Current as of 10/1/2025

# Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

**We hope you will consider volunteering for any of the opportunities listed below. This is a current list of opportunities that the Community Service Committee has been asked to help find volunteers, as of the date above. Upcoming events that are in critical need of MG volunteers are highlighted in red text throughout the list. If you do plan to volunteer, please notify the contact person as soon as possible to avoid last minute cancellations. Please note that the service types listed are the generally applicable categories, but the specific event on the day or task performed dictates the category. When in doubt, ask the contact person or any member of the Community Service Committee.**

**If you know of an event or community garden that needs MG volunteers, please submit a request through the JCMGA website at https://jeffcomg.org/request-master-gardener-volunteers-form/, as we are happy to add your volunteer needs to this list. Although the Community Service Committee cannot guarantee this list will provide you with volunteers, it will definitely advertise your volunteer opportunity to our membership.**

***Community Partner Events: If you are a sponsor/contact person for a community partner event (outreach) display table, kits containing a JCMGA tablecloth and numerous ACES publications are available to reserve for your event. Kits need to be reserved through the Community Service Committee at least 2 weeks prior to your event. Call/text/email Sylvia Britt: 205-613-9079, sebbritt@aol.com to reserve a kit and to request volunteers for your event. The kits must be returned by Tuesday afternoon following your event, so they can be replenished for the next use. Thank you!***

| Date | Service Type | Location/Address/Details | Contact Info |
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| Cal for schedule | Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Trussville Public Library.** 201 Parkway Dr, Trussville, AL 35173. Established pollinator/native plant garden requiring volunteer maintenance once a month. If you have flexible time, we can schedule a time to clean up the pollinator beds. | Cathy O'Sheal 205-602-407 or Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call) |
| Call for schedule | Growing Food Plants: Garden | **The Exceptional Foundation.** 1616 Oxmoor Rd. Birmingham AL 35209. Come help staff and residents learn to grow herbs, pollinators, and fresh produce. | Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call) |
| Call for schedule | Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Studio by the Tracks.** 301 20th St. S. Irondale AL 35210. Help with planting days and maintenance, learn about plants used for making dyes and textiles for art projects. | Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call) |
| Call for schedule | Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Oak Tree Ministries.** 6517 Kimberly Avenue, B'ham, AL 35212. Garden clean up, plant flowers and some cool weather vegetables Call to confirm. | Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call) |
| Call for Schedule | Growing Food Plants: Garden | **ACIPCO Community Gardens.** 2914 17th St. N., BHM, AL 35207. Perform basic edible garden care and hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers. (Call if inclement weather). Three gardens in ACIPCO-Finley, Hooper City, and N. Birmingham neighborhoods in need of volunteers.. | Bunny: 858-442-6403 Christy 912-577-8150 Call or text |
| Call for schedule | Growing Food Garden | **Birmingham Islamic Society Mosque.** 2524 Hackberry Lane, Hoover, AL 35226. In conjunction with ANNO, the B'ham Islamic Society Mosque is working to install two beds. Call if inclement weather. | Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call) |
| Any weekday, 8am-1:30 | Growing Food Plants: Garden | **Full Plate Community Garden @ Fairfield Senior Center.** 6400 Terrace Ave., Fairfield, AL 35064. Basic edible garden care for a large in-ground, raised-bed, and container vegetable garden, maintained by seniors. Please contact Shirley Cotton if you can help. | Shirley Cotton: 205-603-0882 |

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| Call for schedule | Growing Food Plants: Teaching Adults or Youth or Garden | **GKC Learning Garden at HOTH** 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216. Basic garden care as needed. This is a small raised bed garden and easy to maintain. **This garden is looking for additional MGs to help maintain.** We will be planting late spring/summer transplants and giving a seed starting lesson. Transplant propagation supplies are also available for propagation at home to later plant in various community gardens or distribute to food box recipients of GKC's food distribution program. Call to arrange pick-up of supplies. | Bunny: 858-442-6403 call or text me |
| Call for schedule | Growing Food/ plants; Garden | **Glen Oakes Intermediate School.** 1301 HIghland Dr. Fairfield, AL 35064. Basic edible care; hands-on gardening training to volunteers as requested. Call/text Desiree for more information. **Please send your information to Desiree 205-961-0318 for inclusion on her GroupMe text.** | Desiree Hutcherson-Bates 205-961-0318 |
| First Tuesday October 7 9:30-12:30 workday | Growing Food Plants: Garden | **The Lovelady Center.** 7916 Second Ave. S, BHM, AL 35206. Basic edible raised bed gardening on the facility's **roof-top**; hands-on garden training to the residents of the center as requested. Cheryl Killingsworth: 205-266-9054, killingworthcheryl@gmail.com; Juliet Easlick (205) 317-8002, jleaslick@hotmail.com ***Typically meets the FIRST Tuesday of each month.*** | Cheryl Killingsworth: 205-266-9054, killingworthcheryl@gmail.com; Juliet Easlick (205) 317-8002, jleaslick@hotmail.com |
| Call for schedule | Growing Food: Garden | **Birmingham District 1 Community Garden.** 3000 Jefferson St. Pkwy. Bham, AL 35215. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers as requested. Saturdays are core garden days. Contact Vickie Jones 205-266-0457 or vdejones@att.net or BHMDistrict1@gmail.com or 205-290-3151 | Vickie Jones 205-266-0457 vdejones@att.net |
| Call for schedule | Growing Food: Garden | **Mid-HOLT Community Garden.** 704 Martin Lurther King Jr. Dr., Midfield, AL 35228. Basic edible care; come and learn and help provide hands-on training to the neighborhood volunteers. (Call if inclement weather) If you are interested, please call/text Dorothy 205-531-3007 | Dorothy Leonard 205-531-3007 |
| Third Saturday each month; call for time | Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Birmingham Fern Society at BBG fern glade.** 2612 Lane Park Rd., BHM, AL 35223. Join volunteers on Thursday mornings as they work in the glade. It's a great opportunity to make new friends and learn about ferns. Must volunteer through the BBG. For more information contact Emma Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator, 205-533-7659. | Louise Billings mlcbillings@yahoo.com 281-382-1592 |
| Call for schedule | Growing Food: Garden | **Holy Cross Episcopal Community Garden.** 900 Parkway Dr., Trussville, AL 35173. Prepare beds, plant, maintain and harvest vegetables grown from seed and transplants for Spring and Fall Crops. This is a Grow More, Give More garden. Tools and supplies provided | Skip Craig 205-585-1112 ccraigjr@gmail.com |
| Friday/Sat. 7-12 (noon) Sunday 4-6 pm | Growing Food: Garden | **Ubuntu Garden.** 15 10th Ave. W, BHM, AL 35204. Basic edible garden care; hands-on training to the neighborhood volunteers as requested. Volunteers needed weekly Fri/Sat mornings and Sun. afternoon. Contact Yolaine Joseph, 205-253-6873 ubuntulifecircle@gmail.com **Donations of soil are needed for the newly-implemented garden at Fellowship Baptist Church in Roebuck** | Yolaine Joseph, 205-253-6873 ubuntulifecircle@gmail.com |
| Saturday Nov. 8 8AM - until complete | Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Brookwood Forest Elementary School Butterfly Garden.** 3701 S. Brookwood Rd. BHM, AL 35223. Volunteers needed to help with planting natives and spreading mulch and pine straw in a 30x26 area. Requested donations include: bird baths, books for a Little Free Library, bench, rocks, and stumps for decoration. To volunteer or donate contact Janine McCall Janine.doyon@gmail.com or Laney DeJonge laney@rojobirmingham.com | To volunteer or donate contact Janine McCall Janine.doyon@gmail.com or Laney DeJonge laney@rojobirmingham.com |

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| **Non-profit Gardens** | | | |
| 3rd Friday of each month; call for time | Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Red Mountain Park.** 281 Lyon Ln., BHM, AL 35211-6407. This is an ongoing project to restore existing pollinator gardens and an excellent opportunity to learn about native plants and explore creative uses for them in public parks. For registration for this opportunity, visit redmountainpark.org. (Call 205-266-6000 if inclement weather.) | Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org |
| Fridays 9-12 pm | Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Greenhouse Workday with Friends of Turkey Creek Nature Preserve** 3906 Turkey Creek Rd., Pinson, AL 35216. Propagate native plants for use at the preserve or for sale to support projects | Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org |
| 2nd Thursday of each month; call for time | Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve.** 1214 81st St. S, BHM, AL 35206. Volunteer spots available for garden workday. Visit ruffermountain.org to volunteer. (Call 205-833-8264 if inclement weather.) | Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org |
| Saturday 10/11 7:00 AM start time | Growing Food (or Ornamental) Plants: Garden | **Miss Sims' Garden.** 913 Irving Road, Homewood, AL 35209. Several opportunities to volunteer. Every Second Saturday between January and September. Volunteers meet at the gardens to assist with a wide variety of activities. Alternatively, individuals, pairs or groups of Master Gardeners are welcome to set up their own schedule for volunteering at Miss Sims' Garden and focus on a specific area of the garden that suits their interest. ***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: This garden is looking for a few stalwart volunteers to adopt a part of the garden on their own time. There are 2 Grow More Give More Gardens, Perennial & Annual, Sun & Shade, Ozone, Rain, & Kindergarten Gardens. Contact Amy to volunteer at simsgarden@homewoodal.org*** | Amy Weis: 205-332-0949, simsgarden@homewoodal.org |
| Year-round | Growing Food (or Ornamental) Plants: Garden | **Sims Garden & Seed Propagation Circle.** Looking for something you can do from home? Join the Sims Garden & Propagation Circle! You'll start seeds or propagate plants from your home. Supplies/seeds provided. Successful seedlings will be planted at Miss Sims Famous Plant Sales, which are bringing back this year, for the first time since she passed. Contact Amy to get started. | Amy Weis: 205-332-0949, simsgarden@homewoodal.org |
| Call for Schedule | Growing Food or Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Birmingham Botanical Gardens.** 2612 Lane Park Rd., BHM, AL 35223. If you have completed volunteer training with BBG, sign up at bbgardens.volunteerhub.com. ***The new Volunteer Coordinator for the BBG is Parker Henson, 205-414-3950 extension 104*** **MGs are now required to register for training when working with youths at https:/aub.ie/ypp-portal. For questions regarding this new requirement, contact Bethany bao0004@auburn.edu.** **Volunteers are needed in the BBG LIBRARY Tuesdays 9-1 and Fridays 1-4. A six-month commitment is required. For additional information contact: Rachel Daughtry @ rdaughtry@bbg.org** | Sign up on BBG volunteer hub. bbgardens.volunteerhub.com. |
| Friday Oct. 10th 10am to noon | Growing Food or Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Fair Haven Retirement Community**. 1424 Montclair Rd. Birmingham, AL 35210. Master Gardeners are needed to help with replanting some planters and containers. To volunteer contact Ann Gervin 205-506-4257 | To volunteer contact Ann Gervin 205-506-4257 |

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| See volunteer schedule on JVTF website | Growing Food or Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Jones Valley Teaching Farm.** 701 25th St. N, BHM, AL. 35203 or Woodlawn High School at 5620 First Ave N, BHM. Many volunteer positions available. For more information, visit the JVTF website: www.jvtf.org | 205-453-7268, volunteer@jvtf.org |
| Call for schedule | Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden | **Aldridge Gardens.** 3530 Lorna Rd., Hoover, AL 35216. Contact Rachel directly or visit https://aldridgegardens.com/volunteer_opportunities/online_applications/ Aldridge is looking for MG volunteers to: act as docents to lead elementary school field trips; help clean up the Gnome Garden; facilitate community gardening classes. | Rachel Latham: 205-739-6555 rachel.latham@hooveralabama.gov |
| | **COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS** | | |
| Saturday, November 8 9-11 am | Community Partner Event | **Love Your Trees Day**, Patriot Park in Homewood. Volunteers are needed to man a Master Gardener informational table. For additional information and to volunteer contact Amy Weis 205-332-0949, simsgarden@homewoodal.org | Amy Weis: 205-332-0949, simsgarden@homewoodal.org |
| Call for schedule | Community Partner Event | **Aldridge Gardens.** 3530 Lorna Rd., Hoover, AL 35216 Visit: https://aldridgegardens.com/volunteer_opportunities/online_applications/ For additional information email: janet.abernathy@hooveralabama.gov | Janet Abernathy 205-739-6553 |
| Call for Schedule | Community Partner Event | **Warrior Boys & Girls Club.** 601 Pecan Street, Warrior, AL 35180. This is across the street from Warrior Elementary School. We will be putting them in their summer garden. For more information and to volunteer, contact Dorothy Leonard, 205-531-3007 | Dorothy Leonard, 205-531-3007 |
| Call for schedule | Community Partner Event | **Highland Ave. Native Habitat Project.** 3100 Highland Ave., B'ham, AL 35205. Volunteer to weed and mulch the medians past Rojo towards IPC Church. For additional details email Laney DeJonge laney@rojobirmingham.com | Laney DeJonge laney@rojobirmingham.com |
| Sign up via link or call Amy to find a time that works for you | Community Partner Event | **Miss Sims Garden Annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser -** needs lots of volunteers to take two-hour shifts or more on our busiest days! Starting 9/20 til Halloween. Volunteers will be helping to keep the garden watered during our driest months of the year, other light garden chores, or helping people pick out mums & pumpkins! Here is the link to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA8AF22A2FD0-57864974-miss#/ **If you don't see a day that you want available, contact Amy to arrange a time that works for you.** ***OCT 11 - Second Saturday: the garden is turned into a PUMPKIN PATCH. Arrive by 8 as patch opens at 9*** | Amy Weis: 205-332-0949, simsgarden@homewoodal.org |
| Call for schedule | Community Partner Event | **Episcopal Place,** 1112 26th St. South, 35205 Perform general gardening and maintenance. Contact Cathy O'Shea,205-602-4078. Or Tim Blanton, tblanton@episcopalplace.org, 205-305-2610 | Contact: Cathy O'Sheal 205-602-4078 or Tim Blanton 205-305-2610 tblanton@episcopalplace.org |
| Call for schedule | Community Partner Event | **Arlington House, 331 Cotton Ave SW, Birmingham, 35211. General maintenance of established gardens and cool weather planting.** Volunteers are needed to help with weeding, deadheading etc. If you are interested, please contact Dorothy Ziegler, 205-777-2490 | Contact Dorothy Ziegler, 205-777-2490 |

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| Saturday<br>Nov 8<br>10-12 | Community Partner Event | **ANNO Health Fair - Mt. Canaan Full Gospel Church, 2725 24th St SW. B'ham, AL 35211.** Volunteer to help set up a MG display table and distribute vegetable and ornamental gardening materials, seeds, etc. Contact Angela Grace 205-616-8916 afgrace1@gmail.com | Contact Angela Grace<br>205-616-8916 |
| Wednesday<br>Oct 29<br>12:30-4:30<br><br>Meet at the 17th Street Plaza by the Pavilion (1st Avenue South & 17th Street). | Community Partner Event | **Railroad Park Volunteer Day**: We'll be working with representatives from Blackjack Horticulture to help with weeding, stream care & transplanting perennials such as irises.Wear comfy clothes & bring a water bottle — we'll provide gloves & hand-held tools.Volunteers are encouraged to bring their flat shovels, as these will be especially helpful for transplanting plants from the stream and assisting with mucking out the stream. Volunteer Clean Up Day Sign up https://forms.gle/RXgrnskqfRQ97CAa8, Contact: Jason Clotfelter Managing Director,205-527-6735 jason@myfacility.pro | Volunteer Clean Up Day Sign up https://forms.gle/RXgrnskqfRQ97CAa8, Contact: Jason Clotfelter ,205-527-6735 jason@ myfacility.pro |
| | **SHARING INFORMATION w/PUBLIC** | | |
| Thursdays & Fridays<br>12-4:30pm | Create & Share Info with the public | **Helpline support** at home, anywhere, or at the BBG/GPIC. Answer questions about most anything in the garden. Do some basic research & get back to the client with recommendations regarding their issue. Training provided. | Susan McNamara: 864-918-9963; momwow@charter.net |