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 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.

***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. Click here 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!**

Lastly, if you'd like to receive weekly updates of this list, please email Bunny at mlfite26@gmail.com.

Date	Service Type	Location/Address/Details	Contact Info
Call for schedule	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.	Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call)
Second Wednesday of each month; next meet 2/12/25, 10a-12p	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 (text or call)
First Tuesday of each month, next meet: 2/4/25, 9:30am	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; Juliet Easlick: (205) 317-8002, jleaslick@hotmail.com
Second Saturday of each month (Feb - Sept) Next meet: 2/8/25, 8-11am	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 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.	Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715 (text or call)
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. Please contact Shirley Cotton if you can help.	Shirley Cotton: 205-603-0882, godcovers@yahoo.com

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Friday/ Saturday 7a-12p; Sunday, 4-6p	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	Yolaine Joseph, 205-253-6873, ubuntulifecircle@gmail.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.
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**Mid-HOLT Community Garden.** 704 Martin Luther King Jr., Dr., Midfield, AL 35228. Basic edible garden care; come learn and help provide hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers. (Call if inclement weather)	Dorothy Leonard: 205-531-3007
Saturday, 2/8/25, 10a-12p	Growing Food Plants: Teaching Adults or Youth (or Garden, ask Bunny)	**GKC Learning Garden at HOTH.** 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216. Basic garden care as needed. This is a small 4 raised bed garden and easy to maintain This garden is looking for additional master gardeners to help maintain.	Bunny: 858-442-6403 (text or call)
Call for schedule. Herb garden work begins late Feb/early March	Growing Food/ Ornamentals: Garden (as appropriate)	**Arlington Historic House and Garden.** 331 Cotton Ave SW, BHM, AL 35211. Help maintain a replica early-19th century herb and flower garden designed to demonstrate period appropriate plants used for medicines, flavoring food, and making dyes. Volunteers are needed for up to 2 hours twice a month through the Fall months and can make their schedule Monday through Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm. The Historical Committee will work with your schedule. Bring small shovel, trowel and clippers.	Dorothy Ziegler: 205-777-2490 (text/ call) **(needs MG champion)**
Call for schedule	Growing Food or Ornamental Plants	**Oak Tree Ministries.** 6517 Kimberly Ave., BHM, AL 35212. Help prepare raised beds and install a pollinator garden. Call to confirm as this is a new installation.	Laura Kezar: 205-908-3715, lbkezar@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.	Terri Barker: 205-837-1803, terrilougebarker@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Teaching Adults	**Bessemer Housing Authority Jess Lanier Manor Senior Center.** 1500 Exeter Ave., Bessemer, AL 35020. Hands-on garden training to the garden managers and resident seniors. Minimal maintenance when needed.	Terri Barker: 205-837-1803, terrilougebarker@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**Holy Cross Episcopal Church Community Garden.** 90 Parkway Drive, 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
1st, 2nd, 4th Friday of each month; 9am-12pm.	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Greenhouse Workday at 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 (ongoing each Friday). For registration for this opportunity, click link. (Call if inclement weather.)	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. For registration for this opportunity, click link. (Call if inclement weather.)	Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org

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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, click link. (Call if inclement weather.)	Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org
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
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
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. Volunteer opportunities may be available, contact Janet directly or visit https://aldridgegardens.com/volunteer_opportunities/online_applications/	Janet Abernathy: 205-739-6553
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.	Sign up on BBG volunteer hub
	COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS		
Saturday, 3/1/25, 7:30-11:30a	Community Partner Event	**Hoover Arbor Day at Aldridge Gardens.** 3530 Lorna Rd., Hoover, AL 35216. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute ACES materials, seeds, etc. Volunteers needed to cover two shifts: 7:30-9:30 and 9:30 to 11:30, which includes setup and take down. 2 volunteers each shift. Event runs 8-11a.	Sylvia Britt: 205-613-9079; Vickie Jones, lead volunteer, 205-266-0457
Saturday, 4/5/25, 9:30a-2:30p	Community Partner Event	**Faith Church Health and Wellness Fair.** 910 9th St., Midfield, AL 35228. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute ACES materials, seeds, etc. Volunteers needed to cover two shifts: 9:30a-12p and 12-2:30p, which includes setup and take down. Minimum 2 volunteers each shift. Event runs 10a-2p.	Sylvia Britt: 205-613-9079; Laura Kezar, lead volunteer, 205-908-3715
	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 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