
In The Loop

by Theresa Davidson

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Janine Brunet, volunteer at the **MBG Greenhouse**, adds "turtle rescuer" to her skills.



Dana Nettles, Intern, and her mentor, Mo Moates, enjoy morning duty on the **Helpline**. Yes, some Vols enjoy it! :)



Unloading the last truck of plants for the **MBG Fall Plant Sale**.



Last minute instructions before the gates open.



MG's at their stations, sporting their new "Valuable Volunteer" T-shirts.



Master Gardeners can multitask; Betty Clifton mans the MG tent and dog-sits so a customer can shop.



Mary Catherine Faralli and Shirley Reynolds observe Shirley's mentee, Intern Melissa Curtis, as she learns the checkout process.



Carolyn Davidson, MG, (but just a customer in this pic), watches Interns, Melissa Curtis and Ed Dean, Carolyn's brother-in-law, as they tally her plants. Carolyn returned the next day to log volunteer hours, too!



Marion Platt, "Queen of the Express Checkout", shared her skills with student volunteers.



Julie Conrey tallies the plants of fellow volunteer, Steve Israel.



OKRA PARTY!



Cotton Boll Angel--Marion's specialty.



Fashionista!



Earrings!



Madame President, Carol, keeps us in line--
"Sign the volunteer sheet!"



Cindy--"Finder" of things lost



Joy designs our first angel with the okra's
natural color.



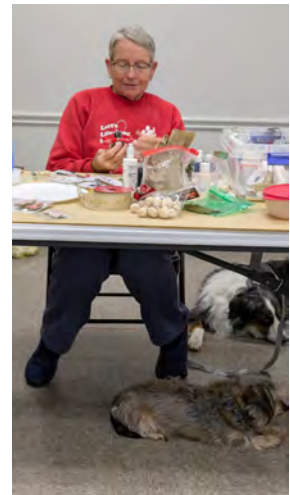
Mary Ann and Lisa, hair specialists, braid
pigtails with embroidery thread.



Alice spruces up some of last year's Santas.
They are ready for this year!



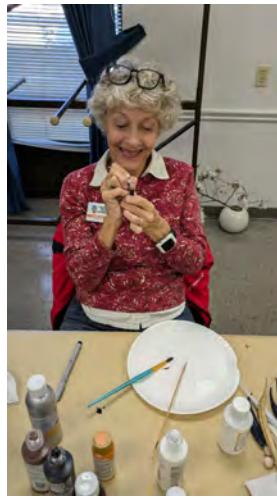
Jan specializes in painted "hair".



Boudreaux, the unofficial "official" MG Canine
Greeter, brought along a friend to share the
workload. Greeting is such hard work. Must
rest!



Mary Catherine focuses on the blue angels.



Marianna, with her skillful hands, brings life to our angel faces.



Intern Kelce's specialty is halos.



Barb contemplates an additional detail for her angel. What will she add?

SAVE THESE DATES: Plan for *an always busy Fall!!*

***Calendar will be updated as additional dates are confirmed*

NOVEMBER:

GREENERY SALE OPPS! Now through December 7!

All activities related to the Greenery Sale are reported as ***(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)***

November 30, Saturday--COLLECT GREENERY at Auburn Ornamental Research Center-8:30 am

(You'll be home before the Iron Bowl begins!)

Steve Sisk, 251-633-6996, s_sisk@bellsouth.com

(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)



DECEMBER:

December 1, Sunday, 2:00 pm—WASH GREENERY collected on Saturday.
 Steve Sisk, 251-633-6996, s_sisk@bellsouth.com
(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)



December 1, Sunday, 2:00 pm--Set up Jon Archer Auditorium for Greenery Design Days
 Paula Reeves, 251-463-4560, paulareeves7@gmail.com
(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)

December 2, Monday—Design Days (Create arrangements, mailbox toppers, swags, Cuppa Cheer)
December 3, Tuesday—Design Days (Create arrangements, mailbox toppers, swags, Cuppa Cheer)
9:00 am-3:00 pm, (Work 1,2, or 3 hours or all day. Your choice)
 Paula Reeves, 251-463-4560, paulareeves7@gmail.com
(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)
Lunch Provided both days

December 2, Monday—Clean Up Crew
December 3, Tuesday—Clean Up Crew
December 4, Wednesday--Clean Up Crew





December 4, Wednesday:
****Design Greenery, IF needed**
9:00 am until finished

December 4, Wednesday:
**** Set up *THE HOLIDAY SHOP* (new this year!)**
9:00 am until finished
Paula Reeves, 251-463-4560, paulareeves7@gmail.com
(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)
Lunch Provided

December 4, Wednesday—Board Meeting
10:00 am

(EMG Program Support/Local MGA or AMGA Admin)

December 5, Thursday—
CUSTOMER PICK-UP of ONLINE ORDERS at Jon Archer
9:00 am- 4:00 pm

December 5, Thursday—TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS to Mobile Botanical Gardens

(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)



December 5-7, Thursday-Saturday--Work *The Holiday Shop*
Th-F: 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Sat: 9:00- noon
Paula Reeves, 251-463-4560, paulareeves7@gmail.com
(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)

December 6 & 7, Friday and Saturday—MOBILE BOTANICAL GARDENS' HOLIDAY MARKET (sell Master Gardener Greenery
Friday: 9:00-3:00, Saturday: 9:00-1:00
(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)



December 7—break down of Shop and clean up, 2:00 pm until done
Paula Reeves, 251-463-4560, paulareeves7@gmail.com
(EMG Program Support/Local or State Fundraiser)

December —Set-up Large Auditorium for Awards Banquet
2:00 pm until done
(EMG Program Support/Local MGA or AMGA Meeting/Set up auditorium)

December 15—Master Gardener Recognition Program, 5:30, Jon Archer
(EMG Program Support/Local MGA or AMGA Meeting)

December 11—NO General Meeting (Awards Banquet, Sunday, December 15, takes the place of our regular meeting in December.)

INTERNS: *Be sure to get your Greenery Sale hours during October, November, and December 2024; there are multiple opportunities to complete these hours! Don't hold up your certification waiting for the 2025 Greenery Sale.*

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:



December Board Meeting

December 4, 10:00 am
Jon Archer Center
Carol Williams, 251.367.0473 readingweeder72@hotmail.com
EMG Program Support/Local MGA or AMGA Admin

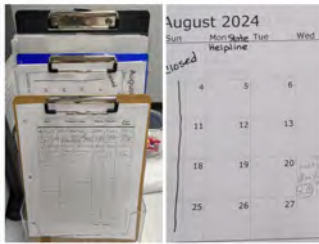


December General Meeting

NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER!

AWARDS BANQUET, DECEMBER 15, IN PLACE OF MEETING

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities:



Mobile County Master Gardener Helpline

Monday-Friday

2 shifts: 8:30 am-12:00 pm & 12:00 pm- 3:00 pm

To sign up, please use the **blue** MG Helpline Clipboard, located in the MG Helpline area of the Mobile County Extension Office

Cindy Findlay, 251-786-4245, cndyfindly@att.net

Diane Anthony 251.574.8445 jda0002@aces.edu

Create & Share Info w/Public/Helpline



Prepare Snacks for MG General Meetings:

Jon Archer Center

Lydia Criswell, 251.610.5543, criswells2@mchsi.com

EMG Program Support/Local MGA or AMGA Meeting (Add your round trip drive time to the meeting time.)



Mobile Japanese Garden

700 Forest Hill Drive

Volunteer your MG skills any morning/afternoon.

Text Don to coordinate!

Don Fry, 251.422.8466, don.fry@comcast.net, mobilejapanesegarden.com

Growing Ornamental Plants/Garden



Community Gardens:

Grow More Give More with Mobile Urban Growers:

mobileurbangrowers.org

Community gardens in Midtown, Downtown, + other neighborhoods, school sites. Search FB "Mobile Urban Growers" and Community Gardens

Chair Needed

mobileurbangrowers@gmail.com

Growing Food Plants/Garden



Mobile Medical Museum

Robert Thrower Medicinal Garden

Curating and maintaining everchanging collection + gardening with Full Life Ahead, serving adults with intellectual disabilities, usually on Wednesdays

1664 Springhill Avenue

Carol Dorsey, 251.209.3483, bcdorsey63@gmail.com

Growing Food Plants/Therapeutic Horticulture



Grow More Give More

Statewide Master Gardeners initiative to encourage food gardening and sharing produce

2 Ambassadors needed: attend meetings, target areas for grant development/grant funds fulfillment

Chair Needed

Growing Food Plants/Garden

Speakers Bureau

*Alice Marty, 251-709-1125, amarty@comcast.net

*Barbara Boone, 251-680-8263, boonebama@live.com

Create & Share Info w/ Public/ Creating Educ. Materials

(Speakers are needed. Please contact Alice or Barbara, if you'd like to volunteer.)



****Speaking Opportunities Resume in the Fall***



Office Manager/Phone Lines/MG Helpline

Cindy Findlay, 251.786.4245, cndyfindly@att.net



DREAM GARDEN: Join a Garden Room (See below)

Jon Archer Center
Marsha Stolz, 251.689.5993, marshastolz@msn.com
Contact Marsha or a Garden Leader to volunteer and work as needed.
***Growing Ornamental Plants/Garden OR
Growing Food Plants/Garden***

The Gardens:

Grandma's Pass Along Garden

Catherine Moates, 251.366.6163, memo366@att.net
Olivia Reinhaus, 251.458.7383, omcvea@gmail.com

Native Garden

Open

Shade Garden

Bob Howard, 251.423.3108, rwhoward51@gmail.com

Vegetable Garden

Marsha Stolz, 251.689.5993, marshastolz@msn.com
Mary Ann Days, 251.391.5806, masdays@comcast.net

Herb Garden

Mary Ann Days, 251.391.5806, masdays@comcast.net

Cottage Garden & Formal Garden

Glenda Eady, 251.342.4248, jerryeady2@comcast.net

Building Garden

Marsha Stolz, 251.689.5993, marshastolz@msn.com

CEU's



Alabama Extension Urban Green: Back 2 Basics Gardening Series

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10:00 am

Registration required:

www.edu/go/Back2Basics

OR

Alabama Extension at Alabama A&M University Facebook page

CEU

- December 11 — An Alabama Garden Walk Special: Crevice Gardens
 - Hayes Jackson, Urban Home Grounds, Gardens, and Home Pests Regional Extension Agent, Calhoun County
 - Glenda Askey

Registration link: <https://auburn.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKce2vpz8sGNx-jzzXDl81i5QdFzn2SX36#/registration>

Alabama Smart Yard Webinar Recordings:

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Making of a Moon Garden: Advanced Master Gardener, Dianna Fortner

https://auburn.zoom.us/rec/share/yLbInXH9xd-GjiY8XtWfIoLXcs_IZkjk034uUzo-6SUPsWxdO17GpRkPvm2O8y0P.XiyK8WSh6Sd0OHUI?startTime=1708542046000

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Disaster Preparedness: Governor's Office of Volunteer Services

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Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Alternatives to Crepe Myrtles in the Landscape: Jack Rowe, Alabama Extension Specialist

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Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Rainscaping Your Yard: Laura Cooley, Auburn University Water Resources Center

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Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Owning a Private Well in Alabama and Reporting Drought Conditions in Your Yard:

Jessie Curl and Bree Minton, Auburn University Water Resources Center

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

No More Tropical Milkweed – How to Replace It: Carmen Flammini, Alabama Extension Home Grounds Agent

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Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Periodical Cicada Appearances in the mid-Atlantic Region: Dr. Meredith Shrader, Auburn University Insect Diagnostician

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Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Turn Dirt to Soil: Cover Crops for the Home Garden: Carole Borowski, Advanced Alabama Master Gardener

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Wednesday, May 22, 2024

What's Blooming in Central Alabama in May?: Bethany O'Rear, Alabama Extension Home Grounds

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Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Pruning Hydrangeas

<https://auburn.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=c5a67b10-c7b8-4efa-936a-b18c00eaeeb5>

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Bringing Pollinators to the Garden

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Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

Summer Lawn Care

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Wednesday, July 17th, 2024

Twenty Hot Plants for Garden Flair

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First Friday at the Gardens

NO FIRST FRIDAY IN DECEMBER!

MBG's Holiday Market replaces First Friday in the month December.

Shop for Christmas gifts, as the Gardens, the Gulf Coast Herb Society, and the Mobile County Master



Gardeners join together to offer unique Christmas gifts.

Friday, December 6, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday, December 7, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

You may like these organizations:



Orchid Society Meeting

Mobile Japanese Garden meeting room, 700 Forest Hill 4th Sunday of the month (except June & Dec), 2:00 pm

NEXT MEETING: January 27

Lynn Coleman, 251.622.3939, lynncolman411@gmail

CEU for presentation



Gulf Coast Herb Society

Mobile Botanical Gardens 4th Tues. of the month, (except July and Nov.), 5:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: December 28

Beth Poates, 251.342.6508, poates57@hotmail.com

CEU for presentation



K Sawada Camellia Club

Most meetings at Mobile Botanical Gardens

1st Sunday of month: Nov-March, 2:00 pm

Next meeting: December 1, 2:00pm

Annual Christmas Party and Camellia Auction at **Cornerstone Gardens**, home of Vaughn Drinkard. (Vaughn usually leads a tour of the Gardens that's not to be missed.

1066 Government St.

Kenny Helton, 251.459.5555, kehelton@comcast.net

CEU for presentation



Camellia Club of Mobile

Jon Archer Center

2nd Sun of the month: Sept. 2023- April 2024, 2:00 pm (**December10**)

mobilecamellia.org, Camellia Club of Mobile FB Group

CEU for presentation

Clarke & Root Gardens
- 2,000 Waterfront Camellias in Mobile, AL -

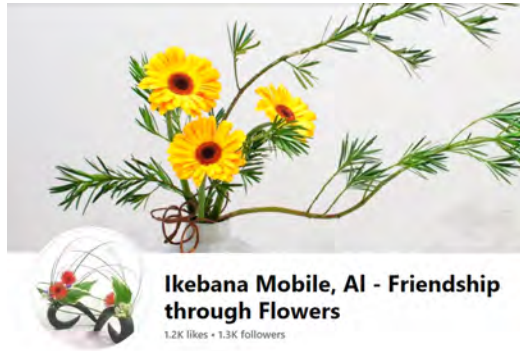


Becky Root
Owner/Camellia Enthusiast
251-753-0348
byroot@yahoo.com
RSVP for free tours on most Sundays
in January, February & March at 2pm



Azalea City Bonsai Society in Mobile,
AL

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Come Here To Grow!



Theresa's top reasons to join the Gardens:

1. **DISCOUNTS** on events, classes, plants, and the Gift Shop!
2. First Friday Lectures--**free** (Senior rate is \$45 per year. Senior nonmembers pay the daily admission rate of \$8 (senior rate) to attend the First Friday lectures. Join and save \$\$\$! (And, get all the benefits of membership.)

PLEASE NOTE: According to the November 22, 2024, MBG Newsletter, there will be a super special gift membership deal (good until June 26) , available **ONLY** in the gift shop during the Holiday Market. Membership at MBG might make the perfect gift for someone on your list or **YOU!**

1. The **BEST** weekly newsletter-know **EVERYTHING** that's happening at the Gardens
2. Access to the Gate Code to visit the Gardens *before* and *after* regular hours
3. Reciprocal special admission at 360+ gardens in the US- I've used it in Huntsville, Atlanta and New York City. -quite a savings.

Mark your calendars for these SPECIAL EVENTS:



2025 AMGA Conference and Business Meeting

April 3-5, 2025

Prattville, AL

Hosted by Autauga County Master Gardeners Association

Featured Speaker: Joe Lamp'I, Host of PBS series, Growing a Greener World

For Your Information:

When you shop The Gift Shop at MBG, look for the work of two of our Master Gardeners: *Susan Hilton, Potter, and Sharon Claseman, Jewelry Designer.*



OF NOTE:

All Preorders can be picked up on
Thursday, Dec 5, 8:00am -3:00pm

Something new this year!

We will have a

Holiday Shop

at the
Jon Archer Center
1070 Schillinger Road
Mobile, Alabama 36608

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 & 6
9:00-3:00
Saturday, Dec. 7,
9:00 to 12:00

Questions: **251-463-4560**

The Mobile County Master Gardener Association, Inc., thanks you for your support!

Your order will provide educational events for the Mobile County public as well as a scholarship to a student majoring in horticulture.

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[https://
www.mobilecountymastergardeners.org/hqs24](https://www.mobilecountymastergardeners.org/hqs24)

Come see us on the patio at the
**Mobile Botanical Gardens
Holiday Market**
Friday, Dec. 6, 9:00 - 3:00
and
Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:00 - 1:00
Selection will be limited.



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