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. 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 at least a week prior to the event, or as soon as possible to avoid last minute cancellations.

If you know of an event or community garden that needs MG volunteers, please contact Bunny at 858-442-6403, Laura at 205-908-3715, or Cathy at 205-602-4078, or email jcmgacommunitysvc@gmail.com, 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 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 Cathy, Laura or Bunny and can be picked up at the BBG lobby on the Wednesday prior to your event. The kits must be returned to the BBG the following Tuesday afternoon, so they can be replenished for the next use. Thank you!

Date	Event Type	Location/Address/Details	Contact Info
First Thursday of each month, 10am-12pm	Garden help	**ACIPCO-Finley Community Garden.** 2914 17th St. N., BHM, AL 35207. Provide hands-on training in basic vegetable/pollinator garden care to residents of this neighborhood. (Call if inclement weather)	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Fridays, 9am-12pm	Garden help	**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. (Call if inclement weather.)	Karon Bowdre at 205-837-0859 or Betty Gowins at 205-473-9222
Wednesdays each month, 9-11am	Garden help	**Mid-HOLT Community Garden.** 704 Martin Luther King Jr., Dr., Midfield, AL 35228. Basic edible garden care, which includes providing hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers. This demonstration garden always needs volunteers!	Dorothy Leonard at 205-531-3007 or Rob Hendrix at 205-451-6005
Thursdays, Time TBD		**Birmingham Fern Society at Birmingham Botanical Gardens 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. For more information contact Emma Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator, 205-533-7659.	Charles Murray at (205) 901-7886 or murrayhill52@icloud.com
First Tuesday of each month, 9:30am	Garden help	**The Lovelady Center.** 7916 Second Ave. S, BHM, AL 35206. Help the residents maintain this year's master gardener intern project and provide hands-on training in basic vegetable/pollinator garden care.	Cheryl Killingsworth at killingworthcheryl@gmail.com
Second Saturday of each month (Jan - Sept) Next meet: 1/13/24	Garden help	**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, individual, 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. Sign-up here for Second Saturdays: https://tinyurl.com/second-saturdays or contact the Executive Director to schedule alternative dates.	Amy Weis at (205) 332-0949 or amym426@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Trussville Public Library.** 201 Parkway Dr, Trussville, AL 35173. Caretaker of well established pollinator/butterfly garden is moving and needs volunteer maintenance work once a month.	Cathy O'Sheal at 205-602-4078 or cathyos@bellsouth.net
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Grace Klein Community Learning Garden at HOTH.** 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216. Provide basic garden care and help provide occasional instruction to volunteer teams. This is a small 4 raised bed garden and easy to maintain.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Hooper City Community Garden.** 505 37th Terrace West, BHM, AL 35207. Provide hands-on training in basic vegetable/pollinator garden care to residents of this neighborhood. (Call if inclement weather)	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com

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Call for schedule	Garden help	**N Birmingham Community Garden.** 2716 34th Ave. N, BHM, AL 35207. Provide hands-on training in basic vegetable/pollinator garden care to residents of this neighborhood. (Call if inclement weather)	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Bessemer Housing Authority YouthBuild Program.** 2501 Clarendon Ave., Bessemer, AL 35020. Provide hands-on training to the garden manager who then teaches the youth, ages 16-24.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Ubuntu Garden.** 15 10th Ave. W, BHM, AL 35204. Provide hands-on training in basic vegetable/pollinator garden care to volunteers of this neighborhood.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**GKC/Morgan United Methodist Church Garden.** 2701 Morgan Rd., Bessemer, AL 35022. Share your garden knowledge with the church garden club and other volunteers and help maintain their in-ground and raised bed garden.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com or JoEllen Holland at 931-626-9287
Call for schedule	Garden help	**The Red Barn.** 2722 Bailey Road, Leeds, AL 35094. Help maintain and train volunteers and employees on basic garden practices. It is used as a job skills program for those individuals with special needs.	Karon Bowdre at 205-837-0859
Any weekday, 8am-1:30pm	Garden help	**Fairfield Senior Center/Full Plate Community Garden.** 6400 Terrace Ave., Fairfield, AL 35064. Large in-ground, raised-bed, and container vegetable garden, maintained by seniors. Contact Shirley Cotton if you can help on any weekday.	Shirley Cotton at 205-603-0882 or godcovers@yahoo.com
Any Saturday, call for schedule	Garden help	**Birmingham District 1 Community Garden.** 3000 Jefferson State Parkway, BHM, AL 35215. Provide hands-on training in basic vegetable/ pollinator garden care to volunteers of this neighborhood. 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 at 205-266-0457 or vdejones@att.net.
Call for schedule	Garden help	**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 at 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Graceworks Community Garden at Grace Episcopal Church.** 5712 1st Ave. N, BHM, AL 35212. Basic edible garden care. Contact Laura at 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com.	Laura at 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Grantswood Community School.** 5110 Grantswood Rd., Irondale, AL 35210. Mentor and help to install a pollinator garden at the school's outdoor classroom and its newly established apiary.	Laura at 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Pollinator Garden at Red Mountain Park.** 35211. This is an ongoing project to restore an existing pollinator garden located in Red Mountain Park. It is an excellent opportunity to learn about native plants and explore creative uses for them in a public park.	Larry Stephens at 205-531-9049, lgsinmccalla@bellsouth.net
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Glen Oaks Intermediate School.** 1301 Highland Dr., Fairfield, AL 35064. Come help maintain the fall vegetable garden and provide hands-on training. Shirley Cotton is there M-W-F after 1:30pm. Call Desiree or Shirley for more information.	Desiree Hutcherson-Bates at 205-936-1174 or Shirley Cotton at 205-603-0882
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Southwest Birmingham Community Farm.** 4924 Park Ave SW, BHM, AL 35221. Come join the Hopewell Women in Agriculture and help plant and maintain their community farm.	Virginia Ward at 205-420-1033 or Deloris Pounds at 205-401-4440

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See schedule listed	Garden help/ education	**Jones Valley Teaching Farm.** 701 25th St. N, BHM, AL. 35203 or Woodlawn High School at 5620 First Ave N, BHM. For more information, visit the JVTF website: www.jvtf.org	(205) 453-7268 or volunteer@jvtf.org
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Aldridge Gardens.** 3530 Lorna Rd., Hoover, AL 35216. • Regular 8:30-12 shifts on Monday as gatehouse greeters • Regular 12-3pm shift on Friday as gatehouse greeter • Every other Tue shift in the gift shop, or fill in as needed Other volunteer opportunities may be available, contact Janet directly or visit https://aldridgegardens.com/volunteer_opportunities/online_applications/	Janet Abernathy at 205-739-6553, janet.abernathy@hooveralabama.gov
Check website	All	**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
Check website	All	**Additional volunteer opportunities:** please visit the jeffcomg.org website JCMGA and ACES calendars	jeffcomg.org (Events/ Opportunities tab)
Call for schedule	Garden help	**New Gardens!** Various locations. Several new garden installation requests at senior centers, schools, etc. have been received and are still in planning stages. If you'd like to volunteer to help plan and install a community or school garden, contact Bunny for more information at 858-442-6403 or mlfite26@gmail.com	Bunny at 858-442-6403 or mlfite26@gmail.com
Schedule an event in your community/ neighborhood	Outreach/ display	**Local area farmer's markets and other community events.** Consider hosting a community outreach display table at your next community or neighborhood event! Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. For more information, call the community service committee or to reserve a MG display kit.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, Laura at 205-908-3715, or Cathy at 205-602-4078
January - June	Garden help	**Propagate vegetable and pollinator transplants** for distribution at community gardens, food pantries, and MG community outreach events. Can propagate at home or GKC learning garden. Some supplies are available, such as horticulture pots, trays, seeds. Contact Bunny for more details.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Saturday, March 16, 2024	Outreach/ display	**Tractor Supply.** 2626 Decatur Hwy, Gardendale, AL 35071. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com