

# PATHWAYS

SPRING 2026

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## AMGA PRESIDENT

Deborah Boutelier



This has to be my favorite time of year. While I love the other seasons, I really love springtime. Everywhere I look, there is rebirth. I love strolling through my garden and welcoming each flower that is making its springtime debut. This morning, as I went out to feed the animals before church, My Phlox Pink native azalea was in full glorious bloom. Not only is it beautiful to view, but it smells heavenly! Over the arbor, the yellow native honeysuckle is fully budded and just waiting to burst open. I could go on and on and on, but you get the picture. What is your favorite spring bloom? Plus, this spring, two of the sweetest baby goats ever were born. (Do I sound biased? Well, maybe just a little!) There are few things cuter than baby goats. It's going to be a lovely spring! I am anticipating the beauty and new life with bated breath. On to business... your AMGA Board has been busy updating all the association's governing documents and developing at least one new document in keeping with the best practices of a nonprofit organization. You'll hear more about that at the 2026 Conference and Annual Meeting in Huntsville. The three host counties, Limestone, Madison, and Morgan, have put together a phenomenal schedule of speakers, tours and workshops. You obviously agree because the conference sold out in record time!

AMGA is distributing more funds this year through the Project Funding grant program. There are a number of county associations that will be receiving their grant checks at the conference this year. Will your county be one of those?

Your Pathways team has compiled a list of EMG plant sales around the state that was distributed through Advisory Council in mid-March. How fun would it be to travel around the state visiting all the sales! Sounds like a great road trip!

Always remember, time began in a garden.  
Until next time,

*Debbie*

## Bobbing Along Amongst Dandelions

yellow suns have sprung  
their faces toward the Sun  
a bee's delightful flight  
amongst the sunshine life  
of the dandelions time  
from hibernation in the earth  
their new birth to be  
profusion in the grass green  
Author Unknown

## AMGA VICE PRESIDENT

Julie Conrey

Extension Master Gardener volunteers throughout the state are ready to BLAST OFF for a fantastic voyage to the 2026 AMGA conference in Huntsville. Volunteers from Morgan, Madison and Limestone counties are busy putting the finishing touches on this three-day event, which includes a presentation by well-known horticulturist and author Harvey Cotten. The conference keynote speaker is Doug Tallamy. A nationally known entomologist, Dr. Tallamy is the author of several books, including "How Can I Help? Saving Nature with Your Yard." Along with stellar pre-conference activities and workshops, this sold-out conference promises to provide attendees with lots of information to share with our local associations and the communities we serve.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2027 AMGA Conference. It will be hosted by Jefferson County Extension Master Gardener volunteers at Rosewood Hall in Homewood. The date for the conference is April 7-9. We're excited to see and hear what the Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association has planned for us!

In 2028 the annual AMGA Conference will be hosted by Wiregrass Master Gardeners in Dothan. AMGA is currently working with two associations to host the 2029 and 2030 conferences. Details about these events will be shared as soon as we're able.

Thank you to all Extension Master Gardener volunteers from throughout Alabama who are working to host conferences. All the time and resources spent putting together these large learning opportunities are greatly appreciated.

See you in Huntsville!



### ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 21, 2026 10:00 - 12:00

Clanton Recreation Center

305 1<sup>st</sup> Street North Clanton, AL

**Note change of date and location due to  
AMGA Conference in Huntsville**

Come participate in the exchange of  
information, ideas, concerns and  
solutions from Local MGAs across the state.

### AMGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 2, 2026 10:00 - 12:00

Petals From the Past

Jemison, AL

All are welcome to attend and  
hear about the business of  
Alabama Master Gardeners Association

### AMGA 2026 CONFERENCE

May 6-8 in Huntsville

### AMGA 2027 CONFERENCE

April 7-9, 2027

Jefferson County MGA

Rosewood Hall in Homewood, AL

### AMGA 2028 CONFERENCE

May 4-6, 2028

Wiregrass MGA

Dothan, AL

JUNE 15, 2026

Summer *Pathways* and  
*Happenings* articles are due.

# NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Amy Weis, Chair; Don Richerson, Janell Diggs

Present Nominees For:

**BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE**  
Edwin “Skeeter” Sims, Cynthia Kershaw  
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER**  
Betsy Smith



**Board Member at Large: Edwin “Skeeter” Sims**  
Term: 2026-2029

Edwin hails from Calhoun County Master Gardeners, where he certified in 2015, after which he was quickly recruited to serve as Advisory Council Rep, then Vice President, and naturally President. Fondly known as Skeeter in the Master Gardener Family, Edwin was recruited to serve as Vice Chair and Chairman of AMGA Advisory Council. When not working on his farm with Kiko goats, chickens, ducks, and extensive forested areas, he enjoys volunteering at Cane Creek Gardens, where he serves as Ground Crew Chief, supervising all volunteers and developing operational plans for grounds maintenance. He has also been instrumental in the development and planning of the Hobson City Community Gardens.

Prior to his Master Gardener calling, Skeeter served for 28 years in the US Navy, initially as a nuclear power submarine machinist, where he won a meritorious scholarship to Auburn University, earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and subsequently commissioned to serve as a Naval Flight Officer in the E2C Hawkeye, accumulating over 4,000 hours and over 400 carrier arrested landings. He then attended the Naval War College, earning a Master’s degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. His final years in the Navy were with a unique command involved in advanced technologies and operational planning for information operations.

Ed has been married to his high school sweetheart, Madge Sims, for more than 40 years; Madge became a Master Gardener in 2022. They have two married adult children living in South Carolina with five granddaughters aged 2-9 years old.



**Board Member at Large: Cynthia Kershaw**  
Term: 2026-2029

Cynthia is a member of Shoals Master Gardeners, where she was certified in 2014, after retiring from 38 years of teaching Secondary English and Drama in Tennessee. During her professional career, she has held many leadership roles, including serving as a Contract Negotiator for the local education association, Senior Play Director, and coordinating graduation activities. As a newly fledged Master Gardener, it wasn’t long before Cynthia answered the call to serve in a higher capacity as chairman of her local Awards Committee, and then in rapid succession as Secretary of Shoals Master Gardeners Board of Directors, and subsequently as president. She has also served on her local scholarship committee and as the Shoals representative on the AMGA Advisory Council, which enabled her to seamlessly transition to her latest Advisory Council roles as secretary and Nominating Committee chairman. She has served on AMGA’s Project Funding Committee and, most recently, as a member of the Statewide Helpline Working Group.

Cynthia enjoys propagating vegetables and herbs for The Shoals annual plant sale, where she has become famous for her cherry tomatoes. Her love for teaching and 4-H has led her to a plethora of volunteer opportunities with the Calvary Learning Center Garden Project, Rogersville Library Children’s Reading program, 4-H summer garden program in Lauderdale County, Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, and as a teaching assistant with her local Regional Extension Agent. As an At-Large Board Member, Cynthia would like to serve on the Project Funding and Continuing Education Committee.

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Betsy Smith



Nominating Committee Member: Betsy Smith

Term: 2026-2028

Betsy hails from Chilton County Master Gardeners, where she was certified in 2018 after retiring from 32 years in public education. Her professional and volunteer background is framed in a strong sense of leadership, from her Doctorate in Educational Leadership, to serving as an assistant principal, to vice president of Chilton County Master Gardeners Association. She attended the Leadership Training offered to Master Gardeners in 2023 and assists the intern class each year. Betsy achieved an Advanced Master Gardener certification in herbs and is currently serving as President of The Herb Society of America. It is no wonder Betsy's motto is "Growing Learners, Growing Leaders". Betsy actively promotes the knowledge, use and delight of plants through education and believes kids can be learners and leaders in the garden. She recently expanded her Master Gardener repertoire to include the Chilton County MG Conservation Group that works to promote education and awareness of rare native plant species growing in and around Chilton County, propagates plant material, and works on plant site identification and community education.

In addition to being a Master Gardener, Betsy teaches English as a second language online to students in other countries and is a yoga instructor. She loves to take fresh herbs from her garden to her yoga classes for an enhanced mind-body experience. In her spare time, she enjoys quilting. Betsy and her husband, Darin, live on ten acres in Clanton with five dogs and one cat. They have five children and eight grandchildren.

## AMGA NEWSLETTER

Sheila Bolen, Editor

Many thanks to all who send their articles for *Pathways* and *Happenings*. Without them we wouldn't have a newsletter. I get a kick out of reading about all the projects and tours, etc. that all the local Extension MGAs do and get some ideas for my association from your articles. So, thanks!

When the newsletter has been approved for distribution, it goes to the webmaster for posting on the website, and she provides me with a URL link. I then send the URL link and PDFs of both *Pathways* and *Happenings* to the AMGA Secretary who then sends the URL link and PDFs to the BOD, committee chairs and the AC chair. The AC chair then sends the URL link and PDFs to all local association presidents and to AC representatives who are responsible for sharing both the URL link and PDFs with their Extension MGA, be it directly sharing with membership or sending URL link and PDFs to whoever is responsible for association communications. When I receive the URL link from the webmaster, I send it and the PDFs of both *Pathways* and *Happenings* to all *Happenings* reporters. They are to share with the membership of their association, like the AC reps do. I know this sounds unnecessary, but there have been breaks in the communication tree when it comes to newsletter distribution and some folks haven't received newsletters. Rose McCauley reminded me that folks can just go to the AMGA website, <https://alabamamga.org/> without waiting for an email. *Pathways* and *Happenings* can be found on the AMGA website January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15. We want to make sure all the membership of AMGA has access to the business of AMGA (*Pathways*) and the projects and fun things of the local associations (*Happenings*).

PS - I'm still looking for a co-editor - if interested contact me at [mgbolshe13@gmail.com](mailto:mgbolshe13@gmail.com).

## **AMGA MEMBERSHIP**

Rose McCauley

We currently have 1,593 active AMGA members and 168 Lifetime members for a total of 1,761 for 2026. These numbers may change due to discrepancies between the dues paid to AMGA and the number of members recorded in Dues Tracker. I will continue trying to resolve these differences so I can have an accurate count for our upcoming conference.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [jrmprat@charter.net](mailto:jrmprat@charter.net).



## **AMGA SPEAKERS BUREAU**

Susan K. Hagen, Chair

This spring the Speakers Bureau will post an expansion of topics to include assistance for local association officers in conducting meetings and in writing internal communications. The listings will appear in a proprietary section for local Master Gardeners Associations and include files based on *The Rules of Order* governing motions and minutes. In addition, there will be guidelines for clear and effective emails based on best practices. These files, designed as self-explanatory “tutorials,” will be suitable for download and printing. However, a resource person will be available to offer further explanation either in person or on Zoom by the usual booking procedure. Finally, the Speakers Bureau continues to encourage new speakers to volunteer in support of the Advanced Certification program. See <https://alabamamga.org/amga-speakers-bureau-2/>.



## **AMGA TREASURER**

Susan Steele

The 2025 Financial Report for the Alabama Master Gardeners Association (AMGA) has been completed, and an audit/financial review was conducted on February 5, 2026. These assessments show that the organization remains financially stable. The financial documents will be included in the 2026 AMGA Conference booklet.

Thank you to each of the local associations who met the December 31, 2025, deadline to send in your 2026 AMGA dues and update your Dues Tracker information. I am pleased to say that all local associations have paid the 2026 AMGA dues collected and updated your Dues Tracker information as of early March 2026. I challenge each local association treasurer and president to get your 2027 AMGA dues in no later than December 31, 2026.

All money for AMGA, including Transformation Garden donations and scholarship donations should be sent to:

Susan Steele, Treasurer  
PO Box 3031  
Decatur, AL 35603

All checks should be made out to AMGA and the purpose of the check included on the “FOR or MEMO” line. Any additional information in a note with the check is appreciated. When sending money to AMGA, please include your contact information in case there are questions. Let me know if I can assist you in any way. Many thanks to all who have supported me these first nine months. It has been a learning experience. I could not have done it without each of you. I can be reached at [ssteele1954@yahoo.com](mailto:ssteele1954@yahoo.com).

## Celebrate Extension Master Gardener Volunteers - 2025

Alabama Extension Master Gardener volunteers,

YOU represent the land grant mission and impact our state with numerous projects. Alongside Extension Home Horticulture agents and through your own endeavors, this outreach affects environmental stewardship and food security in local communities.

Highlighting your 2025 impact in one area, food security, you contributed to Extension Home Horticulture's Grow More Give More project – increasing its reach by 18,953 contacts – teaching your communities about home food production with presentations and garden demonstrations – mentoring community gardens, some with marginalized communities – mentoring and leading school gardens – teaching topics such as bucket gardening, IPM, pollinator habitat, composting, and seed starting – answering Helpline and Ask-EMG questions – managing vegetable variety trial gardens – teaching alongside Extension agents and classroom teachers.

Grow More Give More outreach value – 76 Alabama EMG volunteers taught residents about growing food at home with 43 outreach events. In 32 counties, You managed and mentored over 100 demonstration and teaching gardens, and community gardens. You grew and donated produce from your own gardens. You maintained and mentored 21 school gardens in 12 counties. Alongside K-12 teachers, 265 EMGs taught about growing and tasting fresh vegetables, how insects pollinate flowers, seed germination, and more!

Your garden projects donated 19,603 pounds of fresh produce in 23 Alabama counties – equivalent to a retail value of \$39,206 and 3,267 food pantry recipient boxes – and almost 5,000, ½ cup servings of fresh vegetables. EMG volunteers also donated 5,932 vegetable transplants with a retail value of \$29,660.

### Total EMG Volunteer Program value through:

- ❖ Beautification projects in public green spaces,
- ❖ Teaching and answering questions on a wide variety of topics,
- ❖ Managing and leading demonstration and school gardens with both Alabama Smart Yards and Grow More Give More topics,
- ❖ Researching and writing print and social media articles, connecting almost 300 community partners with Extension,
- ❖ Continuing to learn from research-based horticulture, the 2025 total value of 1,761 Alabama EMG volunteers' activities was .....

Total volunteer hours and CEUs  $\$34.79 \times 207,595 = \$7.22 \text{ M}$

Total donations = \$154,602 (retail value of produce and transplants + financial donations from local MGAs and AMGA)

Total program value = \$7.37 M

Thank you for everything you do to support our program's mission!



Alabama Extension Master Gardener Program State Coordinator  
Alabama Extension at Auburn University





# Happiness is the Garden!

**Blount County Master Gardeners'  
Fall Conference, Thursday, October 1, 2026**

**4 CEUs**

**Blount County Multipurpose Center,  
6700 County Road 1. Cleveland, AL 35049**

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**8:30 a.m. Registration**

**9:00 a.m. Susan Hagen, "There's More in the Garden than Plants!"**

**10:00 a.m. Bethany O'Rear, "Fun in the Garden"**

**11:00 a.m. Lunch by Lulu's BBQ and shopping with Jason Powell**

**12:30 p.m. Hayes Jackson, "The Weather is Awful and I Have Lost My Clippers Again:  
An Avid Plantsman's Tales of Triumph in the Garden"**

**1:30 p.m. Felder Rushing, "Garden Whimsies!"**



Registration form, please print and clip -----  -----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make \$40 non-refundable registration fee check payable to Blount County Master Gardener Association and mail to Sherilyn Osborne, P.O. Box 13, Locust Fork, Alabama, 35097.

Phone: 205-382-0791 (Leave a message)

## In the garden with Felder: The nature of vines that twine

By Felder Rushing · May 9, 2020

Ever notice how a cat can't help raising its rear when you stroke its back? Vines do the same thing. Sorta.

I spent a few minutes the other day carefully uncoiling small vines from a bottle tree, and trying to get some to wrap around a stake. It made me recall one of the marvels from my college plant physiology classes, about what makes vines climb.

Not all vines twine, of course; some have to be tied, others use either little aerial rootlets to attach to supports, and some use backwards-facing thorns as hooks. But what about those that do twirl around whatever they touch? Not all do it, but those that do are pretty determined.

Without getting into calcium pathways, contractile proteins and all that, the way some plants grow towards things, the turning response to stimuli called tropisms, can be pretty amazing.

We are all familiar with how sunflowers follow the sun through phototropism, and early roots "know" to grow down through the geotropic effects of gravity. There's even one called skototropism, in which vine seedlings on a jungle floor grow towards shadows in order to find something to climb.

But my favorite is thigmotropism, or towards touch. It's what causes some vine stems or their little support tendrils to wrap around things. Waving around in the air at first, when one of these touches a support, be it a small tree, fencepost, or trellis, the touched side starts growing more slowly while cells on the "away" side keep growing normally, which pushes the vine towards the support. And the coiling takes it from there.

By the way, just as it's a myth that water swirls down drains either clockwise or anticlockwise depending on north or south of the equator, vines don't coil naturally one direction or the other. I have had some tendrils on vines actually reverse their direction from one week to the next.

It's just one of those little things to think about while knocking around the garden, especially if you grow different vines. Funny how most gardeners think it is a no-no to plant more than one vine near one another; I usually plant perennial clematis and



climbing roses together, for example, and because my native maypop passion flower vine gets really boogered up by gulf fritillary butterfly larvae, I mask the bareness by growing it with spring-flowering crossvine and yellow Carolina jessamine.

One of my latest projects is a gourd house, which is tall posts covered with heavy gauge wire mesh like they use to reinforce concrete walks and patios. Gourd vines make great shade very quickly, and end up with dozens of gourds hanging down by mid-summer. To further the interest, I interplant a few other annual vines such as black-eyed Susan vine, night-flowering moonvine, hummingbird-attracting cypress vine, and heirloom hyacinth bean with its lavender flowers and deep purple pods.

I don't overdo this because some vines are real thugs and will overgrow and shade out others, but it's an interesting effect. And because the support mesh is such heavy duty mesh I can easily neaten it all up in early winter with my string trimmer.

Anyway, as I prepare my summer garden to do its thing, I have found myself using all sorts of supports for various vines, from an arbor to tie my climbing rose on to and purple-painted tee-pees for my beans, and knobby rebar for tomatoes.

Some I'm having to tie up, some are doing their thigmo-thing on their own. Some are so aggressive I'm having to move my chair to keep it from getting wrapped up overnight.

Felder Rushing is a Mississippi author, columnist, and host of the "Gestalt Gardener" on MPB Think Radio. Email gardening questions to [rushingfelder@yahoo.com](mailto:rushingfelder@yahoo.com).

<https://cdispatch.com/lifestyles/in-the-garden-with-felder-the-nature-of-vines-that-twine/>



# Plant Sales 2026

I know some plant sales have already been held, and I hope they had fabulous sales!  
For those still to come Good Luck!



## AUTAUGA COUNTY

April 25, 2026 - 8am - 12pm  
Prattvillage Garden - Prattville, AL



## BALDWIN COUNTY

April 9-11, 2026 - 9am - 4pm  
Across from Weeks Bay Preserve  
11404 Hwy 98 - Fairhope, AL

## BLOUNT COUNTY

April 18, 2026 - 8am - 1pm  
Blount County Multipurpose Center  
6700 County Road 1, Cleveland, AL

## CALHOUN COUNTY

May 2, 2026 - 8am - 2pm  
Cane Creek Community Gardens  
Ft. McClellan - Anniston, AL

## CAPITAL CITY

April 11, 2026 - 8am - 12 noon  
Frazer Church - 6000 Atlanta Hwy  
Montgomery, AL

## CENTRAL ALABAMA

May 2, 2026 - 8am - 12 noon  
Elmore County Extension Office  
Wetumpka, AL



## CHEROKEE COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 8am - 2pm  
City Park - Centre, AL  
April 18, 2026 - 8am - 2pm  
Town Park - Leesburg, AL

## CHILTON COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 9am - 1pm  
Goosepond Park - Clanton, AL

## CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS

April 11, 2026 - 8am - 12 noon  
Ozark Farmers Market  
244 N East Avenue - Ozark, AL

## COFFEE COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 7am - 12 noon  
525 N. Main St. - Enterprise, AL

## CULLMAN COUNTY

Native Azaleas and Wildflowers  
March 21, 2026 - 8am - 4pm  
Cullman Fairgrounds - Cullman, AL  
April 17-18, 2026 - 8am - 4pm  
Cullman Fairgrounds - Cullman, AL

## DEKALB COUNTY

March 21, 2026 - 8am - 12 noon  
VFW Grounds - Ft. Payne, AL



## EAST CENTRAL ALABAMA

May 2, 2026 - 8am - 12 noon  
Kiwanis Park - Wetumpka, AL



## JACKSON COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 9am - 1pm  
Jackson County Senior Center  
Parking Lot - Scottsboro, AL



# Plant Sales 2026

## LAWRENCE COUNTY

March 21, 2026 - 9am - 1pm  
Bernice Mill Iris Preservation Sale  
Lions Club - Moulton, AL  
April 25, 2026  
Lions Club - Moulton, AL  
May 1-2, 2026 - 8am - 4pm  
Strawberry Festival - Moulton, AL

## LEE COUNTY

Native Azalea sale October 2026

## LIMESTONE COUNTY

April 18, 2026 - 9am - 4pm  
Off highway 31 - Athens, AL  
behind Athens Middle School

## MARSHALL COUNTY

May 2, 2026 - 8am - 12 noon  
Sunset Drive Pavillion #2 and #3  
Guntersville, AL

## Master Gardeners of North Alabama

April 10, 2026 - 8am - 4pm  
April 11, 2026 - 8am - 2pm  
Alabama A&M Agribition Center -  
Huntsville, AL

## MG WALKER COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 8am - 2pm  
Walker County Extension Office  
Jasper, AL

## MOBILE COUNTY

March 28, 2026 - 9am - 2pm  
Mobile Botanical Garden  
Mobile, AL

## MORGAN COUNTY

April 11, 2026 - 8am - 4pm  
April 12, 2026 - 1pm - 4pm  
Point Mallard Park - Decatur, AL

## PIKE COUNTY

April 25, 2026 - 9am - 5pm  
Troy Fest - on the square  
Troy, AL

## SHOALS MGA

April 24, 2026 - 7:30am - 5:30 pm  
April 25, 2026 - 7:30am - 2:00 pm  
Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market  
Florence, AL

## St. CLAIR COUNTY

April 10, 2026 - 9am - 4pm  
April 11, 2026 - 9am - 1pm  
Pell City Recreation Center  
Pell City, AL

## TALLAPOOSA COUNTY

March 28, 2026 - 9am - 2pm  
Dadeville High School parking lot  
Dadeville, AL

## TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

April 24, 2026 - 11am - 6pm  
April 25, 2026 - 9am - 1pm  
Tuscaloosa County Annex Auditorium  
Tuscaloosa, AL

## WIREGRASS MGA

March 27-28, 2026 - 9am - 4pm  
Dothan Area Botanical Gardens  
Dothan, AL

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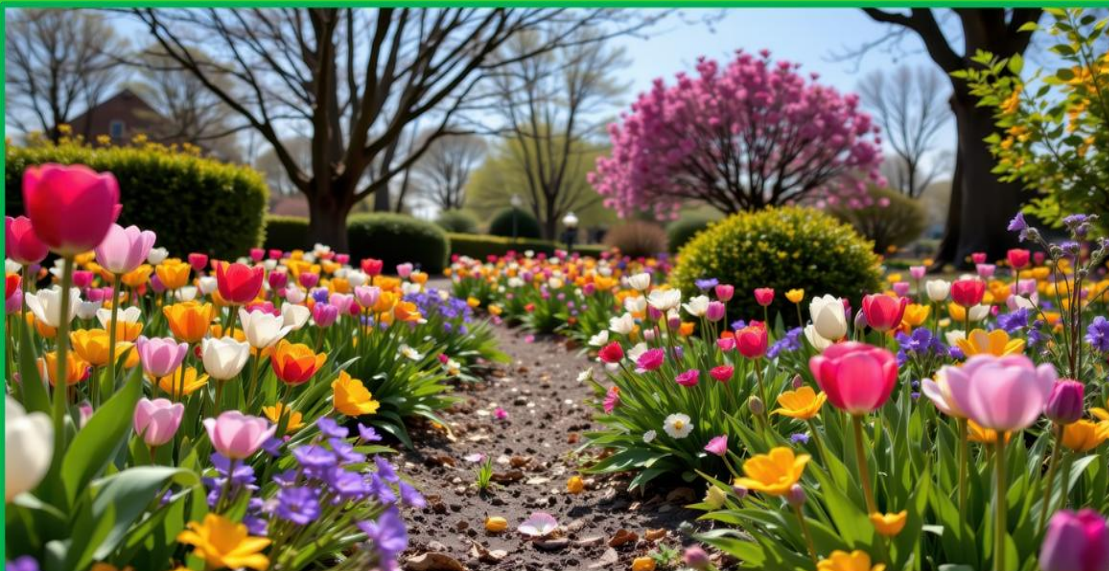


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**2028 Wiregrass MGA**  
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