Current as of 6/1/2025

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
Wednesday 6/11, 7/9 & 8/13	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. If you have flexible time, we can schedule a time to clean up the pollinator beds.	Cathy O'Sheal 205-602-407 or Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call)
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**The Exceptional Foundation.** 1616 Oxmoor Rd. Birmingham AL 35209. Come help staff and residents learn to grow herbs, pollinators, and fresh produce.	Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call)
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**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. *All gardens and beds are seeded with SUNFLOWERS!*	Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call)
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**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)
Call for schedule	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..	Bunny: 858-442-6403 Christy 912-577-8150 Call or text
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. Please contact Shirley Cotton if you can help.	Shirley Cotton: 205-603-0882

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Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Teaching Adults or Youth or Garden	**GKC Learning Garden at HOTH** 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216. Basic garden care as needed. This is a small raised bed garden and easy to maintain. **This garden is looking for additional MGs to help maintain.** We will be planting late spring/summer transplants and giving a seed starting lesson. Transplant propagation supplies are also available for propagation at home to later plant in various community gardens or distribute to food box recipients of GKC's food distribution program. Call to arrange pick-up of supplies.	Bunny: 858-442-6403 call or text me
TUESDAY JUNE 20th, 1:00 PM After 6/20, call for schedule	Growing Food/ plants; Garden	**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. **Volunteers: Please meet at TUESDAY JUNE 20th, 1:00 PM at the school to work on various projects. If you are interested in this opportunity and future ones, please send your information to Desiree 205-961-0318 for inclusion on her GroupMe text.** *Beginning June 1st, an intern will help coordinate this effort.*	Desiree Hutcherson-Bates 205-961-0318
Tuesday 6/3//25 9:30-12:30 workday	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**The Lovelady Center.** 7916 Second Ave. S, BHM, AL 35206. Basic edible raised bed gardening on the facility's **roof-top**; 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 ***Typically meets the FIRST Tuesday of each month.***	Cheryl Killingsworth: 205-266-9054, killingworthcheryl@gmail.com; Juliet Easlick (205) 317-8002, jleaslick@hotmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food: Garden	**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 vdejones@att.net or BHMDistrict1@gmail.com or 205-290-3151	Vickie Jones 205-266-0457 vdejones@att.net
Sweet potato planting 6/2 @ 8 other times, 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. (Call if inclement weather) ****Dorothy needs a volunteer(s) to help planting a SWEET POTATO PATCH, Monday, June 2 @ 8. If you are interested, please call/text Dorothy 205-531-3007**	Dorothy Leonard 205-531-3007
Third Saturday each month; 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.	Louise Billings mlcbillings@yahoo.com 281-382-1592
Call for schedule	Growing Food: Garden	**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	Skip Craig 205-585-1112 ccraigjr@gmail.com
Friday/Sat. 7-12 (noon) Sunday 4-6 pm	Growing Food: Garden	**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
Call for schedule	Growing Food Garden	**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. Call if inclement weather.	Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call)

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Non-profit Gardens			
3rd Friday of each month; call for time	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**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	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**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	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**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
*June 21st *Note these dates are NOT the usual Second Saturday work days	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, individuals, 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. ***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: This garden is looking for a few stalwart volunteers to adopt a part of the garden on their own time. There are 2 Grow More Give More Gardens, Perennial & Annual, Sun & Shade, Ozone, Rain, & Kindergarten Gardens. Contact Amy to volunteer at simsgarden@homewoodal.org***	Amy Weis: 205-332-0949, simsgarden@homewoodal.org
Year-round	Growing Food (or Ornamental) Plants: Garden	**Sims Garden & Seed Propagation Circle.** Looking for something you can do from home? Join the Sims Garden & Propagation Circle! You'll start seeds or propagate plants from your home. Supplies/seeds provided. Successful seedlings will be planted at Miss Sims Famous Plant Sales, which are bringing back this year, for the first time since she passed. Contact Amy to get started.	Amy Weis: 205-332-0949, simsgarden@homewoodal.org
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. **Birmingham Botanical Gardens Summer Camps.** 2612 Lane Park Rd., BHM, AL 35223.Seeking volunteers for its summer camp programs. For a detailed description visit: https:/bbgardens.org/programs/summer-camps. **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.** For questions regarding the summer camps, contact Ellen Hardy ehardy@bbgardens.org or 205-533-7603	Sign up on BBG volunteer hub. NOTE: You do NOT have to be a BBG member to volunteer at the camps, but you must complete the online training. For questions regarding the summer camps, contact Ellen Hardy ehardy@bbgardens.org or 205-533-7603

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See volunteer schedule on JVTF website	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. 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.	Rachel Latham: 205-739-6555 rachel.latham@hooveralabama.gov
	COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS		
Saturday: 6/14/25 7:30 - 1PM	Community Partner Event	**Hoover Farmer's Mkt.** 500 Mineral Trace, Hoover, AL 35226. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute vegetable and ornamental gardening materials, seeds, etc. Suggested shifts 7:30-9:30, 9:30-11:30, 11:30. Blythe Leisher leads; call her at 205-383-7111 for details. She needs 5-6 volunteers	Sylvia Britt: 205-613-9079; Blythe Leisher, lead volunteer, 205-383-7111
Call for schedule	Community Partner Event	**Aldridge Gardens.** 3530 Lorna Rd., Hoover, AL 35216 Visit: https://aldridgegardens.com/volunteer_opportunities/online_applications/	Janet Abernathy 205-739-6553 janet.abernathy@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
Email laney@rojobirmingham.com for schedule	Community Partner Event	**Highland Ave. Native Habitat Project.** 3100 Highland Ave., B'ham, AL 35205. Volunteer to weed and mulch the medians in the Highland Park neighborhood.	Laney DeJonge laney@rojobirmingham.com
Saturdays 6/18/25, 7/16/25 8/13/25 8:30-1:00	Community Partner Event	**Vestavia Farmer's Mkt.** Scout Square, 741 Montgomery Hwy. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute vegetable and ornamental gardening materials, seeds, etc. Shifts available from 8:30 - 1:00 Karen Kaetz leads; call her at 205-902-2864 for details. Or Sylvia Britt, 205-613-9079. Volunteers are needed.	Contact: Karen Kaetz 205-902-2864 or Sylvia Britt 205-613-9079 (text or call)
Tuesdays 6/3, 6/17, 7/1 & 7/15 9:00 AM	Community Partner Event	**Episcopal Place,** 1112 26th St. South, 35205 Perform general gardening and maintenance. Contact Cathy O'Shea,205-602-4078. I	Contact: Cathy O'Sheal 205-602-407
Fridays 6/6 & 7/11 10:00 -12:00 (noon)	Community Partner Event	**Bessemer Public Library, 400 19th St. North, Bessemer, 35020. Seed Sorting Party.** Volunteers are needed to help sort a large donation of seeds for the new Seed Library. If you are interested, please contact LaQuita McDaniel, 205-586-0818 or Tisha George 205-428-7744.	Contact: LaQuita McDaniel, 205-586-0818 or Tisha George 205-428-7744.

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	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 in the 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