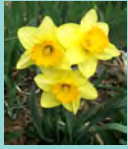




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Message from Lynda *Lynda Edwards, President* *CAMGA President*

Proverbs 16:20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.

Don't know if I have been wise in handling the matter of my pending surgery, but I sure tried to plan so I would not miss a CAMGA meeting. It didn't go as planned.

If you remember in our meeting last month, I was scheduled to be in Birmingham at 5a.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2022 for the Cochlear Implant so I can hear again.

Two minutes before their closing time on the 16th, I received a phone call saying they could not find the results of my MRI.

That was the first time I heard about needing an MRI. Therefore surgery was cancelled. Next Monday, March 7, 2022 is the new scheduled date. So thankful for experienced officers so I can do as Proverbs says and just trust in the Lord and be happy.

I will keep you updated on my progress. Thank you for your prayers.

Lynda

Lynda Edwards
CAMGA President

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CAMGA Garden Buzzzz
Carol Pugh — Editor



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.

Visit our publications online at www.aces.edu and search for : **IPM 0590 Home Lawns Chemical Weed Control.**

When using Herbicides-Always read and follow label directions.



CAMGA Minutes
First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka and
Via Zoom
February 15, 2022
10:00 a.m. — 12 noon
By: Sheila Radford, Secretary

Program speaker Marilee Tankersley was introduced by Vice President, Kelly Lafreniere. Marilee spoke about the Wetumpka Impact Crater. This natural disaster occurred approximately 85 million years ago, and radically changed the topography and ecology of a vast area. The meteor responsible for creating this crater plunged 1,000 feet into the ground and was vaporized yielding 100 to 1,000 megatons of energy. (175,000 times the energy of the Hiroshima bomb.) Visit wetumpkaimpactcratercommission.org for more information.

The meeting was called to order by President Lynda Edwards at 11:21 a.m.

President's Report: Lynda Edwards

Member Concerns: Candace Jones is convalescing at home after a hospital stay. Anthony Yarborough and his wife are both struggling with COVID. Anthony is hospitalized with a combination of COVID and pneumonia. Deborah Kelso had bilateral knee arthroscopies this week. Lynda Edwards is scheduled for surgery this week to regain her hearing. Sherri Davidson is recovering from a concussion which has limited her ability to use electronics. Our collective prayers go out to all these and any others we might have missed.

The Audit has been completed by Carol Pugh and Cathy Whigham. It was read aloud by Lynda and will be filed.

CAMGA's Pathway reporter, Iva Haynie, is stepping down and a volunteer is needed to replace her.

Vice President's Report: Kelly LaFreniere

Kelly is still working on scheduling speakers. Kelly is taking over the duties of Facility Committee Chairman for the AMGA convention in May. This is the position that Lynda had to relinquish for health reasons.

Secretary's Report: Sheila Radford

Sheila made a motion to dispense with the reading of the January minutes since they were printed in the Garden Buzz and are available for reading. Bonnie McCormick seconded the motion and it was carried.

CAMGA Minutes (Continued)
February 15, 2022
By: Sheila Radford, Secretary



Treasurer's Report: Sherri Davidson

January 1 2022 beginning Balance	\$7,880.64
January income	905.00
January expense	25.00
Balance as of February 14, 2022	\$ 8,760.64

The CAMGA budget has not yet been completed due to circumstances beyond control. It will be brought to the March meeting for approval.

Regional Extension Agent Advisor: Mallory Kelley

There was a very good turnout for the February Lunch & Learn. Jane McCarthy taught on Succulents and had some plants available to sell. Jane then donated that money back to CAMGA. Mallory also lauded Mary Ann Hatcher for her continuing service with the Help Line. Ms. Katie Beasley has taken the Extension position that Carol Pugh has retired from.

Advisory Council Report: Cheryl Fitzgerald

Members are urged to update their information on My Page. This can be found by going into Service Report, My Page. Please check the accuracy of phone numbers, mailing address, and email address. The Service Report provides information for Pathways mailings and other pertinent AMGA systems.

The Steering Committee for ACES has proposed a draft mission and vision statement for ACES/AMGA.

Zooming Zinnias will now be known as Zooming Zinnias and More. Please post any photos related to gardening on the Facebook page.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at Petals from the Past on April 5th. Any MGs are welcome to attend.

AMGA Conference Update: Janice Jackson

111 have registered for the convention. Volunteers working at the convention will need to wear the designated volunteer T-shirt. Communicate with Bionca Lindsey to volunteer. Over \$25,000 have been raised by the fundraising committee through sponsorships, donations, advertising and vending. Several vendors have been signed up. Less expensive parking is available behind Embassy Suites in the city lot.

CAMGA Minutes (Continued)
February 15, 2022
By: Sheila Radford, Secretary

Education Chair: Robin Snyder

ACMGA will be the main host of the fall intern class with CAMGA secondary host. It will follow the same format as last year. Lunch & Learn will continue to be held in the fellowship hall at 1st Presbyterian Church in Wetumpka. Linda Cater reported that Jane McCarthy donated \$62 back to CAMGA from the proceeds of the succulent sale at February's meeting. Activity in the library has been lower than usual, but there is a large inventory of books to select from.

The Help Line is always looking for some volunteers.

The plant sale needs team leaders in several categories. Jesse and Rhonda Miles will be furnishing "faux sea glass" to sell at the plant sale.

The Presbyterian Church welcomes CAMGA to care for the knockout roses and maintain growing plants in the flower pots around the church.

Historian/Photographer: Jane Mobley

Jane requests that MGs send pictures to her for inclusion in the CAMGA yearbook. Particularly at the convention and anywhere else where members are active, photographic documentation is critical. Anyone taking photos on the field trips at the convention or any other events can email them to Jane immediately.

Learning Gardens: Mary McCroan

A grant has been submitted that would allow for considerable expansion of the Learning Gardens. The Elmore County Extension office staff did a great job working with Mary to get this submitted in a timely fashion. This grant will not be awarded before August, however. Pursuing grants like this is one reason that a 501C3 designation would be very beneficial. It would make CAMGA eligible for more grants and extend the organization's outreach to the community.

Membership Directory: Carol Rattan

Carol brought 70 directories to February's meeting. There is a correction to be made. On page 13 Marilyn Knapp is mistakenly listed as coordinator for Lunch & Learn. Linda Cater will be doing that.

CAMGA Minutes (Continued)
February 15, 2022
By: Sheila Radford, Secretary

Projects Committee: Sandy Rosamond

Rona Watson has volunteered to keep track of the projects committee's expenses which will then be turned in to Sherri.

The 1st Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka has kindly allowed CAMGA to have our monthly meetings and Lunch & Learn in their fellowship hall. In gratitude, Master Gardeners will maintain the knockout roses and the planters installed around the building. February 22 is the day that's been selected to prune the roses. Volunteers will need to bring their own clippers, loppers, drinking water, hats, and gloves.

Feb 24th is the day to decorate the CAMGA Mardi Gras Parade float. Lunch will be available. Parade is the 26th. CAMGA participants are requested to wear "farming attire".

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

*Respectively submitted by,
Sheila Radford, Secretary*



CAMGA Library News

March 2022

By: Dee Turberville

Plant Partners

Science-Based Companion Planting Strategies for the Vegetable Garden

By: Jessica Walliser

Jessica Walliser's *Plant Partners* is the recipient of the 2021 American Horticultural Society Book Award. Rather than relying on folklore or conjecture from gardeners who have a long history of supporting companion planting, Ms. Walliser explains the popular technique from a research-based scientific rationale. She offers dozens of ways you can use tested plant partnerships to benefit your garden. From a growing understanding of how plants interact with and influence each other, this guide suggests specific plant combinations that improve soil health, manage weed control, decrease pest damage, support pollination, and increase biodiversity which results in measurable impacts in the garden.



Each of the eight chapters in this colorful and readable reference book speaks to the importance of an eco-systems-based approach to the modern landscape. As our yards, gardens, fields, forests, deserts and prairies become less and less diverse each decade, we need a better understanding of the value of environmental diversity. The impacts of your actions can extend beyond your garden gate. “Who knew I should be planting nasturtiums with my summer squash? This book can turn your favorite hobby into a way to make the planet a better place.”

--James Baggett, senior editor, *Garden Gate* magazine



Governor's Mansion Report February 2022 By: Amanda Borden



In February we moved azaleas, worked in the Herb Garden, and pruned roses. We had 12 volunteers for our annual workdays.

Volunteers were: Robin Snyder, Ann Hamill, Kathy Quinn, Linda Cater, Anne Carr, Darwin Prewitt, Shap Ashley, Valera Brown, John Carrick, Lisa Carrick, Amanda Borden, Jane McCarthy.



Ann, Jane, & Linda —pruning



Anne & Linda — in back yard



Darwin in back yard



Ann — digging up azalea

Governor's Mansion Report (Continued)
February 2022
By: Amanda Borden



Robin & Jane —in back



Shap & Ann — in front yard

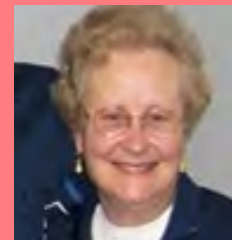
Please note:

Beginning March 14th, the start time of the Mansion work days, will start at 8:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. due to the onset of Daylight Saving Time. (Work hours will be 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

SPOTLIGHT On VOLUNTEERS

For February 2022

By: Judy May



Attending the Projects Committee meeting February 8 were Anne Carr, Linda Cater, Kelly LaFreniere, Michelle Sharpton, Jane Mobley, Rhona Watson, Sheila Radford, Terry Chambliss, Sandy Rosamond, Deborah Kelso and Judy May.

On February 22, six volunteers met at the Presbyterian Church in Wetumpka to prune the encore roses. Only a little pruning was done as the plants were still quite small. They were deadheaded and fertilized. They will need to be fertilized and pruned again in June. Those participating were Jane Mobley, Michelle Sharpton, Kelly LaFreniere, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Sheila Radford and Terry Chambliss.

A big shout out of thanks to a large group of volunteers who met February 24th to decorate the float for the Mardi Gras parade. It was a lot of fun and the Jambalaya lunch was delicious! Those participating were Taylor Shealey, Rhona Watson, Jane Mobley, Rhonda and Jesse Miles, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Sheila Radford, Sandra and Woolard Rosamond, Bill Quailes, Judy May, Anne Carr, Deborah Kelso, Betty Plaster and Terry Chambliss.

The CAMGA Mardi Gras float was a big hit in the parade held on February 26th. The members had most of it completed on the 24th, however the member-made flowers had to be put in place the day of the event because of their delicacy. There were many more people at the parade than the one we entered in 2020, resulting in the lack of beads and seed packets/ tootsie rolls toward the end of the parade. However, fun was had by all who participated. They were: Jane Mobley, Bill Quails, Sheila Radford, Debbie Kelso, Terry Chambliss and her grandchildren Eva Layne and Woodson Bozeman. Jesse and Rhonda Miles who chose to walk rather than ride. Kelly LaFreniere and Michelle Sharpton also walked with signs advertising the plant sale. Wily Johnson pulled the float with his antique Farmall tractor.

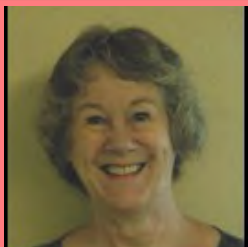
Working at the Governor's Mansion this month were Amanda Borden, Anne Carr, Linda Cater, Ann Hamill, Dawn Mitchell Jane McCarthy, Kathy Quinn, Robin Snyder and Beth Wicker.

Volunteering at Lanark this month were Leslie Bingham, Don Hoover, and Carla McCune who have been helping Maria cut back and clean up transplant daffodils and do some refurbishing in the heirloom garden. Maria says

“Thank You” all for your hard work in helping me keep Lanark beautiful! Maria works every day, so call her at 334-657-9414 if you want to come out to Lanark. She will schedule in the A.M. or the P.M. whatever time you have, she will be glad to have you. Just give her a call first.

Mary Ann Hatcher is the only one who worked the Helpline this month.





Projects Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022

By: Terry Chambliss

Those in attendance were Deborah Kelso, Sheila Radford, Jane Mobley, Rhona Watson, Judy May, Michelle Sharpton, Kelly LaFreniere, Anne Carr, Linda Cater, Sandy Rosamond and Terry Chambliss.

Rhona Watson volunteered to maintain an accounting of Project expenditures in order to keep an itemized balance of the budgeted categories. She will create a reimbursement form for the event, items purchased, price and name of the person to be reimbursed which will be submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement.

Mardi Gras preparation was discussed including the tools and supplies needed the day of float decorating on February 24th, and tools needed the day of the parade. Those volunteering to assist with lunch on the 24th included Sandy Rosamond, Terry Chambliss, Judy May, Linda Cater, Rhona Watson, Jane Mobley and Anne Carr. A signup sheet for float decorating and riders and walkers was distributed and will be displayed for the members at the meeting. Those riding or walking will be responsible for their own lunch.

Float attire is flexible but overalls, blue jeans, jean jackets, flannel shirts and straw hats were encouraged. Red aprons should be worn as well.

Project activities by month were discussed. Some dates that were approved were:

Governor's Mansion Work Day: Monday, February 28th from 9:00am-12:00pm.
Tuesday, March 1st from 9:00am -12:00pm
Rain Date—March 2nd

Lanark Work Day: Wednesday, March 16th from 8:30-11:30am
Rain Date—March 23rd.

Jane Mobley and Rhona Watson will lead a propagation workshop toward the latter part of April.

Kelly LaFreniere volunteered to organize the Community Market table this year. The following months and themes proposed were:

April 7th—Judy May—Orchids
May 5th—Sandy Rosamond---Butterflies
June 2nd---Rhona Watson---Bonsai
September 1st---Jane Mobley---Wicking Tubs
October 6th---Ferns---Terry Chambliss

The senior project will be on terrariums. Michelle Sharpton will bring a demonstration terrarium to the next meeting—one she created after viewing some from a Serpa Design video. The only tool she used was a large bamboo skewer. Chop sticks may be another tool to consider. Jane Mobley will bring several jars as examples so that members may start collecting. We will need around 50.

Projects Meeting Minutes (Continued)
February 8, 2022
By: Terry Chambliss

Sandy Rosamond needs 13 three liter clear soda bottles for some yard art for the plant sale.

Sandy Rosamond advised that a lot of people wanted to buy the member made Christmas ornaments that were displayed on the tree in front of the Market Shops last December. She volunteered to lead another ornament making workshop in August. It will be on one day, but in two sessions. The ornaments will be made from items found in nature so the cost should be minimal.

T-Shirts and aprons were discussed. It was discovered we have a lot of embroidered red aprons left. These will be brought to meetings to sell for \$15 each. The decision about organizing for t-shirts will be addressed later. Anne Carr will get information about the embroidering. Rhona Watson suggested we get shirts from Lands End again as the shirts are true to size and good quality. Members will be required to buy their own shirts in whatever style they choose.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Chambliss

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

March Member Featured:

Carol Pugh



Hello everyone, I'm Carol Pugh. Many of you have known me over the years from the Elmore County Extension Office. I was employed with ACES as the Administrative Support Associate, September 1, 1980 and recently retired December 31, 2021. It has been a joy and pleasure working with the Master Gardener Program over the years.

I enrolled in the Master Gardener Program in September 2016 to learn more about horticulture to assist with my job and to learn more about plants, gardening and (landscaping, my favorite part of gardening). I was amazed on how detailed and informative the program is, and all that I didn't know. The program is a wealth of knowledge for sure!

I married my high school sweetheart, Rodney Pugh in 1988, we have one son Brandon and our daughter-in-law, Kaley. We have been blessed with a grandson, Liam Nash Pugh, born September 30th, 2020, who has captured our hearts.

My hometown is Tallassee, where I have lived all my life. We recently relocated to Lake Martin to our cabin (which was my parents) in Dadeville, where I have always wanted to live.

My favorite hobbies are "junk shopping for treasures", painting, fishing, boating, gardening, viewing the beautiful sunrise and sunsets at the lake, and most of all this "CiCi", enjoys spending time with her grandson, Baby Nash.



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W, March 2 Spring Orchard Maintenance

Mr. Doug Chapman, Alabama Extension Commercial Horticulture Agent

W, March 9 Lawns - What to Do in the Spring

Mr. Tim Crow, Alabama Extension Home Grounds Agent

W, March 16 Natural Enemies in Your Landscape

Dr. Meredith Shrader, Auburn University Extension Entomology Specialist

W, March 23 Plants that Tickle your Senses

Mr. Hayes Jackson, Alabama Extension Urban Home Grounds Agent

W, March 30 The Art of Kokedama

Mrs. Devonne Ellis & Mrs. Judy Gobble, Wiregrass Master Gardeners

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MASTER GARDENER ACTIVATES — FEBRUARY 2022

Mardi Gras Parade



PRUNING DAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,



PICTURES FROM JAPANESE MAPLE GRAFTING WORKSHOP





March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Governor's Mansion Spring Workday 9-12 noon	2 Lanark Gardens 8-11 a.m.	3 Learning Gardens Extension Office 8-12 noon	4	5
6	7 Governor's Mansion Gardens 9-11 a.m.	8 Lunch & Learn First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka 12—1 p.m. Projects Committee Meeting, Extension Auditorium 9:30-11:00 a.m.	9 Lanark Gardens 8-11 a.m.	10 Learning Gardens Extension Office 8-12 noon MG Helpline 9-1 p.m. Extension Office	11	12
13 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	14 Governor's Mansion Gardens 8-11 a.m. CAMGA Board Meeting —By Zoom 2:00 p.m.	15 CAMGA Monthly Meeting, First Presby- terian Church, Wetumpka 10-12 noon	16 Lanark Gardens 8-11 a.m.	17 Learning Gardens Extension Office 8-12 noon	18	19
20 <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21 Governor's Mansion Gardens 8-11 a.m.	22	23 Lanark Gardens 8-11 a.m.	24 Learning Gardens Extension Office 8-12 noon	25	26
27	28 Governor's Mansion Gardens 8-11 a.m.	29	30 Lanark Gardens 8-11 a.m.	31 Learning Gardens Extension Office 8-12 noon	