Current as of 10/1/26

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
10/14 & 11/18 9 AM	Community Partner	**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. Master Gardeners will provide instruction to volunteers regarding the use of native plants and how to encourage pollinators.	Cathy O'Sheal 205-602-407 or Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call)
Call for schedule	Community Partner	**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	Community Partner	**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)
Work days are 3rd Wed. of each month 9-11 AM	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. Work days are 3rd Wed. of each month 9-11	Angie 205-446-3444 Christy 912-577-8150 Call or text
Call for schedule	Community Partner	**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.	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. **Dr. Khan @ 9 10/14/26 Fairfield Civic Ctr, 6509 EJ Oliver Blvd** Please contact Shirley Cotton via godcovers@yahoo.com or call or text her at 205-603-0882 if you can help.	Shirley Cotton: 205-603-0882 godcovers@yahoo.com
Call for schedule	Community Partner	**GKC Learning Garden at HOTH** 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216. Basic garden care as needed to re-establish this former Grow More, Give More Garden. Contact: Natalie King, 205-834-0000, natalie@gracekleincommunity.com ***GKC is currently searching for a Master Gardener to take over the GKC Garden Club.***	Contact: Natalie King 205-834-0000 natalie@gracekleincommunity.com
Call for schedule	Community Partner	**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

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Tuesdays 10/6 8:30-12:30 *early start time to heat	Community Partner	**The Lovelady Center.** 7916 Second Ave. S, BHM, 35206. Basic edible raised bed gardening on the facility's **roof-top**; hands-on garden training to the residents of the center as requested. Volunteers please contact: Cheryl Killingsworth: 205-266-9054 killingworthcheryl@gmail.com; and/or Juliet Easlick (205) 317-8002 jleaslick@hotmail.com ***Typically meets the 1st Tuesday of each month.***	Cheryl Killingsworth: 205-266-9054, killingworthcheryl@gmail.com Juliet Easlick (205) 317-8002, jleaslick@hotmail.com
Mondays 4-6 PM & Fridays & Saturdays 9-11 AM	Community Partner	**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 msvdejones@gmail.com or 205-290-3151	Vickie Jones 205-266-0457 msvdejones@gmail.com
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. **Fall planting will be Oct 5 12-5.** (Call if inclement weather).If you are interested, please call/text Dorothy 205-531-3007	Dorothy Leonard 205-531-3007
Call for schedule	Community Partner	**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 Parker Henson Volunteer Coordinator, 205-414-3950 ext 104. phenson@bbgardens.org	Louise Billings Mlcbillings@yahoo.com 281-382-1592
Call for schedule	Community Partner	**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. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Skip Craig 205-585-1112 ccraigjr@gmail.com	Skip Craig 205-585-1112 ccraigjr@gmail.com

Friday/Sat. 7-12 (noon) Sunday 4-6 PM	Community Partner	**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	Yolaine Joseph, 205-253-6873 ubuntulifecircle @gmail.com
Oct 3 9-11 Meet at Rojo 2921 Highland Ave. South, B'ham 35205. Weeding Nov 7 8-10 Planting medians	Community Partner	**Highland Park Native Plant Project:** Weeding the medians in front of IPC. Bring your favorite tools, water bottle and bucket for weeds (bags will be available). EMGs can provide instruction on the planting of natives and encouraging pollinators. To sign up or for more details, please contact Laney via email: laney@rojobirmingham.com Nov. 7 meet at 2737 Highland Ave @ 8 **We need approximately 1,500 more native plants and 40 volunteers!**	Laney DeJonge laney@rojobirmingham.com

3rd Friday of each month; call for time	Community Partner	**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	Community Partner	**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	Community Partner	**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

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Any time between 9am to 6pm	Community Partner	**Miss Sims' Garden** Park curbside at 908 Highland Road or in the gravel lot at 913 Irving Road, Homewood, AL 35209. 🎃🌼🐈‍⬛🍂Help with the **Pumpkin Patch** running daily through Halloween. This is the most fun time to be in the garden! Sign-up for the Pumpkin Patch or any volunteer opportunities within the garden contact Amy Weis: 205-332-0949 simsgarden@homewoodal.org **Homewood Centennial Gala October 15 @ Rosewood Hall in Soho Square, 2850 19th St.** - all proceeds will benefit Miss Sims' Garden Centennial Transformation. Tickets are available now at: https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/misssimsgarden	Amy Weis: 205-332-0949 simsgarden@homewoodal.org
Call for Schedule	Community Partner	**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
See volunteer schedule on JVTF website	Community Partner	**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
To register as a volunteer visit: Aldridgegardens.com	Community Partner	**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.	Katy Houston 205-739-6355 Katy.houston@hooveralabama.gov

To register as a volunteer visit: Aldridgegardens.com		**Aldridge Gardens is searching for a Master Gardener willing to lead the charge to re-establish the education garden. If you are interested, contact Missy Wertz 205-807-1223 or missywertz@gmail.com** Contact Education and Volunteer Coordinator Katy Houston, 205-739-6355 or ***Katy.houston@hooveralabama.gov*** To volunteer for the Friday gatehouse position, contact **Taylor Hester 205-739-6553** taylor.hester@hooveralabama.gov	Friday gatehouse position: **Taylor Hester 205-739-6553** taylor.hester@Hooveralabama.gov
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	**Episcopal Place,** 1112 26th St. South, 35205 Perform general gardening and for the newly-established native plant garden along with maintenance. Contact Cathy O'Shea,205-602-4078. Or Tim Blanton, tblanton@episcopalplace.org, 205-305-2610	Cathy O'Sheal 205-602-4078 or Tim Blanton 205-305-2610 tblanton@episcopalplace.org
Call for schedule	Community Partner Event	**Bessemer Seed Library and Friends Garden at Bessemer Public Library, 400 19th Street North, 35020 -** Searching for an EMG willing to do a presentation. Donations of fall seeds and plants are needed. Contact LaQuita McDaniel 205-586-0818 or lmaymac3@gmail.com	Contact LaQuita McDaniel 205-586-0818 or lmaymac3@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Community Partner Event	**Bush Hills Urban Farm and Garden, 1030 4th Terrace W, B'ham, 35208.** Help restore a neglected therapeutic garden and pond. Program Director April Williams would love to brainstorm ideas with you regarding garden space design. Contact April Williams: 205-266-9911 or bushhillsconnections@gmail.com	Contact April Williams: 205-266-9911 or bushhillsconnection@gmail.com
Call for schedule	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 205-616-8916

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Call for schedule	Year of Invasives	**Altamont Park Conservancy**- Teams meet at the intersection of Morningside Drive and Altamont Rd. and work to remove invasive plants. Contact: Cecil Clark 205-706-3564, cecil@altamontparkconservancy.com	Cecil Clark 205-706-3564, cecil@altamontparkconservancy.com
Thursdays & Fridays 12-4:30 pm	Create and Share info	**Helpline support** at home, anywhere, or at the BBG/GPIC. Answer questions about most anything in the garden. Training provided. Contact Susan McNamara at 864-918-9963 or momwow@charter.net	Susan McNamara: 864-918-9963
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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***	Sign up on BBG volunteer hub. bbgardens.volunteerhub.com.

		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**	