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 Thursday (7/6 & 7/20), 9:30-11:00am	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 Thursday (7/13 & 7/27), 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) **Special "Meet & Greet" Thursday, 7/13/23. Come meet the neighbors and receive a tour of their garden and basic care instructions.**	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 with harvests given to the seniors who attend the center. This center and garden were closed due to construction and now urgently needs cleanup and planting. 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
First & third Saturdays, 9-11am; and 7/8/23 9-12pm	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. Come help give hands-on basic gardening instruction to a volunteer group of teens on 7/8/23.	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
In July: Fridays, 7-9am; and 7/8 and 7/22, 9-12pm	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

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Saturday, July 8, 9am-12pm. 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
Wednesday, July 12, 10-12am	Outreach/ display	**Grace Klein Community (House on the Hill).** 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35226. For MG champions of school gardens and their school garden managers/teachers only. Come for coffee and a discussion about school gardens, greenhouse use for educators, etc., and meet Alabama Wildlife Federation's Outdoor Classroom consultant via zoom. Alabama Extension home grounds agent will also be available. **Must register with Bunny by Tuesday, 7/11/23, as space is limited.**	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Wednesday, July 12, 2-6pm	Outreach/ display	**Trussville Public Library.** 201 Parkway Dr, Trussville, AL 35173. Come help with a small, indoor display! Contact Cathy O'Sheal at 205-602-4078 or cathyos@bellsouth.net	Cathy O'Sheal at 205-602-4078 or cathyos@bellsouth.net
Saturday, July 15, 12-2pm	Outreach/ display	**Mt. Canaan Full Gospel Church.** 2725 24th St. SW, BHM, AL 35211. Volunteer at our community outreach display table and distribute gardening materials, seeds, etc. Join with other non-profit organizations, such as LHSA, HEAL, CHOP. Contact Angela Fuller Grace at 205-616-8916 or Bunny, Laura, or Cathy.	Angela Fuller Grace at 205-616-8916 or afgrace1@hmail.com or Bunny
Mondays, July 17, 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. **This is a new opportunity! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!** Contact Cathy O'Sheal at 205-602-4078 or cathyos@bellsouth.net	Cathy O'Sheal at 205-602-4078 or cathyos@bellsouth.net
Any Saturday, call to volunteer	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 to volunteer	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	**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. A temporary garden was recently installed and now needs planting. 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
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

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Call for July schedule.	Outreach/ display	**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	Blythe Leisher at 205-383-7111 or rbleisher@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	**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. **This is a new opportunity! Please consider volunteering. Thanks!**	Laura at 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Garden help	**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. Possible volunteering occasionally to help in their garden. 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	Outreach	**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
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	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

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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. For more information, visit the JVTF website: www.jvtf.org	(205) 453-7268 or volunteer@jvtf.org
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. 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	Garden help	**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	Outreach	**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	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
Beginning mid-July	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
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
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. Contact Alice Moore at amoore@bbgardens.org	Alice Moore at amoore@bbgardens.org
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