



GARDEN BUZZZZZ



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Message from: Rhona Watson CAMGA President



Some of my favorite plants bloom in the fall. As the annuals get leggy and fade, there are purple Mexican sage, red fire cracker bush, and pink Japanese anemone putting on their fall show. Enjoying the fall blooming plants and cooler mornings, motivates me to get out in the garden, and put into action all the plans I conceived during the summer, when it was just too hot. This is the best time of year to plant new shrubs and trees, and move things to better locations.

Thanks to Dr. Sue Webb for her presentation at our meeting on Native Plants and how they affect our environment. She also brought plants from Petals from the Past, we could buy after being inspired by her descriptions of spring, and fall colors.

The vote for next year's officers will be at our October meeting. They are the same as last year with the exception of secretary which will be Mary Lou Mullins.

Contact Jane Mobley if you are interested in any of these positions. I am proud to be president of CAMGA, it is an inventive, and effective group.

When we need help for a project there are more than enough volunteers. There are still some leadership rolls we need for next year. For the last three years John Barnes has been leading our projects committee, and Carol Rattan has been in charge of our plant sale. They have both done exceptional jobs, but now it is time for other people to step up. We welcome your new ideas and you will have plenty of help. Let me, or anyone on the board know if you are interested.

Thanks to Anida and Amanda for their presentation on our current social media and web pages. Lee and Anida have made it so easy to access everything on CAMGA.net. From links you can go to Aces publications, face book, the state web site, the service report to record hours, and several others. It is now so easy I hope more of you will take advantage, and enjoy seeing what we are doing. Please record all of your hours by December 31, so we can finalize the awards and star program.

There are 23 people in our intern class that will continue thru November 16th. We are putting a schedule of the subjects of upcoming classes in this newsletter. You are welcome to attend any class that interests you, and meet our newest interns. They are a great class and you will enjoy meeting them.

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CAMGA Garden Buzzzzz

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Message from: Rhona Watson
CAMGA President — (Continued)

Thank you to Kathy Whigham for our new membership form. They were handed out at our last meeting, but will be included in the newsletter if you could not attend. Please fill them out and send with your dues. Any changes you make on the form will be included in the 2018 directory, but not on the online directory. To change the online directory, go to the service report, and My Page, where you can edit your information.

Now, on to the monthly picture. These are all some of my favorite plants. The pink white and green plant in the background is called Snow on the Mountain. It is a tropical plant that will live until frost. It starts from about a foot tall and wide in the spring, to about 5 feet wide and tall by this time of year. It will send out shoots during the summer which I pot up and keep in the green house so I have it for next year. The purple spires are Mexican Sage. It is supposed to be a perennial in our area but it has never come back for me. I like it so much this is the third year I have bought one, but this year I have cuttings already started in case it decides not to come back again. The lower left plant with the red flowers is a bat face cuphea. It is supposed to be a tender perennial, but usually does appear again in the spring. What is a gardener to do?

YOUR FAVORITE GARDEN SHOULD BE YOUR OWN

Rhona



Rhona's Fall Garden

Message from Mallory

Mallory Kelley

Regional Extension Agent — Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests

Insects of the Fall Months

Fall Webworms and Asian Wooly Hackberry Aphids



Many calls and questions have come in about two insects in particular this month. First, in regards to the webbing that is seen in trees while driving down the side of the road and from home owners who have noticed them in their landscape. This webbing is the presence of fall webworms. These worms have been known to web in over 85 species of trees in the United States and in our area are most commonly seen in, but not limited to; oaks, pecans, cherry, willow, and river birch.

Fall webworms become very visible in late summer and fall and create silken nests around leaves at the ends of branches. All of the feeding from the webworms occurs within the silken nests and last approximately six weeks and if food runs out new foliage will be encased.

Though the webs are very unsightly, damage to most trees is considered to be insignificant and especially if it is occurring close to fall when the trees will naturally be losing their leaves with the change of the season. One of your best measures of defense is sanitation. As limbs, nuts and leaf debris drop from the tree, clean this up to reduce sites for the insects to overwinter on the ground and come right back next year. As always, less stress to the trees throughout the year will make them less susceptible to the attack of insects and disease issues.

The second insect that has caused a great concern this month has been the Asian Wooly Hackberry Aphid. We as southerners are very familiar with the aphid, but this aphid has a little different appearance than what we are used to.

Not seen in these great numbers every year, this insect has been described in central Alabama as hot dry “snow” but even if you have not seen them you might still be asking yourself, Why is this sticky stuff getting on my car? And what’s making my trees turn black?

The Asian wooly hackberry aphid is one of the many relatively new pests that have been accidentally introduced to the state. Adults are about 1/16 inch long and are covered with a white, cotton-like waxy material that makes them relatively easy to identify. Adults may be winged or wingless. During the past few weeks large numbers of winged adults have been seen in areas where there are a lot of hackberry trees.

Both adults and nymphs produce large amounts of honeydew, which accounts for the sticky accumulations on vehicles parked beneath hackberry trees. Heavy infestations of this pest can cause trees to defoliate prematurely. There is little risk of this pest attacking other plants.

While this insect can be controlled with sprays, few homeowners have the equipment needed to apply treatments to mature trees. Even when equipment is available, foliar sprays are often not an option because of the drift onto adjacent property. For now, the best approach is to live with the situation. They will go away in a few weeks.

CAMGA Minutes September 2017 Iva Haynie, Secretary



The Central Alabama Master Gardener Association met September 19, 2017 at the Elmore County Extension Auditorium with forty-three in attendance. The president called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

There was a problem with the projector, so while it was being changed, the interns present were recognized. The group was reminded that dues are due in December and there is a membership form on the table to be completed and turned in with dues -- \$20 for State and local or \$12 for just county.

Dr. Sue Webb from Petals from the Past presented a great, informative program on "Native Plants for Fall and Winter.

After a break, the business portion of the meeting was conducted. The minutes of the August meeting were approved by acclamation.

Lee Borden reported that there have been over 5000 minutes of watched videos and we are gaining every month even though we haven't posted a new video in three months.

Mallory has purchased a time-lapse camera and lenses for a smart phone. Someone needs to be the first to use them.

Bill Quailes gave the treasurer's report. The balance at the end of July was \$10,015.45. There was income in August of \$100 and expenditures of \$28.20, leaving a balance at the end of August of \$10,087.25. The report was approved by acclamation.

The papercrete workshop has been changed to Friday, October 13th due to supply issues.

Jane Mobley reported on nominations for next year's officers. Most will be the same as this year: President, Rhona Watson; Vice President, Sandy Rosamond; Treasurer, Bill Quailes; and Secretary, Mary Lou Mullins.

Rhona stated the projects committee meets the Monday before the CAMGA meeting and invited anyone interested to participate.

Amanda Borden and Anida Wishnietsky gave a presentation on the use of the technology, i.e. our web site, face book and how to enter volunteer hours.

Sandy Rosamond reminded that our October meeting will be at Lanark and Maria will present a program on heirloom and seasonal plants.

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Bob Brown said the smaller sign is in the Master Gardener room.

Mary McCroan mentioned that Thursday will be a workday to work on the water feature and asked for helpers.

Mallory presented Amy Richardson with her Master Gardener certificate and a certificate for completing over 100 volunteer hours during her intern year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Iva Haynie, Secretary



2018 Membership Form**Due: December 5, 2017***

Please give or mail this completed form and dues to Treasurer,
 Bill Quailes
 1060 Redbud Road
 Titus, AL 36080

**Dues are:**

\$ 20 for state and local (full active membership)

\$ 12 local *or* any dual member who has primary membership in another county

Please Print:

Name _____

____ Check if your information in the 2017 CAMGA Membership Directory is correct.

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Year of your Master Gardener Class _____ County _____

Checks should be made payable to CAMGA.

Amount Enclosed: Check \$ _____ Check Number _____ Cash \$ _____

____ Yes, I am a dual member. County of primary membership _____

*Your completed form and dues must be submitted by December 5, 2017, or you risk not being included in the 2018 CAMGA Membership Directory. If you wish to have a new picture in the directory, send to annfitzhil@gmail.com by December 5.

Name _____

To help in future planning, please provide the following information: (A) What topic(s) would you like to see presented at a meeting? Do you know a person who could present a program on this topic? (B) Also, indicate any idea you may have for CAMGA Projects.

(A) _____

(B) _____

Please check your interest and what you are interested in learning more about in our organization.

____ Financial ____ Excel ____ Power Point ____ Publicity ____ Garden Design ____ Leadership

____ Committee Membership ____ Speaking (Topics) _____

Other (specify) _____



September Learning Gardening Report

By: Mary McCroan

We got some work done in September that has made a difference around the Extension Center. Our crew included John Barnes, Don Hoover, Virginia Pruitt, Candy Jones, Terry Chambliss, Bill Quailes, and Mary McCroan.

Laurie is thrilled to be able to see out her office windows after we pruned about 50% off the height of the Knockout Roses. They are showing a lot of new growth and if we don't have an early freeze, maybe we will enjoy a late season flush of roses.

We added some shade cloth to the "keyhole" raised bed in preparation for planting turmeric which appreciates some shade in our hot Alabama climate.

And we've spend two weeks working on the water feature. The new pump is running and we think that our reworking of the waterfall has fixed the leak that had existed for some time.

I'd had our irrigation system automatically adding water every day last summer and the first part of this summer. Hopefully that won't be needed now. The water feature is not all the way put back together.

We are waiting to finish rocking in the new waterfall until we confirm the leak is fixed. The straw bale garden is winding down, but we still have some cucumbers being produced. Overall this was a great success and demonstrates a way to garden anywhere, even on a concrete driveway!

And last, an update on the project we funded to help with water incursion into the Extension Center. The argument for us taking this on was to prevent implementation of the County solution which involved digging up all of the landscaping to change the slope of the ground around the building.

We paid for french drains and some EDPM fabric to move water away from the building foundation. County prisoners did the work. Although it has been a rainy summer, Extension folks report the situation is much improved. Yay!!

September Learning Gardening Report Continued By: Mary McCroan



Working on the new shade tree bed are : Bill Quailes, Don Hoover, Mary McCroan, and Virginia Pruitt.



Master Gardeners Repairing the water garden are : Mary McCroan, Virginia Pruitt, Bill Quailes and John Barnes.

September CAMGA Meeting Pictures



Congratulations to Amy Richardson for receiving a certificate for over 100 hours of volunteer service during her intern year. Shown left to right are Mallory Kelley and Amy Richardson

Dr. Sue Webb presented a program on Native Plants at the September CAMGA Meeting





Governor's Mansion Report September 2017 By: Amanda Borden



During the month of September, volunteers at the Governor's Mansion weeded beds in the Herb Garden, in front of the mansion, around the side lawn, under the dining room window, in front of the guest house, outside the rolling gate, and in the Frank Fleming Garden. Volunteers trimmed jasmine, camellias, hollies, and plants in the Herb Garden, and removed old drip irrigation.



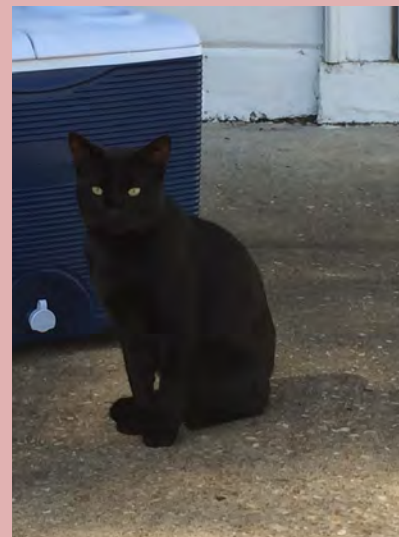
Allyson Ludington pulls weeds out by the rolling gate.



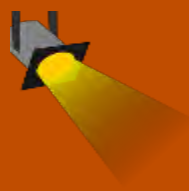
Mansion cat, Sebastian relaxes in the Frank Fleming Garden.



Kathy Quinn and Jane McCarthy weed and trim in front of the Mansion.



The newest Mansion cat, John the Baptist..



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

September 2017

By Judy May



Attending the Projects Committee meeting September 18th were John Barnes, Johan Beumer, Terry Chambliss and Rhona Watson.

Bringing refreshments to the CAMGA meeting this month were Iva Haynie, Robin Snyder, Rhonda Miles, Sheila Pearson, Linda Mincey, Judy May, Sally and Joe L'Abbe, Bonnie McCormick, Sandy Rosamond, Jane Mobley, Katrina Mitchell, Cathy Whigham, Johan Beumer, Rhonda Miles, Lynda Edwards, Terry Chambliss, Charlotte Hall, Carla McCune, Sharon Potts, Mary McCroan and Janet Lewis. My apologies to any who brought refreshments, but whose names were missed.

Thursday, September 21, Jane Mobley and Maria Pacheco West gave an Herbs presentation to the intern class.

Serving as mentors for this year's intern class are: Betty Stricker, Catese Chaffee, Charlotte Hall, Anita Shriberg, Leslie Bingham, Terese Goodson, Ofie McCoy, Lynda Edwards, Rose McCauley, Charlie French, Ernie Edwards, Deborah Com, Judy May, Candy Jones, Amanda Borden, Sherri Schaefer, Jean Smyth, Jane Mobley, Deann Stone, Paula Seamon, Carolyn Love-Dorsey, Terry Chambliss and Maria Pacheco West.

Andy Wallace, Rod Douglas and Lee Borden worked to calibrate the Farmbot and helped it locate each of its tools.

Iva Haynie, Candy Jones and Lee Borden scripted and edited a video for Stubborn Old gardeners, "Attracting Birds To Your Garden".

Lee and Amanda Borden prepared a presentation on Harvest and Fall Gardening for the September Lunch and Learn. The actual program was cancelled because of tropical storm Irma.

Working at the Governor's Mansion in September were Amanda Borden, Amy Richardson, Intern Allyson Luddington and Jane McCarthy.

Helping Maria at Lanark this month were Leslie Bingham, Peggy Gelpi and Carla McCune. Maria says thanks to you all for your help in the Lanark gardens!

2017 Master Gardener Fall Class Schedule

**Elmore County Extension Office Auditorium
340 Queen Ann Road, Wetumpka AL 36092
Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Oct. 5	9:00 a.m.-- 2:00 p.m.	Plant Propagation (Ch.7) Dr. Chip East
Oct. 12	9:00 a.m.-- 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-- 2:00 p.m.	Hummingbirds Fred Bassett Turf and Lawn Care (Ch. 6&11) Dr. David Han
Oct. 19 **	9:30 a.m.-- 2:00 p.m.	(OPTIONAL) Chilton Research Station & Petals from the Past
Oct. 26	9:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m. 1:00 pm.--2:00 p.m.	Plant Diseases/Disorders (Ch.5) Dr. Jim Jacobi Drip Irrigation Mary McCroan
Nov. 2	9:00 a.m.-- 2:00 p.m.	Fruit Culture (Ch.13) Mallory Kelley
Nov. 9	9:00 a.m.-- 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.--2:00 p.m. *2:00 p.m.	Entomology (Ch.4) Dr. Charles Ray Pruning Ornamentals (Ch.9) Mary McCroan Tour by Mary McCroan in the Learning Gardens
Nov. 16	9:00 a.m.-- 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.-- 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.-- 2:00 p.m.	Landscape Design (Ch. 16) Jane McCarthy Annuals and Perennials Karen Webber Wrap Up (Pot Luck Lunch by Interns)

***Please Note: *Topics are subject to change.**

****October 19th is an optional road trip to the Chilton County Research Station and
Petals from the Past**

UPCOMING EVENTS

AU Medicinal Herb Garden & Plant Diagnostics Lab

Tour Day

Hosted by the
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Wednesday, October 11th 2017
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Auburn University Medicinal Plant Garden
& Soils, Plant Pathology and Entomology Lab
Auburn University

FOR CERTIFIED MASTER GARDENERS & INTERNS ONLY

**LUNCH WILL BE - AN EXTENSIVE MENU OF HERB DISHES PREPARED BY
THE EXECUTIVE CHEF OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY
(SEE EXAMPLE MENU ON BACK)**

To sign-up or for more information, contact the Montgomery County Extension office
at 334-270-4133. Registration is required and cost is \$25.00 and includes lunch.
PLEASE Register by Friday, October 6th

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM- Herb/Diagnostic Lab Tour Day

Name(s): _____
Email: _____
County: _____
Phone #: _____
of Participants X \$25 = Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to: Alabama Cooperative Extension
Return Pre-Registration Form & Payment by Friday, Oct. 6th to:
Montgomery County Extension- Eastmont Shopping Plaza
5340 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, AL 36109



Decorating with Nature

Hosted by the
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

**Tuesday, October 31,
2017**

Coosa County Extension Office

13999 AL Highway 22
Rockford, Alabama 35136

11:00 am - 1:00 pm



**LEARN TO COLLECT PLANT CLIPPINGS AND MATERIALS FROM
NATURE TO CREATE BEAUTIFUL DÉCOR.
DEMONSTRATIONS ON GARLAND AND WREATH MAKING
ALONG WITH OTHER IDEAS.**



To sign-up or for more information, contact the Coosa County Extension office at
256-377-4713. Registration is FREE, but required!
Pre-Register by Friday, September 29th.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM- Backyard Berries

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____
Phone #: _____ E-mail address: _____

Return Pre-Registration Form by Wednesday, July 18, 2017 to:
Coosa County Extension Office
P.O. Box 24
Rockford, AL 35136



Upcoming Master Gardener Lunch & Learn Programs:

Montgomery County (October 4th)— Backyard Wildlife Management
Autauga County (October 5th)— Keep Hummingbirds here ALL Year Round
Elmore County (October 10th)— Sweet & Sour Facts of Citrus

Calendar of Events

October 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 Governor's Mansion Work Day 7 to 10 a.m.	3	4 Lanark Workday 8 to 12 noon	5 MG Class 9-2 p.m. Elmore County Ext. Audi- torium Workday at Elmore County Extension Office Learning Gardens	6	7 
8	9 Governor's Mansion Work Day 7 to 10 a.m.	10 Lunch & Learn 12 noon to 1 p.m. — Elmore Co. Ext. Office	11 Lanark Workday 8 to 12 noon	12 MG Class 9-2 p.m. Elmore County Ext. Audi- torium Workday at Elmore County Extension Office Learning Gardens	13 Papercrete Workshop Elmore Co. Ext. Office 9 am to 12 noon	14
15	16 Governor's Mansion Work Day 7 to 10 a.m.	17 CAMGA Meeting Elmore Co. at Lanark 10:00 a.m.	18 Lanark Workday 8 to 12 noon	19 MG Class 9-2 p.m. Elmore County Ext. Audi- torium Workday at Elmore County Extension Office Learning Gardens	20	21
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