

Roots and Shoots



Kathy Rostand, Editor

President's Message

We have another two-meeting month in June. Our day meeting is the field trip to Long Leaf Botanical Gardens in Anniston. June 13th at 11:00 AM.

Our night meeting on June 20th begins at 6:00 PM at BBG. Speaker will be Antonia Viteri regarding herbs.

Have some bad news: Taylor Steele has resigned his position as 1st Vice President due to personal conflict with his job. We will all miss Taylor and wish him well in his new job.

Good news to follow bad news: in accordance with our bylaws Chris Pugh, our 2nd Vice President, will step up to finish out the year. Chris already has finished filling the speaker positions for the 2017 year. In addition Chris is going to work for the BBG as a new employee. Lucky guy and lucky Gardens.

Another announcement with good news – our own Natalie Lee has graciously agreed to be the JCMGA representative to the State Advisory Council. Lucky Council.

My favorite time of year is just around the corner. On June 21st it will officially be Summer. Hope your gardens will be planted and ready to enjoy for the next few months and change to Fall garden vegetables in September. This should keep us all busy for some time doing what we love to do best which is assisting Mother Nature.

Please do not hesitate to bring a guest with you to the meetings. They are always welcome. Bring a special plate for the snack table at our night meetings so your fellow gardeners may enjoy!! We look forward to seeing the 2017 interns join us for the field trip and night meeting. So please do not let us down. Have a great summer and volunteer your time. Thank you all.

Pat Cosgrove

President

JCMGA June Program Notes

Tuesday, June 13

Field Trip

A field trip to Longleaf Botanical Gardens in Anniston will be our regular day meeting. The Gardens is part of the Museum of Natural History. Several gardens have been developed: xeriscape, tropical, and perennial. Our tour leader will be Hayes Jackson, county Extension Agent and 'Director' of the Gardens. It takes roughly an hour and a quarter to drive from the Birmingham Botanical Gardens to Longleaf. You should be at Longleaf at 11:00am. Transportation is an individual responsibility.

Tuesday, June 20
Evening Meeting at the BBG
6:00 PM

Maria Antonia Viteri will talk with us about “Healing Gardens & Mindfulness”

Antonia is a Master Gardener who holds a bachelor’s degree in Architecture from the Southern California Institute of Architecture, a master’s degree in Landscape Architecture from UC Berkeley and, multiple certifications in Herbal Studies. She is an LEED Accredited Landscape Designer.

“For many, all or any garden can be considered a Healing Garden; nonetheless the term Healing Gardens is most often applied to green spaces in hospitals and other healthcare facilities....making gardens that heal...requires specific intention and mindfulness....

This presentation will investigate how ‘intention & mindfulness’ can be translated by following design parameters.

Bethany’s Extension Extras

Volunteer Spotlight: Jefferson County Master Gardeners’ Speakers Bureau

A stellar roster of speakers among our Master Gardeners’ Speakers Bureau continues to grow! Dozens of specialized topics represent the speakers’ immeasurable gardening expertise. As you dig through their list of presentations at our Jefferson County Master Gardener [website](#), perhaps *you* will be inspired to develop a program you want to share. You’ll find directions included regarding how to get started by contacting [Hope Long](#) with your favorite topics.

Keep this resource in mind as well when your community organizations are making plans for upcoming programs. Our Speakers Bureau page provides a link to each speaker, making contacts easy and direct.

Many thanks to our Speakers Bureau members! You represent excellence in our organization throughout our community each time you make a presentation.

Weekly Garden Talk on AL.com

Each week, Alabama Extension agents post garden-related articles to AL.com. Timely topics and questions fielded in the past few days through my office, as well as the offices of Sallie Lee and Andy Baril, often make their way onto AL.com’s electronic pages under the headline ***Garden Talk***. Go to [AL.com](#), and enter “Garden Talk” as your search term to see a recent article. There you may also explore an archive of our articles, and hear our discussion on a variety of topics. Let me know if you have a garden question you want us to consider.

JCMGA Minutes May 9, 2017

The May 2017 meeting of the Jefferson County Master Gardener Association was called to order by President Pat Cosgrove. New members, 2017 interns and guests were welcomed.

Vice President Chris Pugh is taking over Taylor Steele's responsibilities. Taylor has taken a new job requiring him to travel extensively, and has tendered his resignation as First Vice President. (We will miss you Taylor; best of luck in your new job, and don't be a stranger.)

Chris announced:

-Saturdays at Sloss Furnace's Grandmother's Garden. You must sign up to attend and will find the list of dates on the information table in the back of the room.

-If you are interested in volunteering for community outreach projects, please see Chris. Be sure to go to the website to input your interests.

-Turkey Creek's new greenhouse is needs volunteers on Friday mornings at 9:00 for propagation, weeding, etc.

Linda Systrom noted that some MG groups have a sign they can post at projects identifying "Master Gardeners at Work". Please let Chris know if you have any contacts that may be interested in donating signs, which will include our Jefferson County logo.

Gold and platinum name tags and jewels earned for volunteer hours were picked up at the State Convention by Ken Hall. Please see him after the meeting.

Jefferson County will be hosting the 2018 State Convention in Birmingham. Roger Clarke presented information about the Conference which will be held at the (remodeled) Sheraton downtown. It was found to be the best facility in town and has quoted us the best rates. We are currently working on identifying/securing speakers. We hope everyone will attend and sign up to work the convention, as lots of help will be needed. Signup sheets are in the back of the room.

As info, the 2108 Regional Conference that was to be hosted by JeffCo was cancelled.

Charlene Chadband announced that the butterfly garden is open at the zoo with ten different butterflies. All plants provide nectar or habitat. It is located in the children's petting zoo area.

Blue iris brought by James Horton are on the stage for anyone wanting them. If you didn't get one and want one, give James your name and he'll bring you one.

Alice needs volunteers for weekend tours and the Hikes for Tykes programs.

Chris introduced Leonora Roberson, who graduated from MG class in 1998. She wears a platinum name badge and Harvest for Health is her life! Leonora enthusiastically intro'ed each plant available for the annual plant swap. Thanks, Leonora.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie O'Bannon
Secretary

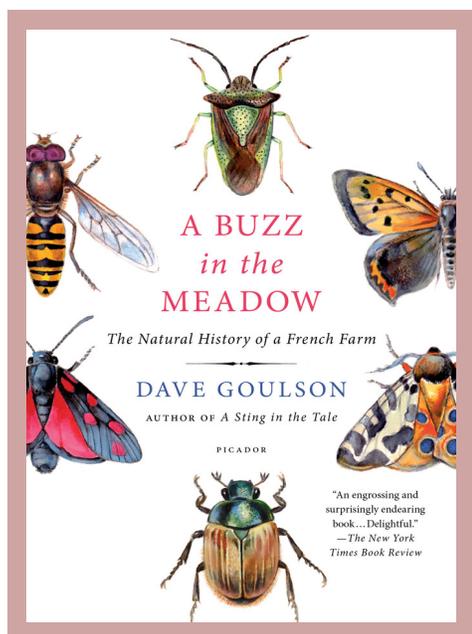
CEUs for 2017 Meetings

January 10 (Brooke McMinn)	1.0 CEU
February (Reach for the Stars)	no CEUs for this mtg.
March 14 (Jim Jacobi)	1.25 CEU
March 21 (Cameron Strauss)	1.0 CEU
April 11 (Jeannie Sherlock)	1.0 CEU
May 9 (Plant Swap)	1.0 CEU

Treasurer's Reports Coming Next Month

News from the Library at Birmingham Botanical Gardens

For more information, visit www.bbgardens.org



Thyme to Read

Tuesday, July 11 at 6 PM
Library at the BBG

A Buzz in the Meadow: The Natural History of a French Farm
By Dave Goulson

No registration required
For more information contact Hope Long, Library director, at 205-414-3931 or hlong@bbgardens.org

Upcoming Events at Aldridge Gardens

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

To volunteer at Aldridge Gardens, contact Phyllis Giles at 205-682-8019 or volunteer@aldridgegardens.com

Educational Opportunities at Birmingham Botanical Gardens

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

Rain Barrel Workshop

Saturday, June 17 | 9:30-noon

Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Class (no barrel) \$5

Class+ 'as is barrel' (no holes, parts, or insect screen) \$35

Class + 'ready to install barrel' (spigot & overflow holes drilled; includes faucet, overflow pieces, and insect screen) \$65

Pre-register by June 9, 2017 by contacting Katie Heath at 205.565.2650 or

Jefferson@alconservationdistricts.org

Lunch & Learn All Summer

Wednesdays at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens 11:30-12:30pm

Free and open to the public

June 14	Sustainable Lawn Care
June 28	Battle Against Weeds and Bugs
July 12	Drip Irrigation
July 26	Companion Planting
August 16	PermaCulture
August 30	The Ins and Outs of GMO's

Photography in the Gardens This Summer

Instructor: Hank Siegel

Saturdays

June 10| 9-noon

June 17| 9-noon

Members \$100|Non-Members \$120

Learn how to capture those magical Summer moments from kids first full day outside to Weddings!

July 8| 9-1 p.m.

July 15| 9-1 p.m.

Members \$100|Non-Members\$120

Capture, process and display macro-photographic (extreme close-up) images featuring the plants and environment of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens

August 5| 9-1 p.m

Members \$60|Non-Members \$75

Captures images of the passing of the seasons. You'll learn the techniques, tools and skills necessary to take visually stunning and interesting photographs through the creation of a seasonal series of landscapes/nature scenes.

Certificate in Native Plant Studies Program

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

Native Wildflowers of Summer (elective)

Instructors: Katie Horton, Native Plant Intern
& John Manion,
Kaul Wildflower Garden Curator, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Saturday, June 17 | 8:30-12:30 p.m.
Members \$45 | Non-Members \$50

A “Botanyblitz” at Manitou Cave of Alabama (elective)

Trip Leader: John Manion,
Kaul Wildflower Garden Curator, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Sunday, June 18 | 12:30 -4:30 p.m. (not including travel time)
Location: Fort Payne, AL
Members \$45 | Non-Members \$50

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, June 24 | 9 - 5 p.m.
Location: Montevallo, AL
Members \$90 | Non-Members \$100

Community Service /Volunteer Opportunities

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



Looking for a quiet indoor project to keep you out of the heat?

The Library at The Gardens needs 1-3 volunteers to help set up our new Seed bank. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Alice Moore at 205.414.3962 or amoore@bbgardens.org more information

Thursday in the Fern Glade

Birmingham Fern Group meets at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Volunteers are needed from 9 - noon. If you're interested in joining, please contact Brooke McMinn at bmcminn@bbgardens.org or 205-414-3914 for more information.

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.

Interested in becoming a docent at Birmingham Botanical Gardens?

Contact Alice Moore at 205-414-3962 or by [email](mailto:amoore@bbgardens.org). She will arrange individual training.

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.



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