

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

I think statistical information is fun and, well, informational. Rainfall is a notable example. Did you know on the top 10 List of rainy cities in the United States, Mobile, Alabama, is #1 with 67 inches annually. The average rain fall for the state is 54-67 inches. In fact, 20% of all the nation's water comes from the Mobile Basin, which is largely in Alabama. A village in India has the world's heaviest rainfall – 450 inches per year. The city with the least rainfall is Arica, Chile, which has only 0.03 inches per year.

Temperature is a topic as popular as rainfall. The highest temperature recorded in Alabama is 112° F at Centerville, Alabama, on September 5, 1925. The highest temperature recorded in the United States is 134° F on October 10, 1913, at Furnace Creek Ranch, California. (Well-named.) The world's highest recorded temperature is 136° F at El Aziza, Libya. Cold, now that's a different story: the coldest temperature ever recorded in Alabama is -27° F in New Market on January 30, 1966. The coldest temperature ever recorded in the United States is -80° F at Prospect Creek Camp in the Endicott Mountains of northern Alaska on January 23, 1971. The world's coldest recorded temperature is -128.5° F at Vostok, Antarctica, on July 21, 1983.

Statistics about species diversity are equally interesting: Alabama ranks 5th in the nation in species diversity. In the category "species of native plants", we are 9th in the nation, statistics that make one proud. Alabama also has the 2nd largest number of fish species. Unfortunately, we also have the second largest number of extinctions. Only Hawaii has a larger number. Worldwide, because of human activity, there are 6,000 flora and fauna extinctions every year.

O.K., so what's all this got to do with Master Gardeners? Aside from being interesting statistics in their own right, these numbers suggest we are lucky here in Alabama; we get good rainfall and manageable temperatures compared to many places in the world, and we still have an abundance of plant and animal species.

So, let's count our blessings and try to protect our species, and if it's too hot for us this August, let's stop complaining and be glad we're not in Furnace Creek in 1913 before we had air conditioning.

Thank You,
Bruce

The statistics cited above by Bruce may be found at the following sites:

1. World Weather Climate Extremes Archive/Global Weather and Climate/World Meteorological Organization/Arizona State University <http://wmo.asu.edu/>
2. The National Park Service <http://www.nps.gov/index.htm>
3. <http://www.extremes.com/>
4. USA Today <http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wcstates.htm>

August 10th MG Meeting

Refreshments – 9:30 A.M.

Business Meeting – 10:00 A.M.

Presentation – 10:30 A.M.

August Presentation

New MG Record Keeping System

Due to a cancellation by the hummingbird experts, the Sergants, we will be at the BBG as usual for this month's meeting. Tony Glover will be giving a brief tutorial on the Master Gardener Record Keeping System. (See his "Tony Talks" article for details about the system and try to register in it before the monthly meeting.) Jefferson County is the pilot county to use this new system, a great improvement over the old one currently being used. If Tony has time, he will also give a short overview of the JCMG Facebook page.

In addition, Harold Deason will provide an update on the planning of the 2012 State MG Conference to be held in Birmingham. He will tell us about the many opportunities to serve that will be coming up very soon.

*You Can Have Your Cake,
and Eat It, Too...*

... if you bring it to the August meeting. To help ensure plenty of treats for our August MG meeting, please bring a dish when you come.

Treasurer's Report

JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT: JUNE 2010
SUBMITTED BY: BLAIR COX, TREASURER

Balance Forward: 6-30-10. ... \$12,162.47
Received: \$1,151.00
Disbursements: -\$545.14
Ending Balance: 7-22-10: \$12,768.33

“Tony Talks”

The “dog days” of summer are here, and you may be looking for a cool volunteer opportunity. The helpline (GPIC) office is fairly cool and comfortable, and we can use your help. However, I have an opportunity for everyone with a computer that you can’t refuse (or at least that is my hope).

The online volunteer reporting system is outdated, and the original programmer is not to be found, so we can’t make needed upgrades to the system. Therefore, the decision was made many months back to switch to a new program with greater functionality. North Carolina Master Gardeners have been using this new system for some time, and they highly recommended it.

Our state Master Gardener leaders decided to start the transition to this new system with Jefferson County. They knew you to be the most progressive MGs in the state (or so I told them). Although the program is still being customized for Alabama, we can begin using it now. Many of the more advanced features and content will be added later, but the volunteer and CEU reporting system is ready to use. If you make the switch on your own without contacting me for help, you may give yourself one volunteer hour and one CEU hour for your efforts. You may use these two hours as your first entries to practice.

To begin, look at the old system summary we have been using (located at http://www.aces.edu/mg/volunteer_area.php), and jot down your total CEU and volunteer summary totals for 2010 so you will have them ready to enter into the new system. Next, go to the new system at www.aces.edu/mgmanager. (Go to <http://www.aces.edu/~gloveta/MGReportStepbyStepGettingStarted.php> for directions on how to register in the system.)

On the Enter New Hours form, enter as one entry the 2010 totals you jotted down from the old system summary: In the Date of Volunteer Activity field, just enter the current date. Next, leave the Volunteer Hours field blank, but enter your total number of service hours in the first field under Enter Hours. Then leave the Educational Hours field blank, but enter your total number of CEU hours in the second field under Enter Hours, as shown below.

2. ENTER CATEGORY AND HOURS	
Volunteer Hours	20
Educational Hours	14

In the Description field, type “totals from the old system”. The rest of the form may be left blank, but it will be helpful if you complete the Number of Contact and Mileage fields, too. When you have entered all your information, click the Submit button at the bottom of the page. (You can edit this information later if you need to do so.)

After you complete this critical task, just look around the website and become familiar with how it looks. As mentioned before, we won’t have content everywhere just yet, but we will add things as time goes by and as we learn more about the system. Glenda Dicks will still be our “go to” person for help in entering data if you don’t have a computer. Just keep up with your volunteer hours and CEUs so you can provide a written copy for Glenda to enter at the year’s end. If you have ideas about using the new system or questions, just send me an e-mail or call any time.

Your registration information will only be visible to other MGs and to Extension folks, and only the portions you want to show up will be seen by other MGs. In other words, if you don’t want other MGs to see your home address, home phone, e-mail address, and so on, you can choose that privacy option. (For directions on choosing a privacy option, go to <http://www.aces.edu/~gloveta/MGReportStepbyStepGettingStarted.php>) Regardless of the privacy option you choose, the Extension folks like me will see all the information you have entered. There is also an option for you to upload a photo, which will allow us to use the new system as an online directory. Harold Deason will like this idea. (For directions on how to upload your photo, go to the same link as above) If you don’t have a photo (head shot) to upload, we can upload the photo we used in the printed directory after you register, and you can change or remove it whenever you want.

AMGA CEU WORKSHOP

Don’t forget the AMGA CEU Fall workshop will be held at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama, on August 11th. To view the syllabus for the workshop and download a registration form, go to <http://www.aces.edu/mg/documents/AMGA-CEUFALL-9-11-10-Hanceville.pdf>

If you need additional information, contact Cheryl Jones at 205.429.2931 or e-mail her at cijones@otelco.net.

And now for something completely different. . .

If you’re curious about the avant-garde of the garden design world, check out this link to the UK’s *Telegraph* for an article about Future Gardens, a conceptual garden show oceans away, in spirit, at least, from the more traditional ideas of the Royal Horticultural Society: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/gardening/5786016/Its-weird-and-wacky-the-Future-Gardens-show-has-barely-a-flower-in-sight.html>

Volunteer Opportunities at the BBG

The BBG is offering three volunteer opportunities this month:

Cocktails in The Gardens volunteers are still needed for Thursday evening, August 12th, September 9th and October 14th. Volunteers will receive two free tickets. Volunteers are also needed to hang posters around town prior to each event.

The BBG is also looking volunteers to work at the 2010 Fall Plant Sale. Volunteers are needed for in a variety of positions, such as hospitality, cashier, plant loader, and box builder. If you are interested in volunteering to help with Cocktails in the Gardens or with the Fall Plant Sale, contact Mary-Bestor Tickle at 414.3962 or mtickle@bbgardens.org.

An adult education volunteer who can help a BBG Education Activities Specialist with the logistics of the adult classes is also needed. The volunteer would assist on a weekday evening or Saturday morning this fall. To volunteer, contact Phyllis Sutton at 414.3958 or at psutton@bbgardens.org.

What's Bugging Your Yard

Find out at IPM (Integrated Pest Management) Training

The BBG will be a host site for a multi-state MG training course on "Integrated Pest Management" (IPM). This training will be of interest to all MGs who want to learn to diagnose pest problems and to use the most environmentally sound way to control pests. It will be especially helpful to those of you who help at the GPIC phone center, but everyone is invited.

If you are interested in attending, go to the link given below for registration details, along with a form to complete and send to Auburn with the \$25 registration fee. This class will last most of the day, with the first half of the class being broadcast from various locations, including Clemson, UGA, Mississippi State, NC State and Auburn University. After a lunch break, some local programs will be presented, including making sense of plant nomenclature, as well as hands-on activities in the diagnostic lab and in the gardens at the BBG. A three-day commitment in September (on the 1st, 8th and 15th) is required. The \$25 fee covers the incidental cost of the training, refreshments and materials, but does not cover lunch each day. Let Tony Glover know (by e-mail, please) if you are registering, so he will know how many people to expect for this training. At least 10 folks are needed to make it a worthwhile effort. Go to <http://www.aces.edu/~gloveta/upcomingmeetings.php> to register or see the agenda.

Field Trip Next Month

The September 14th MG Meeting

Next month the JCMGs will visit Hayes Jackson's home in Anniston for a tour of his 7-acre garden. The weather will be hot, so please bring drinking water, as well as any nibbles you may want. We will meet at the Anniston Natural History Museum at 9:30 A.M., and car pool to Hayes's house, since parking there is very limited. (If you have a van and are willing to shuttle other MGs for this visit, please let other MGs know.) We should be finished around 12:00 Noon.

The garden is supposed to be great with many unique plants, so please plan on coming and invite a friend or neighbor to go with you. More details will be forthcoming, along with directions. They will be posted on the Jefferson County Master Gardeners' Facebook page and will also be e-mailed to members.

If you have suggestions for programs to be presented at our monthly meetings, or have a program you would like to present, please contact Harold Deason at hdeson@aol.com or vice-pres@jeffcomg.org.

The Kaul Wildflower Garden's *Buzz*

John Manion, curator of the BBG's Kaul Wildflower Garden, is now publishing the *Kaul Wildflower Buzz*, a newsletter for volunteers and other supporters of the garden. The newsletter provides a schedule of upcoming volunteer sessions, as well as information about the garden and some interesting horticultural information. This month, for example, provides a little history on the aspidity bag, along with a little information on some of John's favorite gardening tools. Read the *Buzz* at <http://www.bbgardens.org/WildflowerBuzz.html>.

IRS Announces 2010 Mileage Rates

Effective January 1st, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) is 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

You may use the new Master Gardener Service Report System to keep track of the miles you have driven for IRS documentation.

Moss Rock Festival Wreath Design Competition

The Moss Rock Festival, which will be presented by Princeton Baptist Medical Center at The Preserve in Hoover on November 6th and 7th, celebrates nature, open spaces and eco-ideas through art and design. This year the festival is presenting Wreaths Re-Imagined, a competition of unique wreaths made of recycled, repurposed, found, and natural materials. The wreaths will be for sale at the festival, and part of the proceeds will be used to support educational programs at the festival.

If you would like to enter a wreath in the competition, please contact Lyn Buchanan, the Wreaths Re-Imagined Coordinator at findart4@bham.rr.com. She can provide you an entry form, as well as pictures of wreaths from last year's festival.

August Garden Calendar

FRUITS AND NUTS: Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes. Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

SHRUBS: Layer branches of hydrangea.

LAWNS: Watch for diseases. Mow regularly. Water as needed.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS: Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials.

BULBS: Divide old iris plantings and add new ones.

MISCELLANEOUS: Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task during this month. This means close observation for insects and diseases. Water.

VEGETABLE SEED: Plant turnips, rutabagas, beans, and peas in South Alabama.

VEGETABLE PLANTS: Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and celery.

What Are We Working On?

Aldridge Botanical Gardens' Junior Master Gardeners



Twenty girls and boys in the Groovy Gardeners JMG group at Aldridge Botanical Gardens are eating tomatoes, yard-long beans and peppers – really HOT peppers – they have grown. The giant Brandywine tomato (see photo) weighed two pounds! Master Gardeners Willie Edmiston and Misty Helms, along with Misty's Grandma, helped out showing the kids

which plants were weeds, while pulling a good many weeds themselves. On July 20th, fifteen students from Mt. Top Community Church volunteered in the Field Trip Garden. In only an hour they spread wood chips, watered 20 raised beds, and pulled weeds, and had a great time doing it.

If you would like to know more about this Junior Master Gardeners program, please e-mail Vasha Rosenblum at vashan1@bellsouth.net or call 205.910.3211, but you do not need to call before you come! Just come!

Vasha has also received a call from Snow Rogers Elementary in Gardendale, so a new JCMG group may begin there soon. Ed.



YOU Can Make an EPIC Difference

Many of you may be aware of the educational project we began with EPIC school last year, designed to evolve into a multifaceted, ongoing relationship that will afford the children of EPIC an opportunity to have hands on exposure to gardening. EPIC school, which is located near UAB, serves a wide spectrum of students, including students with severe physical disabilities, mainstreamed students and students who are identified as gifted. The goal of this project is to present all of these students continued opportunities to maintain all aspects of the garden from seed selection/propagation to harvest. Under this plan, we will create three raised beds, allowing for four-foot pathways between each bed, which will allow access to all students. Additionally, we will place fruit plants along the fence line adjacent to the garden area. This project is fully funded through a grant received from the Alabama Master Gardeners Association and has the support of several wonderful school staff members who have also received grants to purchase additional supplies needed for maintenance of the project.

Last fall, as we began this project, we encountered a couple of obstacles that delayed our construction of the raised beds. The first hurdle was an exceptionally rainy fall. (We really miss all of that rain now.) The second hurdle was my pregnancy, which delayed much of the work. Thankfully, I am now ready to get back to work on this project, but I cannot do heavy lifting, so we need your help to construct three raised beds at the school (which should take one or two days), to lay pavers for a pathway in between the beds and to fill the beds with soil. If you can help us, please contact me at whitneysaunders@gmail.com, and let me know which day of the week works best for you. In exchange for your help, I will be providing lunch and plenty of drinks.

HOT Topic

Not in My Backyard

If you are concerned about possible environmental polluters in your neighborhood, check out this website provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/commsearch.htm>. The site allows you to search by zip code for a wide variety of environmental information, including information about pollution, hazardous waste sites and toxic chemicals releases.

Information is provided about any site in your neighborhood subject to environmental regulations, as well as information on facility inspections and any enforcement actions which have been taken. (The site also provides cancer risk estimates.)



Jefferson County Master Gardener Association Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2010

The JCMGA July meeting was called to order by President Bruce Steele at 10:07 A.M. in the BBG auditorium. The May minutes and Treasurer's report as printed in *Roots & Shoots* were approved; there were no minutes for June since there was no business meeting because of our field trip to the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve.

Blair Cox requested that he receive any information on any change of address, phone number or e-mail address so that all records will be kept up-to-date.

Nora O'Connor (Advisory Council representative) reported that the Chilton County Extension and Research Center will host their 2010 Farm, Home, and Wildlife Expo on Saturday August 7th. Additional information can be found at their web site: <http://www.aaes.auburn.edu/researchcenters/chilton/>. Click on 2010 Farm, Home, and Wildlife Expo (at the bottom of the page). This event will be held the same day as the Petals from the Past Tomato Festival so those interested can attend both events. If anyone is interested in entering a tomato in the Petals from the Past tomato contest, information is available on their website: <http://www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html>.

Volunteer projects and opportunities: Karen Mitchell reported that the Children's Garden at the United Cerebral Palsy Center is flourishing. Annette is looking for volunteers to "revamp" the storage room. Please contact her if you are interested. Also, on August 12th Cocktails in the Gardens can use some volunteer assistance for which two free tickets will be awarded. Contact Mary-Bestor Tickle if you are interested. In addition, we were reminded that Turkey Creek Nature Preserve would also like to have volunteers. The IPM workshop (see below) also needs volunteers. Contact Tony if interested in this opportunity.

CEU opportunities: An all-day AMGA workshop will be held at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville on August 11th. Another opportunity is the Auburn Master Gardener School at Auburn University on August 10th. This is an all-day event for which the cost is \$40, including lunch. This event is worth 5.5 CEUs. Finally, another CEU opportunity coming up in September is a multi-state interactive video training on IPM techniques especially for Master Gardeners, which will be held on the first three Wednesdays of the month. Details of all of these CEU opportunities – application forms, etc. – can all be found in the July issue of *Roots and Shoots*. It was additionally noted that the Shoals Master Gardeners will host a 'Gardening Potpourri Conference' on July 15.

Harold Deason reported on our new Facebook page, which can be used for Q&A, discussions, problem solving, and so on. If anyone did not receive a JCMGA directory, Harold is getting more printed. Contact him if you need one.

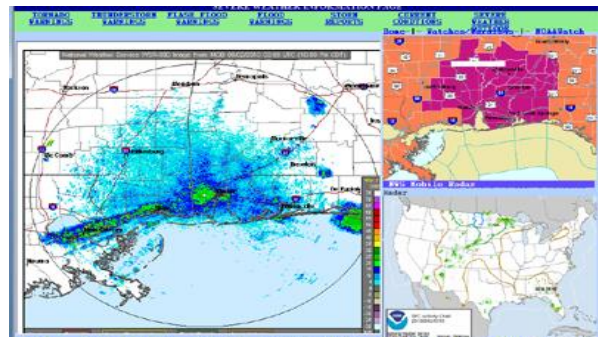
Bruce Steele announced that at our next meeting we will elect a nominating committee to solicit nominations for next year's officers. Please contact Bruce if you would like to serve on this committee.

The business meeting was then adjourned, and Fred Spicer was introduced to give his presentation on "Rain Gardens: Some Practical Applications". 1.25 CEU can be recorded for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jackson
Secretary, JCMGA

ACES Weather Site

For information on the weather in Alabama and the Southeast, look on the ACES weather website: <http://www.aces.edu/weather/>. The site provides a current weather radar map, along with links to other weather sites, including the National Weather Service (Birmingham) and the Weather Channel. There's a link to the U of Kentucky Ag Weather Center (<http://www.wagwx.ca.uky.edu/>), which provides a number of truly fascinating weather maps, as well as extended weather forecasts. Finally, if you're not up on pecan or peanut weather, there are links to keep you informed on both. Enjoy.



Severe Weather Information Page, August 1, 2010

Volunteer Opportunities at a Glance

Here's a quick list of some of the opportunities for volunteering that we currently have open. The information is listed in the following order: date of volunteer opportunity/ volunteer opportunity/ venue/ time/ contact person/ contact information

Turkey Creek Nature Preserve Pinson Weds – Suns 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. Taylor Steele 680.4116 or tsteele@bsc.edu

Helena Farmers' Market Sats 8:00 A.M. – Noon [through Sept.] Jan Holliday 663.7700 or gardenerjan@bellsouth.net

Junior Master Gardeners Aldridge Gardens Weds 9:30 – 11:30 A.M. Vasha Rosenblum 910.3211 or vashan1@bellsouth.net

GPIC Helpline BBG [contact for date and times] Tony Glover at 879.6964, x15 or gloveta@aces.edu

EPIC School MG Project EPIC School, Southside [contact for date and times] Whitney Saunders at whitneysaunders@gmail.com

Fall Plant Sale BBG [contact for date and times] Mary-Bestor Tickle at 414.3962 or mtickle@bbgardens.org

Adult Education Volunteer BBG [to help BBG's Education Activities Specialist; contact for date and times] Phyllis Sutton at 414.3958 or at psutton@bbgardens.org

Volunteer Storage Room "Re-vampers" BBG [contact for dates and times] Annette Drummond 879.6964, x10 or ahd001@auburn.edu

Cocktails in the Gardens Poster-hangers [contact for details, dates and times] Mary-Bestor Tickle 414.3962 or mtickle@bbgardens.org

Children's Garden at the United Cerebral Palsy Center [contact for details] Karen Mitchell karen35216@bellsouth.net

Aug 12 **Kaul Wildflower Garden Workday** BBG 8:00 – 11:00 A.M. John Manion 414.3985 or jmanion@bbgardens.org

Aug 12 **Cocktails in the Gardens** BBG 9:30 – 11:30 A.M. Mary-Bestor Tickle 414.3962 or mtickle@bbgardens.org

Aug 21 **Kaul Wildflower Garden Workday** BBG 8:00 – 11:00 A.M. John Manion 414.3985 or jmanion@bbgardens.org

Sept 1 **IPM Workshop Volunteers** BBG [also Sept. 8th and 15th; contact for times] Tony Glover at 879.6964, x15 or gloveta@aces.edu

Sep 9 **Cocktails in the Gardens** BBG Mary-Bestor Tickle 414.3962 or mtickle@bbgardens.org

Oct 14 **Cocktails in the Gardens** BBG Mary-Bestor Tickle 414.3962 or mtickle@bbgardens.org

Calendar of Events for August 2010

The calendar information is presented in the following order: Date/Event/Time/Location/ Contact Information

"Blown Organics" Glass Exhibition Atlanta Botanical Gardens [through October; features glass works custom made for the Gardens] <http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/events/ListEvents.do>

Chilhuly at Cheekwood [through October 31st] Cheekwood Gardens, Nashville http://www.cheekwood.org/Art/Chilhuly_at_Cheekwood.aspx [also, Chilhuly Nights, May 25th – October 29th, shows the exhibit lighted at night http://cheekwood.org/Art/Chilhuly_Nights.aspx] *Editor's Note: view the slide show of the exhibit at http://www.cheekwood.org/Art/Chilhuly_at_Cheekwood.aspx*

Chocolate Seed to Sweet [Sept 4th through January 2nd] Atlanta Botanical Gardens <http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/events>

Edible Art Atlanta Botanical Gardens [through August 31st] <http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/events/ListEvents.do>

The American Expressionists in the Garden [through Sept. 6th] Cheekwood Gardens Museum, Nashville <http://cheekwood.org/Art/Exhibitions.aspx>

Aug 5 **Garden Tips for Going Green** [contact Sallie Lee for details] ACES, Jefferson County <http://www.aces.edu/gwcal/month.php?yearID=2010&monthID=8&PHPSESSID=3978daec7a3f3d2c28b3a80fe9a1d325>

Aug 6 **Founder's Day/Mr. Bellengrath's Birthday** [free admission] Bellengrath Gardens, Mobile <http://www.bellingrath.org/founders-day-celebration.html>

- Aug 7 **2010 Farm, Home, and Wildlife Expo** 12:00 Noon Chilton County Research and Extension
<http://www.aaes.auburn.edu/researchcenters/chilton/>
- Aug 7 **Workshop: Playful Mosaics: “Can You Pique Assiette?”** 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. [two-part class; also Aug. 8th 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.] Aldridge Botanical Gardens <http://www.aldridgegardens.com/>
- Aug 7 **Tomato Festival** 10:00 A.M. Petals from the Past, Jemison <http://www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html>
- Aug 10 **Auburn Master Gardener School** Auburn U [contact Tony Glover for details]
<http://www.aces.edu/mg/documents/AUMGSchool-Aug102010.pdf>
- Aug 11 **AMGA CEU Fall Workshop** Wallace Com Col, Hanceville [contact Cheryl Jones at 205.429.2931 or cjjones@otelco.net] <http://www.aces.edu/mg/documents/AMGACEUFALL-9-11-10-Hanceville.pdf>
- Aug 11 **Have Lunch and Learn: Culinary Herbs – Cultivating & Cooking** 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Aldridge Botanical Gardens
http://www.aldridgegardens.com/index.php/component/option,com_eventlist/Itemid,26/did,178/func,details/
- Aug 12 **Heads Up Alabama – Psychology Promotes Healthy Living Exhibit** [open 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M., through Aug. 31st] Aldridge Gardens <http://www.aldridgegardens.com/>
- Aug 12 **Cocktails in the Gardens BBG** <http://www.bbgardens.org/cocktails.php>
- Aug 14 **Alabama Women-in-Agriculture Conference** 8:30 A.M. ACES, Jefferson County
<http://www.aces.edu/gwcal/day.php?yearID=2010&monthID=8&dayID=14&messageID=43f8d761ba95595967f65bd114f08c1c#43f8d761ba95595967f65bd114f08c1c>
- Aug 14 **Japanese Maple Primer** 9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Atlanta Botanical Gardens
<http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/classes>
- Aug 20 **Flower Carpet** [155,000 plants; through Sept. 12th] Biltmore Asheville, NC
http://www.biltmore.com/visit/calendar/flower_carpet.asp
- Aug 21 **Apple, Muscadine, Pear and Bunch Grape Walking Tour with Dr. Arlie Powell** 10:30 A.M. Petals from the Past, Jemison <http://www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html>
- Aug 21 **Melon Fest** Noon – 3:00 P.M. Atlanta Botanical Gardens <http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/events>
- Aug 21 **Ships, Sails and Subs** 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon Aldridge Botanical Gardens
http://www.aldridgegardens.com/index.php/component/option,com_eventlist/Itemid,26/did,179/func,details/
- Aug 22 **Seminar: Propagating and Gardening with Japanese Maples** 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Aldridge Botanical Gardens
http://www.aldridgegardens.com/index.php/component/option,com_eventlist/Itemid,26/did,179/func,details/
- Aug 24 **Drawing Trees** [Tuesdays through Sept. 21st] 10:00 – 1:00 P.M. or 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Atlanta Botanical Gardens
<http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/classes>
- Aug 28 **Cooking Demo – Chef Christ Hastings** 10:30 A.M. Petals from the Past, Jemison
<http://www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html>
- Sept 1 **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** [session 1] BBG [also on Sept 8th and 15th; contact Tony Glover for details]
<http://www.aces.edu/~gloveta/documents/IPMtraining2010-promo.pdf>
- Sept 9 **Cocktails in the Gardens BBG** <http://www.bbgardens.org/cocktails.php>
- Sept 18 **Japanese Maple Pruning: An Aesthetic Approach** 9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Atlanta Botanical Gardens
<http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/classes>
- Sept 10 **Open House** [also Sept. 11th, 12th, 17th, 19th; see link for times] Plant Delights, Juniper Level Botanic Gardens
<http://www.plantdelights.com/About/openhouse.html>
- Sept 12 **Kiwi, Muscadine and Fall Apples Walking Tour with Dr. Arlie Powell** 2:00 P.M. Petals from the Past, Jemison
<http://www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html>
- Sept 19 **Cooking Demo – Chef Chris Hastings** 2:00 P.M. Petals from the Past, Jemison
<http://www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html>
- Sep 21 **Chocolate Workshop** 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. Atlanta Botanical Gardens
<http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/classes>
- Oct 16 **Let’s Talk Plants Garden Walk with Tony Avent** [class may fill quickly] 10:00 A.M. – Noon. Plant Delights, Juniper Level Botanic Gardens <http://www.plantdelights.com/About/edu.html>