Good gracious y'all it's hot!

We have well and truly passed Summer and crossed over into Hell's Front Porch, the 9th of Alabama's 12 seasons. I'm from Mobile and even I'm over it. How about y'all? I mean it is hotter'n a blister bug in a pepper patch. I think I've counted James Spann saying "Dog Days" at least 31 times. Climate scientists are saying this July could be the hottest in 120,000 years so we outta have the hottest peppers in 120,000 years amirite?! So the question is who is ready to pickle, jam and preserve (and generally keep busy in the A/C)?! I am!

I am also excited to see all of you next Tuesday and hear Phyllis expound on the many benefits of growing basil. Boy do I love fresh Basil, on Caprese Salad, Pizza, with strawberries and Pesto is my favorite summer sauce. I'll be bringing something basil-y for the hospitality table, won't you join me? I myself am growing two new varieties this year, Cinnamon and Lemon, and they are thriving!

Do you know what else is thriving? Jefferson County Master Gardeners! We have more active projects, more active members, more opportunities and more active leaders in our association than perhaps anytime before. As an association we are reaching more of our communities in Jefferson County and have more potential to do more in our community than ever before. Now is a great time to say "sure, why not?!" to that small voice beckoning you to join a committee or take up a board position and help lead the association into a new phase as JCMGA, Inc.! The doors are open to all active members, so send an email, make a phone call, approach a committee or board member; recruiting for 2024 starts now!