



# GARDEN BUZZZZZZ



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## *Hello May 2022*

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**CAMGA Garden Buzzzz**  
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### **Message from Lynda** *Lynda Edwards, President* *CAMGA President*

First week of May!! CAMGA members have been looking forward to this week and it's here. Our Alabama Master Gardener Conference begins Monday May 2, 2022 and ends Wednesday May 4, 2022. Many have worked for months and some years on this conference since we are co-hosting with the Montgomery Master Gardener Association. A special thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this a great conference. Covid has prevented us from being able to have this conference for the past two years and I look forward to seeing you there.

We have a little breather after the Conference and then it's our annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Extension Office. This is going to be our largest and best Plant sale ever. I just have this great feeling about it.

However, it requires your presence to make it successful. You don't need to bring plenty of cash this year because we have the ability to take credit and debit cards for purchases. Now, how cool is that? By the way, we could use additional volunteers to help as a cashier.

Please let Robin Snyder know if you can volunteer. I am the world's worse for not having sufficient cash with me. No worries this year. My garden has not been planted because I'm waiting to see what I can purchase at the Plant Sale. There will be vendors and entertainment so bring the family.

You might want to bring some cash for the Vendor purchases. Robin Snyder and her team have done a fantastic job in planning and coordinating this event but we need people there to make purchases. Please talk it up among your friends. We will acknowledge all volunteers after the Plant Sale.

**Message from Lynda (Continued)**

*Lynda Edwards, President  
CAMGA President*



I have some good personal news to report. My first follow-up and adjustment for my Cochlear Implant was last Monday. After more test in the soundproof room, my doctor told me I was way ahead of the game and said he was very proud of me. I scored 70% in word recognition on my test and that he said was remarkable. He made lots of adjustments, one being the volume was turned way up.

As we headed home from Birmingham, I told Earnie that they probably tell all their patients that to make them feel better and to make them look good. I was having my doubts because I had no proof that anything was better. We made a stop for a purchase while in Birmingham and Earnie did not want to go inside with me. When alone and you can't hear, you often encounter problems but I went inside alone. The payment desk was behind glass and not very close to the customers.

The clerk spoke in a normal soft voice, "are you paying with cash or a card?" I heard every word and it was only then that I knew that my doctor was telling me the truth. I will never forget those words, "are you paying with cash or card?" because I was able to hear without any hearing device. Everything was coming through the Cochlear. It was exciting and brought tears to my eyes. That is not a question normally asked by a clerk.

There have been many times that I made assumptions as to questions and gave the wrong answer. Today, I heard the wind chimes ringing on my front porch and I heard Earnie start up the Polaris although he was about 50 or more yards away. Those may sound like little things to you but for someone who hasn't heard those sounds in a year, it's wonderful. I thank God for restoring my hearing to this point. The doctor says I must take baby steps like I did before I could walk. At this stage my doctor does not want me to rely on any headsets or aids of any kind. Every four weeks, I will go for an adjustment and should see improvement in hearing. Thank you again for all your prayers and patience. The hardest thing I have to do in rehab is read out loud to myself for 1 hour every day.

It has come to my attention that we need volunteers for the Helpline. If this is something you can do, please contact Mary Ann Hatcher. Also, Lois Pribulick has been hospitalized at Baptist East for 6 days. She was admitted due to an infection in her leg that never quite healed following her last surgery. She says she has blood poisoning and is being treated for hypertension and diabetes, both of which were out of control. Apparently, she had a massive amount of fluid in both legs and was taken to the hospital by ambulance because she was too ill to walk to the car. Please pray for Lois that she will soon be on the road to recovery.

*See you soon,*

*Lynda Edwards  
CAMGA President*



## Message from Mallory

**Mallory Kelley**  
**Regional Extension Agent — Home Grounds,**  
**Gardens, & Home Pests**

### Attracting Pollinators

*We need a healthy insect population to pollinate our plants!* Some plants are wind pollinated (examples: grasses, conifers, and a few others), but most plants with showy flowers need helpers to visit them and move pollen from the male flower parts (anther) to the female parts (stigma). Lots of insects assist this process as they feed on the pollen and/or nectar in the flowers.

Several bees make Alabama their home. Bumblebees are found in larger flowers due to their bulky size and are often seen working squash flowers and ornamentals such as Indica azaleas.

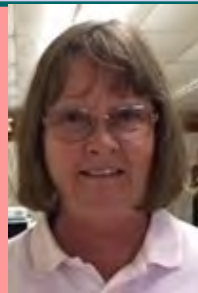
Mason bees like the early spring bloomers such as fruit trees, mustard, and clover. Other bees in Alabama include: squash bee, sweat bee, leaf-cutting bee, various digger bees, blueberry bee, numerous bumblebee species, and of course, the honeybee.

Have you ever wondered what you can do to help? You can support pollinators by attracting them to your yard, an Alabama Smart Yard.

Plant a variety of plants together. Remember that insects need help finding flowers so a big floral pit-stop makes their hunt easy. The flowers of herbs such as thyme, basil, bee balm, and rosemary all produce nectar that bees love. Let your parsley, dill, and Cole crop veggies go to flower next spring as these are good bee pasture. Mix flowers like coneflower, coreopsis, or any other aster family flowers into other plantings – even your vegetable garden. Add some shrubs and trees like salvias, redbud, hollies, false indigo, and buck-eye.

Consider extra caution when using insecticides. Yes, even organic sourced insecticides may kill our beneficial insects when used incorrectly. Think about the time of day bees are foraging. The daylight hours when temperatures are between 70° degrees F and 95° F is when most bees explore. So if you need to use insecticides, dusk and later are better times. Look for that lazy bumblebee who might sleep in a flower after a tiring day. As a general rule, avoid flowers when applying insecticides of any kind.

Help support all pollinators by learning more about them.



**CAMGA Minutes — April 19, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka and**  
**Via Zoom**  
**By: Sheila Radford, Secretary**

There were 27 members in attendance at the church.

The program speaker, Caylor Roling, was introduced by Vice President Kelly LaFreniere. Caylor shared some information about Eat South.

Raised beds are used at the Eat South Farm because the ground is contaminated with arsenic due to its long term previous use as a rail yard. It is a year round operation that uses no pesticides, and it provides plants for both pollinators and for human consumption. Post pandemic Eat South is sending a lot of their produce to church pantries and food distribution centers. In 2021 over 2,000 lbs. of food were donated and volunteers logged 1,291 hours.

This year Caylor hopes to resume summer camps that Eat South is well known for hosting. Even during this past year's COVID restrictions 1,096 students were able to tour Eat South. There will be a tour of Eat South Farm during the Alabama Master Gardener Convention, but Eat South is a city park and is open all day to visitors. For volunteer opportunities contacts are: [www.eatsouth.org](http://www.eatsouth.org) or [farmer/eatsouth.org](http://farmer/eatsouth.org) or facebook/[eatsouth@eatsouth](mailto:eatsouth@eatsouth) or phone number: 503-753-5006

Caylor's presentation ended at 10:30 a.m. Lynda suggested that Kelly arrange a CAMGA outing to tour Eat South sometime this year.

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President Lynda Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Her rehab following a cochlear implant procedure is progressing slowly.

Vice President Kelly reports that she has several months of programs planned out. In June there will be a speaker on native vs exotic plants. Debbie Boutelier is scheduled to speak in July.

Secretary Sheila moved to dispense with reading the minutes from the March meeting . These are available to members in the Garden Buzz. This motion was seconded by Sherri.

Treasurer Sherri announced that CAMGA will be able to accommodate credit and debit card purchases at the plant sale .

CAMGA Advisory Representative Cheryl told members that Debbie Boutelier is creating a directory of ideas for Master Gardener Associations to use as a resource to help find speakers for events, suggestions for tours etc.

**CAMGA Minutes (Continued)**  
**April 2022**  
**By: Sheila Radford, Secretary**



Plant sale chairman Robin informed members that Terry will have signs posted on highways 14 and 231 and at the extension. Dee has done a fantastic job with publicity for the sale.

Vendors are being organized by Allyson Andrews. Food vendors will be there. Robin will have bottled water, coffee, and doughnuts for the a.m. both days. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer.

Refreshments are always enjoyable, but sometimes scarcely anyone brings treats and other times there are more than enough selections. Just as a reminder, volunteer hours can be claimed for the time spent preparing refreshments for CAMGA events.

Projects co-chair Sandy Rosamond reminded members that there is still a need for wide mouthed glass jars to be used in June and July for the terrarium project.

AMGA convention update from Janice Jackson relates that there is an additional tour on Monday, May 2nd at 12:45. Lilly's Garden is an outdoor classroom for students K-5 at Forest Ave. Academic Magnet School. No registration is needed for this additional tour. It will only be available at 12:45 p.m. since it is being held during school hours.

Re: Parking at the convention on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday people can pay \$20.00 to park at the Embassy Suites with in and out privileges, or they can park in the intermodal parking deck, which is covered and has security for \$6 for 24 hours.

This option has NO in/out privilege! There is also an uncovered parking lot adjacent to the East South lot (at the far end of the train shed) which is also a city lot at \$6.00 a day. Per Margaret Cully there is additional parking available at the Greyhound Bus terminal.

Carol Rattan notes that some members still need to have their pictures taken for the directory. Members who have not yet picked up their directories need to do so.

Old business: none

New business: none

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*Respectively submitted by,  
Sheila Radford, Secretary*

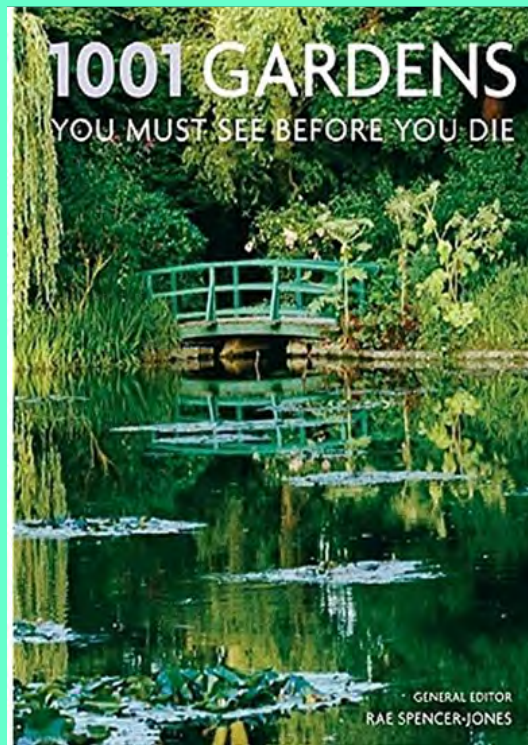




## CAMGA Library News May 2022 By: Dee Turberville

### 1001 Gardens You Must See Before You Die By Rae Spencer-Jones

Donated by Mary McCroan, garden lovers and world travelers will enjoy browsing this armchair reference guide of the most beautiful and interesting gardens -- around the world within the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. This tour of magnificent formal gardens has a heavy emphasis upon European localities, possibly because the editor of 1001 Gardens is a freelance horticulturist whose articles appear in many magazines and newspapers in the U.K. Among the gardens described in the volume for the United States:



Boscobel, in New York State's Hudson Valley, the Leichtag family's Healing Garden, created for patients at the San Diego Children's Hospital, Portland's Classical Chinese Garden, Williamsburg Gardens in Virginia, and the Magnolia Plantation Gardens near Charleston. The Gnome Reserve in Devon, England, captured my attention.

This unique garden has over 1000 gnomes dotted around the reserve, fishing in streams, waiting for buses, playing chess, pushing wheelbarrows and of course, reading, in quiet mossy nooks. More than 800 color photos and illustrations accompany the garden descriptions, organized by country. A variety of garden styles are covered, especially those gardens with unique architectural features. A quote to ponder as you enjoy these stunning gardens. "Gardens are our link with the Divine." – William Howard Adams



## **Governor's Mansion Report For April 2022 By: Amanda Borden**



As of April 25, we have put in 7,009 hours of volunteer time at the Governor's Mansion.

We started in October 2013, and we have made a big difference...pulling weeds, fighting poison ivy and pruning correctly...all while talking, learning, and having fun.

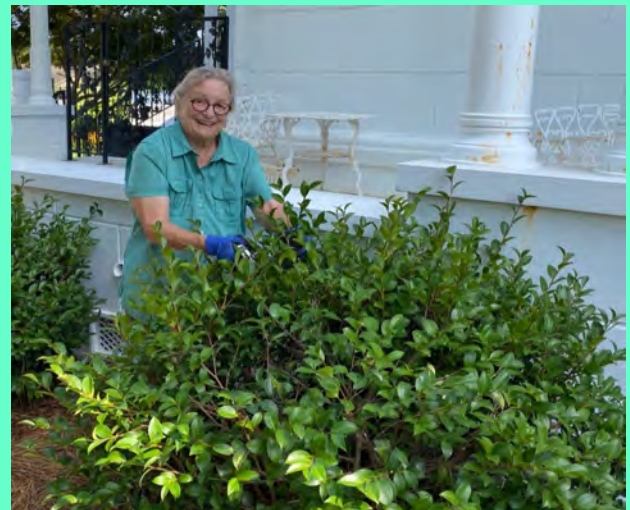


**And a day without debris, is like a day without sunshine!**





**Governor's Mansion Report (Continued)**  
**For April 2022**  
**By: Amanda Borden**



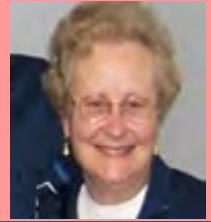
**Guess Who?**



## **SPOTLIGHT On VOLUNTEERS**

### **For April 2022**

**By: Judy May**



Refreshments at the CAMGA meeting on April 19 were provided by Dee Turberville, Bonnie McCormick, Michelle Simpson, Linda Jennings, and Lynda Edwards. Thanks to all of them for their tasty treats. The Helpline this month was worked by Michelle Sharpton and Mary Ann Hatcher.

Earth Day this year was a combination of Farmers Market, Vendors, recycled projects by children, and a plant swap and was held Friday, April 16. Master Gardeners who attended were Sandy Rosamond, Michelle Sharpton, Sherri Davidson and Terry Chambliss.

April 21st ,Rhona Watson and Jane Mobley hosted an air layering workshop at Jane's house. Attending were Linda Queen, Janice Jackson, Debbie Kelso, Sheri Davidson, Robin Snyder, Candy Jones, Rhona Watson and Jane Mobley.

Volunteers at the Governor's Mansion this month were Shap Ashley, Amanda Borden, Ann Carr, Linda Cater, John Carrick. Jaeri Ellis, Peggy Funk, Ann Hamill, Jane McCarthy, Cheryl McKiernan, Debbie O'Brien, Vivian O'Neal, Darwin Prewitt, Kathy Quinn, Robin Snyder and Beth Wicker.

Volunteers who worked Thursday, April 21st at Crosswoods Community Church in Elmore, stuffing bags for the state conference were Katherine Pool, Cindy McKenzie, Lynne Kuhlmann, Martha Howard, Dixie Bryan, Marie Updike, Claire Hubbard, Larry Hubbard, Rhonda Miles, Jesse Miles, Lee Ann Marona, Sheila Radford, Barbara Wallace, Andy Wallace, Cindy Augustine, Terese Goodson, Judy May, Mamie McClure and Nellie Moore. Terese Goodson, Registration Co-Chair, says thanks for all the help. Thursday went quite smoothly.

Maria says Leslie Bingham, Don Hoover and Carla McCune helped her in the gardens this month and Ricky Hatcher and Ernie Edwards helped the Cook-Off leader Tommy Tidwel to keep things rolling.

Thanks to the volunteers, a lot of work was accomplished on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Learning Gardens. New fabric was installed, the plant sale area was cleaned up behind the barn, plants were pruned, weeds were pulled and trash was removed. The area is looking good. Those who participated were Cheryl Fitzgerald, Candy Jones, Rhona Watson, Jane Mobley, Sheila Radford, Virginia Pruitt, Bill Quails, Robin Snyder, Ricky Hatcher, Debbie Kelso, Terry Chambliss and Mary McCroan





## Remaining 2022 CAMGA Projects By: Terry Chambliss

### Save the Dates!

- June 6th—Rose Pruning/Fertilizing —(10:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.)
- June 29th—Senior Project Practice  
(10:00 a.m. --12:00 noon)
- July 15th—Senior Project (9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.)
- August 19th—Christmas Ornaments — (10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon  
& 1:00 --3:00 p.m.)
- September 23rd—Make & Take (10:00 a.m. --12:00 noon)
- October 25th—Plant Swap/Propagation — (10:00 a.m. --12:00 noon)
- November 8th—Sachet Workshop Combined with Meeting  
(9:00 a.m. -11:00am)



# 2022 Master Gardener Plant Sale



## PLANT SALE



**plus Local Vendors**

**Saturday May 7**

**8 AM – 12 noon**

**Elmore County Extension**

**340 Queen Ann Road, Wetumpka**

**Great prices and plant selection. On site master gardeners to answer your questions. Variety of local vendors.**

**Annuals**

**Perennials**

**Vegetables**

**Herbs**

**Trees**

**Fruit**

**Shrubs**

**Succulents**

**House Plants**

**Indoor Plants**

**Butterfly Garden Plants**

**Yard Art**



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

### May 2022 Featured Member: *Sherri Davidson*



Hello I am Sherri Davidson, Treasurer of the Central Alabama Master Gardener Association.

I am a public health servant.

My husband Ryan of fourteen years and I have four legged children – including one dog and three cats.

My hometown is Montgomery, Alabama. My hobbies are playing with plants, working in the yard, baking, taking pictures, singing, playing arcade games from the 80's and 90's and sometimes building stuff.

I took the Master Gardener Course to learn more about all aspects of gardening.

My favorite garden interests are finding the right plant for the right place, propagation, house plants and landscaping.

Other interests that I have are epidemiology, health and fitness and trying new recipes.

Something that you may not know about me is, until a few years ago I was a certified Zumba Fitness instructor.

## Master Gardener Helpline Zoom Meeting May 12th — 10:00 a.m.

Hello Everyone,

You are a vital part of our Alabama MG Helpline and we have some exciting news coming to the helpline. The changes are going to make working the helpline more fun and much easier!! Please plan to attend this important meeting by zoom May 12th at 10:00 a.m. See meeting link below.

Thank you all and I look forward to our meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>!

Mallory Kelley  
Regional Extension Agent

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Mallory Kelley is inviting you to a scheduled Auburn University Zoom e-meeting. If you're a new participant, we have a quick start guide here: <https://aub.ie/zoomquickstart>

Topic: Helpline Meeting

Time: May 12, 2022 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://auburn.zoom.us/j/84680761418>

Connect using Computer/Device audio if possible.

Or Telephone: Meeting ID: 846 8076 1418

Dial: +1 312 626 6799 (US Toll)

or +1 646 876 9923 (US Toll)

Or an H.323/SIP room system:

H.323: 162.255.37.11 (US West) or 162.255.36.11 (US East)

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# MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 2022 AMGA State Conference, Embassy Suites, Montgomery  Governor's Mansion Gardens Workday 8-11 a.m.	3 2022 AMGA State Conference, Embassy Suites, Montgomery	4 2022 AMGA State Conference, Embassy Suites, Montgomery  Lanark Gardens Workday, 8-11 a.m.	5 Learning Gardens Extension Office 7-10 a.m.  1st Thursday Wetumpka Community Market 3:30-6 p.m.	6 CAMGA Plant Sale Set-up at Extension Office. Setup at 8 a.m. (Plant intake 9 a.m. )  Volunteer at EAT South for School Field Trip 8:30 — 11:15 a.m.	7 CAMGA Annual Plant Sale, Elmore Co. Extension Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon
8 	9 Governor's Mansion Gardens Workday 8-11 a.m.	10 Projects Committee Meeting, Extension Auditorium, 9:30-11 a.m.  Lunch & Learn First Presbyterian Church— 12 noon-1 p.m. Program on food labeling, organic, GMO, etc.	11 Lanark Gardens Workday, 8-11 a.m.	12 Learning Gardens Extension Office 7-10 a.m.	13	14
15 CAMGA Board Zoom Meeting 3 p.m.	16 Governor's Mansion Gardens Workday 8-11 a.m.	17 CAMGA Monthly Meeting 10 am—12 noon. First Presbyterian Church	18 Lanark Gardens Workday, 8-11 a.m.	19 Learning Gardens Extension Office 7-10 a.m.  Master Gardener Help Line 9 am-1 pm. Extension Office	20 Master Gardener Help Line 9 am-1 pm. Extension Office	21
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