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 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 205-602-7078, or email jcmgacommunitysvc@gmail.com, as we are happy to add your volunteer need to this list.

Date	Details / Location / Address	Contact Info
Tuesdays, 8am-12pm or last Sat of the month 9am-12pm	**Jones Valley Teaching Farm.** 701 25th St. N, BHM, AL. 35203. Harvest Hands Program. Join the farmers at Jones Valley Teaching Farm to help them in their goal of providing fresh food to the community by volunteering on the downtown 2-acre farm. You can find more information about other volunteering on the JVTF website: www.jvtf.org	(205) 453-7268 or volunteer@jvtf.org
See schedule listed	**Aldridge Gardens.** 3530 Lorna Rd., Hoover, AL 35216. • Regular 12-3 shifts on Tue, Thu, and Fri as gatehouse greeters • Every other Tue shift in the gift shop, or fill in as needed • Plant sale: 4/27 - 4/29; volunteers needed for various shifts • 4/8/23: Aromi Azalea Talk and Tour, 10-11:30am • 4/22/23: Japanese Maple Walk 'n Talk, 9-10:30am • 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
Saturday, April 8, 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
Thursday, April 13, 10am-12pm	**ACIPCO-Finley Community Garden.** 2914 17th St. N., BHM, AL 35207. Basic edible and pollinator 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
Thursday, April 13, 12-1pm (follows ACIPCO-Finley)	**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)	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Thu-Sat, April 13-15 (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. **Note: This event is in need of additional volunteers!**	Hana Berres at burwinklej@jccal.org
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
Friday, April 14, 9am-12noon	**GKC/Morgan United Methodist Church Garden.** 2701 Morgan Rd., Bessemer, AL 35022. Share your knowledge about planting a spring vegetable garden with GKC and MUMC volunteers. Volunteer or mentor others to plant late spring/ summer seeds/transplants and create Three Sisters Native American gardens. Bring your own garden tools, sunscreen, hat, and water. Other dates: 4/29/23 9am-12pm. 5/6/23 9am-12pm	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
Saturday, April 15, 10am-2 pm	**Lowes-Alabaster.** 235 Colonial Promenade Pkwy Alabaster, AL 35007. Volunteer at our community outreach display table and distribute gardening information, while assisting in a community workshop on constructing/planting container garden set-ups (hosted by Lowes). Come learn how to build the frame while promoting our association. Contact Bunny for more info. **Note: This event is in need of additional volunteers!**	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com

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Saturday, April 15, 10am-3pm	**Garrett's Place.** 112 20th St. N, Bessemer, AL 35020. Provide gardening advice at an outreach display table and pass out transplants and seeds if available to foster children and their foster families. Contact Sonya Esco Lankford at 205.999.2450 or sonya.lankford@gmail.com. **Note: This event is in need of additional volunteers!**	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@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, BHM, AL 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** • First Baptist Church Gardendale-South. 940 Main St, Gardendale 35071 • Classic Car Motoring. 3900 Grants Mill Rd, Irondale 35210 • City of Bessemer Public Works. 1205 15th Ave N., Bessemer 35020 Volunteers needed to help; not approved if just dropping off items. 2022-Household-Hazardous-Wast-Flyer.pdf (jccal.org)	Hana Berres at burwinklej@jccal.org
Sunday, May 7 (12pm-5pm) May only be there a couple hours during the event	**Birmingham Taco Fest at Sloss Furnaces.** 20 32nd St. N., BHM, AL 35222. Volunteer at our community outreach display table and distribute gardening information. Also looking for MGs to plan a kids' gardening activity around tomatoes, peppers, onions, cilantro … the ingredients for making salsa. **Calling all retired teachers to help!! :)** Let's zoom to plan this event!	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
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. We are welcome any Saturday, but need to give the organizer 2-weeks notice. 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
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.	Rob Hendrix at 205-451-6005, hendrix.robert08@gmail.com
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	**Graceworks Community Garden at Grace Episcopal Church.** 5712 1st Ave. N, BHM, AL 35212. Mentor and help revive this community garden. Contact Laura for more details.	Laura at 205-908-3715, lbkezar@gmail.com
Call for schedule	**Grantswood Community School.** 5110 GrantswoodRd., Irondale, AL 35210. Mentor and help to install a pollinator garden at the school's outdoor classroom and its newly established apiary.	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 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
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

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Ongoing through spring/summer season, call for schedule	**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/MUMC propagation setups. Some supplies are available, such as horticulture pots, trays, seeds. Propagation meetings held at BBG library greenhouse, GKC learning garden, or Morgan UMC. Contact Bunny. **Note: We are currently looking for pollinators and warm season vegetable starts.**	Bunny at 858-442-6403, mlfite26@gmail.com
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