



President's Message

By Linda Griebel



I've never been to Jim Scott's Gardens that I didn't find everything blooming and quite delightful. Since we needed to carpool, the board had an electronic board meeting prior to May 20th. Subsequently, our regular meeting went rapidly even after introducing several interns from the Coosa County class and other guests. I was honored to present gold and platinum badges to those members who were present and will hold the remainder until the next meeting. We were left with lots of time to wander around the gardens and eat lunch while thoroughly enjoying ourselves. Thanks to Carol for setting this up - although she missed the event due to her knee surgery.

More kudos to Linda Armour-Scott and her extensive team of volunteers who made the annual plant sale go smoothly and productively. Our treasury will reflect the influx of capital. Customers really appreciated the variety of the healthy plants and the layout. Some of the leftovers went to the plant swap which was fun and other remaining plants will be grown more for next year's event.

Since we won't be at Extension for the June meeting either, be sure to look in on the Learning Gardens. Perennials in Alice's garden are colorful. There are new plants in the herb garden. Seasonal transitions in the vegetable plots are taking place - out with the cold weather crops and in with the heat tolerant veggies. Mary McCroan's efforts to minimize weeding are certainly having a positive effect, but there will always be a need for volunteers to help out. And don't forget to let Rick Ohlson know if you can help at the Millbrook Farmers Market. I'm sure Lanark as well as the Governor's Mansion could use your talents too. Last, but not least, please follow up on any intern applications to ensure they get turned in soon. It won't be long before we will be looking at them for our September class.

Hope your roses and other plantings are looking as terrific as mine. Of course, the weeds are ever present, but what would life be without some challenges? Stay cool.

Good gardening.

Table of Contents:

President's Message. . .	1
Mallory Kelley	2
June Calendar.	3
Minutes.	4-5
Daylily Festival	6
Spotlight.	7
Helpline.	8
Bugs Webinar	9
Maxwell Greenhouse . .	10
Lunch & Learn.	11
L & L Continued.	12
Helpline/Daylilies . . .	13
Poultry Workshop . . .	14
Plant Sale.	15
Plant Sale/Scott's. . . .	16
Learning Garden.	17
Grafting.	18
Ladies Can Workshops. .	19
Conference Photos. . . .	20
Plant Swap	21
Lanark Hydrangea Fest. .	22



Message from Mallory

By Mallory Kelley

Regional Extension Agent — Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests

Time for Blueberries

Blueberry season is quickly approaching. I am currently counting down the days for the first crop to pick, which I think makes them grow slower. Blueberries are a great addition to any landscape not only for their fruit, but also for their beautiful fall color. Plant different varieties for better tasting fruit and to extend your harvesting season. With blueberries, there are few disease and insects to worry with and very little pruning. Your main concern is an acid soil, watering and weed control.

Some of the most popular rabbiteye blueberries available today are: (Early Varieties) Climax and Brightwell, (Mid to Late varieties) Tifblue and Powderblue, just to name a few. Generally blueberries need fertilizing twice a year, once in early spring and again as the berries fade away. Use a Urea based fertilizer or a fertilizer labeled for Azaleas/Camellias as this will help acidify the soil, blueberries like a low pH of 4.5-5.2. Have a soil test done if you have not had one in the past three years to know what nutrients are lacking and what the pH is.

Prune blueberries in February to remove dead and older canes to try to generate new cane growth from the ground. As your plants start to grow long straight canes, clip these to get branching. The more branches you have, the more fruit you will have next year. Plant blueberries this fall in full sun with a moist, well-aerated, well-drained soil, high in organic matter. Incorporate organic matter such as peat moss, compost, or fine pine bark into the soil and mulch around the plant to help in retaining water and suppressing weeds. Plant them 5 feet apart in rows and always plant blueberries at the same depth they were in the container, planting too deep will kill the plant.

If you have more questions about growing and maintaining blueberries or other gardening related questions, call the Master Gardener Helpline. March through August the Alabama Cooperative Extension System offers a Gardening Helpline for the general public each Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This helpline is operated by Master Gardener Volunteers who use research based information to best answer all of your gardening questions.



If you've got home garden questions, we've got answers!

Call 1-877-252-GROW (4769)

WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE JUNE 18TH MEETING AT YOUNG PLANT FARM (1166 Lee Rd 9 Auburn, AL 36830) WE MUST HAVE A TOTAL HEAD COUNT. PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NAME to PHIL EASTER at peaster36@gmail.com by June 15.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2014

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 <i>Governor's Mansion Work Day</i>	3 <i>Learning Garden Work Day Millbrook Farmer's Mkt</i>	4 <i>Lanark Work Day</i>	5 <i>Pressure Canning Workshop</i>	6 <i>Webinar Fire Ant Management</i> 	7 <i>Lanark Hydrangea Fest</i> 
8	9 <i>Governor's Mansion Work Day</i>	10 <i>Learning Garden Work Day Millbrook Farmer's Mkt Poultry Workshop</i>	11 <i>Lunch & Learn Hydrangeas Lanark Work Day</i>	12 <i>Waterbath Canning Workshop</i>	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 
15	16 <i>Governor's Mansion Work Day</i>	17 <i>Millbrook Farmer's Market</i>	18 <i>Lanark Work Day MG Meeting Young Plant Farm Auburn</i>	19 <i>Freezing Squash Workshop</i>	20	21  <i>Summer Solstice</i>
22	23 <i>Governor's Mansion Work Day</i>	24 <i>Learning Garden Work Day Millbrook Farmer's Mkt</i>	25 <i>Lanark Work Day</i>	26 <i>Making Strawberry Leather Workshop</i>	27	28
29	30					

MAY MINUTES

By Rosemary Mobley, Secretary



The May, 2014, Central Alabama Master Gardener's Association (CAMGA) meeting was held May 20, 2014, at Jim Scott's Gardens, Dadeville, Alabama. Linda Griebel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She recognized the Coosa County intern class and other guests present for the meeting and tour of the gardens.

The first order of business was to present gold badges to CAMGA members which represented 1,000-1,999 volunteer service hours. Those present to receive gold badges were: Amanda Borden, Lee Borden, Becky Brown, Mary McCroan, and Kelly Lafreniere. Not present, Angela Peltier and Lois Pribulick's gold badge will be presented at a later time. Ann Hill and Dawn Cermack, not present at the meeting, earned platinum badges signifying 2,000-2,999 volunteer hours.

The president read a thank you note from Katrina Mitchell and Tyler Gates of Elmore County 4-H. They expressed appreciation for the volunteer work of CAMGA members at Farm City Day. Other business items were: 1) Catese Chaffee resigned as Projects Chair due to work obligations. John Barnes agreed to serve as Projects Chair for the remaining term. 2) The board approved a donation of \$100 to the Trinity Episcopal Church Youth Fund for the use of church grounds as the location of the annual plant sale. 3) Kudos to Becky Brown and Rhonda Miles for recruiting efforts at the Flora and Fauna Art Festival, and to Becky for recruitment at the Plant Sale, and the Plant Swap. Linda stressed the importance of following up on potential applicants, and the submission of applications before the July deadline.

The President informed members that the original Microsoft Office package for the CAMGA laptop has expired. It was recommended to purchase Microsoft Office 2010. Candy Jones made the motion that an amount up to \$170 be used to purchase the required software. Jane Mobley made the second, and it was carried by all present.

Committee reports began with Linda reporting for Carol Rattan who was undergoing knee surgery at the time of the meeting. She spoke for everyone in wishing Carol a speedy recovery. The next CAMGA meeting is scheduled on June 18th (Wednesday) at Young Farm in Auburn, Al. A sign-in sheet was available for those members who wanted to attend. Attendees should plan to travel in car pools and bring a sack lunch. At the July 15th meeting, Mallory Kelly will present information about the Extension Service and share the process for becoming an Advanced Master Gardener.

The April minutes were accepted as written. Gale Wheeler Leonard made the first motion. Linda Armour-Scott made the second, and it was carried by all present.

Rosemary Mobley reported on plans for the display board and presentation at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference, in Mobile on July 20-24, 2014. After conference calls and discussions with Mallory Kelley and Kerry Smith, it was agreed that the presentation be about the Lunch and Learn Program. The theme for all displays is "Food." So, the CAMGA display will feature a project by Kay Norman and Rosemary on coordinating refreshments with intern class topics. The project culminated with a cookbook. The seven highlighted food topics are: vegetables, honey, seeds, nuts, herbs, fruit, and edible flowers. Rosemary made a request for photos of the items listed, and/or pictures of master gardeners planting and or harvesting any of the seven food topics by June 5, 2014. Contact her at 334-514-7443, or e-mail at dmobley@elmor.rr.com

Linda gave the Treasurer's report for Becky Ashurst. The balance as of March 31, 2014 was \$9,249.72. Income for April was a speaker donation of \$25.00. Expenditures for April were the following: Millbrook Independent Ad- \$90, display board- \$137.68, speaker fee-\$35, laminating pouches- \$11.60, and change for the plant sale- \$200. Total April expenditures were \$474.28. This left a balance as of April 30, 2014 at \$8,800.44. The treasurer's report was approved. Amanda Borden made the first motion, Kay Norman made the second, and it was carried by all present.

Linda reported for the Projects Committee that future activities include a table and display at Lanark on June 7 for Hydrangea Weekend and on September 20 for Good Ole Days. Jane Mobley shared information about the



leaf bird bath class scheduled for September 12, 2014. Interested participants should be on the lookout for a large leaf to serve as the mold. She stated that sign up and payment for the class should take place in June or July, and participants will be able to choose to make just the birdbath or to also include the stand.

Linda Armour-Scott, Fund-Raising Committee chair, thanked all of those who helped make the Plant Sale a success. The President acknowledged Linda's organizational skills as a major contributing factor to the positive outcome of the plant sale. The total proceeds before expenses are: \$2,141.73. Linda asked that those who had incurred expenses from the plant sale to get receipts to her or Becky Ashurst before the end of May. She shared that a post-plant sale committee will meet to make recommendations for next year's sale.

The Membership Care Committee sent cards to Ann Hill, on the occasion of the death of a close relative, and to Tina Bowles. Members, who are so inclined, should reach out to Tina during her illness.

Mary Long requested that articles and pictures intended for the June newsletter be submitted by May 25, 2014. Jane Mobley, Historian, requested pictures of Helpline and Millbrook Farmers' Market volunteers.

Linda shared that the Millbrook Farmer's Market operates on Tuesdays in May to August, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Those interested in volunteering to work at the CAMGA table should contact Rick Ohlson at rohlson@yahoo.com or 334-233-7425.

The magnificent gardens of Jim Scott were the setting for the May meeting. How fitting to hold a meeting of master gardeners surrounded by the beauty of nature's color palette! Jim Scott's imagination is the source of the garden design that has been evolving for twenty years. Linda explained that attendees had the choice of touring with a guide or exploring on their own after the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m. Forty-six people attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Mobley, Secretary



At left Iva Haynie and Amanda Borden attended Landscape Design Study Course 3 sponsored by the Garden Club of Alabama in Auburn, April 30-May 1.



Mary McCroan and John Barnes haul mulch over to the landscape cloth to finish off the area and hopefully prevent the weeds that have been taking over in the Learning Garden. See Learning Garden report on page 17.



Daylily Festival on June 7 and 8 Columbus, Georgia at Columbus Botanical Gardens

The idea of having a Daylily Festival started a year ago when Norman Winter and I talked about moving the daylily society meetings to the CBG. It began with a side comment, "You know, we really should have a two day daylily festival event in Columbus."

After multiple brainstorming sessions and presentations to both of our organizations, the concept was approved.

We added a third partner, the UGA Cooperative Extension with Jennifer Davidson. We each had special skills, contacts and assets that, when melded together, would generate a more successful event. CBG had limited daylilies.

Our members donated daylilies and provided manpower for the bed prepping and planting.

We initially planted 350 daylilies, and just recently have added another 1400! We were fortunate in obtaining two speakers who are great draws to the Daylily Festival.

Most people involved in gardening know our Saturday speaker, Walter Reeves, "The Georgia Gardener". Our Sunday speaker is Oliver Billingslea, from Montgomery, Alabama, the author of

"Landscaping with Daylilies". Tickets for the speakers are available at \$15 per individual ticket or \$25 if you purchase tickets for both days. Admission to the Daylily Festival is FREE.

We also committed to providing an accredited AHS Daylily Show on Saturday morning in the Farm House, open to the public at 1:00. You will be amazed at the variety, colors and beauty. The spent blooms will be replaced with daylilies blooming Sunday morning.

The Festival will also include arts and craft vendors, food vendors and of course daylilies for sale. Members will provide hands-on educational work stations: how to divide and plant a daylily; how to hybridize daylilies; and the different types of daylilies.

This partnership has great camaraderie with each partner willing to commit the time and effort to be successful. This will be an exciting event!

by Larry Miller, President,
Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society

<http://cvds.8k.com/Festival.html>

Email: loclmiller@att.net



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS by Judy May



On April 15th Rosemary Mobley gave a presentation on culinary herbs to the Herb Society in Montgomery. This was at their monthly meeting.

Jane Mobley gave a presentation on Butterflies to the Ridgely Garden Club on May 7th. There were 16 present.

During the month of May, the following CAMGA members volunteered at the Governor's Mansion: Rosemary Mobley, Amanda Borden, and Jane McCarthy.

Lee and Amanda Borden gave a presentation entitled "It's Not Too Late to Plant that Garden" at the Wetumpka Public Library on May 13th.

Iva Haynie and Amanda Borden attended Landscape Design Study Course 3, sponsored by the Garden Club of Alabama in Auburn April 30-May 1st.

The Lunch and Learn program for May was Shade Gardening by Mary McCroan. Volunteers were Carla McCune, Deborah Kelso, Sandi Adkinson and Charlotte Hall. Charlotte did another gorgeous flower arrangement of larkspurs, oak leaf hydrangeas and white yarrow.

Linda Griebel says the Project Committee is hosting a workshop for CAMGA members September 12th on leaf birdbaths. We will do the construction on Friday, September 12th from 9-12. The creations will have to set up for at least 48 hours before they can be moved. They can be picked up Monday the 14th. All of this will be done in the barn and each person will be responsible for cleaning up his or her work area. If you have large leaves, it would be a good idea to bring some. Everything else will be furnished. Money for this project will be collected in July with the cost approximately \$10.00 depending on whether you want a stand. Johan has offered to make an 18" stand for whoever wants one.

On May 27th Rick Ohlson, Butch Kinney and Joe L'abbe worked the Millbrook Farmer's Market.

Working the Helpline this month were : Sharon Potts, Donna Goff, Ann Hardman, Jane Guy, Ray Guy, Ricky Hatcher, Debbie Hough, and Mary Ann Hatcher.

Helping Maria at Lanark this month were Norman Turnipseed, Cathy Whigham, Carla McCune and Sandra Gilley. Maria says many thanks to all.

Volunteering In the Learning Gardens this month were: John Barnes, Linda Griebel, Amanda Borden, Candy Jones, Katrina Mitchell, Rosemary Mobley, Virginia Pruitt, Johan Beumer, R.J. Arceneaux and Mary McCroan.

The Earth Day/Plant Swap in Wetumpka volunteers were: John Barnes, Bob and Becky Brown, Linda Armour Scott, Nancy Tribble, Linda Griebel, Deborah Kelso, Sue Robertson and Judy May.

Attending the Projects Committee meeting were Lois Pribulick, Candy Jones, Linda Griebel, Linda Armour Scott, John Barnes, Johan Beumer, John Butler and Jane Mobley.

Working Pricing Day for the Plant Sale were Gale Leonard Wheeler, Linda Scott, Lois Pribulick, Charlotte Hall, Marie Updike, John Barnes, Rhona Watson, Linda Griebel, Sally and Joe L'Abbe and Judy May.



Governor's Mansion By Amanda Borden

Weed control and cleaning out have been the main workday activities at the Governor's Mansion throughout the month of May. With so much blooming now, it's been a beautiful place to work. In addition to weeding and re-applying pine straw in many of the beds, volunteers planted clematis along the fence facing the pool. In order to avoid the heat of the day during the summer months, workdays will commence at 8:00 a.m. and end by 11:00.

Program Notes By Carol Rattan

CAMGA Meetings



I don't have any program notes this month except for the fact that for our June program will be at Young Plant Farm near Auburn. Remember, it will be on **Wednesday, the 18th** which is not our regular meeting date.

I do want to thank all of you for your kind gestures during my knee surgery and recovery. The surgery went well and I am doing fine and taking it easy for now. I hated to miss the outing at Jim Scott's. I heard that it was awesome as always and everyone had a great time touring the 'outdoor rooms' on his beautiful property.

Thanks again for your concern. I will be back in the swing in a few more weeks. Hope to see you at the Young Plant Farm on the 18th.



Helpline News

By Mary Ann Hatcher

The Helpline for May had these fine interns from Coosa County to assist us: Ray Guy, Jane Guy, Ann Hardman, and Donna Goff. Ricky Hatcher volunteered this month, also. Serving as advisors were Debbie Hough and Mary Ann Hatcher. Sharon Potts continued to serve as our Appointment Reminder.

Photo: At left Mary Ann Klatt, and Rosemary Mobley (right) are busy working the helpline.



Extension has a new production for you to access. It is a webinar on Spiders to be accessed at <https://learn.extension.org/events/1377>. It took place on May 2 but if you missed it you may visit this website.

All Bugs Good and Bad

2014 Webinar Series

Please join us for this webinar series for information you can use about good and bad insects. Webinars will be on the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. Eastern.

June 6 Fire Ant Management

Elizabeth Brown



August 1 Minimize Mosquito Problems

Molly Keck



September 5 Kudzu Bug Takes Over the Southeastern U.S./Brown Marmorated Stinkbug—All Bad

Dr. Michael Toews/Dr. Tracy Leskey

October 3 Alien Invasions, Zombies Under Foot, and Billions of Decapitated Fire Ants

Dr. Sanford Porter

November 7 Where Have All the Honey Bees Gone? Hope for the Future

Dr. John Skinner



For more information on the series and how to connect to the webinars, visit: <http://www.extension.org/pages/70120>.



Maxwell AFB Greenhouse Facility Tour

Two CAMGA members, together with Camellia Garden Club members, toured the Maxwell AFB greenhouse facility on May 13, 2014. Marie Updike (far right) and Janet Lewis (2nd from left) spent the morning with enthusiastic people who enjoy sharing ideas for gardening.

Their tour guide, Mrs. Jane McCarthy, MAFB Horticulturist since 2001, is also an honorary member of the CAMGA (July, 2013). Mrs. McCarthy has taught numerous horticultural classes to the CAMGA group and other garden related organizations. She supports the CAMGA's annual fund raising Spring Plant Sale by offering potted plants.

While on MAFB, the tour participants benefited from the selection of free plants offered to visitors at the greenhouse. They also had the opportunity to hear about the facility's history, infrastructure, acreage, then ask questions about the vast amounts of potted plants, shrubs and trees. The special greenhouse with succulents was fascinating, as well as the walk through the vegetable garden. The weather was fantastic, Mrs. McCarthy was very accommodating, and the company was fun. Everyone enjoyed the personal tour.

(Article and photo provided by Marie Updike.)



This is one of the interesting displays that Jane McCarthy of Maxwell AFB Greenhouses has to show her visitors.

A Very Interesting Lunch and Learn By Charlotte Hall

Well, it will not be long until the hot weather will be here in central Alabama. It seems like only yesterday when we were all wondering if the cold weather would ever leave and warm weather would appear. It is now upon us. If you had attended the May Lunch and Learn presentation by Mary McCroan on Shade Gardens, you would know how to cope with hot weather and still enjoy gardening during the hot summer months.

During the exhausting heat, shade gardens offer a sense of serenity. They create a sense of shelter and protection. Just walking out of the sun under the branches of a tree will immediately bring some relief from the sun and an added breeze makes hot days more bearable. Shade gardens are contemplative places – a refuge from the tough, hot days.

There are several types of shade gardens. Basically, a shade garden is a place that does not get a lot of sun. It can be light shade which has dappled light, shaded but not bright sun. Part shade has no sun for most of the day but has some direct sunlight at times. Heavy or full shade has no sun. Believe it or not, there are plants that grow in all three types of shade gardens.

There are pros and cons in having a shade garden, so the best approach to shade is to embrace it for its many benefits and optimize your garden options based upon the type plants that will thrive in that environment. At the same time, remember that there are challenges to gardening in the shade.

Large trees rob your soil of moisture and nutrients; therefore, irrigation and fertilizer may be necessary for a thriving shade garden. Certain fungal disease may present problems. Add extra compost and slow release fertilizer to combat some of these concerns. Also, do not rake all the fallen leaves but allow them to remain and make compost for the plants. Do not till under the trees. Do not pile soil around the trees as some varieties will not survive under the dirt, especially dogwoods.

When designing a shade garden, consider broad swaths of one plant for dramatic effect, such as all one color of azalea. Other useful tips for interesting plants growing in the shade would include different leaf textures, foliage color (white shows well and lights up the shadows in the shade), same leaf type with different color, bulbs as annuals, some annuals, and various shrubs and trees.

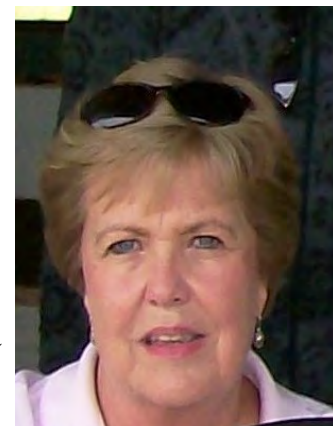
Mary then shared slides of her gorgeous shade gardens and gave hints as to plants that do well in all types of shade. She suggested that the fun of shade gardening is to try different things, even those plants that are normally labeled as needing sun. Mary has been successful in growing some plants in the shade that are not necessarily considered shade plants.

Some good understory trees include dogwood, redbud, hawthorne, sparkle berry, Japanese maple and a variety of holly trees. Many shrubs do well in the shade, also, such as acuba, bottlebrush buckeye, pittosporum, oakleaf hydrangeas and winter daphne. Ferns thrive very well in the shade such as evergreen ferns – tassel and autumn ferns, Korean rock fern and Indian holly fern. Arbovitae fern will survive in full shade. Consider such plants as Lenten rose, impatiens, coleus and caladium to add some color. Vines add another dimension to shade gardens. Ivy, confederate jasmine, creeping jenny and Kadsura vine are examples.

And there are ground covers that do well in the shade – ajuga, vinca minor, Pachysandra and marlberry, and ground covers that looks like grass such as mondo grass, monkey grass, liriope, ligularia and soft touch mahonia.

Who knew there were so many plants to do well in the shade? So a combination of some of the suggested plants, along with wandering paths and a water feature, could create a much needed shade haven for some relief from the upcoming heat.

Join the fun, get interesting plant ideas and really learn about gardening at our lunch and learn programs. Next opportunity is on June 11th when the program will be on hydrangeas, where you'll discover that certain hydrangeas do well in both shade gardens and in the sun!! Bring your lunch, learn a lot and remember, drinks are provided. (Pictures page 12)



May Lunch and Learn



Mallory Kelley and Deborah Kelso pose with Mary McCroan who presented the shade gardening program. At right is a lovely arrangement made from Mary's shade garden flowers.

2014 Lunch and Learn Programs

Second Wednesday Each Month

12:00 to 1:00



***JUNE 11TH HYDRANGEAS**
***JULY 9TH ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES TO THE GARDEN**

***AUGUST 13TH WORMS EAT MY GARBAGE**
***SEPTEMBER 10TH BEES**
***OCTOBER 8TH HERBS**
***NOVEMBER 12TH HOLIDAY DECORATING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS**
***DECEMBER 10TH HOLIDAY PLANTS & FORCING BULBS**





Montgomery Area Daylily Society

<http://www.montgomeryareadaylilysociety.com/>

"Bringing Color to the River Region"

Annual Daylily Plant Sale

Saturday, June 7, 2014 (10:00 a.m. until gone...)

**EASTDALE MALL
MONTGOMERY, AL**

These fuss free perennial flowers excel in sun to light shade and display many colors and flower sizes. Daylily plants freshly dug, sold bare root. Most are \$5.00 for 2 fans.

Call for more information: 334-288-6024

The Millbrook Farmer's Market By Rick Ohlson



The Millbrook Farmer's Market opened on May 27, from 8 AM until noon. It is held at the park in Millbrook on Main St. and the Master Gardener's have a table where we answer questions and talk to folks. The truth is, we actually learn more about what is going on with local gardening than anything else.

Of course, I am looking for volunteers to help us. This is not a place where you have to be an expert in everything to help out. We have handouts and also tell folks where to go online to help them with their situations. It is very relaxed and a great way to get some volunteer hours. If you can't stay the whole time, but can work a

few hours, please let me know - - we will work it out.

Please contact me (334-233-7425) if you can help. It is a fun thing, does not require digging, and is a nice way to spend a summer morning. For information, give me a call or email rohlson@yahoo.com.



Backyard Poultry Workshop

Elmore County
Extension Office
Wetumpka, AL

6:00 pm June 10th

Topics Include:

- Starting a Flock: Introduction, Breeds, Management
- Flock Feeding and Management
- Disease & Biosecurity for the Backyard Flock
- Backyard Flock Questions

*To register for this FREE program call the Elmore County
Extension Office (334) 567-6301*

For more information contact:

Josh Elmore, REA-205.646.3610

Katrina Mitchell CEC Elmore—
334.567.6301

 ALABAMA COOPERATIVE
Extension
SYSTEM
Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities



PHOTO FROM MARIE UPDIKE

Pricing Day before the plant sale is always a fun time. We were at the Extension barn almost all day on Friday, May 2 putting prices on the plants. At left: Mary McCroan, Linda Scott, Linda Griebel and seated, Charlotte Hall, Intern of the Year recipient.

The MG Plant Sale on May 3 was a big success as usual. Pictured below are some of the workers at the sale: Linda A. Scott, Marie Updike, Bob Brown, Marie, and Linda Griebel.



PHOTO FROM MARIE UPDIKE



PHOTO FROM MARIE UPDIKE

Linda Armour-Scott (far left) was our plant sale coordinator. She implemented new ideas on how to group the plants to make shopping easier for the customers. She is calling an evaluation meeting of plant sale workers to explore ways we can improve the sale and make it run even more smoothly next year. Great job, Linda!!!

PLANT SALE A SUCCESS!!

In case you haven't heard how we did at the Plant Sale on May 5, Becky Ashurst reports a tentative gross sales of \$2,138.24.

Congratulations to the Fund Raising Committee, especially to the terrific organizational efforts of Linda Armour-Scott and her committee members who set the stage and worked tirelessly to get this year's sale off the ground; to the many other CAMGA volunteers who helped get plants priced and ready; those who helped transport, move, and sell plants; members who assisted and gave customers lots of plant information; and many kudos to the recruiting efforts of the CAMGA information table. Thanks to those who grew and donated the plants. While we may not have had quite as many plants due to losses to cold and wet winter, we had a good variety of specimens and our price structure seemed to appeal to the individuals who came to see and happily left with lots of purchases.

THANK YOU for helping with our 2014 fund raising effort.

Linda Griebel

Plant Sale Photos



We transported the large selection of plants over to the Episcopal Church on a big flatbed trailer. At right Linda Armour-Scott, Plant Sale Chair, devised a more organized way to group the plants .

Awards given at June meeting at Jim Scott's beautiful gardens . . .



Congratulations to these MG's who received Gold badges (1000-2000 hrs): From left: Mary McCroan, Becky Brown, Amanda Borden, President Linda Griebel, Lee Blorden and Kelly Lafreniere. Not present, Angela Pel-tier and Lois Pribulick's gold badge will be presented at a later time. Ann Hill and Dawn Cermack, not present at the meeting, earned platinum badges signifying 2,000-2,999 volunteer hours. WOW !

Learning Garden Report By Mary McCroan

May has been a busy month in the gardens at Extension. We laid ground fabric around the rain garden and covered it with mulch. This is an easy maintenance solution that doesn't involve weeding or mowing for that area. We had discussed putting gravel in this area, but the mulch was available and so much easier to install because it is far lighter than the gravel. Everybody has been planting, weeding and even beginning to harvest their raised beds. The perennial veggie beds include the familiar asparagus, but we've also planted some less well know perennial veggies to see how well they do. The supposedly perennial Swiss Chard we planted last fall was delicious while it lasted, but definitely not perennial at least not last year. Maybe it would have done better if the winter had not been so unusually cold. Our volunteers included John Barnes, Linda Griebel, Amanda Borden, Candy Jones, Mary McCroan, Katrina Mitchell, and Rosemary Mobley. Special mention to Virginia Pruitt who spent all morning a couple of weeks ago grubbing out the invasive weed that was taking over Alice's Garden.

Also Johan Beumer took a little time to repair one of the raised beds that was coming apart and RJ Arce-neaux has been by to check on the garlic. My apologies for whoever I've forgotten. I didn't take good notes (or actually any notes). I'll try and do better for the next report!



Mary McCroan and Linda Griebel spread mulch on plastic landscape cloth.

John Neighbors Hosts Grafting Workshop By Linda Griebel

Several CAMGA members attended the Grafting Workshop at John Neighbors' property in Coosa County. The workshop focused on four-flap grafting of pecan trees, with Cathy Browne instructing and hands-on grafting for attendees. Four-flap grafting is considered a very reliable means of propagating fruit and nut trees. The instruction was very informative and well-presented, and we all learned a lot.



Cathy Browne, instructor



Mallory Kelley



Chip East & Roger Vines (Coosa Co. Agent)



John Neighbors , our host (Commercial Grower)

Upcoming Events

Parent Project Class

June 4, 11

Elmore County Extension Office

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Call 334-567-6301 to register
and for more information

Cost is \$25 per person



Ladies Can Workshop

Pressure Canning Green Beans

Elmore County Extension Office

June 5 — 10:30 am. to 1:30 p.m.

Call 334-567-6301 to register

Fee: \$10.00

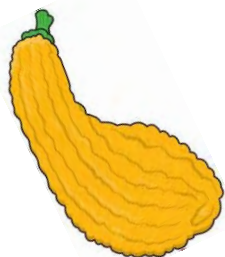
Ladies Can Workshop Waterbath Canning Strawberry Jam

Elmore County Extension Office

June 12 — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Call 334-567-6301 to register

Fee: \$10.00



Ladies Can Workshop

Freezing Yellow Squash

Elmore County Extension Office

June 19 — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Call 334-567-6301 to register Fee: \$10.00

Ladies Can Workshop
Dehydrating Strawberry Leather
Elmore County Extension Office
June 26 — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Call 334-567-6301 to register Fee: \$10.00





Front row from left: Rose McCally, Linda Griebel, Rosemary Mobley, Angela Peltier, Judy May, Mary Long, Janet Lewis, Jane Mobley. Back row: Carol Rattan, Mallory Kelley, Rhonda Miles, Jesse Miles, Anthony Yarborough, Paula Seamon, Peggy Turnipseed, Bill Long, Norm Turnipseed.



The swamp tour was most interesting. MG's saw many different kinds of carnivorous plants—especially the pitcher plant. Jane Mobley and Linda Griebel enjoyed their day in the swamp.



Carol Rattan along with Peggy and Norm Turnipseed enjoyed the conference.



Plant Swap A Big Success By Linda Griebel

We had a great time at the Plant Swap. If you've never done one before, here's what happens. The public can bring plants and swap for other plants for free. Plants don't have to be potted and come into the swap in many different formats (some look great, some are unique, many are common, a few are really unknown, and some are rather stressed). We also participate in the swap and I've taken home some nice things. In fact, I take a number of plants to the swap with me to set up since we need some ready when the first people arrive. If people come for the earth day part and don't bring plants, there will be a donations jar if they want plants. Donations go to the city beautification board.

Also, we talk to the public regarding species characteristics, give planting and other horticultural advice, and it's a very good venue to do Master Gardener recruitment. We'll have ANR handouts available as well as soil test kits.

We do really need a few more Master Gardeners to help us at the Plant Swap feature as CAMGA hosts. We would have nothing physical to do because the city sets up everything. We would be there to promote the Master Gardener class and get our message out to the community to say nothing of swapping great plants!



Scenes from our
Jim Scott outing.



The wine cellar is a favorite attraction at Jim Scott's.



Lanark Fest Day & Weekend Admission

DAILY:

\$4.00 / person - age 13 and up
\$2.00 / person - age 4 - 12
Free - children 3 and under

WEEKEND PASS:

\$5.00 / person - age 13 and up
\$3.00 / person - age 4 - 12
Free - children under 3

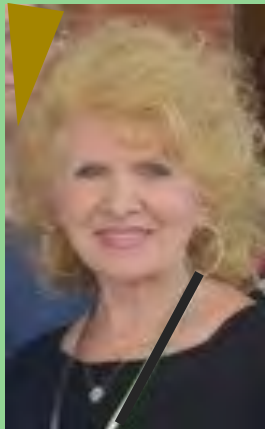
CONTACT INFO:

Alabama Wildlife Federation

Mon - Fri: 8 am - 6 pm
3050 Lanark Road
Millbrook, AL 36054
Phone: 334-285-4550
Toll Free: 800-822-9453

CAMGA Garden Buzzzz

Mary Long— Editor
858 Jackson Street
Elmore, Alabama 36025



plantlady@elmore.rr.com

NEXT MEETING

JUNE 18

**YOUNG FARM
AUBURN, ALABAMA**

10:00 A.M.



ANC UPCOMING EVENTS



Hydrangea Fest and Flora Photography Workshop

June 7, 2014 | 8 am to 6 pm

The Alabama Nature Center in Millbrook will be open to the general public on June 7, for a special Hydrangea Fest and Flora Photography Workshop. Lanark Gardens will also have a plant sale Saturday with proceeds benefiting the gardens at the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

Discover more about the unique, natural history of hydrangeas. Learn how to grow, prune, root and dry the flowers for crafts during the demonstrations. Bring your hydrangea gardening questions for expert advice! After hearing about the hydrangeas, enjoy a guided walking tour of the hydrangeas.

Join professional photographer, Quincey Banks for a flora photography workshop that is sure to be "worth a thousand words." Starting at 9:00 a.m., Quincey Banks will share tips for creating successful nature flora photography using digital cameras. You will have an opportunity to try your own hand at photography on a naturalist-led hike and share your best photos with the group. After lunch, learn basic tips for point-and-shoot and cell phone cameras. This is your perfect opportunity to be a "little flashy" and capture nature's beauty.

Schedule of events:

9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. – Quincey Banks will share tips and tricks for taking beautiful flora photos

10:30 A.M. - Noon – "Let's talk about Hydrangeas" and a guided tour to see the Hydrangeas by Maria Pacheco-West, Lanark Grounds Specialist

8:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON – Plant sale: Lanark plants with the proceeds benefitting the gardens