce Vella, Sherri Schaefer, Ricky Hatcher, Ann Hill, Leslie Bingham, Sandi Rosamond, Mary Ann Klatt and Mary Ann Hatcher.

Earth Day volunteers were Joyce Vella, Sherri Schaefer, Don Hoover, Nancy Tribble, Bob and Becky Brown, John Barnes, Terry Chambliss, Bill Quailles and Linda Griebel.

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS (Continued)

For Month of April 2016

By Judy May

Becky Brown says she wants a shout out for Joe and Sally L'Abbe for recruiting two members for the 2017 Master Gardener Class.

On April 20, several CAMGA members and interns attended the "Shitake Mushroom Gardening Workshop" held at the Autauga Co. Extension Office in Autaugaville. Members who attended were Linda Griebel, Candy Jones, Mary McCroan, Rosemary Mobley and Marie Updike. Interns Freda Frye and Bill Quailles also attended. Participants took home their log inoculated with shitake mushroom mycelium spores.

Marie Updike chaired the Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs "Games Day" Fund raiser to raise money for scholarships. Three \$1000 scholarships were awarded to high school students.

On April 9, Marie Updike attended the Eastbrook Morningview Neighborhood Association's annual plant swap.

The Montgomery Area Daylily Society conducted a sale of registered daylilies at the Santuck Flea market on April 2. Marie Updike attended, and grows daylilies for the club at her home.

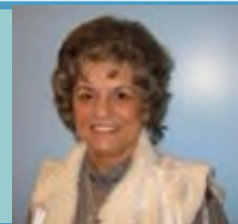
Marie Updike also volunteered at Plant-It Montgomery on April 16 to support the Betty Fitzgerald Biblical Garden reclaiming project in Oak Park, location of the future Montgomery Botanical Gardens.

Volunteering at the Governor's Mansion this month were Melanie Barry, Amanda Borden, Jane McCarthy and Sandy Rosamond.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

“Walking Iris”

By: Jane Mobley



Our group always manages to get interesting plants from our plant sale each year. One of my purchases was a pot of walking iris. I think that they came from the yard of Bob and Becky Brown. I had gotten a pot several years ago, and, while they came back a couple of times, they never bloomed and eventually disappeared. My rule is that I will plant something three times in different places, and, if it doesn't make it with those tries, I give up. So, when a pot turned up last year, I decided to try it again as that would be only try number two.

The first try was in a well observed formal bed. I really took care of those. Last year I planted my pot on the other side of my creek in the woods and promptly forgot they were even there. I never watered them after the first drink or even looked at them all year. Imagine my surprise, when in early March, I crossed the creek to a mass of beautiful blue orchid looking flowers growing from the darkest green strappy plants that had spread from one little pot sized area to an area about four feet by four feet. I had to really think about what they were.

Walking iris, *Neomarica sp.*, is also called the Apostle Plant. It is a member of the iris family hailing from Brazil. There are about fifteen species of this tropical genus. It is an herbaceous perennial that grows from 1.5 to three feet tall. It is called the walking iris because the flower stalks take root after bending to the ground during bloom. It is called the Apostle Plant because of the belief that it will not bloom until it has twelve leaves. The walking iris grows from rhizomes forming healthy clumps that produce flowers from stems that fan out and develop aerial roots that take hold when they touch the ground. The flowers open for only a day, close back up, and reopen several days later. The flowering cycle continues for four to six weeks.

It is said that these plants do well in full sun or part shade in well draining acidic soil. I do not think that mine would do well in full sun. Mine are doing extremely well in dappled shade, but the soil is relatively sandy. They do like moisture, but not to be soggy, and are not drought tolerant. No special care is needed at all. Rhizomes can be planted any time after flowering. Most members of this genus will not live outside in our zone.

I hope that you find a happy surprise at this year's plant sale.



**Walking iris, *Neomarica sp.*
(Also called the Apostle Plant)**

2016 Earth Day Celebration Submitted by: Linda Griebel

"Central Alabama Master Gardeners hosted the annual public plant swap at the Earth Day Celebration on 04-23-16, a beautiful sunny day, at Wetumpka Recycle Center. Staff from the City of Wetumpka gave away compost as well as many city branded items and seed packages.

On display were school children's art work created from recycled materials. There were a large number of people who brought and exchanged plants during the 3 hour swap. In addition, master gardeners distributed horticultural information, explained how to perform a soil test and gave away test kits, and answered general gardening questions. Mayor Jerry Willis (pictured with master gardeners) showed his support for the event. Thanks to the ten CAMGA members who volunteered their time and plants."



April Lunch and Learn Program

By: Deborah Kelso



April was a time for change. Our original speaker was not available and Lisa Wright graciously stepped in with a talk on homemade soaps from goat's milk and other natural products. She has started her own company called Heady and shared her experience of living "off the grid" for a short time. Although she currently does not own goats, she has in the past and has frozen the milk and uses it in her homemade soaps. Her samples were all very aromatic and delightful in their presentation.

Lisa gave me the following basic recipe for making soap from goat's milk:

Ingredients:

12 ounces coconut oil

15 ounces olive oil

13 ounces other oil – such as lard, palm oil tallow, vegetable shortening, or another comparable oil (see "Additional Notes" section)

13 ounces milk

6 ounces lye – also called 100% sodium hydroxide (local hardware stores)

1 ounce essential oils, optional

additives such as oatmeal or lavender flowers, optional

Directions:

The night before making the soap, freeze your goat's milk. Then, you need a large glass or stainless steel bowl. (Avoid using plastic, as it may absorb odors.)

Put this in a larger bowl or the sink and fill the outside bowl about half full with cold water and ice so it's very cold. In the inside bowl, place your frozen chunks of milk. Put frozen milk into top bowl.

Very slowly, add your lye and carefully mash it into the milk, (A stainless potato masher works well). Keep adding the lye until it is all incorporated. It will probably not get hot or even warm. Don't worry about that, it doesn't need to. If the ice in the outside bowl melts, keep replacing it. It needs to stay very cold.

The milk may turn orange or even tan to light brown. This is normal. If it turns dark brown, you'll need to start over. The milk is scorched at this point. The sugars in the milk are very sensitive and need to be kept very cold to keep them from scorching. And if you smell an ammonia-like smell, that is normal too – just keep going. This smell will fade while it is curing.

When your lye/milk is ready, keep it on ice while you get the oils ready. Measure oils using a kitchen scale. Combine oils and heat to between 110 degrees and 125 degrees F.

Lunch and Learn Program (Continued)

By: Deborah Kelso



When the oils are ready, slowly pour the lye/milk mixture into the oils. Mix with a spoon by hand first for about five minutes and then with a stick (immersion) blender to bring to trace (gets thick like a pudding). Add essential oils and additives as desired. Replace ice in outer bowl as needed, needs to stay very cold.

Milk may turn orange to light brown. This is normal, if turns dark brown you will need to start over. It would be scorched. An ammonia smell is normal and will fade with curing.

Pour into molds. Wait 24 hours or more; remove from molds, cut if desired. Wait 3-4 weeks, turning often so all sides have been exposed to the air.

You can test the pH with a test strip (should be a pH between 8-10) or use the old “touch your tongue to it” method. If it tingles on your tongue, it is not ready yet.

Wrap completely when cured.

By the way, vinegar is a handy neutralizer for lye burns.

Lisa also has a hot process she states is ready in two weeks.

Lisa Wright informed us that certain oils, like palm and grapeseed benefit the skin. She developed her line of soaps as a healthier alternative to the myriad of chemical ingredients in mainstream bath and beauty products. She started with her family and friends and has expanded to a family owned business. Her products are made with love and joy and use natural oils and colors with an emphasis on healthy and safe natural ingredients.

She spoke of the distillation of plant material and the suggested uses of the essential oils. Lisa has also expanded to such items as lip balm, herbs, essential oils, roller balls and insect repellants to name a few. She is cautious to describe what is safe for children.

We want to thank Lisa Wright again for helping us out in a pinch. We would like to invite everyone to our next Lunch and Learn on May 10th from 12:00-1:00. It will be on Japanese Maples with The Maple Man Donny Tomlin. I hear he may even bring his guitar. As always, bring your lunch and beverages will be available. See you there.



Governor's Mansion Report By: Amanda Borden



During the month of April, Master Gardeners took cuttings from several desirable camellias in the yard and began the propagation process--80 pots in all.

The pots will stay under mist at the Maxwell greenhouse and could be plantable in 3-4 yrs.

Volunteers weeded the azalea/Easter lily bed between the herb garden and the tennis court, divided and planted cast iron plant under the Serenity Garden magnolia, pruned the tea olives in the Secret Garden, and started renewal pruning of the azaleas next to the portico.



Left to Right: Peggy Funk, Jean Smyth, Sandy Rosamond, Jane McCarthy, Amanda Borden, and Melanie Barry

Master Gardener Help Line News **By: Mary Ann Hatcher**



HELPLINE NEWS FOR APRIL 2016

April's warmer weather has increased calls to the Helpline. Information was provided to clients this month from: Joyce Vella, Sandi Rosamond, Ricky Hatcher, Ann Hill, Leslie Bingham, Sherron Schaefer, and Deann Stone.

Mary Ann Klatt and Mary Ann Hatcher served as Advisors with Sharon Potts as Appointment Reminder.



Volunteer Opportunity at the Millbrook Farmer's Market **By: Rick Ohlson**



The Millbrook Farmer's Market will open on Tuesday, May 31st from 8 a.m. until noon. It will continue to be open on Tuesdays until August 30th. Local produce, flowers, honey and a myriad of local products are available.

The Elmore County Master Gardeners are there each week to help with gardening issues or just to talk about "How your garden grows!" If you want to add some hours to your volunteer time and don't feel like digging in the soil (remember it is not dirt), give me a call, text or email (somehow I do them all). We can always use another volunteer and the work is easy.

Just talk to the local folks. I always say, "You will learn more than you give out." (Yes, I always say that!). Talk to me and let's find a few hours for you.

Rick Ohlson
334-233-7425

Fund Raising Committee Report **By: Carol Rattan, Chair**



CENTRAL ALABAMA GARDENER ANNUAL PLANT SALE **SATURDAY — May 7, 2016**



Dates and Times

May 5th, Thursday, 5- 7pm – We are receiving plants at the barn near the vegetable garden only from those who can't bring them Friday or have more than one truck/car load of plants. You must let me know you are bring plants Thursday evening. I know we are received plants from Maxwell and Phil Easter earlier in the day, but so far, no one has told me they must bring them Thursday evening. If I don't hear from anyone, I will not be there to help unload. Signs will be put up on Wednesday for those delivering Thursday, so you'll know where to unload plants.

May 6th, Friday, 8-4 pm – Receiving plants, pricing, and loading onto trailers. Bring plants to the barn near the vegetable garden. Lunch provided for workers.

May 7th, Saturday, 8-12 pm - Plant Sale! Set up of tables, tents, and signs is 6:30-7:15 am, unloading of plants and other sale items is 7:15-8am. Clean up begins at 12 pm.

Volunteers – If you have not volunteered and want to come help, please do! It's a great opportunity for outreach to the community, fellowship among gardeners, and our one and only fundraiser. See you there!

Programs Update

By: Lee Borden



- On April 19, Amanda Borden taught us all about low-maintenance landscape design. We learned that a key element of low maintenance design is working with nature and doing our best to mimic it. We learned that xeriscaping is the practice of designing spaces so they need little or no supplemental watering.
- On May 17, Charles Mitchell will join us fresh from his retirement in March with a talk he's putting together just for us, "Loving Plants, A Little Science, and a Lot of Living - Perspectives from 60 Years of Gardening in the South." I can't wait.
- On June 21, Mallory Kelley will teach us about GMO's, "organic," and Integrated Pest Management. Our tentative program schedule and each meeting's evaluation results are online and available for your review at <http://bit.ly/camgaprograms>.

Low Maintenance Design Program
Presented by Amanda Borden
April 2016 CAMGA Meeting



Lots more information:

<http://bit.ly/camgalowmaintenance>

- Link to these slides
- Sources for this talk
- Plants for Dry Places (from Hayes Jackson)
- "Bulletproof" Plants for Southern Gardens (from Jason Powell)

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Children's Booth at Lanark

By: Terry Chambliss

Cathy Whigham's idea of a bee craft for children at the Floral and Fauna Festival blossomed into an educational booth about honey bees and pollinators.

She and Terry Chambliss organized a booth that included activity sheets for children ages 2-12, hands on displays, informational handouts and crafts.

It was well received by children and adults—so much so, they have been invited back next year!



Bee Booth at Floral & Fauna Festival



Cathy Whigham Helping Children Make A Bee Plant Stake



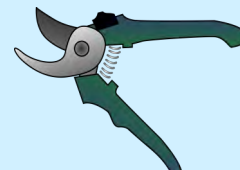
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On Line Registration

Dr. Arlie Powell from Petals from the Past, has a new Muscadine pruning video:

<http://www.petalsfromthepast.com/video/muscadinevideo.html>

Shared by Master Gardener Linda Griebel



Calendar of Events

MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Governor's Mansion Workday 8-11 a.m.	3	4	5 Learning Garden Workday 8-12 noon. Elmore Co. Ext. Office	6 Receive plants at the Extension Office for Plant Sale — 8 to 4 p.m.	7 CAMGA Plant Sale — Trinity Episcopal Church Parking Lot, 8 a.m. –12 noon
8	9 Governor's Mansion Workday 8-11 a.m.	10 Lunch and Learn Elmore Co. Extension Office 12-1 p.m. Japanese Maples program	11	12 Learning Garden Workday 8-12 noon. Elmore Co. Ext. Office	13	14
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