

Roots and Shoots

October 2017



Kathy Rostand, Editor

President's Message

When you enjoy what you are doing time goes by with rocket speed. JCMGA has only two more meetings during 2017. Our October meeting is important and I hope you will all try to attend. We will elect new officers for 2018. Our nominating committee chairman, Ann Gray Harvey, has been very busy and will present the slate. It takes a good size group and a good bit of time to complete this annual task. So please mark your calendar for early 9:00 am social and 10:00 am meeting at BBG auditorium for this very important business meeting.

What a great group of officers for 2017...and I want to thank each one for a job well done: Vice President *Chris Pugh*, Secretary *Bonnie O'Bannon*, and Treasurer *Tom Douglass*; all of the *committee members* who kept the meetings going so well all year; the other gardeners who gave time to volunteer for everything. They are the heart beat of the Association. Not to forget our friends, BBG, ACES, and the City of Birmingham along with the BBG Library Staff. Add the ladies who get the news out each month, *Kathy Rostand*, *Hope Cooper* and *Diane Remick*. WOW the group is HUGE!

JCMGA October Program Notes

Tuesday, October 10th
9 am Social Hour, 10 am Meeting
Birmingham Botanical Gardens

It's our annual business meeting!

The nominating committee has been working hard to put together the slate of officers for 2018 so be sure to come to the meeting, enjoy socializing, and give your vote for folks who will be our officers next year.

! Don't Forget !
Mark your calendar for the November 14th Graduation Banquet.

Bethany's Extension Extras

Master Gardener Spotlight shared by two new involvements

Landscaping at Youth Towers in west Birmingham

At Youth Towers, the mission is to reach and teach area homeless young adults in order to end and prevent homelessness in their lives. Volunteers and staff assist these youth by equipping them with tools needed to succeed. Master Gardeners recently stepped in to provide a plan and assistance to beautify Youth Towers. Invasive plants were eradicated as **Rick Cybulsky**'s plan for a new ornamental landscape was prepared for planting. **Patty Warren** and **Chris Pugh** worked with volunteers to implement the plan, now providing inspiring beauty in Youth Towers' outdoor spaces.

Plant Information booth at Hueytown Farmers' Market

Hueytown Harvest Farmer's Market provides an ideal setting for bringing plant information to this local community. **Alberta Fields** and **Kate Musso** work together to coordinate and staff the Master Gardener plant information booth at the monthly Farmers' Market, supporting the goal of the organization to provide educational opportunities for the event-goers. The market features local farmers and vendors on second Saturdays through November.

Remember to log your volunteer and education hours

Just a reminder for interns and veteran Master Gardeners, remember to log your hours and audience at Master Gardener Service Report [link](#).

For 2017 interns, you are required to log 50 hours (50% or more to be volunteer hours, supplemented with educational hours) by October 31 to be eligible to graduate in November. Certified Master Gardeners are required a minimum of 25 hours of volunteering and 10 hours of CEUs annually to maintain certification.

Next month, we'll be celebrating the graduation of our 2017 interns. I hope you'll reserve Tuesday, November 14 for our annual celebration dinner. More details are ahead.

Sloss Walks and Talks at Grandmother's Garden

October 14th

Free lecture sponsored by the Birmingham Historical Society

Presented by herbalist, *Antonia Viteri*

10:30 -11:30

Meet at *Grandmother's Garden* in the *Sloss Furnace Historic Park*

"Rose: History and Use"

**JCMGA Minutes
September 12, 2017**

The September General meeting was cancelled due to the potential for inclement weather resulting from Hurricane Irma.

**JCMGA Minutes
September 19, 2017, Evening Meeting**

The third quarter night meeting of the Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association (JCMGA) was called to order on September 19, 2017 by President Pat Cosgrove. Interns and guests were welcomed and door prize tickets were distributed to all.

Minutes and the treasurer’s report from the August general membership meeting were approved as the September general membership meeting was cancelled due to impending inclement weather.

Ann Harvey, Fletcher’s wife, is still ill, and those present were given the opportunity to sign a card for her.

The program was turned over to Vice President Chris Pugh. Chris asked for volunteers to help with deadheading the next morning at 7:30 to help Vince, a BBG gardener, who has developed a skin cancer.

He then introduced David Doggett who both delighted and educated us with a presentation on hydrangea paniculate, or Panicle Hydrangeas. Thanks David.

Following the program Ken Hall advised that this is the last month to let him know if you are in need of a new nametag and Pat has new membership cards.

Following the drawing for the door prize the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie O’Bannon
Secretary*

CEU Hours for 2017

January 10th Brooke McMinn, 1 CEU
There are no CEU’s for the Reach for the Stars in February
 March 14th Dr. Jim Jacobi, 1 CEU
 April 11th Jeanie Sherlock, 1 CEU
 May 9th Plant Swap
 Leonore Roberson 1 CEU
 June 13th, Longleaf Botanical Gardens, 2 CEU
 June 20th Antonia Viteri, 1CEU
 July 11th Tom Underwood, 1 CEU
 August 8th Henry Hughes 1 CEU
 September 19th David Doggett 1 CEU

Treasurer’s Report

September 2017

Beginning balance September 1, 2017	\$18,991.90
Deposits	\$ 0
Disbursements	\$430.45
Ending balance September 30, 2017	<u>\$18,561.45</u>

Tom Douglass, Treasurer

Upcoming Events at Aldridge Gardens

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

CREEPY CRAWLY SPIDERS OF ALABAMA

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Free for children 12 and under

\$10 for Gardens members

\$15 for nonmembers over 12.

Just in time for Halloween! Learn about the fascinating world of spiders with Dr. Drew Hataway from the Biology Department at Samford University.

Dr. Hataway will discuss his experiences with spiders, both in the wild and in the laboratory. He'll even bring some interesting arachnids for us to view up close. Learn how to distinguish venomous from non-venomous spiders. Plus, bring your flashlights for a fun-filled field trip after class in search of harmless wolf spiders on the grounds of Aldridge Gardens.

Enjoy a "spiderific" evening in a great family-oriented seminar for young and old alike -- but not for the faint of heart.

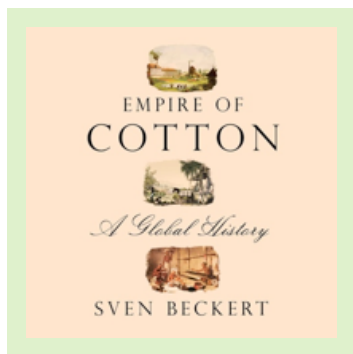
Contact: Debbie McDonald

dmcDonald@aldridgegardens.com

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

News from the Library at Birmingham Botanical Gardens

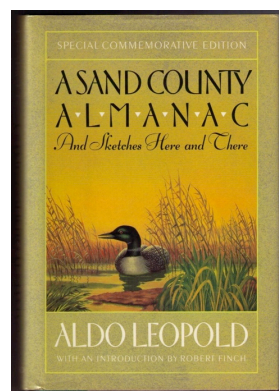
For more information, visit www.bbgardens.org/library.



Thyme to Read

Tuesday, November 7 at 6 PM

Empire of Cotton: A Global History
By Sven Beckert



Tuesday, December 5 at 6 PM

A Sand County Almanac: And Sketches Here and There
By Aldo Leopold

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.

Gallery Walk & Talk

Lead by Linda Fraser
 Saturday, October 14 | 1:30 p.m.
 Birmingham Botanical Gardens
 Free to the Public

Join Botanical Illustrator, Linda Fraser, for a walk and talk of her exhibit "A Walk Through the Calendar Year". Linda specializes in depicting native plants of the southeastern United States. Her collection includes over 100 watercolor and colored pencil compositions showing plants that are found growing side by side in their specific environment. This exhibit shows the plants of late summer and fall, hung in chronological order. Space is limited; register soon!



Diseases and Pests

Dr. Jim Jacobi, ACES
 Thursday, November 2 | 6-7 p.m.
 Birmingham Botanical Gardens
 Members-Only

What is bugging your garden? Come find the pest and the cure with Dr. Jacob Jacobi. He will guide you through the world of common garden pest and plant diseases and their cures. Refreshments will be provided.

Issues & Innovations in Urban Agriculture

Tuesday, November 2 | 9 am – 3 pm
 Birmingham Botanical Gardens
 \$25 registraion \$10 students
 Lunch Included

Experts from ACES, Auburn University and Alabama A&M. Topics include Hydroponics, Aquaponics, Pollinators, High Tunnel, and Specialty Crops
 For registration call (205)325-5342.

Blend Your Own Bitters

Cameron Strouss
 November 4 | 1-3:30 p.m.
 Birmingham Botanical Gardens
 Members \$30 | Non-members \$35

For the bartender or the person just needing a digestif before their meals bitters are a staple for any health regime or cocktail party. Learn how to blend your own bitters combination for digestive health, taste or cocktail genius!

Volunteer Opportunities at Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Native Plant Conference on October 26-29

Help is needed for the Native Plant Conference to be held at the BBG. Visit bbgardens.volunteerhub.com to see where you are needed and signup online today!

Have questions? Contact Volunteer Coordinator Alice Moore at 205.414.3962 or amoore@bbgardens.org for more information.

Weekends in the Gardens!

Master Gardeners are needed to help facilitate demonstration activities and talks on the weekends at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Please contact Brooke McMinn at bmcminn@bbgardens.org or 205-414-3914 for more information.

Propagation Sessions on Tuesdays

John Manion normally holds volunteer sessions in the Kaul Wildflower Garden every Tuesday morning. Since the seeds of so many plants are ripening, the propagation sessions will now be held in the potting shed EVERY OTHER Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. This is an excellent project for those who don't feel up to working out in The Gardens. If you are interested please email John at jmanion@bbgardens.org. The schedule as it stands at present: October 3, 17 & 31 (these are all Tuesdays).

We're on the Web! Visit us at <https://jeffcomg.org>

If you have information about volunteer activities or upcoming events send submissions and pictures to Diane Remick at dmremick@charter.net or by texting to 205-218-8880.

Certificate in Native Plant Studies Program

Find more information or register for classes online at <http://www.bbgardens.org/native-plant-studies.php>.

2017 Native Plant Conference Celebrating the Astounding Biodiversity of the Southeast October 26, 27, 28 & 29



**Members of BBG & Sponsoring Organizations and
Businesses - \$165**

Non-members - \$185

Full Time Students - \$135

(All Include lunch both days)

Student Scholarships Available

Conference Honoree – Bill Finch

**Featuring: Pre-conference workshops, sales of books
authored by presenters, plant sales, student poster session,
field trips and a special evening dinner with entertainment.**

The Birmingham Botanical Gardens Native Plant Conference returns October 26-29 with a group of 19 biologists, zoologists, horticulturalists, environmentalists and conservationists celebrating the unique biodiversity of the Southeast. The group features author and conservationist *Alan Weakley* from *The Nature Conservancy*, plant taxonomist *Aaron Floden* from the *Missouri Botanical Garden*, and entomologist *Bashira Chowdhury* from *Auburn University's Bee Biodiversity Initiative*.

Registration is open, and Members receive a discounted rate. To join and take advantage of the lower rate, visit bbgardens.org/membership.

***! Get your native plants at the Fall Plant Sale !
October 21 and 22***



! Save The Date !

ALABAMA MASTER GARDENERS

2018 STATE CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM

MAY 3-5, 2018

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Master Gardeners

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