



GARDEN BUZZZZZ



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Message from: Rhona Watson
CAMGA President



August is not my favorite month for gardening. My containers are looking good, but need to be watered every day. I am so happy when it rains, and I get a day off.

Seems no matter how much you water, the garden never looks as good as after a good rain. I have lots and lots of peppers and tomatoes, so we are eating healthy. Well healthier.

I am so proud to be the president of CAMGA. We have many talented, and innovative people that are willing to help out in an emergency, and take a risk on new ideas.

Thanks to Rosemary Mobley for stepping up and doing the minutes on short notice. She did a very thorough job and I loved the graphics. Thanks to Becky Ashurst for taking over the job of treasurer, after the unexpected resignation of Joyce. And lastly thank you to all the members who were at the meeting who unanimously voted to try the Farmbot.

Projects like the farmbot are what we are about. Getting in on the ground floor and learning new things that we can teach others in the community. Mary McCroan has already contacted the reference listed, and got a positive response. We have a great team doing the research to insure the Farmbot is feasible for our group. I was impressed with the video, and hope the information we get, allows us to go ahead.

I am proud of Candy Jones, and the rest of the Advanced Master Gardeners for the work we did in organizing, and clarifying the program. The current program will be presented at the next state conference in Huntsville, for the rest of the state to utilize.

August 16th is the Luncheon for our graduating interns. It will be held at Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church, as we have the last three years thanks to Carol Rattan arranging it for us. Mallory will bring chicken fingers, and the sides and deserts will be provided by the people attending, with the exception of the interns. It is always fun seeing the interns graduate, and a guaranteed great lunch, so please come if you can.

We are fast approaching the August deadline for the next class starting in September. As of our last meeting we only had 6 applications, so if you know anyone who is interested, encourage them to get their applications in.

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Message from: Rhona Watson
CAMGA President — (Continued)

Mallory and Rose were on TV talking about the fall classes in Elmore and Autauga Counties, but we are still the best source of people for the class.

My picture of the month is a beautiful hosta that has been in a pot for two years, and doing great. In front are one of my favorite annuals pink pentas, they bloom and bloom from spring till frost. The yellow rubeckia is a perennial I got from Mary McCroan. They are a late summer bloomer, and spread in clumps.

Fall will be here before we know it, and I am looking forward to a great show from my Japanese Maples. Till then it is still weed and water time in Alabama but my beautiful garden is worth the effort

Make your favorite garden your own

Rhona



Rhona's Garden
Hostas, Pentas, and Rubeckia

Message from Mallory

Mallory Kelley

Regional Extension Agent — Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests

Are Bugs Eating Your Vegetables?

The most common and most damaging insect pests of the vegetable garden are worms, squash bugs, squash vine borers, leaf-footed bugs, stinkbugs, and aphids. Ok, so those are the most common and damaging, but needless to say, there are lots of enemies to your vegetables. Scouting at least once a week for any of these insects can greatly increase your garden success, but when scouting you need to know what you are looking for.



Before using any insecticide, it is always best to identify the insect. In many cases you could be killing the “Good Guys” who help control the “Bad Guys” and if you don’t know, then don’t spray! Always be sure the product is labeled for that specific insect and labeled for the crop you are spraying it on. Remember to use your phone and send a text message to Extension for insect identification if you need help! When the insect is properly identified, targeting the exact type of insecticide to that pest will keep from harming the beneficial “Good Guys.”

All worms in the vegetable garden invade your garden as moths (for example, cabbage loopers, tomato fruitworms, armyworms, and hornworms). There are many different chemicals that will control the caterpillars, but your go-to should be spraying products containing *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), a selective insecticide that will not harm beneficial insects. Bt is a bacteria that is a stomach poison with zero post-harvest interval, which means you can apply the product and eat the fruit the very same day. We still recommend you to wait for a day or two and washing the produce well before eating to avoid consuming adjuvants. The key to success against worms is to keep this product present on the plant, which means you have to spray weekly or more often. The most effective control is beginning just after eggs hatch when caterpillars are still small and often clustered together (as in armyworms). Once the worms get large, Bt alone may be ineffective or slow to act taking as much as 14 days to kill the target insect. So use Bt for preventing outbreak starting the spray applications when caterpillars are detected.

On insects that have piercing sucking mouth parts like aphids, stinkbugs, beetles and leaf-footed bugs, you should use products that will target the nervous system of the insect. The problems with many of these is they kill not only the bad insects, but most times the beneficial insects as well (especially the immature stages of lady beetles and lacewings). Below are active ingredients of products you will find for homeowners that control insects through nervous system interference: bifenthrin, carbaryl, spinosad, and imidacloprid. All of these belong to different chemical classes or are derived from different means. For example, spinosad is labeled and used in organic production and is derived from a soil bacterium. Imidacloprid must be used early in the season as drench as per the label; do not use this product for late-season spray applications. The post-harvest intervals for commercial insecticides change depending on the active ingredient and also what plant it is applied to, so always read the label.

Message from Mallory (Continued)

Mallory Kelley

Regional Extension Agent — Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests

Neem oil will control many of the insects already listed above such as: aphids, whiteflies, small caterpillars, and other soft-bodied insects. . Neem oil is made of many components with azadirachtin as its main active ingredient; check the product label before you purchase as many clarified oil extracts of neem do not have azadirachtin. Azadirachtin reduces insect feeding and acts as a repellent. It also interferes with insect hormone systems, making it harder for insects to grow and lay eggs. Other components of neem oil kill insects by hindering their ability to feed.

For more information on specific active ingredients that will control pests in your vegetable garden please visit [this link](http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/I/IPM-1305/IPM-1305.pdf) through the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/I/IPM-1305/IPM-1305.pdf>

Elmore County

2015 Fall Master Gardener Class Graduation

Tuesday – August 16, 2016

Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church

3454 Fire Tower Road, Wetumpka, AL

10:00 to 12:00 Noon – You may bring a guest

If you haven't signed up to attend, please

Email Linda Griebel by August 12th at

lrgrieble@yahoo.com

Lunch will be served

AUGUST 2016 LUNCH & LEARN MEETINGS

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Montgomery: The 1st Wednesday of EVERY month

Topic: Art in the Garden

Armory Learning Arts Center on Madison Ave.

Prattville: The 1st Thursday of EVERY month

Topic: Protecting your Property from Wildfires

Christ Lutheran Church on Cobbs Ford Road

Wetumpka: The 2nd Tuesday of EVERY month

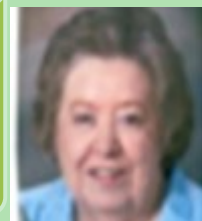
Topic: Pretty Plant Pottery

Elmore County Extension Office Auditorium

CAMGA Minutes for July 2016

Lois Pribulick — Secretary

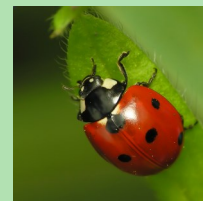
(Submitted by: Rosemary Mobley for Lois Pribulick)



The July, 2016, Central Alabama Master Gardeners' Association (CAMGA) meeting was held July 20, 2016, at the Elmore County Extension Auditorium in Wetumpka, Alabama. Rhona Watson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Next, Lee Borden welcomed everyone and introduced the program speaker, Suzanne Sykes, a Pike County master gardener. Her topic was about beneficial garden predators.

PROGRAM: Ms Sykes talked about chickens roaming in a garden as beneficial predators. She explained how hummingbirds and other bird varieties removed unwanted garden pests. Bats were added to the list of beneficial predators. The speaker described how to attract bats to the garden by constructing housing for bats using louvered shutters.

Suzanne showed models of the life cycle of the lady bug. She explained that the adult lady bug is commonly recognized as a beneficial insect. However, the lady-bug larva, which will eat aphids, is usually seen as something harmful and often killed by gardeners. The speaker cited some companion planting examples of sunflowers, coreopsis, dill, and cosmos that will attract ladybugs to the garden.



Another gardening friend discussed by the speaker was the dragonfly. The adult dragonfly eats mosquitoes and gnats, while the larva eats the larval mosquito. Other helpful garden predators included spiders, praying mantis, frogs, toads, lizards, and non-poisonous snakes. A question and answer session followed. Suzanne ended her session by awarding a large planter as a door prize, won by Candy Jones.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Following the presentation, Rhona shared information about FarmBot Genesis, an initiative between the Elmore County Extension Office and CAMGA. Lee Borden showed a video about FarmBot, described as a farming machine that makes use of robotic technology. A lively discussion followed the video with points of view expressed by several CAMGA members. Some factors discussed included costs, overall feasibility, track record of FarmBot, potential location of the equipment and raised bed, necessary construction, security, maintenance, crop production research, and technical assistance for machinery. A motion was made to partner with the Elmore County Extension Office, and to contribute an amount up to \$2500.00 from the CAMGA treasury for the FarmBot Initiative.



The motion was made by Jane Mobley and Terry Chambliss made the second. Attendees present approved the motion. A committee consisting of Lee Borden, Mary McCroan, Rhona Watson, and Candy Jones was formed to research and help guide the FarmBot Initiative. This committee will keep CAMGA members informed of any future developments of the initiative.

Rhona recognized Jane Mobley who spoke about an upcoming workshop titled, "Herbs: Growing, Cooking, and Preserving." Mallory Kelly, Janice Hall, and Jane Mobley are presenters. The workshop will take place at the Autauga County Extension Office on August 17, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The contact phone number is: 334-361-7273.

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(Submitted by: Rosemary Mobley for Lois Pribulick)



John Butler reported that Johan Beumer is recovering from recent knee surgery. In addition, it was noted that John Barnes and Gale Wheeler-Leonard are recovering from cataract surgery. Attendees expressed wishes for a speedy recovery to Johan, John, and Gale.

BUSINESS: After a break, the President convened the business meeting at 11:05 a.m. Rhona recognized her guest, Norma Zachary, a long-time friend from South Carolina, who was celebrating a birthday. She made some announcements about upcoming conferences. On September 29, 2016, the Master Gardener Fall Seminar will take place at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The annual Master Gardener conference will be in Huntsville, AL on May 1-3, 2017 in Huntsville, AL. Additional information about both conferences may be found at the website: alabamaamg.org. It was noted that the work of the CAMGA Advanced Master Gardener committee will be spotlighted at the conference in Huntsville.

She shared that Cookie Knott, with the Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery, is sponsoring a Container Planting Contest. Interested individuals should use a portable, unusual/unique container, and fill it with at least 3, or up to 7 plants. Send a photo of the container planting to: cknott@elmore.rr.com from August 1 through August 5, 2016. Include your name, address, phone, e-mail address, and names of plants with the photo. You will be notified if your container wins a prize. Contact is Ms. Knott at 334-567-5147.

MINUTES: Rhona thanked Anida Wishnietsky for taking minutes in May and June. She also thanked Rosemary Mobley for taking minutes in July. The June Minutes, as printed in the newsletter, were approved by acclamation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: When it was time to review the Treasurer's Report, Rhona informed the group that Joyce Vella had resigned as treasurer. Linda Griebel made a motion to nominate Rebecca Ashurst for the office of Treasurer. There were no other nominations from the floor. Rebecca (Becky) Ashurst was approved as Treasurer by unanimous voice vote. Becky gave the Treasurer's Report for June. The balance as of May 31, 2016, was \$13,324.96. The income for June was \$90.00. There were no expenditures for June. This left a balance as of June 30, 2016 of \$13,414.96. The report was approved by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS: Lee Borden was recognized to provide an update on programs. He stated that the next two meetings will be off site from the Extension office. On August 16, 2016, starting at 10:00 a.m., the CAMGA meeting will be held at Mulder Memorial Methodist Church, 3454 Firetower Road, Wetumpka, AL. This is also the date and location for the intern graduation ceremony.

The September 20, 2016, meeting is scheduled at Lanark, 3050 Lanark Road, Millbrook, AL. Maria Pacheco-West will make a presentation on roses and give a tour of the Nature Plex. Lee also spoke about the Harvest for Health as a partnership between UAB and master gardeners. UAB selects cancer survivors to pair with master gardeners mentors. The objective is to

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(Submitted by: Rosemary Mobley for Lois Pribulick)

enable the cancer survivor to have experience growing vegetables in a raised bed. All materials are provided. At this time, members should respond to a survey at http://auburnqualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bIS8MDvue4tUnBj. The responses will give an idea of interest level among master gardeners.

PROJECTS: Linda Griebel gave the report for the Projects Committee. A stepping stone class is scheduled for September 9, 2016. Cost is \$10.00. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Planning for the February 15, 2017 Seminar on Permaculture is moving along. Sign-up sheets were distributed for the various committees. Barbara Wallace announced that 2 new books about permaculture were available in the library.

LEARNING GARDENS: Mary McCroan reported on the Learning Gardens that construction of the keyhole garden was completed. She thanked Donald Mobley for his help. Expenses for this task were \$179.00, which was less than the amount budgeted. The Learning Gardens is also participating in the "Bee Initiative," a study of native bees. Next, Mary asked if there was interest in visiting gardens via bus trip in Georgia. She will explore possibilities and get back with membership. Mary asked that anyone with ideas on this subject to contact her at mary1@mccroan.com, or 334-312-0679.

LUNCH AND LEARN: Sandi Adkison reported for the Lunch and Learn (L&L) Committee. She shared that there were 34 participants at the July Lunch and Learn. The next L&L is on August 9th, and the topic is about pottery. She stated that the committee met and is seeking ideas for topics for next year.

INTERN CLASS: Mallory Kelly talked about the intern graduation in August. Sign-in sheets were circulated in order to get an attendance count. Mallory will bring the meat (chicken fingers) while attendees other than interns were asked to bring other dishes. Marjorie Hannah is the contact for refreshments. Charlotte Hall and Carla McCune will handle decorations and paper products. . Current interns were given a deadline of August 5, 2016, to have information about hours up to date.



Mallory shared that to date, 6 applications for prospective interns are on file for CAMGA. At least 19 applicants are needed to make a class. In order for CAMGA to have a class in 2016, members should place a major emphasis on recruiting for the next 3 weeks. Sandy Rosamond and DeAnn Stone will coordinate refreshments for interns in the event that a class forms. Mallory noted that Autauga County already has 19 applications on file.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Door prizes were awarded. Forty-one attendees were present at the meeting.

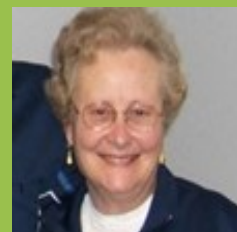
Respectfully submitted by: Rosemary Mobley for Lois Pribulick



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

For Month of July 2016

By Judy May



Attending the Projects Committee meeting July 18th were John Butler, Linda Griebel, Jane Mobley and Janet Lewis.

Bringing food to the monthly CAMGA meeting were Sandy Rosamond, Rhonda Miles, Iva Haynie, Barbara Wallace, and Linda Griebel.

The Lunch and Learn Program this month was “Pain In The Garden and First Aid For It” with speaker Carl Bledsoe. There were 34 attendees, 21 of them Master Gardeners.

Rhonda Miles is working on completely redesigning and replacing the entrance to her neighborhood.

Maria P.W. says Carla McCune, Ann Hill, Norman Turnipseed, Sheila Bingham and Judy May all helped her over the last two months in the heat and more heat and she is deeply grateful.

Working in the heat at the Millbrook Farmers Market this month were Joe L’Abbe, Butch Kinney and Rick Ohlson.

Working the Helpline this month were Corky Butts, Andy Wallace, Linda Miller, Lee Ann Marona, Cathy Whigham, Sharon Potts, Pat Petro Perryman and Mary Ann Hatcher.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

By: Jane Mobley



August Plant of the Month - Oak Leaf Holly

Hollies are common evergreens used in landscape design. There are hundreds of cultivars that are used all the time as hedges, foundation plants, and specimen plants where an evergreen is needed as a backdrop, privacy screen, or for winter interest in amongst all the deciduous plants. They are so common that many times they are just ignored. They come in many shapes and sizes to meet the need for filler plants so that others can become the shining stars. There are several, however, that are pretty spectacular in their own rights. We are familiar with our own lovely Savannah hollies on either side of the Extension barn. There is a new bad boy on the block. Its name is Oak Leaf Holly or *Ilex x 'Conaf'*, one of the Red Holly series all bred from Mary Nell Holly, (which is one of those really good looking hollies also).

The really unusual thing about Oak Leaf is that its leaves look just like glossy oak leaves that are about three inches long and one and one-half inches wide. The Oak Leaf is conical in shape when young, but it matures into an almost pyramidal shape reaching 15 to 20 feet by at least eight feet wide. New growth emerges as bronze to burgundy red which then develops into emerald green with age. Leaves are alternate. Oak Leaf is an hermaphroditic cultivar that displays flowers that are creamy white/yellow and slightly fragrant in clusters from the leaf axils in Spring. A profuse crop of berries appear in Fall making this holly very attractive to songbirds in the winter. The berries really stand out against the emerald green of the leaves.

Oak Leaf is great for privacy fencing as it is so hardy. It is cold hardy and drought tolerant and can thrive in zones 6-9b. It does not require a lot of maintenance and its foliage is very dense. It does well in full sun to part shade and in a wide range of soil types. This holly is disease and insect resistant. An Oak Leaf would make a great outdoor Christmas tree if strung with strands of lights.

Oak Leaf Holley



LEARNING GARDEN

By: Mary McCroan



Our volunteers in the Learning Garden for July included Terry Chambliss, Linda Griebel, Amanda Borden, Cheri Bedford, John Barnes, Jane Mobley, Rosemary and Donald Mobley, Don Hoover and Mary McCroan.

The new Crape Myrtle in front of the Extension Office is surviving and even blooming. Mary is keeping it watered by filling up a five gallon bucket with a small hole near the bottom twice a week. That allows the water to soak in slowly.

We expanded two small raised beds into a 'U' shaped "keyhole" bed and about doubled our planting space for that area. Donald Mobley did most of the work and the project got done much faster and better with his help.

We planted corn for the first time this year and sadly it is not doing well at all. About half of the kernels have been affected by some type of critter. I had heard that same day picked corn is the best and I was looking forward to trying it.

Oh well--as all gardeners know, sometimes our efforts are not as well rewarded as we hope. On the plus side, tomatoes, cucumbers and green beans have been doing well.

We have a couple of new raised beds that will be ready for planting as soon as we get the irrigation extended to them. Well, maybe as soon as it cools down a tad. I'm not sure this is the right weather for baby plants. So consider yourself invited to adopt a bed and become part of our merry Thursday meet in the garden group!

Lunch and Learn Program

CAMGA July 2016 Lunch and Learn

By: Charlotte Hall



“Pain in the Garden and First Aid for It” – Carl Bledsoe

Being outside and gardening brings many pleasures, but at the same time, there can be some discomfort and pain associated with the joys of nature. Carl Bledsoe, a local pharmacist, made an informative presentation on some things that we can do and have on hand for some of these unexpected consequences gardeners often encounter.

What month would you guess is the busiest for pharmacists? Carl informed us that March is the busiest month of the year for pharmacists. Gardeners have been inside for the winter months and are very anxious to go outside and get busy in their yard. So, in their zeal to get a jump on Spring, one might overdo and suffer the soreness for that enthusiasm. Carl suggests that you do not overdo or exert yourself too much in your first days out and always stretch first.

One of the most common gardening problems is exposure to poison – poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac are varieties in this region. The old adage of “Leaves of three, let them be” can help by avoiding some poison in the first place. Symptoms of poison exposure can vary from person to person, from a mild rash and itching to large blisters and swelling of eyes. The plant oil can begin to penetrate the skin within a few minutes of contact. Rash can appear within 4-6 hours and may last 10-14 days. Aveeno colloidal oatmeal may help to alleviate the itching and swelling. Many over the counter products may help such as hydrocortisone 1% creams, Benadryl or calamine lotion.

Another important thing to consider is to wear proper clothing while working in the yard. Try to avoid over exposure to the sun and sunburn. Wear protective sunhats. If sunburned, aloe vera plant may help to alleviate some of the burning sensation.

Stings in the garden present another common problem. Wasps, yellow jackets, bees and other stinging insects can inflict much pain. Noise aggravates yellow jackets. A product by the name of Sting Kill which contains 20% benzocaine is a useful item to keep on hand for insect stings. It is available in swabs or wipes, convenient to use and is effective for wasps, bees, yellow jackets, mosquitoes and scorpions, as well as jellyfish stings if you happen to be at the beach. A warning for jellyfish sting is to never put water on the sting as that only heightens the stinging – just a little extra information for our Lunch and Learn attendees.

Lunch and Learn Program (Continued)

By: Charlotte Hall



In regard to insect bites, there are several local pests that can inflict minor discomfort or cause severe sickness. Mosquitoes, fleas and ticks can be responsible for such diseases as malaria, West Nile disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Lyme disease, plague, typhus, yellow fever, encephalitis and now Zika fever. Zika fever is a virus that has had some vaccine testing and causes a rash and flu like symptoms. It also requires a long recovery time. One bite from an infected mosquito provides immunity for any later bites. It does, however, produce severe birth defects in pregnant women who are bitten by infected mosquitoes. The best way to combat these situations is to avoid being bitten by these insects in the first place. Always be prepared when going outside. Spray with a repellent that has a 20% deet content. Deet should be applied to clothing and any exposed skin areas. Another ingredient that is highly effective and possibly better than deet is any product that contains permethrin which is commonly used to treat lice. It is available in spray form and can be used to spray linens for lice exposure. These products are for external use only. Household products that help to neutralize stings are vinegar and also a paste made from baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) and water.



*Mr. Carl Bledsoe speaker for
July 2016 Lunch and Learn Program*

After being in the yard or in the woods, one should inspect themselves to insure that a tick has not attached to the body. If it has, there is a unique tick removal device that is available at pet stores which slides under the tick and removes it without leaving a part of the tick still attached to the body.

A first aid kit containing basic items for scrapes, cuts, bites and stings is also recommended. Common items in a first aid kit include bandages, gauze pads, cold packs, splints, antiseptic solutions or wipes, antibiotic ointment, calamine lotion, hydrocortisone cream, and sterile eyewash or saline solution. Common white yarrow is a good plant to have for stopping a bleed.

If one is highly allergic to insect stings or bites, an EpiPen is a must for emergency treatment of anaphylactic shock caused by severe allergic reactions.

In conclusion, the best way to combat pain in the garden is to be cautious, use common sense, be prepared and avoid encounters with items that cause much pain in the first place. If that fails, incorporate some of the above suggestions.

Join us next month on August 9th for a fun demonstration with Sharon Reeves from Henny Penny Pottery. So come in from the heat and remember, drinks will be provided.



Governor's Mansion Report For July 2016 By: Amanda Borden



Governor's Mansion volunteers took the Fourth off, getting back to the gardens in the weeks following. They weeded beds at the gate, parking lot, in front of the mansion, across from the portico, and in front of the guest house.

They pruned crepe myrtle branches off the walkway in the Serenity Garden and limbed up a Japanese maple whose low-hanging branches protruded into a pathway. Lee Borden used his chain saw to trim branches from magnolia, wax myrtle, ligustrum, tea olive, and burford holly. He cut a large privet even with the ground, and Jane McCarthy followed that with an immediate application of glyphosate.

During July we realized the compilation of just over 1500 volunteers hours in under three years. Thanks to all CAMGA members who have helped us reach this milestone!



Lee Borden completes some necessary pruning with chain saw



Jane McCarthy applies glyphosate to a fresh privet stump



Amanda Borden limbs up a Japanese maple



Sandy Rosamond waters dwarf crapes following weeding

Master Gardener Help Line News For July 2016 By: Mary Ann Hatcher



Calls to the Helpline have slowed during July, but our volunteers were faithful in attendance and prompt with responses to clients' questions.

Information was provided to clients this month from: Pat Petro-Perryman, Ann Hill, Lee Ann Marona, Corky Butts, Linda Miller, and Andy Wallace.

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

AUGUST CAMGA MEETING/GRADUATION REMINDER

If you haven't already signed up to attend the August 16th CAMGA meeting / graduation at Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church, please email Linda Griebel at lrgriebel@yahoo.com by August 12th so we can give a head count to Mallory for chicken as well as getting the facility set up. Interns can bring a guest - so please indicate how many when you email.

Interns do not bring food. Other members should bring a vegetable, fruit, or dessert dish. Thanks!

Submitted by: Linda Griebel

Programs Update

By: Lee Borden



Suzanne Sikes shared with us in July about how we can attract beneficial predators like birds, frogs, and predator insects to our gardens.

We'll be meeting away from the extension center for the next two months. In August we will enjoy lunch together with members of the Autauga County Master Gardeners at Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church as we welcome our newest members - interns from the class of 2016.

And in September we will all convene at Lanark and have our first chance as a group to see the new NaturePlex. For the program, Maria Pacheco-West will teach us about roses.

Our tentative program schedule and each meeting's evaluation results are online and available for your review at <http://bit.ly/camgaprograms>.



Suzanne Sikes — July 2016
CAMGA Meeting Speaker

Farm, Home, & Wildlife Expo
Saturday, August 6, 2016
12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Chilton County Research Center
120 County Road 756
Clanton, AL

CAMGA Garden Buzzzz

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Herbs: Growing, Cooking & Preserving



Hosted by the
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Wednesday, August 17th
2016

Autauga County Extension Office
2226 Hwy 14 West, Ste. E
Autaugaville, Alabama

9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.



Topics to be discussed:

Herb Types and Varieties • Growing Tips • Harvesting
Culinary Uses & Recipes • Cooking Demonstrations
Preservation Techniques- Drying, Freezing and Cooking Oils



To sign-up or for more information, contact the Autauga County Extension office at 334-361-7273. Cost is \$5 per person. Pre-Registration and Payment is required by **Wednesday, August 10th**.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM- Herb Workshop

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____
Phone #: _____ E-mail address: _____
of Participants X \$5 = Total Amount Enclosed: _____



Return Pre-Registration Form and Payment by Wednesday, August 10th, 2016 to:
(Make check payable to: Alabama Cooperative Extension System)

Autauga County Extension Office
2226 Hwy 14 West, Suite E
Autaugaville, AL 36003
Phone: (334) 361-7273

Calendar of Events

August 2016

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 Governor's Mansion Workday 8-11 a.m.	2	3 Lanark Workday 8:00-12:00 noon	4 Learning Garden Workday 8-12 noon. Elmore Co. Ext. Office	5	6 Farm, Home & Wildlife Expo 12:00 noon—5 p.m. Chilton Co. Re- search Center — 120 County Rd. 756, Clanton, AL
7	8 Governor's Mansion Workday 8-11 a.m.	9 Lunch & Learn Elmore County Extension Office 12-1 p.m. Program: <i>Pretty Plant Pottery</i>	10 Lanark Workday 8:00-12:00 noon	11 Learning Garden Workday 8-12 noon. Elmore Co. Ext. Office	12	13
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