

Roots and Shoots



Kathy Rostand, Editor

President's Message

Here we are half way through 2017 and I need to give out a few accolades to the group of officers and committee folks I work with. This will not be in alphabetical nor good, better, best order because they all are wonderful. **Bonnie O'Bannon**, our treasurer is my "radar", remember Radar from M*A*S*H. She knows and does everything before I even ask for it. Thank you Bonnie over and over again. **Tom Douglass**, our treasurer, is always there for you and the entire membership. He does an #1 job which is and can be very detailed, timely and even mind boggling at times. If you have not heard me say it before he is my hero...our hero. **Chris Pugh** 1st and 2nd vice president, picked up the ball when Taylor left and has done and is doing a excellent job. Along with the 1st vp's and the Community Service responsibility he is now working for Birmingham Botanical Gardens as a new employee. He has this ability to fit in with any situation with a talent and energy level that is rare indeed. **Hope Cooper** along with all the time she is in our gardens working is now taking time to do the monthly "Roots and Shoots" news coverage for our monthly speakers. She is exceptional and it is easy to see that she is the top volunteer of the year. **Kathy Rostand** is the new editor for the R&S. She picked up when **Carol Haygood** turned it all over to her in 2017. Carol was a hard act to follow and Kathy aced the job in no time. Thank you Kathy !!! You are greatly appreciated by all. Our committee folks are on top of the jobs too. **Linda Systrom** along with **Ken and Alicia Hall** are the masters of membership, no small job with over 180 members. **Fletcher Harvey** our education committee handles all things with great professional ability. Diane Remick communications keeps you advised on the website "jeffcomg.org" and is always helping her fellow gardeners. Among other talents she is a top notch artist. **Martha and Maurice Picardy**, our hospitality committee, well they are a wow, wow, wow couple. Always there early with drinks, decorations, and super tablescapes. Thank you both for your beautiful work. These folks are not the only ones who keep things going. All of our volunteers do good work every day and we really do appreciate each of you.

Our August 8th speaker is **Henry Hughes**, Director of Education. Social 9:00a.m. - meeting time 10:00. At BBG. Hope to see a good turn out. Bring a friend, your favorite snack to share and show up on time.

Pat Cosgrove

President

JCMGA AUGUST PROGRAM NOTES

Tuesday, August 8

Auditorium

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

9 am Social Hour, 10 am Meeting

Speaker: Henry Hughes

Vice President of Education at BBG

"Urban Forestry 101, or the Basics of Urban Tree and Forest Preservation"

What are the key principles that determine the long-term health of urban forests and trees? Henry will look at a number of examples, including the woodlands of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

**Coming in September
Jefferson County Master Gardeners Meeting
September 12, 2017**

Succulents

Jim Allen, a certified Master Gardener in Mississippi and Alabama, will speak about the care and feeding of succulents and tell us stories about some of his particular plants. He has hundreds and they each have a story.

Bethany's Extension Extras

Flower gardeners delivered

Last month's Forge flower-arranging workshop was successful, thanks to several Master Gardeners and their flower gardens. I would like to thank everyone who provided buckets of flowers for the event. Also a big thank you goes out to Mary Jo Quintana for coordinating and planning, and to Cathy DeLozier for presenting the workshop.

Our cutting garden contributions included summer flowers and foliage from Anita Dark, Patty Gilbert, Mindy Bodenhamer, Sandy Berglund, Hope Long, Mary Jo Quintana, and Cathy DeLozier.

Tomato advice just a click away

Each week, you will find some helpful advice in AL.com's **Garden Talk** articles written by our local Alabama Extension agents. [Here's a link](#) to a recent article I wrote related to the occasional condition, ***blossom-end rot***, sometimes suffered by our beloved tomatoes. Take care of your backyard crop, and you'll have a few more months of tomatoes ahead.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	
July 2017	
Beginning balance July 1, 2017	\$16,873.12
Deposits	\$70.00
Disbursements	\$82.79
Ending balance July 31, 2017	\$16,860.33

Tom Douglass, Treasurer

JCMGA Minutes July 11, 2017

The July 2017 meeting of the Jefferson County Master Gardener Association (JCMGA) was called to order by President Pat Cosgrove. Visitors and interns were recognized and welcomed. Fletcher introduced the new Rotary intern, John Robert Carter, who is a native of Birmingham and a Samford student.

The Treasurer's report and minutes were approved.

Linda Systrom discussed signs that can identify Master Gardener (MG) projects while work is being done on various premises. Bethany has the MG logo which should be present on the signs along with Extension information. Per Tom Underwood, Blake Signs makes the yard signs for the Spring Plant Sale. The price needs to be right so that each MG might purchase one to take to their work sites. A volunteer is needed to run this issue.

We are looking for someone who can embroider our logo on textiles. Please contact Pat Cosgrove if you are interested.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for the 2018 state convention are in the back of the room. Lots of folks will be needed.

Lunch and Learns are every other Wednesday at the BBG. They are free and are a good way to earn CEUs. Interns are encouraged to attend.

The BBG has asked for a list of our members. A motion was made and carried to share our membership list with them. Membership Chairman, Linda Systrom, reminded everyone to sign in, including guests.

Vice President Chris Pugh introduced our speaker, Tom Underwood. Tom is the new Director of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. He comes to us with an impressive resume that includes (in part) twenty plus years at Disney World. He was accompanied by his topiary friend Mickey, and some great pics and discussion of various landscape concepts. Thanks, Tom!

A motion was made by Fletcher Harvey to donate \$250 'seed money' to the fledgling Longleaf Botanical Gardens, in the capable hands of Hayes Jackson, in Anniston. The motion was amended to \$500 and approved.

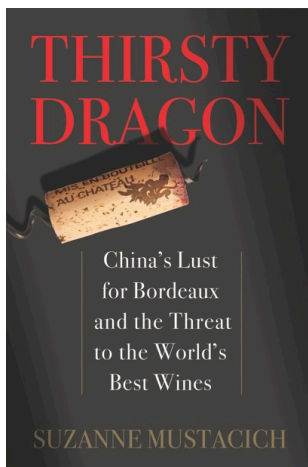
Henry Hughes will be our speaker at the August 8 meeting. The Native Plant Group is conducting a pollinator plant sale that will run concurrently (from 9 'til noon) in the Plant Adventure Zone. They have invited the Master Gardeners to a preview sale from 8:30-9am so that we can attend prior to our business meeting. (Thanks, y'all.)

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie O'Bannon
Secretary

News from the Library at Birmingham Botanical Gardens

For more information, visit www.bbgardens.org



Thyme to Read

Tuesday, September 5 at 6 PM
Library at the BBG

***Thirsty Dragon: China's Lust for Bordeaux and
the Threat to the World's Best Wines***
by Suzanne Mustacich

No registration required

For more information contact Hope Long, Library director, at
205-414-3931 or hlong@bbgardens.org

Educational Opportunities at Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Register online at www.bbgardens.org or, for more information, call Dawn Coleman at 205-414-3958.

A Midsummer Night's Fairy House Workshop

Renee Raney, Brooke McMinn & Hope Long

Thursday, August 24 6-8 p.m.

Plant Adventure Zone / Orientation Room

Members \$45 | Non-members \$50

Make a summer cottage for the fairies in your garden. Under the guidance of author, storyteller, and biologist Renee Simmons Raney adults will create one house each to take home.

Come prepared for messy art play. Feel free to bring some materials from home (miniature dishes/tea sets/doll house accessories; your own glue gun). A base for your fairy house and a variety of natural materials (moss, bark, sticks, acorns, shells, clay for creating fairy accessories, and more!) are provided.

Fee includes instruction, basic materials, use of hot glue guns/tools and two glasses of wine. Signed copies of Renee's new book *Hairy, Scary, but Mostly Merry Fairies* (Published by NewSouth Montgomery) will be available for \$17.

Lunch & Learn

Birmingham Botanical Gardens Auditorium

Free to the Public

Bring a sandwich. Drink and cookies provided.

Perma Culture

Presenter: Stephen Guesman

GreenWorks Design & Build

Wednesday, August 16 | 11:30-12:30

The Ins and Outs of GMO's

Presenter: Dr. Rudy O. Pacumbaba

Extension Specialist

Wednesday, August 30 | 11:30-12:30

Planting, Transplanting, and Re-Potting Trees and Shrubs

Instructor: David Doggett

September 9 | 9-11 a.m.

Birmingham Botanical Gardens – Hodges Room

Members-Only

Improper planting is the #1 cause of shortened lifespan for trees and shrubs planted in residential and commercial sites. This class covers the latest researched-based recommendations for how one should plant, transplant or re-pot.

Cooling Herbal Cocktails: Beat the Heat with Medicinal Herbs

Instructor: Cameron Strouss

Saturday, August 26 | 1-3:30 p.m.

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Members \$40 | Non-members \$45

Concoct delicious summer drinks to cool you down and delight your senses using local herbs and easily cultivated garden allies. These floral combinations will leave you refreshed and relaxed after a hot day of summer fun!

Community Service /Volunteer Opportunities

For more community service opportunities go to <http://jeffcomg.org/community-service/volunteer-opportunities-at.html>

Tuesday in the Bog Garden

Come join a new Tuesday volunteer group in the Bog Garden! If you are interested in working with native plants and helping reshape our unique Bog Garden, please contact Alice Moore at amoore@bbgardens.org for more information.

Updating Your Information: Update your contact information for emails, newsletter, etc by going to the MG Service Report site and clicking the "My Data" tab. Update the information shown there by following the edit prompts. If you need help with this, Diane Remick is in the BBG Library every Friday afternoon and will be available to help you.

Jefferson County Master Gardener Footprint: We are grateful to all of you for your membership and your volunteer contributions. We'd like to recognize your projects and your work. Please enter the projects/sites with which you are working in the "Success Stories" tab of the MG Service Report site and/or provide [Bethany O'Rear](#) or [Diane Remick](#) with your information. Thanks!

Kaul Wildflower Garden

Join Kaul Wildflower Garden Curator John Manion on many Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Kaul Wildflower Garden beginning at 9 a.m. On Friday mornings, the *plant propagation group* often meets, as well. John says: "If you are not a 'regular' participant in these volunteer activities, it's best to let me know you plan to attend in case we cancel."

For more information, email John Manion at jmanion@bbgardens.org.

Master Gardeners

We now have a page on the website: <http://jeffcomg.org/community-service/great-things-our-master.html> that showcases what we are doing this year. Send pictures of your activities to Diane Remick at dmremick@charter.net.

****Save the Date****
Central South Native Plant Conference



October 26-29, 2017 at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens
More details coming soon



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and *Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association***