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. 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 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	Service Type	Location/Address/Details	Contact Info
February - June	Growing Food (or Ornamental) Plants: Garden	**Propagate vegetable and pollinator transplants** for distribution at community gardens, food pantries, and MG community partner events. Can propagate at home. Some supplies are available, such as horticulture pots, trays, seeds, soil. Contact Bunny for more details and arrange pickup of supplies.	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
NEW! Coming in February	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**GKC/Acres Community Garden.** 2840 CR 39, Chelsea, AL 35043. Come help this combined JeffCo/ShelbyCo master gardener project! More details to follow. Contact Bunny if this interests you! :)	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Wednesday February 14, 9am-11pm (Backup 2/21)	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**ACIPCO-Finley Community Garden.** 2914 17th St. N., BHM, AL 35207. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers. We'll be prepping raised garden beds and replanting turnips, collards, beets, lettuce. (Call if inclement weather)	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Fridays, 9am-12pm	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**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: 205-837-0859; Betty Gowins: 205-473-9222
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 *Note: This non-profit community garden is also in need of soil and vegetable and flower transplants.*	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Wednesdays each month, 9-11am.	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**Mid-HOLT Community Garden.** 704 Martin Luther King Jr., Dr., Midfield, AL 35228. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers as requested. This demonstration garden always needs volunteers! Call to confirm.	Dorothy Leonard: 205-531-3007; Rob Hendrix: 205-451-6005
First Tuesday of each month, 9:30am. Next meet: 2/6/24	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
Wednesday, February 28, 1-2pm	Growing Food Plants: Teaching Adults	**The Lovelady Center.** 7916 Second Ave. S, BHM, AL 35206. Join 2023 certified master gardens as they continue their intern project and teach the residents of the Lovelady Center how to plan and care for their garden.	Juliet Easlick: 205-317-8002, jleaslick@hotmail.com; Cheryl Killingsworth: killingworthcheryl@gmail.com

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Second Saturday of each month (Jan - Sept) Next meet: 2/10/24	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, 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: 205-332-0949, amym426@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**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: 205-602-4078, cathyos@bellsouth.net
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.	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**GKC/Morgan United Methodist Church Garden.** 2701 Morgan Rd., Bessemer, AL 35022. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to the church garden volunteers as requested.	JoEllen Holland: 931-626-9287; Bobby Atkinson: 205-919-3115
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**Hooper City Community Garden.** 505 37th Terrace West, BHM, AL 35207. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers as requested. (Call if inclement weather)	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**N Birmingham Community Garden.** 2716 34th Ave. N, BHM, AL 35207. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers as requested. (Call if inclement weather)	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@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.	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Therapeutic Horticulture	**The Red Barn.** 2722 Bailey Road, Leeds, AL 35094. Hands-on garden training to employees. This small 4 raised bed garden is used as a job skills program for those individuals with special needs.	Karon Bowdre: 205-837-0859
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. Contact Shirley Cotton if you can help on any weekday.	Shirley Cotton: 205-603-0882, godcovers@yahoo.com
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.
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

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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
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**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: 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Teaching Adults	**Grantswood Community School.** 5110 Grantswood Rd., Irondale, AL 35210. Mentor teachers and help to install a pollinator garden at the school's outdoor classroom and its newly established apiary.	Laura: 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**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: 205-531-9049, lgsinmccalla@bellsouth.net
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	**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: 205-420-1033; Deloris Pounds: 205-401-4440
See volunteer schedule	TBD (Ask Bethany)	**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
See volunteer schedule	TBD (Ask Bethany)	**Birmingham Botanical Gardens.** 2612 Lane Park Rd., BHM, AL 35223. Many volunteer positions available. For more information, visit the BBG website: https://bbgardens.org/volunteering/	Emma Thompson: 205-533-7659
	COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS		
Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, 2-5pm	Community Partner Event	**Kindness Summit at the Hoover Public Library.** 200 Municipal Drive, Hoover, AL 35216. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. Need 2-4 volunteers.	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com; Vickie Jones: 205-266-0457, vdejones@att.net
Saturday March 2, 2024	Community Partner Event	**Arbor Day at Aldridge Gardens.** 3530 Lorna Road, Hoover, AL 35226. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. Need 2-4 volunteers to help Bethany. More details to follow.	Bunny: 858-442-6403; Bethany O'Rear: 205-612-9524
Saturday, March 16, 2024	Community Partner Event	**Tractor Supply.** 2626 Decatur Hwy, Gardendale, AL 35071. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. Need 2-4 volunteers to help Bethany.	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Saturday, April 13, 2024	Community Partner Event	**Garrett's Place.** 112 20th Street North, Bessemer, AL 35020. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. Need 2-4 volunteers. More details to follow. *Note: They are also looking for transplants to give away to foster families at their event.*	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Sunday, May 19, 2024, 12-5pm	Community Partner Event	**Taco Fest at Sloss Furnace.** 20 32nd Street North BHM, AL 35222. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. Need 4-6 volunteers. More details to follow.	Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com

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Any Saturday (once a month April - June)	Community Partner Event	**Hoover Farmer's Market.** 500 Mineral Trace, Hoover, AL 35226. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. Suggested shifts 7:30-9:30, 9:30-11:30, 11:30-1:30. Contact Blythe Leisher at 205-383-7111 for additional details on dates and to volunteer.	Blythe Leisher: 205-383-7111, rbleisher@gmail.com; Bunny: 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
TBD	Community Partner Event	**Trussville Public Library.** 201 Parkway Dr, Trussville, AL 35173. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. More details to follow. Contact Cathy O'Sheal.	Cathy O'Sheal: 205-602-4078, cathyos@bellsouth.net