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. Additionally, many of our community gardens are in need of extra watering if you have time to help out. 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. 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 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 a sponsor/contact person for 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!

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
July - October	Growing Food (or Ornamental) Plants: Garden	**Propagate vegetable and pollinator transplants** for distribution at community gardens, food pantries, and MG community partner events. Can propagate at home on your own timeframe. Some supplies are available, such as horticulture pots, trays, seeds, soil. Contact Bunny for more details and arrange pickup of supplies.	Bunny: 858-442-6403
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
First & third Saturday, 9am-12pm.	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
July 1, 9-10:30am	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.	Cathy O'Sheal: 205-602-4078, cathyos@bellsouth.net
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Recreative Natives.** 125 Valley View Road, Cropwell, AL 35054. Volunteers needed to help maintain native plants, especially this summer. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about native plants.	Jessica: 205-966-7350, recreativenatives@gmail.com
Thursday, 7/11/24, 9am-12pm	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**ACIPCO Community Gardens.** 1500 32nd Ave. N, BHM, AL 35207. Meet in the ACIPCO credit union parking lot, divide up, and travel to three community gardens as time allows. Basic edible garden care and hands-on garden training to the neighborhood volunteers as requested. (Call if inclement weather).	Bunny: 858-442-6403
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**GKC/Acres Community Garden.** 2840 CR 39, Chelsea, AL 35043. Come help this combined JeffCo/ShelbyCo master gardener project. Basic edible garden care; hands-on garden training to other volunteers as requested. (Call if inclement weather).	Misha Unruh: 205-427-9201; Andrew Glass: 205-305-4870, andrew@gracekleincommunity.com

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Fridays, 7-10am	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
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: 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Second Saturday of each month (Jan - Sept) Next meet: 7/13/24, 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
First Tuesday of each month, 9:30am. Next meet: 7/2/24	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
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Teaching Adults or Youth (or Garden, ask Bunny)	**GKC Learning Garden at HOTH.** 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216. Garden training to volunteer teams of all ages; basic garden care as needed. This is a small 4 raised bed garden and easy to maintain/instruct. This garden is looking for additional master gardeners to help maintain.	Bunny: 858-442-6403
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: Therapeutic Horticulture	**The Red Barn.** 2722 Bailey Road, Leeds, AL 35094. Hands-on garden training to employees. This small 4 raised bed garden is used as a job skills program for those individuals with special needs.	Karon Bowdre: 205-837-0859
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.
Thursdays, 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.	Charles Murray: (205) 901-7886, murrayhill52@icloud.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**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: 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com

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Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Teaching Adults	**Grantswood Community School.** 5110 Grantswood Rd., Irondale, AL 35210. Mentor teachers and help to install a pollinator garden at the school's outdoor classroom and its newly established apiary.	Laura: 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	Growing Food Plants: Garden	**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: 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Fridays, 9am-12pm.	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Greenhouse Workday with the Friends of Turkey Creek 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). (Call if inclement weather.)	Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Red Mountain Park.** 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. Also, volunteer at the following events at Ruffner Mountain.	Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org
Call for schedule	Growing Ornamental Plants: Garden	**Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve.** Volunteer spots available for garden workday.	Sloan Miles: sloan@jeffcogreenways.org
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	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		
Will start up again in Sept	Community Partner Event	**Vestavia Hills Farmers Market.** 741 Montgomery Hwy, BHM, AL 35216. Volunteer to set up a MG display table and distribute vegetable gardening materials, seeds, etc. JoAnn Turner leads. We do not sell anything - we give out seeds, provide gardening cards & information. It is Vestavia Methodist Church Farmer's Market that vendor's fees helps to stock the food pantry with farmer's vegetables at the church for those in need. Duties involve picking up tent, table, bin, signs, and sandbags the day before. Setting up table, and 2 MG being at table from 9-1. Taking down table and returning to GKC in Hoover. Bring your own chair.	Nicole Martinez: nicholemartinez@live.com or JoAnn Turner: 205-585-5297
	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 and get back to the client with recommendations regarding their issue. Training is provided.	Susan McNamara: 864-918-9963; momwow@charter.net