

# PATHWAYS

Summer 2023

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**AMGA Website**

[alabamamga.org](http://alabamamga.org)

## AMGA PRESIDENT

Devonne Ellis



Hello, my Gardening Friends,

I hope you are doing well and that your gardens are growing beautifully. Individuals have approached me several times, asking why I joined a Master Gardener group. I joined mainly to connect with people of like minds from across the state. All Master Gardeners love talking with other gardeners within the state and beyond. We connect at conferences, seminars, and webinars to learn about flowering plants, trees, and vegetables that grow in all planting zones in Alabama. The topics are endless when you are talking with gardeners.

I encourage you to visit the Advisory Council if you have not already done so. Representatives from across the state gather four times a year to discuss issues gardeners might have in their gardens, keeping their membership numbers involved, recruiting new people for the intern classes, or learning about new plants from other Master Gardeners and our local extension. Once you have visited and come frequently to AC Meetings, you develop friendships and bonds you will have for a lifetime. Don't stop there! There are many places to serve, including the Alabama Master Gardener Board. The board will be looking for others to serve. I see the leaders across the state and amazed by their service and dedication.

Let's not forget our partners, Kerry Smith and Auburn. Kerry oversees the extension agents who train us, hold seminars for CEUs, and support Master Gardeners. We want to be very involved with the Transformation Garden by holding conferences and seminars there. Our focus is having the walkway named by Master Gardeners.

If you are interested in any State position, Advisory Council, or Committee, please talk with anyone on the board. As I finish, I hope you have a wonderful summer.



## AMGA VICE PRESIDENT

Debbie Boutelier

Welcome to summer! It came quickly after a real spring this year. Since we all share a passion for gardening, I'm sure you've been out there, as I have, with your hands in the soil – planting, weeding, and just enjoying the possibilities! I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your vice president. I have enjoyed my time as Advisory Council Chair getting to know you and working to make our organization stronger. I am so excited to take on this new challenge and appreciate the trust you have placed in me to serve AMGA in this capacity. I have been working with Tuscaloosa County as they wrap up the final details of the wonderful conference we had there this spring. Their county association is to be applauded for the planning and hard work they did to make us all feel welcome in Tuscaloosa, and for the fascinating educational opportunities that were provided.

Now the focus moves south to Baldwin County as the Baldwin County Master Gardeners prepare to host the conference in 2024. It will be located in the beautiful City of Daphne. Their team is moving forward as they develop another top-notch conference. More information will be shared in the coming months as Baldwin County prepares to share their 'Paradise Found.'

In 2025, the conference will move back to the central part of the state as Autauga County starts planning for that event. Where will we go in 2026? Has your association thought about hosting the conference? This is a wonderful opportunity to get Alabama Master Gardeners to see what your association is doing in your corner of Alabama. Please let me know if you have an interest in hosting.

Always remember, time began in a garden.

Debbie

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## AMGA AWARDS

Lyn Webb

What fun we had this year at the AMGA Conference held in Tuscaloosa on April 3-5, 2023. We had some surprised winners.

Our winners for the 2023 AMGA Conference were:

Top Hours of the Year: Jimmie Van Valkenburgh, Baldwin County Master Gardeners, was recognized for a total of 1,324 hours during 2022 and received a garden plaque and a certificate.

Jean Lee Lifetime Hours Award: Ona Garwood, Coffee County Master Gardener, received a certificate, a Jean Lee Lifetime Hours badge, and Lifetime Membership in AMGA for volunteering 13,675 Lifetime hours.

Outstanding Newsletter Award for Sixty-one and above AMGA Members with a website: Capital City Master Gardeners, *The Prairie Mud*, editor Charlene Thomas. They received a certificate and a check for \$100 from AMGA.

There were no entries in the other Newsletter categories.

The Gary Murray Outstanding Service and Dedication Award: Renee Thompson, Extension Agent, was nominated by Wiregrass Master Gardeners and received a certificate and garden plaque.

Mary Lou McNabb Alabama Master Gardener of the Year Award: Sherilyn Osborne, Blount County Master Gardeners, was presented with a Mary Lou McNabb Master Gardener of the Year Award badge, Lifetime membership in AMGA, a garden plaque, a certificate and up to \$1,500 toward attendance of an International Master Gardener Conference.

Reach for the Stars and Badges Awards: Twenty-six counties had qualifying members for awards of forty-seven gold badges, thirty-three platinum badges, eight ruby stars, four emerald stars, four -diamond stars, two amethyst stars, one navy blue star, and two rainbow stars.

Your Awards Committee for this year was Dee Hubbert from the Shoals MG, Dottye Pierce from DeKalb County MG, Amanda Redman from Blount County MG, Carol Williams from Mobile County MG, and Rod Penuel from Coffee County MG. They worked hard and did a great job.

Thank you to all who volunteer your time!

## AMGA NEWSLETTER

Patricia Peoples, Chair—Terri Scheffler, Co-chair

We've had a lot of contacts to revise, with new Officers, Board Members, and Pathways contacts throughout the state. We believe we've made the contact changes we've received from you, but if you have any questions or concerns at all regarding Pathways, please contact us at [amganewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:amganewsletter@gmail.com).

We're always so impressed with the efforts reported at the state and local levels. Reading what's going on in AMGA is so interesting and may give you some inspiration for your own use!

At the Scheffler house, we usually get inspired by at least one thing at the Convention; this year, it was wildflowers (we are now growing some native AL wildflowers) and repurposing some older planters in bright colors (inspired by Felder Rushing). We don't have anything as elaborate as his items, but they are now bright and cheery! Did you get inspired by items presented at the convention and are now putting them to use?

We are excited to bring this news. Great things are happening as far as the AMGA newsletter committee goes...Terri Scheffler will become co-editor with Patricia Peoples, and Sheila Bolen will be joining as the apprentice. Sheila has lots of experience, in fact, her newsletter won first place at state level for county newsletters. Patricia Patty and Carolyn Wade will continue in their role as copy editors and proofreader.

First master gardeners class in Alabama. Class of 1981. Photo provided by Brenda Tapp.

NOTE: Two of the students are still MGs and members of Master Gardeners of North Alabama. They are Mary Lou McNabb and Elouisa Stokes.



Jean C Blackwood  
Marie Brooks  
June E. Carson  
Robin Chambers  
Sherlee Dervis  
Jack A. Freedman  
Marvelene Freeman  
Robert T. Gay, Jr  
Samuel L. Hess  
Ricky Hesson

Albert W. Huber  
Allison Lewis  
Daphne M Lloyd  
Beth McCormack  
Mary Lou McNabb  
Sue McWhoeter  
Seth A. Mize  
Freya R. Neely  
Paula Phillips  
Delores Smith

Elouisa Stokes  
John L. Thomas  
Gloria F. Tweedy  
Kathy Vance  
Susan F. Weber  
Gary Murray ACES coordinator  
Dr. Caula Beyl, Instructor  
Dr. Govid Sharma, Instructor

## **AMGA MEMBERSHIP**

Mary Howe

AMGA dues have been deposited for 1,696 members through the end of May. There are also 139-lifetime members identified in Dues Tracker, increasing the total active and lifetime AMGA membership to 1,835 for 2023.

Rose McCauley has assumed the AMGA Membership Chair role and will be the contact for the Dues Tracker and membership information in the future. Rose is a very active Master Gardener, has Dues Tracker experience and has served in several AMGA and local association capacities. I will remain as a backup for a while, but Rose will be the primary membership contact. Requests for Dues Tracker access or questions regarding membership should be directed to her.

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## **AMGA NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Sondra Henley, Chair

Most of us know that our Association has four (4) officers, (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and seven (7) members elected at-large. These are who constitute our Board of Directors.

All Association members have the privilege to vote for these eleven (11) people. The Officers serve two (2) year terms. The at-large members serve three (3) year terms, and their election is staggered to allow for continuity in the Association.

In addition to the Board of Directors, the Association has ten standing committees. They are:

- Audit
- Awards
- Communications
- Continuing Education
- Endowment
- Membership
- Nominating
- Project Funding
- Records and Retention
- State Conference

The Nominating Committee is elected at the Association's Annual Conference. Like the at-large members, the nominating committee serves a three (3) year term, with one (1) elected each year. The remaining committees are appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

There are numerous ways to be considered for a position on any of the committees or the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is the conduit for establishing a list of great potential candidates. The Advisory Council plays a role in identifying members for both the Board of Directors and the various standing and special committees.

## AMGA PROJECT FUNDING

Sherilyn Osborne, Chair

The Project Funding Committee wishes to thank all who sent projects for 2023. I wish we could have fully funded all of them!

Please begin planning now for next year's projects. Also be aware that Caroline is working to simplify the online form. Sorry for the registration problems last year!

Thanks for allowing us to help you take advantage of this service of AMGA.

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## AMGA SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Susan Hagen, Chair

There is no greatly expanded list of Master Gardener speakers and topics to report on this issue—and that is the news to report. The Speakers' Bureau list is growing, but slowly. Several established speakers I've spoken with say that they are getting speaking engagements without being on the AMGA site. And that is good. However, it misses an essential point and purpose of the AMGA Speakers' Bureau.

One intention in establishing the Speakers' Bureau was to assist Master Gardeners in securing presentation engagements, but the overriding intention was to provide a site where local Master Gardener Associations and other civic organizations could locate speakers on reliable, research-based horticultural information. In other words, in setting up the bureau, AMGA was looking outward to the public and recognizing our associations' programmatic needs.

Recognizing that ACES looks to Master Gardeners for "commitment to volunteering in their communities as an educational outreach of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System," (<https://mg.aces.edu/how-to-become-a-master-gardener/>) the AMGA Speakers' Bureau ideally serves as a platform for both individual presenters and for potential audience awareness of AMGA public outreach. So, even if established speakers do not need the Bureau for securing engagements, the Bureau needs them in advancing awareness of AMGA's educational outreach and service to folks in the state. If you have a program for presentation, new speaker or established presenter, please join the AMGA Speakers' Bureau (<https://alabamamga.org/amga-speakers-bureau/>) and help support our outreach commitment. If you don't have a program to offer, spread the word about the Bureau to other garden groups and civic organizations and help to promote good gardening information around the state.

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## AMGA TRANSFORMATION GARDEN

Roger Clarke

### THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN NEEDS YOU!

I hope every Master Gardener in Alabama is aware that we purchased the naming rights to the Transformation Garden Pedestrian Walkway and will need your help paying for them. A full background article on the Transformation Garden can be found on the AMGA website [here](#).

The Alabama Master Gardeners Association, Inc. Board of Directors led the way in paying for the naming rights by pledging a one-time payment of \$40,000 plus part of the annual conference profit for the next five years.

Fletcher Harvey is our Master Gardener Angel having made two substantial contributions in support of AMGA's efforts. And Master Gardener County Associations from the following counties have generously contributed what they could:

Capital City  
Cherokee

Chilton  
Lawrence  
Lee

Morgan  
Pike

Some of the above contributions have been paid to Auburn University. Some are at AMGA awaiting payment to the University. When all are in our account at Auburn, we will be way over halfway towards fulfilling our commitment.

In addition to these actual cash contributions, some MG County Associations have made pledges to support AMGA with specific future contributions. AMGA utilizes the cash basis of accounting and therefore only includes contributions that were actually made. An example of the gift form can be found on page 6; the fillable form can be downloaded from the AMGA website [here](#).

Mail checks to:

Cecilia Adams, PO Box 3031, Decatur, AL 35602 [adams2cs@icloud.com](mailto:adams2cs@icloud.com)



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## GIFT COMMITMENT

Thank you for making a gift to Auburn University. Gifts are made through the Auburn University Foundation, which will acknowledge and direct your gift to the Alabama Master Gardeners Association Greenway Path at the Transformation Garden.

Donor Name

Mailing Address

City  State  ZIP

County

Preferred Phone

Email

## GIVING METHOD

**OUTRIGHT GIFT**

Cash / Check \$

Please make check payable to Auburn University Foundation.

**PLEDGE COMMITMENT**

Amount \$  each year for five years in support of the Alabama Master Gardeners Association Greenway Path at the Transformation Garden.

## ADDITIONAL GIFT INFORMATION

Gift in Memory of

Gift in Honor of

Contact to notify

Mailing Address

City  State  ZIP

(Gift description, alternative payment schedule, gift recognition details or any other special instructions.)

Donor Signature  Date

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# 2022 MASTER GARDENER IMPACT

## 2022 ALABAMA EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER IMPACT

**H**ome horticulture activities benefit human health, community economics, environmental stewardship, and local food. **Alabama Extension Master Gardeners** are trained volunteers who use research-based horticulture to improve communities. After 40 years, this program remains popular and relevant today. The **Extension Home Grounds team** and numerous community partners agree that Master Gardeners are a treasure.



Veggie transplants donated = **9,964**

Community value in volunteer hours and philanthropy =

**\$6.32M**



Contacts through teaching gardens, workshops, and civic events =

**142,643**

Grow More, Give More donations =

**33,200 lbs.**

(an increase of 26% since 2019)



Answering garden questions = **168,610**  
(Helpline & Ask-MG)

Total public contacts = **311,253**



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## Master Gardener College Leadership Training Webinar

Interested in developing your leadership skills? Then you are a great candidate for our leadership training webinar! All Extension Master Gardeners are welcome, you do not have to be in a leadership position or have experience. Simply come with a desire to learn!

**What?** The objective of this training is to equip Master Gardeners with tools to become effective leaders. Topics include but are not limited to "What is a Leader?", "How to lead a meeting", "How to Develop a Presentation" and more!

**Where?** Host locations include Huntsville, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, Dothan, and Mobile.

**How?** This is a hybrid training (similar to intern training). Participants will gather at the "watch party" location nearest to them. A webinar will broadcast at each location accompanied by group discussions and activities. To register, go to [www.aces.edu](http://www.aces.edu) and click "calendar" and "month view" in the right hand corner. Then, find August 7-8 and make sure to register for the watch party nearest to you.

## Important Dates

### Apply & Pay

June 22nd - July 15th  
Webinar Fee: \$25  
(lunch is included)

### Webinar Dates

Monday, August 7th 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 8th 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Each session is approximately one hour and there will be plenty of breaks in between sessions. After registration, participants will receive a guide book with activities, group discussion topics, and to take notes with. The webinar fee will cover the cost of lunch and materials. For questions, please contact Emily Burchfield at [erb0039@auburn.edu](mailto:erb0039@auburn.edu), or (334) 707-6381.



**AMGA Fall Seminar**  
**September 26, 2023**



# Celebrating 50 Years Of Master Gardening

## Sessions

**8:30 Registration**

**9:00 Welcome & History of Alabama  
Master Gardeners – Mary Lou McNabb,  
Elouisa Stokes**

**9:30 Demonstration Vegetable  
Garden -Susan Parker**

**10:30 Habitat for Humanity of River  
Valley - Jeremy Foulks**

**11:15 Celebration Cake, Lunch,  
Garden Tour**

**1:00 Growing in Space - Cindy Upton**

**2:00 Harvey Cotten**

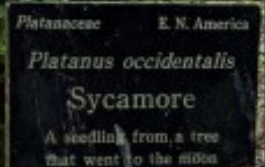
**3:00 Close**

The HBG will be open until 5:00 for Participants

## **Location:**

**Huntsville Botanical Garden  
Nichols Arbor  
4747 Bob Wallace Ave. SW  
Huntsville, AL 35805**

HBG will have carts available for  
guests who cannot walk far.  
Azalea Society of America will bring  
and sell azaleas.  
Registration includes snacks, box  
lunch and admission to the HBG



## **Celebrating 50 Years of Master Gardening Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: \$40

Select Lunch

- Turkey
- Ham
- Vegetarian

**Make Check Payable to MGNA** Deadline 9/19/2023

Mail check & Registration form to:

**Cyndi Lindblom**  
**8003 Whittier Road SW**  
**Huntsville, AL 35802**





## Blount County Master Gardeners' Fall Conference October 12, 2023 (4 CEUs)

Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m.	Locust Fork Baptist Church
Opening Session: 8:45 a.m.	30580 AL-79,
Cost: \$35, including lunch & snacks	Locust Fork, AL35097

- 9:00 a.m.— Kira Sims, Waste Not, Want Not: tips from a thrifty gardener**
- 10:00 a.m.— Hayes Jackson, The Fantastic Life of a Plant Collector...  
a look into the pleasures and perils of never having enough plants**
- 11:00-11:30 a.m.—Jason Powell's plant rundown**
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—lunch and plant sales**
- 12:30 p.m.— Lucy Edwards, Gardening: life's unexpected blessings**
- 1:30 p.m.— Dani Carroll, Taking the Garden Back: having more by doing it better**

all featured speakers are Alabama Extension agents

**For information, contact Sherilyn Osborne, 205-382-0791 (leave a message) or [sherilynosborne@bellsouth.net](mailto:sherilynosborne@bellsouth.net)**




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Registration form, please print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email / Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Make \$35 registration fee check payable to Blount County Master Gardener Association. Mail to Sherilyn Osborne, P.O. Box 13, Locust Fork, Alabama, 35097

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

Master Gardener College Leadership Training Webinar—last day to register July 15.

AMGA Advisory Council meeting, Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at Petals from the Past in Jemison, AL from 10 am to 12 pm.

AMGA BOD Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Petals From the Past, Jemison AL

AMGA Fall Seminar is Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in Huntsville  
Blount County Fall Conference October 12, 2023 – see registration form in Pathways.



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## AMGA 2024 CONFERENCE

BALDWIN CO MGA

Coming Soon - Your Ticket to Paradise!

The 2024 AMGA Conference will be held April 22-24, in Daphne, AL.

Save the dates as you don't want to miss it. Be prepared for three days of great fun, food, fellowship, and awesome learning!



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## AMGA 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sondra Henley

April 3-5, 2025, in Prattville, AL!

There was excitement in the air as Autauga had its first planning meeting on May 25. We made several important decisions on the theme and title. Now we are waiting for local artists to give their renditions for the conference committee's consideration.

There was such cooperation, respect, and compromise as the group discussed several possibilities, bringing ideas together and discarding others. We had approximately half the chairmen's positions taken at the first meeting. Several members are praying over other positions.

# HAPPENINGS

Summer 2023

Courtesy of Pexels/Pixabay

## AUTAUGA CO MGA

Sondra Henley

Autauga County MGA had a very successful plant sale. These proceeds will benefit our association, projects, and support our budget needs. We introduced our Friends of ACMGA at the plant sale by allowing them into the sale 30 minutes earlier than regular attendees. Many questions were asked about the Friends of ACMGA benefit, and we had 11 more Friends to sign up that day. These friends financially support our association annually and are given the benefits of early entrance into plant sales and invited to ACMGA tours and activities.

Our booklet, *The Gardening Buzz for Autauga*

County, has been a success! Our membership is using it to welcome new people to Autauga County, as well as giving it to family, friends, and neighbors. If you would like a copy, [please send your request to me](#); I will have copies at the next AMGA Board meeting and the Advisory Council. They are \$5.00.

We have developed QR code labels that take people to our ACMGA website. We use these on ACES signs which are located at our Demo Garden and Prattvillage Garden. We are using the latest stickers available from ACES to add to the signs, too. These QR stickers take you directly to the Helpline questions form, and questions can be sent immediately by phone to the Helpline Desk throughout the state.

## BLOUNT CO MGA

Irene Latham

Blount County was well represented at the 2023 AMGA State Conference in Tuscaloosa, with nine members in attendance. Our gardeners had wonderful things to share about what they learned over the full two days of presentations and bonding time with friends and fellow gardeners from across the state. We shared highlights from the conference; several members cited Felder Rushing's presentations. "By sharing how we can do just what we want in our own gardens, he freed us up to please ourselves," said Donna Avery. The speaker who most impacted Karon Brown was Alabama Audubon Executive Director Scott Duncan, who shared an environmental report. "I didn't know what a huge difference a one-degree rise in average temperature could make," Karon said. For Susan Hagen, it was speaker Patrick Thompson from AU's Davis Arboretum who gave an important reminder about the treasure we have in the native Alabama Azaleas. For those interested, Susan recommends the ACES publication "Native Azaleas for Alabama," which also features good photos. "My favorite part is always to meet and reunite with other

gardeners," said Sherilyn Osborne. And this year, Sherilyn was surprised when she was awarded the Mary Lou McNabb Award for volunteer service! Congratulations to Sherilyn! And many thanks to the entire conference team. "Tuscaloosa did a great job running the conference," said Donna Avery. Several members shared a desire to hear from more women speakers next year. Members left the conference armed with information and inspiration to help carry us across the coming seasons. See you April 22-24, 2024, in Daphne, Alabama!



Blount Co MGA at the 2023 AMGA Annual Conference. (Back : L-R) Vicki Peoples, Karon Brown, Vicki Hallman, Amanda Redman, Bethany O'Rear (Front: L-R), Melissa Tucker, Donna Avery, Susan Hagen, Sherilyn Osborne. Photographer: Unknown.

## CALHOUN CO MGA

Tom Gilbert

The Calhoun County Extension and Master Gardeners hosted fourth-grade students at the annual two-day Earth Day events at Cane Creek Community Gardens. The 702 students arrived by bus and attended twelve educational stations, each of 20-minute duration. The topics were designed to reinforce and expand classroom concepts and to expose the students to potential career opportunities. Some of the experience gained is to prepare young people to enjoy and be safe in forests, waterways, and rural environments. They were also exposed to alternative learning activities, community volunteerism and practiced leadership skills. Many organizations contributed a total of 75 members, aged 13-80 plus, to make this an outstanding, memorable event.

CCMG is continuing our exciting "Lunch and Learn" series each month in addition to dynamic presentations at our monthly meetings. We also held plant sales at Longleaf Botanical Gardens, Tree Amigos, and the Cane Creek Greenhouse. Projects this summer at the multiple gardens at Cane Creek will continue to enhance the fun!

Come and visit us at 77 Justice Avenue, Anniston, AL 36205. The greenhouse is open on Monday mornings, and the Cane Creek crew is there on Tuesday mornings. We would be happy to give you a tour. Our monthly meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at noon. You can contact us at [ccmgersemail@gmail.com](mailto:ccmgersemail@gmail.com)



Bee Keepers during the 2023 CCMG Earth Day events. Pictured L-R: Jerry Gilbert and Stan Bennett. Photographer: Unknown.

## CAPITOL CITY MGA

Mary Eleanor Hines

The Spring months for the Capitol City Master Gardener Association (CCMGA) were full of hard work and fruitful outcome for the public's enjoyment. We remain dedicated to our projects: Blount Cultural Park, EAT South, Montgomery Botanical Garden (MBG), Rose-Morris House and Lilly's Garden and are proud of our work to enhance the beauty of the community. Along with all of this commitment to the gardens, our newsletter, Prairie Mud, received first place as best in the state, thanks to our President and Editor, Charlene Thomas.

Our biggest event of the Spring was Arbor Day week in May at the Montgomery Botanical Gardens (MBG). MBG Director Cathy Maddox and Gardens Chair, Karin Carmichael, successfully accomplished week-long events that were free to the public for enjoyable viewing. Many dedicated Master Gardener volunteers spent hours grooming the gardens before this special event. It began on May 6 with a class on Birding, followed by a guided Birding Walk through the gardens. Three days later, a Plein Aire Paint Out occurred throughout the gardens. Artists from all over the state selected locations in the garden - painting scenery, objects, blooms or

whatever they chose to create on canvass. To complete the week there was a class on Nature Photography led by a well-known local photographer. After the class, participants took photos in the garden to practice what they had learned. This was an amazing week to be long remembered by those who participated, as well as the public who enjoyed new and different events in Montgomery.



Barbara Davis, a participant in the Plein Aire Paint Out at MBG. Photographer: Cathy Maddox

## CHEAHA MGA

Debby Mathews

Since January 5 of this year, our association has been working on planning, planting, and laboring in the Heflin Community Garden. We were invited to help plan the garden, which is a project of the City of Heflin that is partially funded by a grant from the Coosa Valley RC&D Council. Master Gardener Steve Jones created the plan, and he tweaked and tweaked the plan until it was perfect! Master Gardener Ann Jones has been equally involved, and has been most helpful, as she has drawn on her experience with the community garden in Huntsville. All Master Gardeners participate in the garden by keeping our eight demo beds weeded, watered, and tended.

Our other project this spring was our Annual Plant sale on May 13. Hosta's, varied native plants, herbs, vegetable transplants,

apple trees grafted by Steve Jones, and fresh floral arrangements by Sue Pentecost were offered for sale.



Our association participated in the grand opening of the Heflin Community Garden on May 8. Shown in the photo with local officials and RC&D Council members are: To the right of the check: Master Gardeners Debby Mathews, Mary Humphries, Michelle Bain, Marie Rhoden; to the right of the man in the yellow shirt are Steve Jones and Ann Jones. Photographer: Unknown.



Wear sunflowers in your hair and dance in the sun!



## COFFEE CO MGA

Jacque Hawkins

The members of the Coffee County Master Gardener's Association recently held their annual plant sale in Enterprise. Members brought plants from their gardens with photos and instructions on how to care for many of the plants for sale. Special thanks to all the individuals who purchased plants to make this a successful fundraiser.

If you want to become a Master Gardener, contact the Coffee County Extension Office at 334-894-5596 to get your name on the list for the next Master Gardener Training.



Coffee County Master Gardener's Association Plant Sale. Master Gardeners participating in the plant sale (L-R): Debbie Austin; CCMGA President Rodney Penuel; Jacque Hawkins; Georgia Fleming; Cliff Capps; Fran Garza; Ona Garwood and Brenda Evans  
Photographer: Kristi Hooper.

## CULLMAN CO MGA

Ellen Hall

We held two successful plant sales this spring – a Native Azalea and Wildflower sale to raise funds for the Wildflower Garden and our traditional MG spring plant sale.

MG Ben Johnson organized a May art event to raise awareness of the improved condition of the Wildflower Garden since our 2022 interns adopted it as their class project. The art placed within the garden included sculpture, a photographer exhibiting wildflower photos that were taken in the park, an artist painting a woodland scene, a "photo op" setup, and a book walk displaying the children's story, *The Couch Potato*. The event was publicized through newspaper and social media.

The 2023 MG class received their certificates of class completion at a luncheon with their mentors. The interns prepared the entire meal, which was delicious. That evening, they were introduced at our MG Awards Dinner. We presented three Bronze stars, two Silver stars, two Gold stars, and one Ruby Star; the Cullman County Master Gardener of the Year award was

presented to Tera Goodwin. Two new MGs who are also members of the Lions Club surprised us with a check for \$2,000 to be used toward handicap accessibility for the Wildflower Garden; plans will be underway soon to start that process.



In May, the 2023 interns and mentors traveled to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens to meet with Dr. Jacobi, who introduced us to the work that is done in his lab, then led us on a tour of the rose garden. CEC Kira Sims on the left with seven of the 2023 interns and two mentors at BBG. Photographer: employee/passerby

## DEKALB CO MGA

Ben Shurett

An area at DeSoto State Park once devastated by pine beetles has been cleaned up and beautified, thanks to a collaborative effort among three important participants. The area has been named in honor of longtime State Park employee Stanley Sims. Sims, Park Naturalist Brittney Hughes, and volunteers from the DeKalb County Master Gardeners combined their efforts to clear an area in the park decimated first by ice, and then pine beetles, to create the H. Stanley Sims Native Plant Area. The area is now open to park visitors to stroll through and enjoy the area as it matures and evolves. Sims and others identified and planted native azaleas, rhododendrons, American Holly, Black-eyed Susans and more to make the area and walking path inviting to those visiting the State Park. It will be an ongoing project of the DeKalb County Master Gardeners, according to the group's president, Mary Shurett.



State Park Employee Stanley Sims  
Photographer: Mary Shurett.

## EAST CENTRAL MGA

Sheila Bolen

What a Spring East Central has been having! Seven of our members attended the state conference in Tuscaloosa and had a great time. So much to learn and SO many folks to meet and greet! In March we did a tour of Hills and Dales in La Grange, GA, and what an amazing place that is to tour. In April, Bionca Lindsey, Advanced Master Gardener, Autauga MGA, spoke to us on "Hostas in the Garden." I highly recommend your association hearing what Bionca has to say - very educational and a great presentation.

On May 6 we held our annual plant sale and after all was tallied, we had the best plant sale in East Central's history. Lots of dedicated hard work by all our members went into this so - THANKS TO ALL! May's monthly meeting was a tour of two of our members' gardens - one, an amazing yard full of native plants, trees, shrubs, and the other, a pollinator's paradise, both on Lake Wedowee. Our tour ended with a lakeside lunch meeting. June will have us touring the vegetable farm of member Marcia Houze and in July we'll tour member Trude

Taft's straw bale garden. 2023 continues to be full of educational opportunities for East Central.



L to R from bottom: Stephanie Yates, Peggy McLarty, Valerie Morris, Augie Sanchez, Linda Barnes, Vicki Carr, Sarah Partin, Jack Bolen, Beth Gurkin, Sheila Bolen, Susan Reynolds, Laura Kulick, Vickie Stapler, Cheryl Smith, Trude Taft, Martha Burnett, Ralph Sanchez, Lee Culver. Photographer: 5 year-old daughter of Sarah Partin.

## ETOWAH CO MGA

Carol B. Link

A dedicated group of Etowah County Master Gardeners spent the month of March removing all of the association's possessions from the previous location on West Meighan Blvd., in Gadsden, to the association's new location at Noccalula Falls. In addition, a group of members were preparing for the association's annual spring sale that was held on April 15 and 16, at Noccalula Falls. The sale was a big success.

At the Regular business meeting in March, nine Master Gardeners were awarded bronze, silver, and gold stars or badges for attaining the required number of volunteer service hours for each category, in 2022. In April, the speaker at the monthly meeting was Shane Pack, from Pack's Nursery in Boaz. His topic was how to address the winter kill that affected a large number of shrubs in our area this past winter. In May, Darryl Patton, a well-known area herbalist, spoke on the use of herbs for medicinal purposes.

A fall Master Gardener training class will be conducted on the fourth floor of the Etowah County Court House, in the Etowah Cooperative Extension System office. Registration for the

class began on June 1 and ends June 30.

One cold Saturday morning, Master Gardeners Tony Wallace and Regina Ford assisted a team of *Wendy Van Hooten volunteers* in developing the 12th Street Community Garden. On May 25, members of the ECMGA delivered, set up, and planted both a bucket and a raised bed garden funded by ACES at Regency Point, an area senior facility.



May 12, a group of Etowah County Master Gardeners joined a group of seventy-five Kindergarteners from the City of Gadsden, and helped the students plant a sunflower seed to give to their mothers on Mother's Day. Photographer: Unknown.



## JACKSON CO MGA

Bill Caudill

Greetings to all from Jackson County.

Our April meeting was a Zoom presentation about "Periodic Redesign/A Garden Evolution" by Madison County MG Cookie Kruvand. We got to see her garden evolve through the years and empathize with her on the coming evolution due to the harsh winter weather.

We lost our May presenter due to a family problem. Our County Agent, Matt Webb, had several items he wanted to pass on, and the new AMGA Secretary, Lyn Webb, visited and discussed various state items, plus answered several questions we had.

Our June meeting date saw us at Huntsville Botanical Garden for a leisurely tour of the grounds. We followed it up with lunch there at the cafe. We saw some very colorful blooms and noted some plants still need to bloom as we had hoped they would be.

We awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to two recipients. One is based on not having a recipient last year.

April 29th was our annual plant sale with many selections, including some old favorites. We had a good turnout and made some money.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we assisted the 4-H group by judging in the Round-up.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the Annual Catfish Festival.

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at Gorham's Bluff for our Annual Ice Cream Social. Yum!



The butterfly habitat is installed and operating nicely in Jackson County Park. Pictured (L-R) Builder John Horning, with wife, Gail; project planner Wilma Brockett, and helper Dan Schults. Photographer: Wilma Brockett.

## JEFFERSON CO MGA

Fletcher Harvey

In April an energetic team consisting of Jefferson County Master Gardeners Chris Boles and Lanier Gartland, with their friend Lois Chaplin, gave a report on the Saint Stephen's Reforestation Project. Though not a MG, Lois might be considered a "Master of Gardening," as she is known as a past Garden Editor at Southern Living, as well as the author of the popular *The Southern Gardener's Book of Lists*. The ambitious project is a good example of community outreach and cooperation. Largely a conservation and beautification program, the project also serves as a memorial to those who lost their lives in a mass shooting at Saint Stephens last summer.

Despite the recent extremes of weather, our members were able to stock our annual plant swap in May with plenty of healthy plants. MG Hana Berres, assisted by Ken Hall, did a great job as Mistress of Ceremonies and plant identifier. The Plant Swap is always a highlight of our year.

At our June meeting, Sarah Bell from Jones Valley Teaching Farm gave us an uplifting overview of the scope and purpose of the farm followed by tips for fall gardening in general. Her most important piece of advice? Don't be afraid to make mistakes but do learn from them. We see a field trip in our future.



Sarah Bell describing Jones Valley Teaching Farm to Jefferson County Master Gardeners. Photographer: Fletcher Harvey.

## LEE CO MGA

Shelley Aistrup

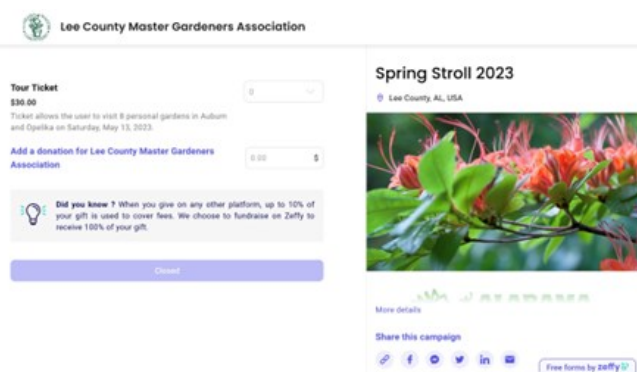
Recently, LCMGA held their biennial garden tour featuring eight gardens in Lee County, and it was a success both for quality of gardens featured and funds raised. As we prepared for advertisements and ticket sales, we decided to focus on a digital campaign. This began with Facebook posts sharing ticket sales info, garden features, and sponsors' info. We used Mailchimp's email marketing platform to send emails about gardens and sponsors to current members and past purchasers. The most beneficial digital platform we used was Zeffy.com, an online fundraising platform for nonprofits.

Nonprofits that utilize the website pay no subscription fees. Ticketing forms include basic event info such as location/hours, specific descriptions, costs, thank you email messages, and links for QR codes and URL links. QR codes and links can be distributed by emails, websites, and Facebook pages. All sales are completed digitally by credit card. Purchasers can also include a charitable donation. After purchasing, the customer receives an email receipt, digital ticket, and a charity donation receipt (if warranted).

Is the site secure? Absolutely! Before using, our treasurer entered the nonprofit ID number, tax ID

number, and bank information to accept payments and receive distributions. Regular emails from Zeffy were received when ticket sales were completed, and distributions made to our bank account.

We encourage other Master Gardener associations to explore this website. All types of sales are permissible including event tickets, conference or workshop registration, membership, plant sales, etc. Remember – no fees – meaning more funds to accomplish our educational mission.



Example of what Zeffy will produce. Submitted by Shelley Aistrup, Media Coordinator. Image is a screenshot of our Tour ticketing form.

## MARSHALL CO MGA

Jo Druen

Marshall County Master Gardeners on the move in 2023:

Marshall County Master Gardeners took a field trip to Auburn in March and were treated to a tour of the rooftop garden, the hydroponic/vertical garden, the transformation garden, and the greenhouses.

WHEW! What a trip!!! It was a perfect day to step atop and into the rooftop garden to view the Auburn campus and surrounds. The garden featured produce used in the test kitchen and in some of the campus restaurants. Table seating was inviting, just to leisurely rest and chat; then we were off to the hydroponic/vertical garden. There were two containers, only one was available for us to peruse; growing in the container were lettuce, radishes, and other greens. Climate control and light control could be managed anywhere from around the world, which allows the team to travel for research projects. After the vertical garden tour, we actually got to step on the MASTER GARDENER PATH in the Transformation Garden; a thrill for certain, just to know AMGA played a part in the historical

endeavor. The Transformation Gardens were/are still in development and expected to be completed within two years. We can't wait to go back and see the completed project. We were then off to the many greenhouses. We wound our way through them, observing some of the horticulture student's projects. It was so interesting and exciting to see the teaching and outcomes and processes of the students. We wish them much success.



View of the Roof Top Garden. Photographer: Jo Druen.

## MASTER GARDENERS OF NORTH ALABAMA

Barbara Stansky

MGNA volunteers enjoyed a very busy spring assisting the students at Morris Elementary School with year-end activities that included their own plant sale and year-end party. The hardworking team that hosts the Demonstration Vegetable Garden at the Huntsville Botanical Garden has a beautiful garden in place for visitors to enjoy. The Greenhouse team worked diligently to prepare a host of plants for our successful spring plant sale.

MGNA has been very active this quarter in reaching out to the community with a variety of workshops and presentations throughout the county. Attendees enjoyed a presentation on Nuisance Wildlife Management at the Madison Library. The Ask a Master Gardener team continues to be available to provide answers to difficult gardening questions whenever possible. The Adopt a Spot committee is excited about a new opportunity to partner with The Land Trust.

## MOBILE CO MGA

Cindy Findlay

Mobile County Master Gardeners (MCMG) has been on the move this year. Our main spring event was our First Annual Spring Festival! Vice President Carol Williams, MCMG, did a spectacular job of chairing this event. Not only did we grow and sell vegetables, but we also had an educational component with four speakers. Oh, did I mention how much fun we had working so hard that day? This event was very successful with the public, so we are making it an annual event.

Mobile has a Market in the Park at Cathedral Square on Saturday mornings, May 6 – July 8. MCMG Bob Howard heads up a team that works at an information booth on these hot days.

This year, the Ben May Library in downtown Mobile asked us to do a lecture series. On April 29, MCMG Barbara Boone presented *Gardening, Let's Get Started with the Basics*. On May 27, MCMG Bill Fink lectured on *Vegetable Gardening in Coastal Alabama*, and on June 17, MCMG Annette Grow presented *Gardening in Small Places from the Front Porch and Beyond*. This has increased interaction with gardening for Mobilians and the

Our leaders are working hard on the plans for the AMGA Fall Seminar that will be held on September 26 at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. The flyer and registration information for this event can be found in this newsletter.



Connie Carr and Jim Mullen assemble a bamboo bean tent at the Demonstration Vegetable Garden. Photographer: Lisa Crump

library, hopefully leading to future endeavors with them.

In closing, I want to mention our dynamic Intern Class of 2022. They formed a bond during their classes and now call themselves *Crew 22*. They meet and hang out regularly, which leads them to create their own projects. More to come.



Fun Time at the Spring Festival. Photo provided by Barbra Boone, Editor of The Dirt

## MORGAN CO MGA

Julia Chenault

The Morgan County Master Gardeners Association continues to be an active presence in the area. Our annual plant sale in April was a huge success. Following that, it was clean-up and maintenance time at the greenhouses. Many "mother plants" have been fostered out and will be brought back for propagation in the fall.

By invitation, several members worked a booth at an Earth Day event at the FBI's Huntsville facility for their 1,500 employees. Many of the employees were young people who had little or no experience with gardening in Alabama but stopped by our booth for free seeds, soil sample kits, and information about composting, ACES, and how to become a Master Gardener.

We love field trips and in May visited the state-of-the-art greenhouse at the Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology. It was awesome to learn what these researchers are doing.

We continue community outreach at our farmer's market and Lunch and Learn programs, along with several ongoing community projects.

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## PIKE CO MGA

Nell Haigh

Spring has truly sprung the Pike County Master Gardeners out of a winter slumber! March began with the total excavation and renovation of the Herb Garden at the Pioneer Museum of Alabama. Removal of weed-infested soil, border timbers and formulating of a workable plan was the beginning of a very fulfilling and now completed project.

Three of our members attended the AMGA Annual Conference and Business Meeting to receive a grant for this project, and we appreciated the financial boost!

In April we provided assistance with building 25 raised bed gardens at Pike County Elementary School and assisted students and teachers with planting seeds, plants, and installed worm towers made by our members. This project will be a continual one, with the principal's and teachers' oversight.

Our annual plant sale during TroyFest raised additional funds for future projects and contributions to our community.

During this last semester, we hosted a college student who received college credit for her work at our greenhouses. One of our members hosts a podcast with her three young sons to offer gardening information on an elementary level. The Growing Gardeners podcast can be found on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. At our May meeting, we heard from teachers who were excited to report on how they had spent the grants we had given them. We also approved a Five-Year Strategic Plan with goals in Organization Development, Leadership, Programs/Projects, Funding, and Communications.



Cindy Upton, MCMGA member and NASA scientist, giving her presentation of "Out of This World Gardening" at recent Lunch and Learn. Photographer: John Godbey.

May and the summer heat means watering and continued cultivation of our personal gardens and enjoying summer activities. "Square Foot Gardening" was our May program presented by Henry Lucas of Montgomery.



Herb Garden Planting Project-Pioneer Museum of Alabama - Overall dimensions 28' x 13' planted, with over 30 varieties of medicinal and culinary herbs used by early settlers of our region. Photographer: Nell Haigh.

## SHELBY CO MGA

Kate Vogel

At the April Shelby County Master Gardeners meeting, members reported on the AMGA Conference. Regional Extension Agent Bethany O'Rear presented a program on container gardening in May. Vice-President Elizabeth York recounted the field trip to the Transformation Garden at the June meeting.

SCMGA members helped install a Pop-up Garden at the Alabaster Senior Center. Alabama Extension received a grant from the Association of RC&D Councils, and donations from Sungro Horticulture to provide for a statewide Grow More/Give More Pop-up Garden project. Seniors, Master Gardeners, Extension office staff, and Senior Center staff assembled, planted, and added drip irrigation to the garden. The location provides access to fresh produce for seniors, and the joy of tending the garden. John Vanderford, County Extension Coordinator, erected a stand for the

grow buckets including tomatoes, peppers, and beans. Grow bags were planted with squash and the aluminum raised bed with cucumbers. The existing bed was reclaimed, improved with drip watering, and replanted.

Member Barbara Williams has facilitated another Pop-up Garden to be put behind the library in Wilsonville. Hopefully, it will be as successful as the Alabaster Senior Center Garden, which is already harvesting and recording for Grow More/Give More.

The SCMGA workday at the Seed-to-Table Community Garden in Montevallo was a great success. Volunteers built the cucumber trellis, weeded two beds, completed the mowing, cleaned the work shed, planted, mulched, and watered.

President Cindy Hearn announced that 501(c)3 status has been granted and that the first check for \$500 has been mailed to the AU Transformation Garden.

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## SHOALS MASTER GARDENERS

Lisa Maples

What a busy little while it's been. Our group has been working on projects, holding successful plant sales, and watching the weather-damaged plants (at least some) peek back out.

We held our plant sale on April 28-29 at the Florence Farmers market, and it was a very satisfying event again this year. It is a good thing to work together as a group and find solutions that make this a seamless event for all involved. Kudos to Pam Arias for all her mad organizational skills, Linda Brewer for tirelessly working to glean plants to pot up, and Wray Dillard for all his assistance. The layout maps were tremendously helpful.

We have begun the education portion of the Calvary Learning project. Cynthia Kershaw, Paula Kelly, Linda Brewer, Alan Nix, and Lisa Maples all work very hard to make sure the kids learn while enjoying the raised bed gardens and the produce they pick.

Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller, The Healing Place, Rogersville Library, and Tuscumbia Library have all benefitted from Master Gardener efforts at these sites. Upcoming, we have the 83rd Habitat House and the Tuscumbia Recreation

Center on our calendar.

Tomatoes are starting to ripen. Information on companion planting is shared. Garden tours are enjoyed (Thank you, Brenda Smith. Your home is lovely and envy-provoking.)

Hope everyone has a fantastic garden season!



Helen Keller Workforce (L-R) Tommy Flurry, Vida Vaden, Linda Brewer, Michael Wilson, Susan Huntley, Lisa Maples, Sally McGuire, Karen Crowe, Paula Kelly, Alan Nix, Dwight James, Mark Paris.

Photographer: Keller staff.

## ST. CLAIR CO MGA

Pam Garrison

Despite an unusually cool spring, we were able to produce enough plants for a respectable plant sale. With the weather warming then cooling numerous times, it was a challenge, especially to grow tomatoes to a marketable size. Perennials that require warm soil were also small in stature by our sale date. Despite the challenges we had a nice sale on April 14 and 15. We worked diligently to get the word out, and the community came out to support the sale.

We have had great speakers for our spring meetings. March brought us Regina Ford, President of Etowah County Master

Gardeners. She shared all the changes they have gone through in moving their greenhouses and settling in at Noccalula Falls. She gave us a hands-on talk on hostas, where we learned many new things about that plant. Each of us brought home a plant we potted at the meeting. Regina stayed for our business meeting and had some extremely useful input. In April, we had a presentation of flower arranging done by Donna Evans. This was a topic I had been looking forward to, and Donna was wonderful. Bethany O'Rear spoke at the May meeting on the topic of "A Tale of Two Freezes." She explained the science of the effects on plants from our cold weather. Bethany also gave us advice on how to move forward in caring for what survived.

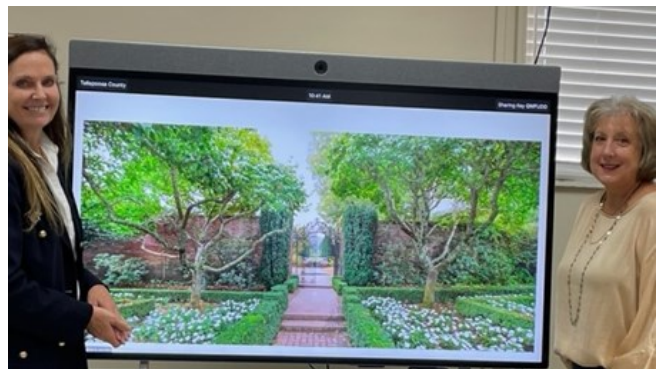
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## TALLAPOOSA CO MGA

Calvin Johnson

Intern Leedy Laughlin spent two full days touring the magnificent 620 acres of gardens at FLOLI museum in San Mateo, CA recently. She was looking for ideas for her own garden. Although Leedy could not begin to describe and show the 600-plus photos she took of these gorgeous, professionally-maintained gardens, gravel, and tiled paths with walls, reflecting pools and high views, the images she could present in her one-hour talk to the TCMGA were absolutely telling and breathtaking in detail. Members put this southern CA garden estate on their "bucket list"! Leedy stressed there were many compelling themes to be copied or just enjoyed from her visit to this 18th-century estate. She collected a half dozen garden ideas, including a knot garden, fruit and rose gardens, a walled garden, and a panel garden. Historically at this estate, new flora began as seedlings, cuttings or propagations, an art form within its inclusive Garden House. Annually, entire gardens are pulled out and

replanted, contributing to surprises and new themes for the next year. Imagine doing this in one's own home garden! Finally, family living, recreation, and pure enjoyment of the garden's beauty are built into the scenic views, pools, and vast resting spaces throughout the estate. The main house living space is no exception, being over 50,000 square feet in size. Today, one can only dream of such historic luxury! One would well call this the "ultimate garden."



Intern Leedy Laughlin (L) and Program Chair Charlotte LaVerne (R) present FLOLI Estate front gate welcome to TCMGA. Photographer: Calvin Johnson.

## TUSCALOOSA CO MGA

Dan Sutton

We are getting refocused on our local needs following the 2023 AMGA State Conference. On June 10th, local MGA members helped with the grand opening of the Fosters Farmer's Market in Tuscaloosa, by staffing the Ask a Master Gardener table with ACES brochures, fielding gardening questions, promoting Garden U / Master Gardener program, and directing attendees to the help desk phone number. We continue to work in the community gardens at the University Arboretum and Jeremiah's Garden, which has already resulted in over 100 pounds of produce early in the season going to local food banks. As crops begin maturing, that number will skyrocket!



Ask a Master Gardener volunteers at Fosters Farmer's Market grand opening. Pictured (L-R) Dan Sutton, Extension agent Neal Hargle, Jeanie Gray, and Ann Hewitt. Photographer: Jim Colby.

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## WIREFRASS MGA

Kelly Bexey

Our spring plant sale was a tremendous success. The proceeds from this sale were used to help support local community gardens in the Wiregrass area. There was a wide variety of plants grown from seeds and cuttings such as vegetables, herbs, trees, annuals, perennials, shrubs, bulbs, ground covers and house plants.

In addition to our plant sale being such a success, another accomplishment in the "Growing gardeners one kid at a time" category, our association taught and certified twenty young gardeners in two Junior Master Wildlife Gardener classes!

At our May 16 meeting, everyone present learned "Heart Safe Press the Chest CPR

Training." Those participating received a certificate of completion of the course and a t-shirt.

The Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association's very own Devonne Vasocu Ellis was installed as the President of the Alabama Master Gardeners Association during our AMGA annual conference in Tuscaloosa. We are so very proud of her!

The Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association had the opportunity to teach a summer camp program at Landmark Park. Ten four/five-year-olds were taught the "Secrets of the Garden." We are not sure who had more fun...or learned more!

After 14 weeks of class and labs, there were eight Spring 2023 Wiregrass Area Master Gardener Interns who graduated on May 18th!



Before and after the plant sale. Photographer: unknown.

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