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Message from:

Sandy Rosamond
CAMGA President



Hello Everyone!

Gee, May was a busy and hot month. I hope all of you have your gardens in order and can set back and reap the benefits of your hard work.

Soon we will start planning our 2020 Plant Sale. I have had some great suggestions to make our plant sale different and better. Let's face it – we want to make more money also! If you have any new ideas please e-mail them to me. Let's have a Blooming Big Sale 2020! Thank you all in advance for your ideas and help.

“Tour The Member's Garden”, our favorite field trip of the year! We will be touring the Wallace's and the Borden's gardens on June 25. We will have sign-up sheets at the monthly meeting on June 18.

*See you there,
Sandy*

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Message from Mallory
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Are BUGS eating your Vegetables?

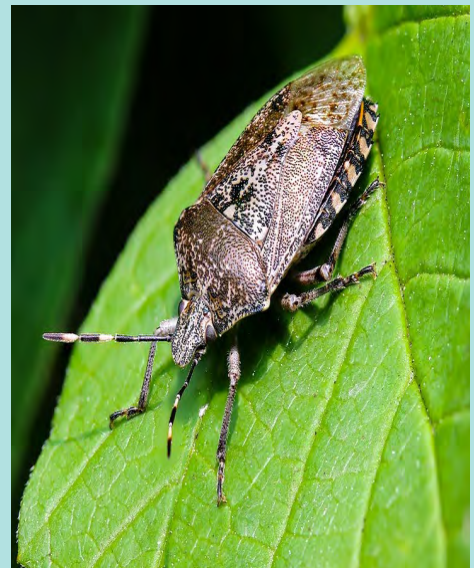
The most common and most damaging insect pests of the vegetable garden are worms, squash bugs, squash vine borers, leaf-footed bugs, and stinkbugs. Ok, so those are the most common and damaging, but needless to say, there are lots of enemies to your vegetables. Scouting at least once a week for any of these insects can greatly increase your garden success, but when scouting you need to know what your 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. When the insect is properly identified targeting the exact type of insecticide to that pest will keep from harming the beneficial insects.

All worms in the vegetable garden come in as moths, (cabbage loopers, tomato fruitworms, armyworms and hornworms). There are many different chemicals that will control these, but your go to should be sprays or dusts with the active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis*. This is a bacteria that is a gut poison to worms and worms alone. It has a zero post-harvest interval, which means you can apply the product and eat the fruit the very same day. The key to success against worms is to keep this product present on the plant. The most effective control is just after eggs hatch when caterpillars are still small. Once the worms get large, the BT is usually ineffective and most of their damage has already been done.

On insects that have piercing sucking mouth parts like 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. 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. The post harvest interval changes depending on the active ingredient and also what plant it is applied to so always read the label.

Neem oil will control many of the insects already listed above such as: aphids, caterpillars, and many of the beetles, along with squash bugs, and pickleworms. Neem oil is made of many components with Azadirachtin as its main active ingredient. It 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. Azadirachtin can also repel and reduce the feeding of nematodes. Other components of neem oil kill insects by hindering their ability to feed.





CAMGA Minutes

May 21, 2019

By: Deann Stone, Secretary



President Sandy Rosamond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Vice President Lynda Edwards introduced our speaker, Gloria Purnell, Rosarian with the American Rose Society, who drove from Birmingham with her husband James to be at the meeting. Mrs. Purnell brought a variety of beautiful roses from her garden and gave an interesting and informative presentation about classes of roses, rose history, and rose care.

The business meeting was called to order by President Sandy Rosamond.

President's Report – Sandy Rosamond reported that Plant Sale proceeds were approximately \$1300. Thank you to all who volunteered for the sale by growing plants, setting up for the sale, working the sale, and cleaning up. Plans are underway for next year's sale. Growing and propagating will start earlier, and we will recruit more volunteers and try some different scheduling strategies for set up day and sale day. Some leftover plants from this year's sale are available for adoption under the shed.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Quailes submitted the April Treasurer's Report to the secretary.

Minutes and Treasury Reports for April were approved by acclamation.

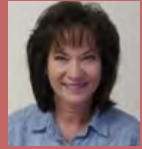
Projects Committee – Terry Chambliss: T-shirt embroidery: Place t-shirt in a Ziploc bag with \$8 cash (or check payable to CAMGA) and give to Terry or Charlotte Hall no later than June 18 CAMGA meeting. Fairy Garden Project with Seniors: Thursday, July 18 from 9:00-11:00 at Cedarwood Community Church. Fairy Garden Committee Members need to be there if at all possible. Make & Take Decorative Gourd Bird House Workshop with Sandy Rosamond: Friday, September 20, 2019 from 9:00-12:00. Cost will be \$12 and space is limited. More details to follow.

Vice President's Report – Lynda Edwards reported that our June 18 meeting topic will be Fire Ants with our own Mallory Kelley. The CAMGA Garden Tour (Barbara and Andy Wallace/Amanda and Lee Borden) is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25. Please sign up with Lynda Edwards if you plan to attend. Either meet at CAMGA to carpool/caravan or meet at the home of the Wallaces at 10:00. Following the tour at the Wallaces', members will drive to the home of the Bordens. Lunch will be first followed by the garden tour. Approximate cost of lunch is \$10 and will be provided by 1220 Café in Tallassee. Choice of sandwich will be Roasted Turkey, Ham & Swiss, or Chicken Salad and will be served along with chips, gourmet cookie, and drink. Directions to both homes and more details will follow.

Member News – Sandy Rosamond: The Wetumpka Depot Players, including our own Amanda and Lee Borden, will be performing their one-hour award-winning play "The Diviners" at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival on May 30, 2019. Tickets are \$20, available online via the Wetumpka Depot or ASF, and proceeds will help fund the Players' travel and set transport to the national competition in Gettysburg in June.

Helpline Report - Mary Ann Hatcher reports that all slots are filled for this season's Helpline. Thank you to all members and interns who have signed up.

Learning Garden Report - Mary McCroan updated the membership on our purchase dispute with Area Sand and Gravel. The AU soil test revealed that the soil we were sold had less than 4% organic matter. The owner of the business agreed that it should have had at least 50% organic matter, so he had another load of hopefully better soil delivered. If you used your own soil for the plant sale and need to "reimburse" yourself, you may do so with this new load. This soil can also be used when you start potting up plants for next year's CAMGA Plant Sale. Mary also shared that The Recycle Center, by McDonald's in Wetumpka, has "Dig Your Own Compost" and is open M-F 7:30-2:30.

CAMGA Minutes (Continued)**March 2019****By: Deann Stone, Secretary**

Library Report – Dee Turberville reports that Cheryl Fitzgerald donated a book, The Plant Propagator's Bible to our CAMGA Library collection in memory of her husband Paul who loved to propagate grapes. A beautiful book plate was placed on the inside cover of the book, and it is available for checkout. In other library news, former CAMGA member, Linda Pilliteri, donated some garden books to CAMGA. Some of the books were added to our collection, and books that were duplicates or not needed were given away to members for their personal garden libraries. All books were eagerly adopted.

Field Trip Report – Charlotte Hall reported that the field trip to Aldridge Gardens with tour guide Rip Weaver and other experts will be Wednesday, May 29. Members should notify Charlotte by Friday, May 24th if they will be able to attend. Either report to Aldridge Gardens in Hoover at 10:00 or meet at the Extension office at 8:15 to carpool.

Charlotte Hall reports that June's Lunch & Learn topic is Hydrangeas with David Doggett, from Birmingham.

Reach for the Stars – Lee Ann Marona presented the Robin Award for this month to Judy May who had the most volunteer hours for the month of April. We appreciate all Judy does to serve CAMGA and the community. Members who were not at the AMGA Conference and earned lifetime Gold or Platinum Badges in 2018 were presented with their badges: Terry Chambliss and Janet Lewis received Gold Badges. (Jesse Miles received his Gold Badge in Clanton.) Johan Beumer received his Platinum Badge. Lois Pribulick also earned a Platinum Badge but due to a clerical & computer error her badge will be presented at a future meeting. Nancy Tribble was not in attendance but has also earned a Platinum Badge. Lee Borden, as the CAMGA member with the most lifetime hours, was a nominee for the Jean Lee Lifetime Hours Award and his name was featured in the banquet program at the AMGA Conference.

Sandy Rosamond invited all members to attend the 2020 AMGA Conference which will be held in Mobile on March 30, March 31, and April 1.

Advisory Council Report – Linda Queen reported that at the last Advisory Council meeting in Clanton there was much discussion about MG plant sales around the state as well as discussion about next year's AMGA Conference in Mobile.

Marie Updike made announcements about upcoming daylily events. The Montgomery Area Daylily Sale is Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 a.m. at Eastbrook Flea Market, and the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Festival is June 8 at the Columbus Botanical Garden.

Leslie Bingham announced the upcoming Hydrangea Fest at Lanark on June 8 from 9:00-1:00 which will feature talks, tours, and hydrangeas for sale.

Intern Recruitment – Robin Snyder encouraged all members to consider the many benefits of having a new class of enthusiastic interns this fall. Consider putting a flyer in someone's hands along with a personal invitation to join, and please find a place to hang a flyer – church, business, office, gym, etc.

***Respectfully taken and submitted by,
(Lee Ann Marona, on behalf of Deann Stone)***

Judy May was presented the Robin Award at the May 2019 CAMGA Meeting.





May 2019 Lunch and Learn By: Charlotte Hall

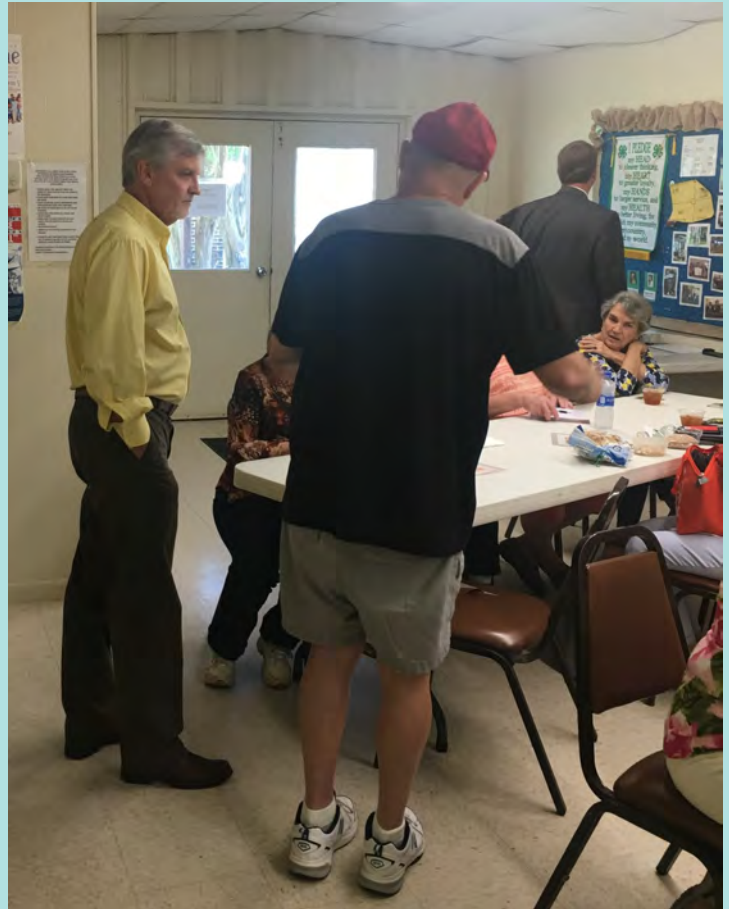
“Effective Use of Plants in the Landscape” – Rip Weaver”

In advance of our planned trip and tour of Aldridge Gardens on May 29, 2019, our speaker for June Lunch and Learn was the director of Aldridge Gardens, Rip Weaver. Rip covered a some of the aspects and areas of Aldridge Gardens, a short overview of what would be in bloom for the upcoming tour, and encouraged everyone to make the trip.

In preparing everyone for his presentation and his unorthodox or alternative approach to landscaping, Rip explained the development of a widely used landscape design that originated in the Deep South. Southern homes were usually raised cottage design built up high for cooling purposes during the hot, humid summer months. Foundation plantings or shrubs were placed around the base of the house for several purposes – to keep the cold air out from under the house during the winter time and to keep out animals. Also, families collected rain water in large cisterns located at the corners of these homes. This design usually called for anchoring plants located at the corners of the house which resulted in the practice of always including large shrubs or tree like plants which would support the corners of the house. Often, the large plants were to hide the cisterns.

After cisterns were no longer used, the landscape of the Southern home still remained closely to the original landscape design. Large corner anchor plants continued to be still used. While most of all the houses in the South incorporate the traditional foundation planting design with anchoring corner shrubs, Rip encouraged everyone to think about how you might move more into the area of maximizing the house design feature. Or at least give it some consideration, especially if building a new home.

When redesigning an existing landscape, Rip thought that a lot of Southern landscapes were “re-muddled” instead of remodeled. He suggested clean, straight lines where plants would not overwhelm the architecture of the house, but actually enhance the design. He suggested to allow the architecture be the drawing, dominant element when first looking at a house and its landscape design. Don’t let the plants overwhelm the eye and cover the best part of the house – the design and architecture of the house. By doing so, one would create a more appealing design and also eliminate a lot of maintenance work and time for the home.



May 2019 Lunch and Learn (Continued) By: Charlotte Hall



In selecting new plants for a redesign of a landscape, do a lot of research and determine the true life and size of a plant. Do not believe tags on the plants. Many plants that were originally grown and thought to be of a certain nature or a certain size have proved otherwise when grown for a few years. One such plant is the Indian series of crape myrtles which were designed for mildew resistance. The Natchez crape myrtle was expected to be a shrub that grew to a maximum of 8-10 feet when in actuality can be a large tree over 25 feet tall. Obviously, this variety is not an easily maintained foundation shrub plant.

Although this European approach is a much different landscape design than most of us are accustomed to seeing and certainly having at our own homes, it was interesting to learn of different approaches to an easier maintained landscape. In closing, Rip challenged everyone who wants to re-design an existing landscape or create a new one to follow these instructions. Respect and make space, which means use a 3-1 ratio to create space. Walls or plants should be 1/3 the height of the structure. Less is more. Use plants to support the architecture, not surround it or hide it. Do not worry about looking different from everyone else. Reserve a garden to do your cottage type garden planting. Remember how you interact with plants and place them accordingly. Make the design and plants fit your style and desires, being observant of the smell and beauty of plants. And lastly – KISS – keep it simple, stupid.

Next month please join us on July 9th when another speaker from the Birmingham area, David Doggett, will speak on hydrangeas. David is a member of the Jefferson County Master Gardeners and assists with tours at Aldridge Gardens. It's going to be a hot day in July, so join us in an air-conditioned cool room and learn all about hydrangeas. We'll have cool air, an interesting program and some refreshments. Hope to see you then.



Governor's Mansion Report May 2019 By: Amanda Borden



During the lovely month of May, volunteers at the Governor's Mansion repotted the portico ferns, planted a container for the back porch with annual color, and weeded and planted in the Herb Garden.

They regularly watered all front porch pots, the portico ferns, and the containers in the Herb Garden. The group weeded the parking lot bed, weeded around and trimmed camellias and azaleas around the side lawn, limbed up the front yard oak closest to the driveway, and removed a large dead branch from the kitchen Japanese maple.

At the conclusion of the May 26 workday, volunteer hours at the Governor's Mansion totaled 3972 hours. New volunteers wishing to participate in gardening at the Mansion should contact Jane McCarthy at 334-221-9936.



Dian trimming azaleas



Oak tree after limbing up



Hydrangea in side yard



Projects Committee Minutes May 14, 2019 By: Terry Chambliss

Those present were Jane Mobley, Cecelia Ball, Sandy Rosamond, Candy Jones, Johan Beumer, Bill Quails, Terry Chambliss and Amanda Borden, guest.

The Lanark Plant & Pollinators Festival was discussed. Terry reported there was some confusion at signup to man the table. Several thought they were signing up with Maria resulting in calls and emails to make sure of coverage. We will make changes to the sign up next year to address this issue.

Fairy Gardening with the seniors has been scheduled on Thursday, July 18, from 9-11 at Cedarwood Community Church in Wallsboro. Set up is at 8:15. The seniors have until June 1 to sign up. Rhona will order the pots. Rhona and Jane will purchase the indoor plants. Candy, Jane, Cecelia and Terry will be responsible for filling the pots on Thursday, July 11.

Cecilia discussed publicity. She reported seeing the plant sale advertised in a local publication. She will contact the local publications including the paper, WSFA and Channel 8 to see about coverage for the senior event. Advertising for the intern class was discussed.

Sandy Rosamond will lead our Make & Take Project this year. We will be creating birdhouses out of gourds. It was scheduled on Friday, September 20 from 9-12. The cost will be \$12. Two classes may need to be scheduled depending on the amount of interest.

In new business, Rhona Watson proposed hosting workshops on propagating camellias, hydrangeas, and hostas among others for the plant sale next year. It was reported a lot of customers requested these plants and other unusual ones you don't see at the box stores. Spring is the time to propagate camellias and hostas. Hydrangeas can be propagated all year round.

Amanda Borden, representing the Wetumpka Depot, requested the committee consider working on landscaping a strip of land beside the Depot. Jane said we have been approached before and cannot do it. It belongs to the City. It was suggested they approach Jennifer Stubbs with the Main Street Committee about the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Chambliss



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

May 2019

By: Judy May

The Lunch and Learn Program May 14 was Effective Use of Plants in the Landscape by Rip Weaver of Aldridge Gardens. There were 42 attendees, 27 of them Master gardeners. Assisting were Sandi Adkison, Charlotte Hall, Cathy Whigham and Bill Quailes.

Bringing refreshments to the monthly meeting were Mary Ann Hatcher, Carla McCune, Linda Queen, Sherrie Schaefer, Carolyn Placeway, Bonnie McCormick and Judy May.

Working at the Governor's Mansion this month were Amanda Borden, Anne Carr Linda Cater and Jane McCarthy.

Working the plant sale this year including Friday and Saturday were Charlotte Hall, John Butler, Anne Carr, Bill Quailes, Linda Cater, Debra Kelso, Terry Chambliss, Nancy Tribble, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Gale Leonard Wheeler, Robin Snyder, Rhona Watson, Betty Plaster, Petro Perryman, Jane Mobley, Judy May, Mary McCroan, Jane McCarthy, Sandy Rosamond, Allyson Andrews, Dee Turberville, Sherron Schaefer, Sharon Kochik, Virginia Pruitt, Cecelia Ball, Cheryl Fitzgerald and John Barnes.

Helpline volunteers this month were Anne Carr, Pat Petro-Perryman, Katrina Mitchell, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Ricky Hatcher, Sherri Schaefer, Candy Jones, Cecelia Ball, Mary Ann Klatt and MaryAnn Hatcher.

Members present for the Projects Committee meeting were Jane Mobley, Cecelia Ball, Sandy Rosamond, Candy Jones. Joan Beumer, Bill Quailes, Terry Chambliss, and Amanda Borden, guest.

Working the Learning Gardens this month were Mary McCroan, Candy Jones, Amanda Borden, Virginia Pruitt, John Barnes, Jane Mobley and Terry Chambliss.

Members who worked Plants and Pollinators Day at Lanark were Robyn Snyder, Pat Petro - Perryman, Janet Lewis, Dee Turberville, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Rhona Watson, Jane Mobley and Terry Chambliss.

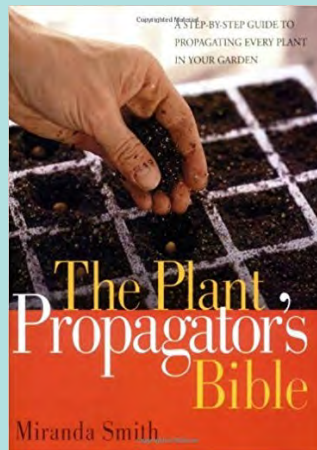


CAMGA Library News

By: Dee Turberville

The Plant Propagator's Bible By Miranda Smith

Discover the easy way to propagate any plant that grows in your garden. This comprehensive guide describes techniques for creating a wide range of new plants from seed, from cuttings, by division, by layering, and by grafting. It explains the natural processes and conditions that stimulate plants to grow and reproduce and shows gardeners how to multiply plants successfully.



THANK YOU, Cheryl Fitzgerald for donating this title to the CAMGA collection in memory of your husband, Paul, who especially enjoyed propagating grape plants.



The Tools and Techniques section provides general advice for getting started and specific instructions for dozens of propagation techniques. The Plant Directory section discusses specific plants.

Each method is demonstrated by using step-by-step illustrations and photographs. Ms. Smith gives advice on creating the ideal growing conditions needed for your new plants.

The book includes information on the best tools and equipment to use as well as troubleshooting in "What Can Go Wrong."

Miranda Smith has provided appropriate techniques in the A to Z plant directory for propagating aquatics, ornamental plants, houseplants, shrubs, trees, vegetable, and wildflowers in a user friendly manner. This is a concise and simple reference book. Within two pages, you can learn how to propagate your plant.

Helpline News

May 2019

By: Mary Ann Hatcher



HELPLINE NEWS MAY 2019

The Helpline responded to various concerns, such as diseases, pests, and plant identifications. These Master Gardeners worked the Helpline: Pat Petro-Perryman, Katrina Mitchell, Cecelia Ball, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Candy Jones, Sherri Schaefer, Anne Carr, and Ricky Hatcher. Advisors were: Mary Ann Klatt and Mary Ann Hatcher. Sharon Potts served as our Appointment Reminder.



Cecelia Ball and Candy Jones responded to clients' concerns.





June Gardening Tips

By: Jane H. McCarthy

What I try to do in June...

- ♦ Water your new garden additions deeply
- ♦ Avoid your sprinkler
- ♦ Place hose at the base of your plant and run the water on a slow trickle for about an hour or so this promotes the development of deep roots as the roots follow the water down
- ♦ Watch your established plants for drought stress
- ♦ Camellias and azaleas can still be pruned with thinning cuts
- ♦ Watch for Japanese beetles, but don't panic. To kill them, pick them off your plants and drop them into a bucket of soapy water...or just step on them. To control them, pyrethrin and neem are safe and effective when used at the onset of an attack.
- ♦ Groom your roses
 - Deadhead, scout for pests, fertilize, and propagate
 - If you can, use a soaker hose on your roses
- ♦ Deadhead your coleus
 - Flower development diminishes foliage development
- ♦ Dig and separate spring blooming bulbs (narcissus, etc.)
- ♦ Tomato plant suckers (side shoots) can be removed, propagated, maintained, then planted after the 4th of July for a robust crop of fruit to last you until first frost.

Master Gardener Memories

Master Gardener Plant Sale & Plants and Pollinators Day



Calendar of Events

June 2019

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