

Roots and Shoots



Kathy Rostand, Editor

President's Message

Hello all of you great gardeners, friends, neighbors and interns it is that time of year again that we should review our vegetable planting guides for our fall vegetables. Both *Alabama Gardeners Calendar* and *Planting Guide for Home Gardening in Alabama*, give monthly information that covers January through December. If we run out on the freebie table you might want to call 879 6964 ext 21 or 22 and we will email one or both to you.

While I am on the subject of GPIC I want to share a multi number of calls regarding the loss of a tree this summer. Well, could be the tree really died last year during the drought. The roots became much smaller than needed to support the tree. It would leaf out green and "suddenly" the leaves turned brown and fell to the ground. It is not the scientific term but simply put it ran out of energy. If you had this problem you may want to talk to our lab. The lab can id the exact problem for you.

On a happier note it is my pleasure to announce we have two fine programs for our two-meeting month of September. On the 12th at BBG - 9:00 am social and 10 :00 am meeting time - Jim Allen will present a lecture on succulents. You will enjoy this. On September 19th at BBG we have David Doggett at the night meeting 6:00 pm. Remember to bring a friend, neighbor or family member as your guest. Also don't forget to bring your favorite snack to share.

Hope to see our interns join us.

Pat Cosgrove
President

JCMGA SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 12

Auditorium

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

9 am Social Hour, 10 am Meeting

Jim Allen

Succulents

Jim Allen is a certified Master Gardener in Mississippi and Alabama. His is a lifelong love of gardening, all things, but especially succulents. He has hundreds. He'll speak to us about their care and feeding, and tell us stories about some of his particular plants. They all have a story.

EVENING PROGRAM NOTES

Tuesday, September 19, 6 pm

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

David Doggett

Panicle Hydrangeas – the Hardy Ones

David will be bringing his knowledge of Panicle Hydrangeas. They are sun tolerant and can extend the blooming season from July to October. There are 'old reliable' varieties, but also new cultivars: Limelight, Little Lime. Pinky, Windy and Quick Fire... Don't you love the names.

A Master Gardener from 2010, his yard has been taken over by hundreds of nursery pots of Japanese maples...and...hydrangeas. Come listen and learn from a passionate breeder and gardener.

Bethany's Extension Extras

Calling all community/school gardens

Throughout Jefferson County, there are countless school gardens and community gardens. I would like to extend to their organizers an invitation to join an informal coalition of community/school gardens. Are you involved with such a garden project? Is there a community garden or school garden growing in your neighborhood?

Alabama Extension and Jefferson County Master Gardeners can offer resources, including people with expertise, timely publications with expert information, as well as webinars and other online resources. Please contact me at Bethany@aces.edu if you can identify a school or community garden in your area.

Sign up for Master Gardener plant information booth at Fall Plant Sale

The Fall Plant Sale is just around the corner!

Our customers rely on our Master Gardener booth to answer questions, provide information, and spotlight all of the great things that our local Master Gardeners are doing. So, if you can fill any of the following slots, please notify me!

Two persons needed for each shift:

Saturday, 10/21 9-11 am 11 am-1 pm 1-3 pm 3-5 pm	Sunday, 10/22 12-2 pm 2-4 pm
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Please contact me at Bethany@aces.edu if you will help in October!

2017 Interns and Veteran Master Gardeners

It's almost time

Whether you are taking a shift with our Master Gardener booth at the Fall Plant Sale or volunteering regularly with an ongoing community garden project, remember to log your volunteer hours.

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. Remember to log your hours and audience at Master Gardener Service Report. You can find a link to the Master Gardener Service Report at <http://www.jeffcomg.org>

Get counted! You really make a difference.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	
August 2017	
Beginning balance August 1, 2017	\$16,860.33
Deposits	\$2131.57
Disbursements	-
Ending balance August 31, 2017	\$18,991.90

Tom Douglass, Treasurer

JCMGA Minutes August 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Cosgrove. New members, visitors and interns were welcomed. Everyone was reminded to sign in and get a ticket for the door prize. The treasurer's report was read and approved and the Picardy's were thanked for their success with hospitality.

A motion was made, amended and approved to fund four scholarships at the Native Plant Conference with the caveat that JCMGA wants to know who the recipients are.

Tom Underwood, Executive Director of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, will be the speaker at the Fern Society meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of this month. Guests are invited.

Bethany is working on a process for responding to community service requests, especially concerning staffing. She will be the gatekeeper for these requests, but needs a pool of volunteers to address ornamentals, herbs/vegetables and Public Relations. Some activities will be ongoing and some will be 'one and done'. This is not a free labor program; there will be an education aspect involved with buy in from the requestor. With enough folks in each pool, the work can be spread and not become an imposition. Please email Bethany to let her know your interests.

There will be a Board meeting following this General Membership meeting.

Hope Long reminded us that she has turned the old card catalog in the library into a seed exchange. All seeds are open pollinated. They have vegetable, herbs, flowers and fruit. Come by and pick up some seeds, and return some seeds at the end of the growing season. She would love to have seeds from the various plant groups at the BBG. They have some cool season crop seeds there now. They are also considering a free class, with Bethany as the instructor, on collecting seed.

Hope Cooper announced that the Nominating Committee has been activated for the election for next year's officers. If you are willing and interested in holding office, please contact Hope.

The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Chris Pugh introduced Henry Hughes, who told us of his work with the Centennial Tree Program. This is the only program in the country where locally sourced native trees are being grown and repopulated into the community.

September 12 brings us Jim Allen and succulents. The September 19 night meeting is currently set at the BBG with a speaker from Turkey Creek.

Our sympathy goes out to Mindy Bodenhamer who lost her mom this week.

Door prizes were awarded and the Board was reminded of the short Board meeting to follow. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie O'Bannon
Secretary

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

Whispers from the Past: A Native American Experience

Sunday, October 8, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

\$12 for visitors 18 and older

\$10 for seniors and veterans

\$7 for students

Children younger than 3 are free

Bring the family and experience a fun day discovering the culture and contributions of Native Alabamians. See Native American life take shape through demonstrations like flintknapping, pine needle basket weaving, and pow wow dancing, along with activities like leaf pounding, assembling dream catchers, bead weaving on looms, corn grinding, gourd crafting, fishing, and pottery. Children can try their hands at Stick Ball and other games.

Hear the sounds of drums and see the highlight of the day, performances by **Native American Pow Wow dancers** at 11:00, 2:00, and 4:00.

Contact Information: Amanda Callahan amanda@goproeventsolutions.com (205) 919-5859

Taste of Hoover

Thursday, October 12, 5 – 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 members/\$45 non-members

Enjoy an autumn evening with us strolling through the Gardens and sampling delicious dishes from some of Hoover's best restaurants, caterers, and more.

News from the Library at Birmingham Botanical Gardens

For more information, visit www.bbgardens.org



Thyme to Read

Tuesday, October 10 at 6 PM
Library at the BBG

The Excellent Lombards
by Jane Hamilton

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

Bring a sandwich. Drink and cookies provided.

Benefits of Trees

Presenter: Colin Conner

City of Hoover Urban Forester

Wednesday, September 13 11:30-12:30 pm

Plant in a Straw Bale

Presenter: Su Reid St. John

Jefferson Count Master Gardener

Wednesday, September 27 11:30-12:30 pm

Kombucha 101

Instructor: Nancey Legg, founder of Better Kombucha

Monday, September 11 | 7-8 p.m.

Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Free for Members | \$5 Non-members

Join Better Kombucha's founder Nancey Legg for an introduction to the world of Kombucha. Better Kombucha believes that an integral part of being better physically, mentally, and spiritually is related to what we put into our bodies, and that taking better care of ourselves makes us better people and better people make better community. Samples will be provided for tasting.

Floral Pharmacy

Instructor: Cameron Strouss

Saturday, September 23 | 1-3:30 p.m.

Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Members \$30|Non-members \$35

In this class you will be learning from Clinical Herbalist Cameron Strouss about the system that Traditional Western Herbalist has used to work with conditions, people and herbs and how to most effectively choose herbs to match the people we are working with. You will also get a crash course in the "Tastes of Herbs" which will really give you a head start in learning about the flavors and distinct chemical properties of herbs.

Plant Diseases and Pests

Instructor: Dr. Jacob Jacobi, ACES

November 2 | 6-7 p.m.

Location: 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.

Certificate in Native Plant Studies Program

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



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.

Plant-Soil Relationships (core)

Instructor: Henry Hughes

Director of Education, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Saturday September 16 | 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Members \$90|Non-members \$100

Ecology of Alabama’s Native Plants (core)

Instructor: Evan Lampert Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Biology, University of North Georgia

Saturday, September 30| 9-5 p.m.

Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Members \$90|Non-members \$100

Beat the crowds at the Upcoming Fall Plant Sale

BBG Native Plant Group Fall PreSale!

The BBG Native Plant Group has lots of nice natives available; many are butterfly host plants and/or nectar plants for butterflies and bees. The available plants are listed on the **order form** that is available along with more information at <http://www.jeffcomg.org/calendar/events/>. The completed order form must be received by the **end of the day, September 15**. They accept only exact cash or check but no debit/credit cards.

Community Service /Volunteer Opportunities

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

Wednesday in the Rose Garden

Help is needed in the *Dunn Formal Rose Garden* and the *Ireland Old-Fashioned Rose Garden*. Every Wednesday, starting at 7am, Vince, one of the gardeners at the BBG, will teach you how to dead-head the roses and other maintenance. Come if you are able to help.

Kaul Wildflower Garden

Special Propagation Sessions Alternate Tuesdays

Volunteer sessions in the Kaul Wildflower Garden are held every Tuesday morning. Since the seeds of so many plants are ripening, there will now be *propagation sessions* 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. We try not to let this group get too large, so please let *John Manion* know if you are interested. The schedule as it stands at present: September 5 & 19; October 3, 17 & 31.

Get Into 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.

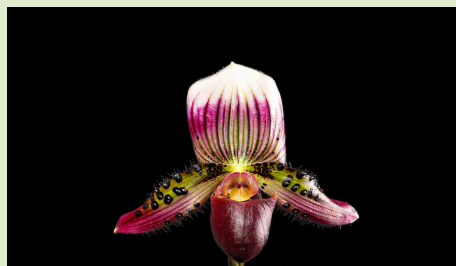
Shelby County Fair

Angela Treadaway, Regional Extension Agent, is looking for judges for the 68th Annual Shelby County Fair, October 2nd at 9 am. If you are able to help, please contact her at cell, 205-410-3693 or office, 205-669-6783.

Master Gardeners

We have a *Jefferson County Master Gardener* FACEBOOK page and a *Jefferson County Cooperative Extension System* FACEBOOK page. This is an easy process. Go to our website: jeffcomg.org. On the right hand side of the page you will see several icons. Scroll down to the Facebook icons and click on each one. When the page comes up, hit the "like" button.

THE ALABAMA ORCHID SOCIETY
33RD SALE & SHOW
September 22-24
Birmingham Botanical Gardens



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