# Volunteer & Training Opportunities

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| 1st & 3rd Thu of month, 1-3pm (Mar 2 & 16) | **ACIPCO-Finley Community Garden.** 2914 17th St. N., Bhm, AL 35207. Basic edible garden care, which includes providing hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers. (Call if inclement weather.) | Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com |
| Fridays, 9am-12pm | **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 |
| TBD (contact Laura directly for dates) | **Holy Rosary Church Food Pantry Garden.** 7414 Georgia Rd., Bhm, AL 35212. (Gate City) Basic vegetable & pollinator garden care and help install a fence for trellises for added security. | Laura Kezar at 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com |
| TBD (contact Rob directly for dates) | **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 if inclement weather.) | Rob Hendrix at 205-451-6005, hendrix.robert08@gmail.com |
| Saturday, March 4, 10am-12pm | **Grace Klein Community/Morgan United Methodist Church Garden.** 2701 Morgan Rd., Bessemer, AL 35022. Share your knowledge about seed starting or planning a spring vegetable garden with GKC and Morgan UMC volunteers, or just join us as a volunteer. Optional: Bring a picnic lunch and stay to help as Morgan UMC begins to prep their garden for spring. Contact Bunny for additional details. | Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com |
| Saturday, March 11, 11am-4pm | **GKC Food Truck "March for Hunger" Rally.** Veteran's Park in Hoover, 4800 Valleydale Road. Volunteer at JCMGA display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. Shifts 11-1, 1-3, 3-4:30. Contact Bunny for details. | Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com |
| Saturday, March 18, 9am-12pm | **Morgan United Methodist Church Garden.** 2701 Morgan Rd., Bessemer, AL 35022. Share your knowledge about planting a spring vegetable garden with a group of Samford students. Volunteer or mentor others to amend soil, create in-ground garden rows, plant cool season seeds/transplants. All are welcome. Bring your own garden tools. | Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com or Carla at carla@gracekleincommunity.com |
| 1st & 3rd Thu of month, 3:30-4:30 pm (Mar 2 & 16) | **Hooper City Community Garden.** 505 37th Terrace West, Birmingham, 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 |
| Various Saturdays starting 3/11/23 | **Hoover Farmer's Market.** 500 Mineral Trace, Hoover, 35226. Contact Bunny at least two weeks prior if you are interested in volunteering. If there's enough interest, we will set up a display table at this farmer's market on those Saturdays. | Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com |
| See schedule listed | **Aldridge Gardens.** 3530 Lorna Rd., Hoover, 35216.<br>• 3/21/23: Creating Dynamic Designs w/Beth White: 2-4pm<br>• 4/8/23: Aromi Azalea Talk and Tour, 10-11:30am<br>• 4/22/23: Japanese Maple Walk 'n Talk, 9-10:30am<br>• 5/20/23: Hydrangea Propagation, 8:30-10:30am<br>Two volunteers needed to help with check-ins and distribute handouts, while enjoying the class. CEU if attending the class. Other volunteer opportunities may be available, contact Janet directly. | Janet Abernathy at 205-739-6553, janet.abernathy@hooveralabama.gov or Elissa Capps at 205-822-3732, emcapps1@icloud.com |
| Saturday, April 1, 10am-1pm | **Southside Library Seed Exchange.**1814 11th Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35205. Seed exchange event, talks on gardening types, hotline, seed starting, etc. Set up and volunteer at JCMGA display table. For additional information about the event, contact Rob Burton at 205-538-3038 or rob4bhm@gmail.com. | Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com |

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| Ongoing | **Pollinator Garden at Red Mountain Park.** 35211. This is an ongoing project to restore an existing pollinator garden located in Red Mountain Park. This includes identification of existing native plants, removal of unwanted vegetation, and relocation and addition of native plants. There is also an effort to remove encroaching non-native plants. | Larry Stephens at 205-531-9049, lgsinmccalla@bellsouth.net |
| Ongoing | **Propagate vegetable and pollinator transplants** for distribution at community gardens and food pantries. Can propagate at home, BBG library greenhouse. or GKC propagation setup in Hoover. Some supplies are available, such as horticulture pots, trays, seeds. Some grow lights are also available on loan during winter and early spring. Contact Bunny to be invited to the next propagation meeting, scheduled TBD. **Note:** We are currently looking for pollinators, as well as warm season vegetable starts. | Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com |
| Call for schedule | **United Ability Hand-in-Hand Community Garden.** 120 Oslo Circle, Bhm, AL 35211. Provide mentorship to volunteers as they clean up garden for spring and plant sensory, pollinator, and vegetable raised beds. Contact Karen Mitchell for dates and additional details. | Karen Mitchell 205-903-1987, karen35216@bellsouth.net |
| Call for schedule | **Barber Motorsports Park.** 6040 Barber Motorsports Pkwy, Leeds, AL 35094. Lead spring tours of the park grounds M-F as scheduled. Tours are 90 minutes consisting of a tram ride around the park/track and a walk across the bridge to a waterfall and gazebo. Training is provided, background check required. For additional information, contact Mary Fuglaar at maryfuglaar@hotmail.com. | Mary Fuglaar at maryfuglaar@hotmail.com or Laura Motes at lmotes@barbermuseum.org |
| Second Saturday each month (Feb-Sep), 9am-12pm | **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 |
| Saturday, April 22, 9:30am-12pm | **Rain Barrel Workshop at Jones Valley Teaching Farm/Center for Food Education Pavilion.** 701 25th Street North, 35203. Volunteers needed and CEU if you also attend the workshop. 2023-rainbarrel-savethedate-final.pdf (jccal.org) | Hana Berres at burwinklej@jccal.org |
| Saturday, April 29, 8:00am-11:30pm | **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**<br>• First Baptist Church Gardendale-South. 940 Main St, Gardendale 35071<br>• Classic Car Motoring. 3900 Grants Mill Rd, Irondale 35210<br>• City of Bessemer Public Works. 1205 15th Ave N., Bessemer 35020<br>Volunteers needed to help; not approved if just dropping off items.<br>2022-Household-Hazardous-Wast-Flyer.pdf (jccal.org) | Hana Berres at burwinklej@jccal.org |
| Sunday, May 7 (time TBD) | **"Make and Take" vegetable seed starting workshop** for kids at a farming event in Homewood. More details to follow and will post in next update. | Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com |
| Check website | **Additional volunteer opportunities:** please visit the JCMGA and ACES calendars | Bunny at 858-442-6403, Laura at 205-908-3715, or Cathy at 205-602-7078 |

***Known volunteer opportunities as of 3/1/23. Approved to maintain Master Gardener certification.***

***If you'd like to volunteer or know of an event or garden that could use Master Gardener help, contact Bunny at 858-442-6403, Laura at 205-908-3715, or Cathy at 205-602-7078***
**or email jcmgacommunitysvc@gmail.com**