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, and especially now in this extreme heat, we are asking volunteers to help hand water our community gardens that do not have irrigation systems installed! 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 sponsoring 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 & third Thursdays 8am-10:30am	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
Second & fourth Thursdays, 9:30-10:15am	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
Second & fourth Thursday (after Hooper City)	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
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
Any weekday, 8-1:30pm	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 also oversees a school garden at Fairfield Elementary School.	Shirley Cotton at 205-603-0882 or godcovers@yahoo.com
Friday, 8/4, 8-10am; call for other dates	Garden help	**Bessemer Housing Authority YouthBuild Program.** 2501 Clarendon Ave., Bessemer, AL 35020. Help clean up its existing edible garden and provide hands-on training in basic vegetable/pollinator garden care to a program manager and youth, ages 16-24. **This is a new opportunity! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!**	Bunny at 858-442-6403 or mlfite26@gmail.com
First & third Saturdays, 9-11am	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. This is a large in-ground garden and many of the church volunteers are seniors. **Volunteer on 8/5 and stay to shop at their yard sale!**	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Mondays, Aug 7, Sept 11, Oct 9, 9-10:30am	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

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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 5620 First Ave N, BHM. • Open Volunteer: Every Wednesday (Apr-Oct) 9am-12pm. • Community Work Days 7/29, 8/26, 9/23, 10/21 9am-12pm. Come practice farm skills including cultivating, mulching, planting, weeding, trellising, and more. • Harvest Hands Program: Deepen your involvement with JVTF while gaining experience on a small-scale diversified farm. Mondays & Thursdays (Apr–Nov), 8:30am–12:00pm. • Camp Grow: **Started in June!** Assist with Camp Grow with before-care and after-care, and offer an extra set of hands to our Instructors through the morning and afternoon. Preferably, volunteers who can commit to a 4-hour shift (either 8 am - 12 pm OR 1 pm - 5 pm) for at least one day of camp this summer. Call for schedule. • **New!** Seedling share: help start seedlings for community gardens. 8/3, 8/8, 8/9 from 9-1pm at the greenhouse at Woodlawn High School. Visit JVTF website to sign up. For more information, visit the JVTF website: www.jvtf.org	(205) 453-7268 or volunteer@jvtf.org
August 12; Second Saturday each month (Feb-Sep)	Garden help	**Miss Sim's Garden.** Parking: 913 Irving Road, Homewood, AL 35209. Basic, seasonal garden tasks, all skills and abilities. Bring garden tools, gloves, hat, sunscreen, bug spray, water as needed. Refreshments provided, not ADA compliant, no handicap parking. Additional parking: Edgewood Presbyterian Church, 850 Oxmoor Rd.	Amy Weis at 205-332-0949, amym426@gmail.com
Thursday 8/24/23, 9am12pm	Garden help	**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. Call Joni Morton at 727-458-9113 or jmorton@loveladycenter.org to schedule other times.	Joni Morton at 727-458-9113 or jmorton@loveladycenter.org
Call for schedule	Garden help	**Southwest Birmingham Community Farm.** 4924 Park Ave SW, BHM, AL 35221. This garden needs cleanup and prep for fall garden. **Please come help its garden manager who had been in the hospital and help the other volunteers get their garden ready for fall.**	Virginia Ward at 205-420-1033 or bward@bellsouth.net
Call for schedule	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. Call Rob … this fun, demonstration garden always needs volunteers!	Rob Hendrix at 205-451-6005, hendrix.robert08@gmail.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. **On extremely hot days, please come help hand water the garden if you live close.** 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	**Ubuntu Garden.** 15 10th Ave. W, BHM, AL 35204. Provide hands-on training in basic vegetable/pollinator garden care to volunteers of this neighborhood. **This is a new opportunity! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!**	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**The Red Barn.** 2722 Bailey Road, Leeds, AL 35094. Install four raised beds, plant, and train volunteers and employees on basic garden practices. It will be used as a job skills program for those with special needs. Contact Karon Bowdre for additional details.	Karon Bowdre at 205-837-0859

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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	**Monark Grove at Greystone Memory Care Unit.** 6328 Farley Ln, BHM, AL 35242. Volunteers needed to help install a raised bed sensory garden and provide gardening instruction to 19 residents. This garden is still in planning. Please call Cathy O'Sheal for more details.	Cathy at 205-602-4078 then Kamaria D. Givner at 205-922-4652 or MGG.LEC@monarkgrove.com
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 and help plan and install a community or school garden, contact Bunny for more information at 858-442-6403 or mlfite26@gmail.com **New opportunities! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!**	Bunny at 858-442-6403 or mlfite26@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Both	**Grace Klein Community garden and display events.** Various locations. Grace Klein Community hosts numerous volunteer serve teams at their garden locations, as well as sets up displays at partner events. If you are interested in helping at any of their gardens, or to distribute ACES gardening information to help teach GKC members and partners how to grow food, contact Bunny at 858-442-6403 for more information.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Schedule an event in your community/ neighborhood	Outreach/ display	**Local area farmer's markets and other 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
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.	Janet Abernathy at 205-739-6553, janet.abernathy@hooveralabama.gov
Beginning in August - October	Garden help	**Propagate fall vegetable and pollinator transplants** for distribution at community gardens, food pantries, and MG community outreach events. Can propagate at home or GKC learning garden. BBG library greenhouse propagation is closed for the summer. Some supplies are available, such as horticulture pots, trays, seeds. Contact Bunny for more details.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com

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Thu-Sat, Sept 7-9 (various shifts available)	Outreach/ display	**BHM Botanical Gardens Plant Sale.** 2612 Lane Park Rd., BHM, AL 35223. Volunteer at our community outreach display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. Many shifts available. Pre-event projects also available. Contact Hana Berres. Plant sale hours: Thu 1-5:30pm, Fri 8-5:30pm, Sat 8-2pm.	Hana Berres at burwinklej@jccal.org
November	Outreach/ display	**Moss Rock Festival.** More information to follow	Bunny at 858-442-6403 or mlfite26@gmail.com
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.	Sign up on BBG volunteer hub
Check website	All	**Additional volunteer opportunities:** please visit the jeffcomg.org website JCMGA and ACES calendars	Bunny at 858-442-6403, Laura at 205-908-3715, or Cathy at 205-602-4078