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 in in early November that are in need of MG volunteers are highlighted in red text throughout the list. If you do plan to volunteer, please notify the contact person at least a week prior to the event, or 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 need 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.

Note: 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. Click here 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!

Lastly, if you'd like to receive weekly updates of this list, please email Bunny at mlfite26@gmail.com.

Date	Service Type	Location/Address/Details	Contact Info
Monday 11/4, 12/2, 9-10:30am	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Trussville Public Library.** 201 Parkway Dr, Trussville, AL 35173. Well established pollinator/native plant garden requires volunteer maintenance once a month.	Cathy O'Sheal: 205-602-4078, cathyos@bellsouth.net
Monday, 11/4/24, 8:30a-11a	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**ACIPCO Community Gardens.** 2914 17th St. N., BHM, AL 35207. Help clear a couple beds and plant turnip seeds. Perform other basic edible garden care and hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers as requested. (Call if inclement weather).	Bunny: 858-442-6403 (text or call)
First Tuesday of each month; next meet: 11/5/24	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**The Lovelady Center.** 7916 Second Ave. S, BHM, AL 35206. Basic edible garden care; 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
First Thursday of each month. First meet: 11/7/24, 2pm	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**NEW! The Exceptional Foundation.** 1616 Oxmoor Rd. Birmingham AL 35209. Come help revive this existing garden and help staff and residents learn to grow herbs, pollinators, and fresh produce.	Laura: 205-908-3715,or Vickie at 205-266-0457
Saturday, 11/9/24, 7-11am	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Homegrown Habitat median planting in Highland Park: Phase 2.** 3100 Highland Ave., BHM, AL 35205. 50+ volunteers needed! We hope for a good turnout and the planting will go quickly. The planting will be done in front of Independent Presbyterian Church. Please bring garden/work gloves, shovels, and trowels if you have these. We will be putting the plant plugs in and covering the area with mulch. Rojo will provide a nacho bar lunch for volunteers after planting. Click **here** to volunteer.	Gail Pless: 205-563-3478 (text or call)
Any weekday, 8am-1:30pm	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**Fairfield Senior Center/Full Plate Community Garden.** 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, godcovers@yahoo.com
Fridays, 7-10am	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**Ubuntu Garden.** 15 10th Ave. W, BHM, AL 35204. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers as requested. Contact Yolaine Joseph, 205-253-6873, ubuntulifecircle@gmail.com	Yolaine Joseph, 205-253-6873, ubuntulifecircle@gmail.com

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Any Saturday, call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**Birmingham District 1 Community Garden.** 3000 Jefferson State Parkway, BHM, AL 35215. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers as requested. Core garden days each Saturday. Contact Vickie Jones at 205-266-0457 or vdejones@att.net. Or contact BHMDistrict1@gmail.com or 205-290-3151	Vickie Jones: 205-266-0457, vdejones@att.net.
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**Mid-HOLT Community Garden.** 704 Martin Luther King Jr., Dr., Midfield, AL 35228. Basic edible garden care; come learn and help provide hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers. (Call if inclement weather)	Dorothy Leonard: 205-531-3007
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**GKC/Acres Community Garden.** 2840 CR 39, Chelsea, AL 35043. Come help this combined JeffCo/ShelbyCo master gardener project to plan and plant ornamental/shrubs. Bring gloves and wear sunscreen & bug spray. Some tools provided, but if you have favorites, please bring them. (Call if inclement weather). (Come anytime and stay as long as you can)	Misha Unruh: 205-427-9201; Andrew Glass: 205-305-4870
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Teaching Adults or Youth (or Garden, ask Bunny)	**GKC Learning Garden at HOTH.** 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216. Garden training to volunteer teams of all ages; basic garden care as needed. This is a small 4 raised bed garden and easy to maintain/instruct. This garden is looking for additional master gardeners to help maintain.	Bunny: 858-442-6403 (text or call)
September - November. Call for schedule	Growing Food/ Ornamentals: Garden (as appropriate)	**Arlington Historic House and Garden.** 331 Cotton Ave SW, BHM, AL 35211. Help maintain a replica early-19th century herb and flower garden designed to demonstrate period appropriate plants used for medicines, flavoring food, and making dyes. Volunteers are needed for up to 2 hours twice a month through the Fall months and can make their schedule Monday through Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm. The Historical Committee will work with your schedule. Bring small shovel, trowel and clippers.	Dorothy Ziegler: 205-777-2490 (text/ call)
Call for schedule	Growing Food or Ornamental Plants	**Oak Tree Ministries.** 6517 Kimberly Ave., BHM, AL 35212. Help prepare raised beds and install a pollinator garden. Call to confirm as this is a new installation.	Laura: 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Teaching Adults	**Bessemer Housing Authority YouthBuild Program.** 2501 Clarendon Ave., Bessemer, AL 35020. Hands-on garden training to the garden manager who then teaches youth, ages 16-24.	Terri Barker: 205-837-1803, terrilougebarker@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Teaching Adults	**Bessemer Housing Authority Jess Lanier Manor Senior Center.** 1500 Exeter Ave., Bessemer, AL 35020. Hands-on garden training to the garden managers and resident seniors. Minimal maintenance when needed.	Terri Barker: 205-837-1803, terrilougebarker@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**NEW! Holy Cross Episcopal Church Community Garden.** 90 Parkway Drive, 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
Fridays, 9am-12pm.	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Greenhouse Workday with the Friends of Turkey Creek at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve.** 3906 Turkey Creek Rd., Pinson, AL 35126. Propagate native plants for use at the preserve or for sale to support projects at the preserve (ongoing each Friday). (Call if inclement weather.)	Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve.** Volunteer spots available for garden workday.	Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Red Mountain Park.** 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. Also, volunteer at the following events at Ruffner Mountain.	Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org

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Thursdays, 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.	Charles Murray: 205-901-7886, murrayhill52@icloud.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**Glen Oaks Intermediate School.** 1301 Highland Dr., Fairfield, AL 35064. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to volunteers as requested. Shirley Cotton is there M-W-F after 1:30pm. Call Desiree or Shirley for more information.	Desiree Hutcherson-Bates: 205-936-1174; Shirley Cotton: 205-603-0882
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**StumpToe Springs Farm's Grow More Give More garden.** 928 Ivawood Rd. Irondale 35210. Volunteers may come any day and time they choose by contacting Laura Kezar (205) 908-3715 or lbkezar@gmail.com. Laura will meet volunteers at the garden for a brief orientation and may accompany volunteers as needed. We can use help with weed control, planting, harvesting, garden tool maintenance and general clean-up.	Laura: 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
See volunteer schedule	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, currently seeking Camp Grow coordinator. 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. Volunteer opportunities may be available, contact Janet directly or visit https://aldridgegardens.com/volunteer_opportunities/online_applications/	Janet Abernathy: 205-739-6553
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. For more information contact Emma Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator, 205-533-7659.	Sign up on BBG volunteer hub
	COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS		
9/21 thru 10/31, 9am-5pm	Community Partner Event	**Miss Sims' Garden Pumpkin/Mum Sale.** 908 Highland Rd, BHM, AL 35209. Miss Sims' Garden needs seasonal helpers for its Pumpkin & Mum. Tasks include tending to the garden, watering, or assisting with the sale. **Volunteers may also set up an outreach table on the weekends.** Volunteers are welcome any day/time but preferred 9-11, 12-1, 3-5 shifts.	Amy Weis: 205-332-0949
Saturday, 11/2/24 9-11am	Community Partner Event	**Love Your Trees Day at Homewood Central Park.** 1632 Oxmoor Road Homewood, AL 35209. Pavilion 5: by the tennis courts; street parking on Manhattan St. and Parkridge Dr., or parking at the Homewood Community Center. Volunteer to set up a display table and distribute ACES information on growing trees.	Sylvia Britt: 205-613-9079
Saturday, **11/16/24,** 12/14/24, 7:30a-1:30p	Community Partner Event	**Hoover Farmer's Market.** 500 Mineral Trace, Hoover, AL 35226. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute vegetable & ornamental gardening materials, seeds, etc. Suggested shifts 7:30-9:30, 9:30-11:30, 11:30-1:30. **Blythe Pitchford leads; call her at 205-383-7111 for additional details** and to volunteer. Need 5-6 volunteers.	Sylvia Britt: 205-613-9079
Saturday, 3/1/25, 8a-12p	Community Partner Event	**Hoover Arbor Day at Aldridge Gardens. More info to follow; save the date!**	Sylvia Britt: 205-613-9079
	SHARING INFORMATION w/PUBLIC		
Fridays 12-4:30pm	Create & Share Info wPublic/ Helpline	**Helpline support** at home, anywhere, or at the BBG/GPIC. Answer questions about most anything 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