

Roots and Shoots



Kathy Rostand, Editor

President's Message

The JCMGA membership should be proud of the attendance at the June meetings. Longleaf Botanical Gardens, in Anniston, had a sign-in of 36 and the night meeting was a good show of 26 both including several interns. It is a good sign to see the interns in attendance. New folks bring new ideas to share. You could meet a relative you did not know you had. It happened to me. The lady sitting next to me in the 2012 class turned out to be a blood relative. No kidding! In a way all gardeners are "part kin" since we all love the same past time. Good folks good company.

Well our summer is being welcomed by a week of rain and how my yard and plants love this. My watermelons, tomatoes, and onions along with lots of flowers and the lawn are so pretty. It is as if they were in competition to be the biggest and the best. The only thing that has me confused is the raccoon. It comes around and digs up the pot I have been working on the day before - how does it know??? We are putting out a cage to deliver it to a really nice place with a creek, river or lake some 25 miles away from my back yard. Wish me luck.

Please be sure to attend the July meeting on the 11th. Tom Underwood is our speaker and you don't want to miss an opportunity to meet him. Bring a friend and a snack. Come early - 9:00 am social and 10:00 meeting time.

Enjoy the grow.

Pat Cosgrove
President

JCMGA July Program Notes

Tuesday, July 11

Auditorium

**Birmingham Botanical Gardens
9 am Social Hour, 10 am Meeting**

**"Sharing the Magic of Plants and Gardens"
speaker Tom Underwood**



Come get acquainted with the new executive director of the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Tom has degrees in horticulture and science education, is an "educator at heart" and enjoys sharing his passion for learning and the joys and discoveries of gardening. And having spent 20 years at the Walt Disney World Resort he certainly knows something about magic!

Bethany's Extension Extras

Cut flowers from your garden needed July 24

In just a few weeks, we need a supply of cut flowers suitable for creating 30 medium arrangements. Mary Jo Quintana is presenting a flower arranging class through Forge and its ***Gardening for the Breast Cancer Community*** series. Can we count on you and your garden to help? We need flowers and greenery dropped off at the Extension Office on **Monday, July 24, between 9:00 am-3:00 pm.**

Please [contact me by email](mailto:bethany@aces.edu) at bethany@aces.edu if we can count on you!

Two summer workshops ahead for home gardeners

Water Conservation in the Home Landscape

Tuesday, July 25, 9 am-Noon

Join me along with Sallie Lee and John Nabors at North Shelby Library to uncover ways to maintain a thriving landscape during dry spells. Consider some watering options for your home landscape, plus explore plants that can survive tough conditions. Call or come by the ACES office to make your reservation today! Your check, payable to ACES, is due by Friday, July 21. Registration \$10.

Calling All Veggies

Thursday, August 3, 9 am-Noon

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Treasurer's Report

June 2017

Beginning balance June 1, 2017	\$16,973.12
Deposits	-
Disbursements	-100.00
Ending balance June 30, 2017	<u><u>\$16,873.12</u></u>

Tom Douglass, Treasurer

JCMGA Minutes June 13, 2017

The June 2017 meeting of the Jefferson County Master Gardener Association was called to order by President Pat Cosgrove. This abbreviated meeting was held offsite in conjunction with our field trip to Longleaf Botanical Gardens in Anniston.

As a result of the resignation of E.W. Phillips, Tom Douglass is assuming duties of Treasurer. A motion was made and carried to officially place Tom as Treasurer for the remainder of the year.

The night meeting scheduled for the 20th will feature Antonia Viteri. Bring snacks.

We've had a request for a donation for \$500 for the Native Plant Society. A motion was made and carried to forgo this donation this year.

Rebecca Wisotsky talked about the tree inventory at East Lake Park and two others. A couple of volunteers are needed to work 2-3 hours each week. Extensive training on tree identification will be provided. If you are interested, please give Rebecca a call on 492-2217.

Mary Jo is conducting a class on arrangements and is in need of greenery and flowers. Donations may be dropped off on July 24th as the class is on the 25th.

Fletcher reminded us of the Fern Show and Sale Saturday (June 17) at the BBG. Entries are accepted between 8-10am. The sale and show are from 1-5pm.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and turned over to Hayes Jackson, who delighted us with a presentation on and tour of the Longleaf Botanical Gardens, followed by the opportunity to purchase plants. A good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie O'Bannon
Secretary

JCMGA Minutes June 20, 2017 Evening Meeting

The June 2017 meeting of the Jefferson County Master Gardener association was called to order by President Pat Cosgrove. The treasurer's report was given by Tom Douglass, Treasurer, and the minutes from the regular meeting were read and approved.

VP Chris Pugh asked that everyone keep their online profiles up to date. Norwood Gardens has asked for Master Gardener volunteers for 3 hours every day. Let Chris know if you are interested.

Chris introduced Antonia Viteri, landscape architect, herbalist, master gardener and volunteer at Grandmother's Garden at Sloss Furnace. Antonia enlightened us on the design and application of Healing Gardens and many of the healing plants that can be installed within them. Her presentation was accompanied with beautiful slides, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Hope Long announced that she has turned the card catalog in the BBG library into a seed exchange. Some restrictions apply. You must sign up in Hope's office to participate, but seeds are free. You may pick some up or make a deposit, as long as your seeds are open pollinated. No hybrids allowed.

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Upcoming Events at Aldridge Gardens

To find information about events or to register for classes, visit <http://aldrigegardens.com>.

To volunteer at Aldridge Gardens, contact Phyllis Giles at 205-682-8019 or

volunteer@aldrigegardens.com

Art Exhibit

Amy R. Peterson

Date: Now Thru August 4th

Location: Aldridge Home

Gallery hours: 9am-4pm

In this show, you'll find Alabama landscapes, Birmingham city scenes, floral still lifes, historic interiors, and plein air studies by Birmingham artist, Amy R. Peterson. Peterson's impressionistic oil paintings have won awards at the Bluff Park Art Association, the Gadsden Museum of Art, and the Alabama Plein Air Artists' Juried Show. In 2016, her work reached the national arena through acceptance into the Oil Painters of America Salon Exhibition. In 2017, her work is featured in Art Galleries and Artists of the South.

Fairy Gardens For Young And Old

Date: Tuesday, July 11

Time: 2PM-4PM

Location: TBD

Adventures Of A Citizen Scientist

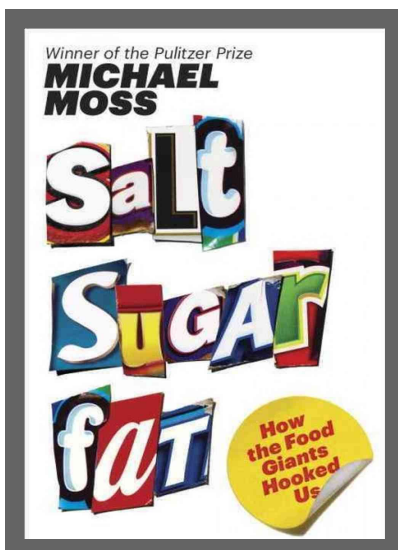
Date: Tuesday, July 25

Time: 6PM-8PM

Location: Aldridge Home

News from the Library at Birmingham Botanical Gardens

For more information, visit www.bbgardens.org



Thyme to Read

Tuesday, August 1 at 6 PM

Library at the BBG

Salt, Sugar, Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us
by Michael Moss

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.

Lunch & Learn

Birmingham Botanical Gardens Auditorium

Free to the Public

Drip Irrigation

Presenter: Rhonda Britton

Regional Extension Agent

Wednesday, July 12|11:30-12:30 p.m.

Learn how to use and install the most efficient watering method for your landscape

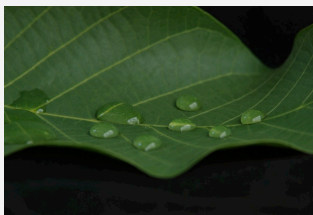
Companion Planting

Presenter: Amanda Clark

Wednesday, July 26|11:30-12:30 p.m.

Learn how to use this natural method to protect your garden's bounty.

ACES Workshops



Water Conservation in the Home Landscape

Tuesday, July 25, 9 am –noon

(check-in begins at 8:30 am)

North Shelby Library

Registration fee \$10

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Make your reservation by calling the ACES office at 205-879-6964 x10.



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9 am- noon

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Birmingham Botanical Gardens

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Certificate in Native Plant Studies Program

Find more information or register for classes online at www.bbgardens.org

Native Plants of Wetlands: Grasses, Grass-like Plants and Many Other Species (new field trip)

Instructor: Dan Spaulding, Curator of Collections

Anniston Museum of Natural History

Saturday, July 29 | 9 - 5 p.m.

Location: Montevallo, AL

Members \$90 | Non-Members \$100

This full day program will offer an introduction to the many fascinating species of plants that inhabit aquatic and wet areas. We will begin in a classroom at The Parnell Public Library in Montevallo, where we will learn the basics of identification for the primary groups of wetland species. After lunch we will proceed to the nearby Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Preserve. This special area is rich with species not commonly seen in Central Alabama and provides an excellent location to study wetland flora.

Using iNaturalist to Document Everyday Observations in Nature (elective)

Instructor: John Friel, PhD,

Director,

Alabama Museum of Natural History at the University of Alabama

Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Saturday, August 5 | 8:30-12:30 p.m.

Members \$45 | Non-Members \$50

iNaturalist is a citizen science project and online social network of naturalists, citizen scientists, and biologists built on the concept of mapping and sharing observations of biodiversity across the globe. Observations may be added via the website or from a mobile application. This course will provide an overview of iNaturalist, and how it can be used for existing projects and new projects, in this case, designed by the participants in this class. It will combine an introductory presentation about iNaturalist, as well as a hands-on session where participants document plants and animals at Birmingham Botanical Gardens using the iNaturalist app on their own smart devices. In addition to learning about the nuts and bolts of the iNaturalist platform, participants will also receive instruction on best practices that will facilitate identifications of unknown plants and animals, and improve the quality and utility of their iNaturalist observations. No previous experience necessary.

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.

Community Service /Volunteer Opportunities

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

Bruno Vegetable Garden

The Magic City Harvest is the recipient of the vegetables being grown in the Bruno Vegetable Garden at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. *Tiffany's Group* meets from 8 am to 10:30 am on Wednesdays and Thursdays to harvest the "mostly organically" grown vegetables. If you would like to work with the group and be added to the weekly e-mail lists for updates on the group's schedule and activities, contact [Kathy Connolly](mailto:kconnolly56@gmail.com) at kconnolly56@gmail.com.

Wednesday in the Herb Garden

The Herb Group meets on **Wednesdays** at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Volunteers are needed from 9 - noon. If you're interested in joining, please contact Alice Moore at amoore@bbgardens.org for more information.

Garden Club at Ruffner Mountain

Ruffner Mountain has several needs for Master Gardeners. They have started a garden club for people with limited mobility. They meet every Tuesday from 9 am to noon. They connect with the natural world by collecting seeds and cuttings. If you are able to help, bring gloves, sunscreen and water. You can see more opportunities on their [website](#), especially on the [calendar pages](#).

Volunteer Summer Party

Thursday, August 3rd

5:30 to 7:30

Food, Drinks, and Friends

Spend a summer evening in the Gardens to celebrate all the work you have done. Please RSVP to the Volunteer Coordinator at amoore@bbgardens.org by Monday, July 31st.

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.



*Plants for Pollinators
!Sale!
August 8 9 am – Noon
BBG
Arrington Plant Adventure Zone*



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C. Beaty Hanna Horticulture and
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We're on the Web! Visit us at <https://jeffcomg.org>

**Also see Facebook pages for *Jefferson County Cooperative Extension System*
and *Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association***