



GARDEN BUZZZZZZ



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Message from: Rhona Watson
CAMGA President



March is a month of discovery. Every day when I walk around my garden something new is coming back or blooming. It is fun to check every day to see the seeds I planted in February, growing, and getting ready to repot, and planning for their forever home in the spring.

I grafted about 20 Japanese Maples last month, which I inspect daily to see if there are leaves, so far there is only one, but hope springs eternal. All the Japanese Maples that are in the ground, in clay pots and bonsai pots are beautiful as they come out of dormancy and grow their own distinctive leaves. It is also time to dig up some perennials and pot them so they will be well established for our plant sale on May 6th.

I am looking forward to the state conference on May 1st to the 3rd in Huntsville. There will be presentations on Ferns, Orchids, Roses, Gardens around the world, and more. Mallory will be doing a presentation on the Advanced Master Garden program that we are using in CAMGA. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn new things, and meet master gardeners from all over the state. The cost is \$140 which includes your meals, so I encourage you to come if you can.

Thank you to Jane Mobley for rescuing our Lunch and Learn, in February. Our scheduled speaker could not come, and Jane stepped up to do an outstanding program on pruning. March will be very informative, we have Don Graham speaking on how to avoid injuries in the garden. He is an experienced physical therapist, and will be answering any questions you may have.

Mary is getting ready to rejuvenate our learning gardens for the spring. We will be experimenting with growing plants in hay bales. We are very proud of our learning gardens, so take this opportunity to try your hand at something new.

Our Intern class will begin on September 7, and go for 11 weeks. Our best source of interns are current members, so if you know someone interested in gardening applications are available on line, or you can get them from Robin Snyder, Lee Ann Moran, or at the Extension office. Every new class brings people that enhance our organization, and bring fresh ideas, that vitalize our group. The applications deadline is August 11th, but if the application is sent in by July 14, CAMGA will pay \$25 toward the cost of the class.

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CAMGA Garden Buzzzzz

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Message from: Rhona Watson
CAMGA President — (Continued)

Congratulations to everyone who received stars for 2016. Thank you for keeping up with your hours, and contributing to CAMGA.

There is so much diversity in projects to get involved in so take advantage of your interests, and keep involved and learning. It will keep you young, always a good thing.

The picture this month is of a Myers Lemon. We have had such a mild winter that it has only spent 2 nights in the green house. The blooms are beautiful, and the fragrance every time I walk out my back door is heavenly.

Last year I got 7 very tasty lemons, but this years should be a lot more. Every year my garden gets more and more beautiful, and brings me great satisfaction and joy. Whether your interest is vegetables, ornamentals, landscaping, or containers it will give you a sense of accomplishment, and delight.

*YOUR FAVORITE GARDEN
SHOULD BE YOUR OWN
Rhona*



Myers Lemon

Message from Mallory

Mallory Kelley

Regional Extension Agent — Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests



Controlling Weeds in your Lawn

A weed can have many definitions, but its true definition is “a plant out of place” and in the case of your lawn, those plants can be hard to control and definitely an eye sore. Some even can be out right painful in the case of the lawn burweed.

When looking for control, the product label is the best source of information as to which lawn grasses can be treated with a particular product. Read the label carefully before purchase and use the information to ensure safety to the applicator as well as the home lawn setting.

Quickly, let's review a few terms that will help you when trying to control weeds in your turfgrass: **Preemergence herbicide:** A herbicide that is applied to the lawn grass surface before problem weed seeds germinate and emerge from the ground. These herbicides must be applied before a weed problem is even noticed. **Postemergence herbicide:** A herbicide that is applied after weeds have emerged, but while they are small and actively growing. This type of herbicide is applied to the leaf and stem tissue of the problem weeds.

Generally, postemergence herbicides will not control weeds that germinate and emerge after the application. **Non-selective herbicide:** A herbicide that kills all vegetation treated. Typically, these products are applied to the foliage of the weeds. This type herbicide will also severely injure or kill desirable plants. **“Green-up” period (transition period):** A short period of time in the spring when desirable lawn grass is emerging from its dormant state. It is during this time that grasses are most sensitive to herbicides and, in many cases, the herbicide labels prohibit their use.

This year is going to be tricky when it comes to weed control in the lawn due to the crazy fluctuations of temperatures and the fact that we have barely experienced winter. Our turf grasses went dormant, but many of them have been trying to come out of dormancy or “green-up” for weeks now. Generally, I would say February is the time to put out your pre-emergence products to control your spring weeds, but with the February we had, that would not have been a good idea and now March is upon us.

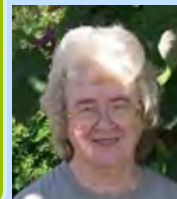
So this year I say skip your winter pre-emergence application and if you currently have weeds popping up you could spot spray with a non-selective herbicide if your extremely careful or use a labeled post-emergence product so you do not damage your turf. Then once your grass has fully emerged from dormancy apply a pre-emergence that will then help control your summer weed seeds that are sitting there waiting for the right temperatures to germinate.

Knowing what type of turfgrass you have is especially important when it comes to weed control. If you are not sure, you can always contact your local county extension office. Below is a link to the Homeowner Lawn Weed Control Manual that will be extremely helpful in choosing what product is right for you.

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/I/IPM-0590/IPM-0590.pdf>

When using Herbicides-Always read and follow label directions.

CAMGA Minutes February 2017 Iva Haynie, Secretary



CAMGA MINUTES By: Iva Haynie, Secretary

The February 2017 Central Alabama Master Gardeners' Association (CAMGA) meeting was held February 21, 2017 at the Elmore County Extension Center. Rhona Watson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. There were 39 attendees. Sandy Rosamond introduced our speaker for the day, Mike Forester, who presented a delightful and informative program on Back Yard Gardening with emphasis on raised beds.

BUSINESS:

After a break, Rhona reminded that we still need someone to head up publicity. She reminded the group that the State Conference will be May 1-3.

There was a correction to the January minutes under the Lunch and Learn section, and then the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Bill Quails gave the treasurers report. There was a balance of \$13,215.30 at the end of December. Income for January totaled \$827 and expenditures totaled \$1,824.20, leaving a balance of \$12,218.10. The treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

Rhona noted that there was \$13,280 in our treasurer at the end of the year and asked if the membership would like to contribute \$1000 to the Auburn endowment fund. Bonnie McCormick made the motion to do so and it was seconded by Debbie Hough. The motion carried.

Harvest for Health is short eight kits for the next 5 years at \$420 per kit. Debbie Hough moved to pay for two kits for a total of \$840. Candy Jones seconded. The motion carried.

It was pointed out that Johan has spent \$1800 on materials for the Farm Bot project. The Farm Bot will be shipped the end of February and we should have it by early March. Johan and his team were thanked for the work they have done.

Mallory spoke on the Fruit and Orchard Field Day. It is maxed out at capacity. She asked each participant to bring \$10 cash. They will sign a waiver and get a lunch voucher. She asked that they wear appropriate clothing and bring their pruners.

Mallory thanked Mary McCroan who did a pruning workshop in Prattville and will do the Montgomery Intern Class on Thursday. Mallory invited all those who worked the Help Line last year to a luncheon following the meeting.



CAMGA

February 2017 Minutes (Continued)

Iva Haynie, Secretary

COMMITTEES:

Program - Sandy Rosamond said the March program will be Moles, Voles and Vermin. She has a field trip planned for April 7th to tour Barber Berry Farm. Be there at 10:00 a.m. and bring a picnic lunch. Mallory will set up a trip to Jim Scott's.

Projects - A sign-up sheet is available for pruning Japanese Maples at the Church of the Epiphany on March 3rd. There will be a special work day at the Governor's Mansion on February 27th at 8:00 a.m. Bring loppers, pruners, etc.

Learning Gardens - Mary McCroan is ready to re-energize after the winter. She wants to put emphasis on straw bale gardening and asked interested parties to meet a week from Thursday. Mary noted that there is a drainage problem involving the landscaping and the Extension building and proposed putting in a French Drain with prisoners providing the heavy labor. The cost would be between \$200 and \$600. Candy Jones moved to allow Mary to make the decision and authorize up to \$600 for the project. Rosemary Mobley seconded. The motion carried.

Lunch and Learn - Charlotte Hall pointed out that Jane Mobley filled in, on short notice, at the February meeting, since Chip East couldn't come. There were 38 in attendance. 20 were Master Gardeners. In March, Don Graham will present a program on "Gardening Without Injury".

Intern Class - Robin Snyder is starting a big drive to recruit. She has a new packet of information which can be used for the purpose.

Plant Sale - Carol Rattan has agreed to take care of the logistics, but needs volunteers to be in charge of time slots both for pricing day and for the sale day on May 6th.

Advisory Council - Rhonda Miles gave a report on the recent Advisory Council Meeting. The main points were: There is a plan to make amendments to the By Laws, the publication "Garden Pathways" is changing to just "Pathways", everyone is encouraged to log in hours throughout the year rather than merely once at the end of the year. All hours should be logged in to one location even if a member of more than one organization. The 2018 State conference will be in Jefferson County, 2019 in Chilton County and 2020 in Mobile.

Help Line - Mary Ann Hatcher needs one more person to sign up for next month and others for the following months. Master Gardeners need to step up since there were so few interns.

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February 2017 Minutes (Continued)

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Reach For The Stars - Debbie Hough presented Bronze, Gold and Silver Stars to those present who had earned them for their 2016 volunteer hours. A total of eleven qualified for Bronze Stars; two for Gold, and seven for Silver. One Gold Badge and three Platinum badges were earned. These will be presented at the State Conference.

Miscellaneous

The directories are ready to be picked up.

Jane McCarthy brought heirloom pumpkin seeds to share.

Sally brought twin sisters daffodils to share.

There are a few calendars left.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

***Respectively submitted,
Iva Haynie, Secretary***



Lunch and Learn Program February 2017 By: Charlotte Hall

Pruning Program Presented by: Jane Mobley

Sometimes things happen that initially seem to be really big problems and even larger headaches, and then that same unfortunate happening pays huge dividends in the aftermath. Such was the case for the February 2017 Lunch and Learn program.

Thank goodness CAMGA is super fortunate to have many learned and experienced – and prepared – gardeners who can, and so often do, jump in at a minute's notice and save the day.

Thank you, Jane Mobley, for making a superb pruning presentation at an eleventh hour notice!

The Lunch and Learn crew were the lucky recipients of a very well organized and extremely informative, delightful program. That was our Valentine's Day gift from Jane!!!!



Jane Mobley
Presented the February 2017 Lunch & Learn
Pruning Program

Many of the tools needed to do proper pruning would depend upon the size and type of shrub or tree to be pruned. Jane covered the following tools – (1) hand pruners, should be bypass which cut like scissors and are used to cut branches up to 20 mm in diameter, (2) garden shears – small cuts in tender vegetation, (3) loppers – these may be bypass or ratchet and are used to cut branches up to 40 mm in diameter, (4) hand saw (possibly a folding one), and (5) hedge clippers which can be used to cut branches up to 1 cm in diameter.

Other necessary pruning equipment includes gloves, hat, goggles or some kind of eye protection, sunscreen and insect repellent. Extra tools include aerial saws, bow saws, garden shears and a chain saw.

Lunch and Learn Program (Continued)

February 2017

By: Charlotte Hall



Jane gave a demonstration of the proper care of tools which included proper cleaning and sharpening procedures, along with disassembling and reassembling instructions.

A must is pruning safety. Watch your fingers – wear gloves, long sleeve shirts and heavy pants. Inspect the area – check for wasps, insects and snakes. Do not tackle jobs that are beyond your ability. Be aware of what you are cutting and where it may fall. Learn how to recognize poisonous plants and vines. Be especially careful with ladders.

There are many reasons to prune plants, tree or shrubs: remove diseased, dead or abnormal plant tissue, stimulate new growth for flower or fruit, control plant size and shape, remove undesirable growth that distracts from balance or symmetry of the plant, develop a specific plant form, such as hedge or espalier, and direct or train trees to grown in a particular form to eliminate problems.

A plant or shrub may be pruned anytime to remove diseased, broken, or dead parts. Avoid pruning after August 15th until the plant is dormant. Most pruning should be done during the dormant season (January to February) depending on flowering time. The general rule of thumb is known as the May Rule which states: if it blooms before May, wait to prune until after the plant flowers, but no later than July 4th. This is for the plant that blooms on old wood. If it blooms after May, prune before the new growth begins in the spring time (usually January to early March). This would be for the plant that blooms on new wood.

Following are some plants that bloom after May that need pruning in the spring: Southern magnolia, crape myrtle, sourwood, hibiscus, gardenia, tea olive, chaste tree, smoke tree, abelia, sweetbay, sourwood, buddela, spirea and some types of hydrangeas. Plants that generally bloom before May – witchhazel, magnolia hybrids, fruit trees, holly, winter jasmine, mountain laurel, forsythia, azaleas and rhododendrons, blueberry, kerria, nandina, quince and virburnums.

Jane then gave detailed information concerning the proper way to prune – should be a 45 degree angle and demonstrated what an incorrect cut looks like. Pruning affects plants by redirecting growth. Before pruning, the growth is directed upward when the terminal bud is intact, maintaining apical dominance. The growth is upward. The development of the lateral buds into shoots is inhibited. After pruning, the lateral shoots break when the topmost bud is removed, resulting in stronger growth. Shoots will then grow lower down the stem.



Lunch and Learn Program (Continued) February 2017

Jane also demonstrated the proper way to make a triple cut for large branches. This eliminates splitting the bark with the weight of the limb falling when improperly cut.

Please join us next month on March 14th when we will learn how to start this year's gardening activities with safety in mind. Our speaker is Don Graham, a physical therapist from Comprehensive Therapy Center at Baptist South, who will make a presentation on Gardening without Injury. Don, a friend of Rhona Watson, has been a physical therapist with the Pittsburgh Steelers professional football team. So, mark your calendars and spend your lunch hour with us. Drinks will be provided!



Mallory Kelley and Jane Mobley preparing for the Lunch and Learn Program.



Governor's Mansion Report February 2017 By: Amanda Borden



During the month of February, volunteers at the Governor's Mansion weeded, trimmed, and cleaned up in the Herb Garden, the Frank Fleming Garden, the front entrance bed inside the gate, the Secret Garden, and the north bed under the magnolias.

They trimmed lantana, Mexican Heather, scented geranium, and sago palm. Rain interrupted their February 27 work day, but they still managed to cut back a large area of cast iron plants.



Amanda Borden, Mirenda Tatum, and Amy Richardson trim cast iron plants.



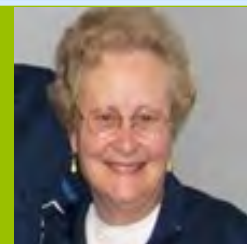
Jane McCarthy illustrates the height of the sago palms prior to their being cut back.



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

February 2017

By Judy May



The Lunch and Learn speaker this month was Jane Mobley who spoke on Pruning. There were thirty eight attendees, twenty of them Master Gardeners. Assisting were Charlotte Hall, Bill Quailes, and Cathy Whigham.

The Beautiful Camilla Blooms At Lanark!



Ann Hill and Carla McCune



Ann Hill and Maria Pacheco-West

Helping Maria at Lanark this month were Carla McCune, Ann Hill, Leslie Bingham, Norman Turnipseed and interns Cheri Cook, Lanell Tatum, and Paul Richards. Maria says she needs volunteers to help dig up plants for the Lanark Plant Sale, and she needs help digging and relocating bulbs, and cleaning out the hydrangeas. If you would like to volunteer call Maria at 334-657-9414. She can work with you another day if our normal work day Wednesday do not work out for you. Just give her a call.

Volunteering at the Governor's Mansion this month were Melanie Barry, Amanda Borden, Jane McCarthy, and intern Amy Richardson.

Bringing refreshments to the CAMGA meeting this month were Pat Petro –Perryman, Marjorie Hannah, Sandy Rosamond, Rhonda Giles, Cathy Whigham and Charlotte Hall. Thank you to the anonymous people who brought food without signing up. You are appreciated!

Attending the Projects Committee meeting February 20 were Rhona Watson, John Butler, Johan Beumer, Sandy Rosamond, Terry Chambliss, Sharon Potts, and John Barnes.

Scenes From Fence Construction for FarmBot Project

A Big Thank You to these hard workers for constructing the lovely privacy fence for the FarmBot Project. We appreciate all your hard work and time in completing the new fence!

Master Gardener members who worked on the fence construction were: Johan Beumer, John Barnes, John Butler, Rod Douglas, Jesse Miles, Bill Quailles, and Andy Wallace.





Helpline News

By: Mary Ann Hatcher

The Helpline for Central Alabama Master Gardeners will begin on March 2nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. continuing each Thursday through the month of August. Since we didn't have an Intern Class last fall, we have had overwhelming support from our certified Master Gardeners.

Those individuals signed up for the month of March are: Cathy Whigham, Mary Ann Klatt, Sandy Rosamond, Charlotte Hall, Leslie Bingham, Gale Wheeler-Leonard, Ann Hill, Ricky Hatcher, Carla McCune, and Mary Ann Hatcher. Thank you all for your interest and support of the Helpline.

Program Updates

By: Sandy Rosamond



2017 CAMGA MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS

- Feb 21 - Backyard Gardening.....Mike Forrester
- Mar 21 - What's That In My Garden.....Chris Jaworowski
- Apr 18 - Journey Into The English Gardens Lee, Amanda, Rosemary, and Rhona
- May 16 - Year Round Color in Landscape.....Terese Goodson
- Jun 20 - Permaculture "The Doctor's Prescription".....Dr. Ryan McWhorter
- Jul 18 - Tickling The Nose.....Jane McCarthy
- Aug 15 - Growing Milkweed ...Dani Carroll, Bashira Chowhury
- Sep 19 - Native Plants For Fall and Winter Interest.....Dr. Sue Webb
- Oct 17 -
- Nov 21 - For The Birds

REACH FOR THE STARS AWARDS PRESENTED TO MASTER GARDENERS

Rhona Watson front row presented Master Gardeners the **Bronze Award**. Recipients were, (back row left to right): Sarah Holland, Lee Ann Marona, Sherri Schaefer, Lynda Edwards, Earnest Edwards, Leslie Bingham, Bill Quailes, and Carol Pugh



The **Gold Award** was presented to Terry Chambliss, right by Rhona Watson, left

Rhona Watson (center) presented the **Silver Award** to Sandy Rosamond (left) and Ricky Hatcher (right)



Upcoming Meetings

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**Alabama Precision Agriculture Extension Program
2017 PRECISION AGRICULTURE WORKSHOPS**

FEB. 24
Use of soil sensors for irrigation scheduling
This workshop will discuss the importance of irrigation scheduling, and different methods of scheduling, with emphasis on the use of soil sensors.
Date: February 24, 2017
Register for FREE by: <http://bit.ly/2AP04H1>

MARCH 10
Precision Ag. Sprayer Clinic
Adoption of sprayer technology and the use of the data collected from our controllers is becoming more and more important with the challenges to produce more food and new environmental regulations. During this event, several private companies will showcase the latest in sprayer technology and rate controller technology. Clinic is limited to 150 people.
Date: March 10, 2017
Register for FREE by March 1st at: <http://bit.ly/2A065K1>

JUNE 22
Yield monitor calibration and use of yield data
Accurate data will result in right management decisions. During this workshop, we will review the key steps to yield monitor calibration. Additionally, hands on exercises on basic yield data analysis will be included. This workshop is limited to 50 people.
Date: June 22, 2017
Register for FREE by June 15th at: <http://bit.ly/2pwt2f4>

Nov. 30
Precision Ag. Planter Clinic
Precision planting is critical for even emergence, good plant health and final yield. During this event, several private companies will showcase the latest in precision planting technology and rate controller technology. Clinic is limited to 150 people.
Date: November 30, 2017
Register for FREE by Nov 20th at: <http://bit.ly/2M20l3p>

All of these workshops will take place at the E.V. Smith Research Center Conference Room
4755 County Rd. 40, Shorter, AL.

Additional questions can be sent to hortiz@auburn.edu or agnew@auburn.edu

PRECISION AG

LONICERA GARDEN CLUB
Presents

**"THE BENEFITS OF BEES, HONEY
AND BEESWAX"**
PRESENTATION (60 MIN.) (COME SEE A LIVE BEE COLONY)

Mrs. Cathy Coleman
Master Beekeeper, Eclectic AL
MARCH 7, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.

COLISEUM BOULEVARD BRANCH LIBRARY
840 COLISEUM BLVD., MONTGOMERY, AL (NO FOOD OR DRINK)

The Lonicera Garden Club was founded in 1928 and is affiliated with the Montgomery Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. with the joint goals of providing community service and affording members the opportunities to enhance and share their knowledge of garden-related topics.

Open to the public. Please join us! Door Prize

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MARIE UPDIKE, PRES, LGC @ 334-328-0164

Vegetable Irrigation Workshop

Hosted by the
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Founders Station in Pike Road
4902 Pike Road
Pike Road, Alabama
9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:
**COVER CROPS, MULCHING, SOIL AMENDMENTS, FERTILITY,
TYPES OF DRIP IRRIGATION, HOW TO INSTALL DRIP
IRRIGATION, TIMING OF IRRIGATION CYCLES**

There is no registration fee but seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by calling the Montgomery County Extension Office at 334-270-4133 by Friday, March 3rd.

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ALABAMA A&M & AUBURN UNIVERSITIES

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

**2017 ALABAMA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE HUNTSVILLE, AL MAY 1, 2, 3**

See computer link below. (Ctrl key +click) to bring up website.

<http://alabamamg.org/amga-conference/2017-alabama-master-gardener-conference-huntsville-al-may-1-2-3/>

**Master Gardeners Association
LUNCH & LEARN 2017**
2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
12:00-1:00 P.M.
FREE PROGRAMS
Elmore County Extension Office
340 Queen Ann Road, Wetumpka 36092

- 14 March** **Gardening without Injury**
Don Graham, Physical Therapist
- 11 April** **Backyard Tomatoes**
Mallory Kelley, Horticulturist, ACES
- 9 May** **Propagating Plants**
Rhona Watson
Advanced Master Gardener
- 13 June** **Hydrang**
Rip Weaver, Aldridge Gardens
- 11 July** **Name that Tree- Tree Identification**
Patrick Cook, Autauga Forestry
Commission
- 8 August** **Preserving your Garden's Bounty**
Janet Johnson,
Food Preservationist, ACES
- 12 September** **Fall Gardening and Harvest**
Lee and Amanda Borden, Advanced
Master Gardeners
- 10 October** **Sweet & Sour Facts of Citrus**
Dr. Arlie Powell, Petals From the Past
- 14 November** **Holiday Plants & Forcing Bulbs**
Karen Webber, Master Gardener
- 12 December** **Orchids**
Judy May, Master Gardener

Upcoming Meetings



Growing & Cooking with Herbs

Hosted by the Prattville Parks and Recreation
Department
And
Alabama Cooperative Extension System
And
Autauga County Master Gardeners
Association

Saturday, June 3rd 2017
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Doster Center
424 South Northington Street
Prattville, Alabama 36067

Topics to be discussed:

**Herb Types and Varieties • Growing Tips • Harvesting
Culinary Uses & Recipes**

The first half of this class will be a discussion of the proper techniques for growing the more popular herbs used in cooking. The second half will focus on the uses of these herbs in cooking. For example, which herbs are right for chicken and which are right for seafood?

Speaker: Debbie Boutelier, Certified as a Master Gardener in 1995 and past president of the National Herb Society.



**To sign-up or for more information, contact the Prattville Parks and
Recreation office at 334-595-0800**

Free to the Public, but Pre-Registration is required.

**The Master Gardener
Helpline is now open!**
Call 1-877-ALA(252)-GROW(4769)



"Springing Into Spring"
Garden Conference
Thursday, March 23
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Tuscaloosa County Extension Office Auditorium • 2513 7th Street •
Tuscaloosa Co. Courthouse Annex • Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Featuring

Jenks Farmer • Hayes Jackson • Sue Webb



Jenks Augustus Farmer is from Beech Island, South Carolina. He is known as Jenks Farmer, Plantsman. He will be bringing copies of his book **DEEP ROOTED WISDOM: LESSONS LEARNED FROM GENERATIONS OF GARDENERS** and some Crinum bulbs that will be for sale.

Jenks is a graduate of Clemson University and the University of Washington. His writing has appeared in Organic Gardening, Horticulture, Garden and Gun, Hobby Farm Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Southern Living and others. An example of a topic for one of his presentations is "Merging the old with the new - How did we get here?" A quote from Jenks - "What do gardens in the south for the next decades look like? A little like our historic gardens but updated using new understanding of science and ecology to make more energy, labor and water efficient gardens."



Jenks Farmer is recognized for leading public and private gardens into new directions --- while honoring and building on our past. We will get a look at the stories and processes behind new, environmentally friendly southern gardens and at Jenks' own crinum lily farm featured in his book, **DEEP ROOTED WISDOM**.



Sue Webb - Sue is a Master Gardener, certified by the Native Plant group at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, has a Ph.D. in Microbiology and works at Petals from the Past in Jamison, Alabama. She will be discussing Native Plants for the Spring Garden.



Hayes Jackson - A "Plant Geek" from Calhoun County, Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Hayes has a large tropical garden and is truly a modern day plant collector. He has traveled to several foreign countries, and his travels have taken him to places like Viet Nam with Tony Avant of Plants Delight Nursery. During the summer of 2016, he traveled with three other plant geeks to Chile. He will be speaking about this trip - Plant Geeks go Wild - Chile, 2016. Hayes gave plant talks at Callaway Gardens and was a presenter at the AMGA Annual Conference in Tuscaloosa in 2007. Hayes works very faithfully with the Longleaf Botanical Garden in Anniston.

REGISTRATION FORM DUE BY MARCH 15

\$30 Registration includes snacks, lunch, drinks & program; participants attending all sessions earn 6 CEUs

REGISTRATION FORM	
(Please Print, Detach & Mail)	
NAME _____	ASSOCIATION _____
ADDRESS _____	
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____	
PHONE (M) _____	(C) _____
EMAIL _____	
LUNCH PREFERENCE	VEGETARIAN _____ REGULAR _____
<p>Make checks payable to TUSCALOOSA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION or (TCMGA) & mail to: Tuscaloosa County Extension Office • Attn: Linda Baggett, TCMGA • 2513 7th Street Tuscaloosa, AL 35401</p>	

Calendar of Events



March 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 Lanark Workday 8 to 12 noon	2 <i>Elmore County Extension Office Learning Gardens</i> Workday 8 to 12 Noon <i>MG Helpline</i> <i>Elmore Co. Office</i>	3	4
5	6 <i>Governor's Mansion Work Day</i> 8 to 11 a.m.	7	8 Lanark Workday 8 to 12 noon	9 <i>Elmore County Extension Office Learning Gardens</i> Workday 8 to 12 Noon <i>MG Helpline</i> <i>Elmore Co. Office</i>	10	11
12 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	13 <i>Governor's Mansion Work Day</i> 8 to 11 a.m.	14 <i>Lunch & Learn</i> <i>12 noon to 1 p.m.</i> <i>Elmore Co. Ext. Office</i>	15 Lanark Workday 8 to 12 noon	16 <i>Elmore County Extension Office Learning Gardens</i> Workday 8 to 12 Noon <i>MG Helpline</i> <i>Elmore Co. Office</i>	17	18
19	20 <i>Governor's Mansion Work Day</i> 8 to 11 a.m. <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21 <i>CAMGA Meeting 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Extension Office</i>	22 Lanark Workday 8 to 12 noon	23 <i>Elmore County Extension Office Learning Gardens</i> Workday 8 to 12 Noon <i>MG Helpline</i> <i>Elmore Co. Office</i>	24	25
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