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 event cancellations.

If you are sponsoring an event or community garden and need 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.

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	Details / Location / Address	Contact Info
First & third Thursday 9:30-11:00am	**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) **Will need another MG to lead on 6/1/23 and 6/15/23 as Bunny is out of town.**	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Second & fourth Thursday, 9:30-10:15am	**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) **Will need another MG to lead on 6/8/23 as Bunny is out of town.**	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Second & fourth Thursday, 10:30-11:30am (after Hooper City)	**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) **Will need another MG to lead on 6/8/23 as Bunny is out of town.**	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
First & third Saturdays, 9-11am	**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. Let's try to help them once or twice a month. **Will need another MG to lead on 6/3/23 and 6/17/23 as Bunny is out of town.**	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Tuesday, June 6, 10am-12pm	**Graceworks Community Garden at Grace Episcopal Church.** 5712 1st Ave. N, BHM, AL 35212. Basic edible garden care. **Planting day, needs 4-6 volunteers. Contact Laura for more details. This is a new opportunity! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!**	Laura at 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Saturday, June 10, 9am-12pm. Second Saturday each month (Feb-Sep)	**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
Call to volunteer	**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

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Call to volunteer	**Birmingham District 1 Community Garden.** Provide hands-on training in basic vegetable/pollinator garden care to volunteers of this neighborhood. 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 at 205-266-0457 or vdejones@att.net.
Call for schedule	**Hoover Farmer's Market.** 500 Mineral Trace, Hoover, AL 35226. Volunteer at our community outreach 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 or rbleisher@gmail.com **Looking for MG to manage one display in June as Blythe is out of town. Needs 2-weeks notice.**	Blythe Leisher at 205-383-7111 or rbleisher@gmail.com
See schedule listed	**Aldridge Gardens.** 3530 Lorna Rd., Hoover, AL 35216. • Regular 830-12 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 • Day lily planting early May, 7-8 volunteers requested. Date TBD • 5/20/23: Hydrangea Propagation, 8:30-10:30am Two volunteers needed to help with class 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
See schedule listed	**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 5/27, 6/24, 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: **Starts 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. You can find more information about volunteering on the JVTF website: www.jvtf.org	(205) 453-7268 or volunteer@jvtf.org
Summer TBD	**Bessemer Public Library.** 400 19th St. S, Bessemer, AL 35020. The youth services librarian is developing a bee theme summer ready program and would like to see if master gardeners or speakers would be willing to do a program on bee friendly gardening/plants, seed bombs, etc. Please contact the librarian directly. Jania Knight at 205-428-7882 or jania.Knight@bessemerlibrary.com **This is a new opportunity! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!**	Jania Knight at 205-428-7882 or jania.Knight@bessemerlibrary.com
Monday, June 12, 9-11am Second Monday each month	**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. **This is a new opportunity! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!**	Cathy O'Sheal at 205-602-4078 or cathyos@bellsouth.net
Tentative start: Monday, June 12	**A.G. Gaston Boys & Girls Club.** 4821 Avenue W, BHM, AL 35208. Looking for a MG to come out weekly for 8-10 weeks and work with 15-20 kids, ages 6-14. Teach basic gardening skills: what and when to plant; how to use and store tools; when to water and how to pull weeds; when to harvest; learn the food cycle; how food goes from garden to table. Contact Kim Brown at 205-941-8166 or kbrown@aggastonbgc.org **This is a new opportunity! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!**	Kim Brown at 205-941-8166 or kbrown@aggastonbgc.org
Call for schedule	**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

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Call for schedule	**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. Also an effort to remove encroaching non-native plants.	Larry Stephens at 205-531-9049, lgsinmccalla@bellsouth.net
Call for schedule	**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. **This is a new opportunity! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!**	Laura at 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	**United Ability Hand-in-Hand Community Garden.** 120 Oslo Circle, BHM, AL 35211. Provide mentorship to volunteers for 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
Call for schedule	**The Red Barn.** 2722 Bailey Road, Leeds, AL 35094. Install four raised beds, plant, and train volunteers and employees on basic garden practices. Plant pollinators throughout the farm. This garden 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
Call for schedule	**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. Call Cathy O'Sheal for more details.	Kamaria D. Givner at 205-922-4652 or MGG.LEC@monarkgrove.com
Ongoing through June	**Propagate vegetable and pollinator transplants** for distribution at community gardens, food pantries, and MG community outreach events. Can propagate at home, BBG library greenhouse or GKC learning garden. Some supplies are available, such as horticulture pots, trays, seeds. Contact Bunny for more details.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Thu-Sat, Sept 7-9 (various shifts available)	**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
Check website	**Birmingham Botanical Gardens.** 2612 Lane Park Rd., BHM, AL 35223. If you have completed volunteer training with BBG, sign up at bbgardens.volunteerhub.com. Contact Alice Moore at amoore@bbgardens.org	Alice Moore at amoore@bbgardens.org
Check website	**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 205-602-7078