

Roots and Shoots

August 2019



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President's Message

Active involvement in Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association makes it easy to get excited about gardens, gardening and community service. The year 2019 has been a continuation of our commitment to exceptional community service through Master Gardeners. Our Board of Directors and Committees, in coordination with ACES and BBG, serve tirelessly to make great things happen. Accomplishments in 2019 include: the 2019 MG Intern Class serving its way toward the certification ceremony in November; grants issued to qualifying community service organizations for the betterment of their communities; our ongoing involvement in Harvest for Health, The Lovelady Center and Children's Fresh Air Farm adds joy to our journey. And more is on the horizon as we enter the months of August and September.

Presently, we are seeking individuals who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, which will be selected at our regular monthly meeting on September 10, 2019. The Nominating Committee will work during September to present a slate of Officers at the October meeting. The Nominating Committee meets with the Past President to fill the offices of the Board, as well as to populate the committees that work with the Board. It is important that this committee draws from our general membership, so that those nominated to serve as Officers reflect the direction and goals of our organization. Please contact Past President Gail Pless via email, rrpgsp@aol.com if you are interested.

Lastly, as September comes and goes year after year, I often recall Andy Williams' song: *Try to Remember* (the Days of September). And September 17, 2019 will not soon be forgotten if you accept this invitation to our Cocktail Party at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. So come, and invite members of your MG Class to come, too — it's a reunion, and it's FREE! *Charlie Faulkner*
President

JCMGA Program Notes

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Strange Auditorium

9:00 a.m. Social Hour.

Meeting begins at 10:00 am.

Tuesday, August 13

Container Gardens with Native Plants

Presented by Peggy Hill

Tuesday, September 10

Tasty Tomatoes with Arnold Kaylor

The tomato is a garden favorite. Join us to answer these common questions: Which are easiest to grow in Alabama? What is the best tasting tomato? What went wrong with my tomatoes?

Tuesday, September 17

Cocktails in the Garden

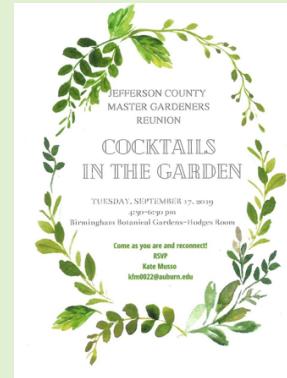
4:30-6:30 PM

Birmingham Botanical Gardens-Hodges Room

RSVP

Kate Musso

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Food to share would be appreciated. Bring something from your garden or an herb recipe that would complement our "Cocktails in the Garden" signature cocktail. Come and enjoy this autumn afternoon in the gardens with your fellow Master Gardeners!

Bethany's Extension Extras

It's hard to believe, but another class of Master Gardener Interns is wrapping up. Interns are finishing up the individual hours requirements while continuing to contribute to their group projects. I hope you'll attend the banquet on November 12th to celebrate. We're already receiving applications for the 2020 class. Seasoned Master Gardeners are our best source or referral for new interns so please share the link to the application <https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/users/glovetta/MGappform.php> and refer them to me with any questions.

We'll have a special GPIC training session in October so please keep an eye out for the date. Many of you have generously volunteered your time to help with the Master Gardener helpline but we'd like to expand the pool of volunteers. The helpline is a vital form of Master Gardener Outreach and one that is greatly valued by Extension, particularly as it helps serve the public in ways that a website cannot. If you haven't manned the phones in GPIC since your intern days, please consider taking this special refresher course.

JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2019

Regions Checking Account Starting Balance 7/1/19	\$4955.20
Deposits	\$35.00
Dues (\$35)	
Expenditures	(\$176)
Liability insurance premium for party (\$176)	
Regions Checking Account Ending Balance 7/31/19	\$4814.20
Regions MM Account Reserve Balance 7/31/19	\$13,033.04
(No transactions in this period except accrued interest)	
Regions MM Account Grant Balance 7/31/19	\$10,781.28
(No transactions in this period except accrued interest)	

Volunteers at Work

GLEN IRIS TRAFFIC TRIANGLE INTERN PROJECTS

The entrance to the historical Glen Iris neighborhood in Birmingham was significantly enhanced by the recent renovation and appealing planting of the “traffic triangle” opposite UAB. The triangle was a barren site for many years, despite being strategically located where the historical Southside neighborhood intersects the UAB campus. With the guidance of Hope Cooper, the Master Gardener project mentor, the intern team (and many other community partners) excavated the site down to the bones of the streetcar roundabout which stood on the spot. The 2019 Jefferson County Master Gardener team was comprised of Darwin Bell, Nancy Brown, Gail McClurg, Gigi McGraw, Mary Ellen Snell, Marlene Whikehart and Linda Xia. The team replaced urban fill and sand with fertile growing medium. After that, they installed a sustainable array of perennials, including sedum, coreopsis and Echinacea. Since the initial planting, supporters have lovingly tended the location with obvious success. Cooper notes, “the Glen Iris neighborhood is so happy with this project. It is something we have wanted for years. The cooperation of the City of Birmingham, UAB, Master Gardeners, and the neighborhood finally made it come to fruition.” Now that the project has been planted, maintenance has been taken on by a dedicated team. “A number of neighbors have helped all along the way, from the initial planning to ongoing watering and weeding. When neighbors and Master Gardeners are out there working, people who drive by shout their thanks and encouragement,” Cooper notes with pride.



JANUARY, 2019



JULY, 2019

Master Gardener Meetings CEU Hours for 2019

- January 8**, Stephen Knop, and Renee Thompson, 1.25 CEU
- March 12**, Bethany O'Rear, 1 CEU
- April 9**, Intern projects presented, 1 CEU
- May 14**, Plant Swap, 1 CEU
- June 11**, Lindsey Barclift, 1 CEU
- June 18**, June Mays, 1 CEU
- July 9**, Jason Powell, 2 CEU

Get Ready for Fall Planting

*Pre-order
Select Natives, Trees & Shrubs
Now through August 17*

As the Birmingham Botanical Gardens prepares for the Fall Plant Sale 2019, two of the dedicated plant volunteer teams, *Native Plants* and *Trees & Shrubs*, are offering a diverse array of specialty trees, shrubs, and native plants, some of which are available through pre-order only.

Download the separate pre-order forms at <https://conta.cc/2yz2f4Z> to explore what's available and place your order, then mark your calendar to shop hundreds of other incredible plants at the sale September 14-15 at the Gardens!

Volunteers Needed at the Fall Plant Sale

Sign up to help with the sale at
<http://specialevents.bbgardens.volunteerhub.com/>
Or contact amoore@bbgardens.org

If you're available to man the Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association information table contact Kate Musso at kfm0022@auburn.edu

Save The Date

***Fall Plant Sale 2019
Friday, September 13 Setup & presale***

Saturday, September 14 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, September 15 Noon - 4 p.m.
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Blount Plaza
Rain or Shine

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is seeking volunteers to be Education Docents for Fall 2019.

Commitment is 2 week days per month of your choice. Education Docents work in teams and are given training for the program. Help us serve Greater Birmingham area schools and help children develop their love of plants. Contact amoore@bbgardens.org

Art Gallery

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

July & August

Artist: Kim Kreis

Show Title: Florals and Flower Ladies

September & October

Crest Glass Collective
Crest Glass

**Please join us for the Opening
 Reception!**

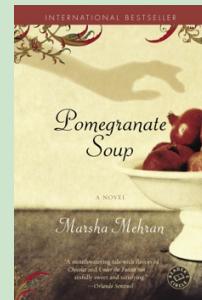
Friday, September 6

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Library and Gallery Hallway

Thyme to Read Book ClubThe Library
 Birmingham Botanical Gardens**Tuesday, September 10***Stir*

My Broken Brain and the Meals That Brought Me Home
 by Jessica Fechtor

Tuesday, October 8

Pomegranate Soup
 by Marsha Mehran

No registration required

For more information contact Hope Long, Library Director, at 205-414-3931 or hlong@bbgardens.org

Classes at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Register at <https://www.bbgardens.org/>

Botanical-Based Cocktails

Instructors: Feizal Valli and Rachael Roberts of *The Atomic Bar & Lounge*
Monday, August 19, 2019 | 6-8 p.m.

Birmingham Botanical Gardens
For Members of the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Cost: \$20/Member



Join Feizal Valli and Rachael Roberts of The Atomic Bar & Lounge—a 2019 James Beard semifinalist—for this special class to learn fun and creative ways to use herbs in cocktails.

"The Bruno," a cocktail inspired by a recent visit to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens' Bruno Vegetable Garden and Herb Terrace!

Lunch & Learn Series

Birmingham Botanical Gardens Auditorium

Free 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Bring your lunch if you'd like.

No reservations required. Drinks and cookies provided!

August 7

Permaculture

Stephen Guesman

Discover how to add the principles and elements of permaculture—using the perfect plants for the climate—to your landscape.

August 21

Alabama Top Spots for Nature

Fred Hunter

Discover Alabama's natural wonders.

September 4

Propagation

Karen Smith

Discover tried-and-true techniques for propagating plants

**Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association
Officers, Board Members, and Committees 2019**

President	Charles Faulkner	Webmaster & Social Media	Diane Remick
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2nd Vice President	Mary Foy		
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