



GARDEN BUZZZZZZ



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MESSAGE FROM KELLY
KELLY LAFRENIERE
CAMGA, INC. PRESIDENT



Hello fellow Master Gardeners,

I hope you are surviving this treacherous heat! Hopefully it will cool down soon and we can start on our fall gardens. It's not too late to plant another round of tomatoes and peppers or pumpkins for fall! Stay hydrated and take many breaks.

I'm excited about our graduation for our six interns on **August 20th** at the **First Presbyterian Church** in Wetumpka at 10 AM. We will have a very short CAMGA business meeting prior to our luncheon. Please attend if you are able. It means a lot for you to be there to support our new interns. Our Elmore County interns are David Heffelfinger, Casie McGinn, Lidia Mitchum, Martha Rodgers, Melissa Watts, and Lesley Wilkinson. If you see them, please congratulate them as they will become our newest Master Gardener family members! If you would like to bring food, we are having a potluck, and you can let Robin Snyder know what you will be bringing.

Remember our next Lunch and Learn is August 13th at the First Presbyterian Church in Wetumpka! Mallory Kelley, Horticulturalist, ACES will give a talk on planting a fall vegetable container garden. For more information contact Sandy Rosamond.

Thank you for all you do, without you CAMGA would not be possible. Take care and see you on August 20!

Happy Gardening,
Kelly Lafreniere
CAMGA, Inc. President

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Message from Mallory

Mallory Kelley

Regional Extension Agent — Home Grounds, Gardens, & Home Pests

Alabama Gardener's Calendar — August

Fruits and Nuts

- Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes.
- Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

Shrubs

- Propagate woody plants, such as hydrangeas and azaleas, by layering.
- Do not fertilize woody plants in late summer. It will stimulate new growth that might not have time to harden off before winter's first frost.

Lawns

- Apply 1 pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet to bermudagrass and St. Augustinegrass. Skip this month for fertilizing centipedegrass and zoysiagrass.
- Mow often (every 5 to 10 days) to remove just 1/3 the grass height at each mowing.
- Water lawns as needed (grayish color or curling leaf blades).
- Stop fertilizing warm-season turf types at the end of the month.

Roses

- Keep roses healthy and actively growing.
- Lightly prune hybrid teas and floribundas to prevent a scraggly appearance.
- Old-fashioned roses will experience second bloom flush, so no need to prune these types.

Annuals and Perennials

- Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials for spring.

Bulbs

- Divide old iris plantings and add new ones.

Miscellaneous

- Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task during this month.
- Closely observe for insects and diseases.
- Water.

Vegetable Seeds

- Whole state: Continue planting beans and squash.
- Central and North: Continue planting cole crops, beets, carrots, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, Swiss chard, parsley, radishes, and turnips.

Vegetable Transplants

- **South and Central:** Plant certified seed potatoes for Irish and red-skinned varieties until mid-month.
- **North:** Plant cole crop transplants that were started in July.

CAMGA, Inc. Monthly Minutes**July 16, 2024****Elmore County Extension Office****By: Michelle Sharpton**

“All About Hemp” was presented by Amanda Borden, CAMGA Advanced Master Gardener. Extension Master Gardeners learned about the Terminology, Botany, Human Physiology, History and Legality, and What’s Available in Alabama. For more information and references, please contact Amanda Borden at amandaborden@gmail.com.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by President Kelly LaFreniere. Twenty-eight CAMGA, Inc. members signed the roster today.

After many door prize giveaways, Kelly asked for a motion to approve last month’s minutes to record. Bonnie McCormick made the motion. Amanda Borden seconded the motion. The vote was placed, and the vote was unanimously in favor of approval.

Rhonda Miles thanked all the volunteers who brought food today.

CAMGA, Inc. Member Concerns include Terry Chambliss, who has had knee surgery recently and is recovering well, and Jason Mattox’s Mother-in-Law is hospitalized in Birmingham.

Robin Snyder announced the official Emeritus membership certificates for Ann Hill and Yvonne Ellis have been signed and are ready to be mailed.

Robin has announced she will no longer be the Plant Sale Coordinator. After five years, she states she will be resigning, but would be happy to help the new coordinator as requested. All of the Plant Sale plans are on paper and are ready to be implemented when a new Coordinator is named. Please let Robin know if you are interested in this Volunteer Opportunity.

Robin shares with the membership that the new Intern Class will begin August 8, 2024, at the Autauga County Extension Center. CAMGA, Inc. has been asked to provide lunches for Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept. 12, and Sept. 26. The CAMGA, Inc. Board will provide lunch for Aug. 15. The Interns will be responsible for the lunch on Sept. 12. Volunteers to bring food for Aug. 29 and Sept. 26 are needed. A Volunteer Coordinator will also be needed for overseeing the lunch preparations for Aug. 29 and Sept. 26. Contact Robin Snyder for more information if you would like to Volunteer for this effort.

Mentors for our new Elmore County Interns are still desperately needed. Please contact Robin Snyder if you are interested in being a Mentor.

Sherri Davidson, Treasurer, reported to the members that she and Kelly LaFreniere, President, have successfully closed the old CAMGA Regions Bank account yesterday. The sum of \$2,918.53 was withdrawn from the account and deposited into the new CAMGA, Inc. Max Credit Union Account as a donation. CAMGA, Inc.’s total assets are \$22,839.00

The Board has approved the purchase of QuickBooks to be used for CAMGA, Inc.

There is still need of an Assistant Treasurer Volunteer. Please see Sherri Davidson for more information on this Volunteer Opportunity.

CAMGA, Inc. Minutes (Continued)
Elmore County Extension Office
By: Michelle Sharpton

Cindy Augustine reminds everyone that the AMGA Advisory Committee is August 6, 2024. It will be held at Petals from the Past at 10:00 a.m. The AMGA *Pathways* and AMGA *Happenings* have been split into 2 parts to allow room for future expansions. Both Summer issues are now available online. An email was sent out earlier this week to the membership regarding this change. Emails have also been sent out to the membership regarding two upcoming Fall Conferences. Registration is required.

Barbara Wallace shared a “Little Digger” shovel that Ann Smith’s husband created. Orders are being taken for purchase. The smaller version is \$25.00, and the larger version is \$40.00. This is a deeply discounted price for the CAMGA, Inc. Membership. If you would like to purchase this well-made garden tool, please contact Barbara Wallace so she may bring your shovel to the next meeting. Cash or checks only, please.

Candy Jones shared the Propagation Workshop was a great success with 26 participants registered and 24 participants that attended. Several people bought plants from the Learning Garden area, too. Planning has begun on the next workshop. See Candy if you would like to volunteer to help with the planning committee for this exciting event.

Mallory Kelley encouraged our membership to continue to plan, coordinate, and organize events and praised its membership and leadership for reconstructing the programs and generating positive outcomes.

Mallory gave a special thanks to Candace Jones for her hard work with revamping the Educational Programs.

Mallory gave special recognition and congratulations to Robin Snyder for her dedication and hard work in our very successful Intern Program.

Katrina Mitchell reminded members to sign-up for the Quarterly Elmore County Extension Office Newsletter.

Old Business: 0

New Business: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Michelle Sharpton, Secretary

July 2024 Spotlight On Volunteers

CAMGA had another warm, but fun day at the Wetumpka Farmers market on July 13th.

Thank you so much to Dee Tuberville and intern, Martha Rodgers for helping us reach out to prospective Master Gardeners and share our love of gardening. We also sold several plants from the learning gardens.

Looking forward to the next one in October.

Submitted by: Darlene Dixon



CAMGA Library News

August 2024

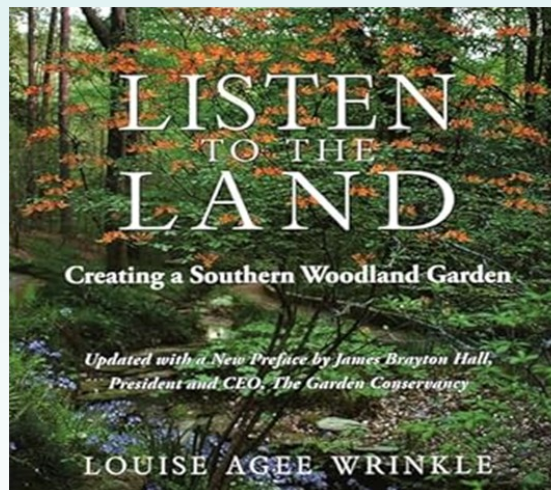
By: Dee Turberville

Listen to the Land; Creating a Southern Woodland Garden

By Louise Agee Wrinkle

Originally published in 2017, Listen to the Land has been updated in 2024 with a new preface by James Brayton Hall, President and CEO of The Garden Conservancy. "I have always believed that in all the best ways, *a garden is a conversation*. First and foremost, it is a conversation between the site, the gardener, and the plants. It might also include the designer, the neighbors, visitors and friends, and other gardeners looking for inspiration. Louise Wrinkle's garden exemplifies all the best of these dialogues."

In Mountain Brook, Alabama, homes are often passed from one generation to the next. This is the story of Louise Agee Wrinkle, who remembers her childhood at 2 Beechwood Road, when there was an overgrown forest, a bridle trail, and a brook. She called it The Jungle. Today, her property features a well-cultivated woodland garden. Part memoir and part gardening resource, with wit and wisdom, Wrinkle shares memorable stories of her youth, her return to the home as an adult, and the trials and successes of tending a natural woodland garden. During the past 35 years, think snowstorms, insects, poor soil, weeds, drought, flooding, sun, frost, microbursts, tornadoes – all of which we have faced as gardeners in Alabama.



My favorite part of the book includes the author's annotated list of plants she has encountered or used, successfully or not -- plants appropriate for a woodland garden in Alabama. It is an invaluable resource for gardeners and horticulturalists throughout the Southeast, relatable to the serious gardener as well as the casual reader. The large colorful photographs illustrate the garden's beauty.



Governor's Mansion Report For July 2024

By: Amanda Borden



In July we tried to stay in the shade, and we were usually done by 10 a.m. We weeded, pruned, and renewal pruned a few problematic shrubs: Some in the painters' way, some blocking the security cameras, and some just being thugs, (wax myrtles, I'm talking to you!). And then we weeded some more.



Cheryl, Robin, Darwin
trimming weeding back side yard

Darwin & Linda trimming
azaleas side yard



Jane F & Sue B
Serenity Garden



Group after workday July 8





August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Learning Gardens Work Day at Extension Office 7-10 a.m.	2	3
4	5 Governor's Mansion Workday 8-11 a.m.	6	7 Lanark Gardens Workday 8-11 a.m.	8 Learning Gardens Work Day at Extension Office 7-10 a.m.	9	10
11	12 Governor's Mansion Workday 8-11 a.m. Projects Committee Meeting, Ext. Of- fice, 10 a.m.	13 Lunch & Learn, First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka 12 noon -1 p.m.	14 Lanark Gardens Workday 8-11 a.m.	15 Learning Gardens Work Day at Extension Office 7-10 a.m.	16	17
18	19 Governor's Mansion Workday 8-11 a.m.	20 CAMGA Meeting & MG Gradua- tion, 10 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka	21 Lanark Gardens Workday 8-11 a.m.	22 Learning Gardens Work Day at Extension Office 7-10 a.m.	23	24
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