

Volunteer Opportunity Descriptions

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Governor's Mansion

Under the direction of Jane McCarthy, we meet every Monday morning at the Governor's Mansion to help maintain the gardens there. In addition to the pleasure of the usual gardeners' camaraderie, volunteers have the opportunity to learn about landscape design and horticultural principles. All the work is outdoors and is typically not strenuous. The occasional physically challenging task can be handled by those who feel comfortable with it. Even the inexperienced intern is welcome at this project, for Jane is a knowledgeable, patient teacher who provides great on-the-job training.

Amanda Borden.

Lanark.

We make improvements to Lanark Gardens at Alabama Wildlife Federation. Most of our workdays are on Wednesday mornings from 8 'til noon, but the schedule is flexible if you call ahead. Lanark is a 40-acre playground with ponds, trails, forest, two homes, and lots and lots of gardens. Most of our work is outdoors but not strenuous. We need 1-5 people each week. Convenient option for folks who live west of Wetumpka. Maria Pacheco-West is a great teacher! **Maria Pacheco-West.**

Intern Class.

We all are charged with recruiting interns for each year's class. The Intern Class committee fields applications, communicates with interns, and helps Mallory ensure that the class sessions are effective. Our work peaks during the class sessions, on Thursday mornings from early September until mid-November. The intern class is an efficient and well-oiled machine. All our work is indoors and does not require physical exertion. Duties include recruiting, setup and takedown, test grading, food prep and serving, and mentoring. This is the lifeblood of CAMGA! **Becky Brown.**

Videos

We make videos that share gardening knowledge with the public. Audience to some videos is measured in the thousands. This is high impact! No experience needed; we will teach you everything you need to know, and you get to play with some seriously cool toys. You can do most of the work indoors, it doesn't require much physical exertion, and you see the results of your work as people discover it online. Computer skills helpful but not necessary. Ditto ability to speak on camera. You can earn virtually unlimited Master Gardener hours on your own schedule. **Lee Borden.**

Audio Visual

CAMGA members often use computers, projectors and screens when they make presentations to the public, and our skill levels with the equipment we use are, ahem, variable. If you have aptitude in this area (setting up, adjusting, troubleshooting, etc.), we would love to know so we can call on you in a pinch! **Lee Borden.**

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Projects.

Work with CAMGA president and members to initiate projects within the CAMGA. Work in the community, if approved, on various projects to improve the various needs within the area. Work with various committee heads to improve the needs of the CAMGA. Work in the Extension Center Learning Gardens to keep them attractive and functional. Assist the county agent in projects capacity as needed. Work on our big public seminar scheduled for 2017. **John Barnes.**

Plant Sale

The Fundraising Committee plans and manages the CAMGA plant sale held on the first Saturday in May every year. Our only fundraiser, the sale provides the public easy access to experts who can answer gardening questions and point out the right plant for each location. We also recruit new Master Gardeners at this event. We depend on members and interns to contribute plants each year. The preparation for the sale and the sale itself are "all hands on deck" events, so both are great times to work with and get to know the great people of CAMGA! **Carol Rattan.**

Learning Garden

We maintain the learning garden at Extension. Most of us work on Thursday mornings, but the schedule is flexible. We're always trying something new, just to see whether it works. Most of our work is outdoors and typically requires light physical exertion. We are a highly social group, and we enjoy visiting together as we work. And there are often plants to take home! If you are consistent in coming, we will designate an area for you to plant and tend, and whatever you grow there is yours to enjoy. **Mary McCroan.**