

The Germinator

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Current Month:



Jan. 17 10:00 a.m.

MG Mtg.

Pgm: A Special Preview of a Yet-to-be-announced Garden
- Tony Glover

Jan. 22 Agriplex 6:00 p.m.
Living Landscapes:
Attracting Purple Martins and Bluebirds to Your Yard, \$5.00

Looking Ahead:

Feb. 21 MG Mtg.

*Pgm: Backyard Birds
By Herb Lewis*

*Feb. 21 8:00 a.m. Agriplex
ARBOR DAY Tree Sale*

*April 6-7, 2019
Bloomin' Festival*

*May 8-10, 2019 Clanton, AL
AMGA Spring Conference
"Party in the Garden"*

ALABAMA GARDENING CALENDAR

From ACES publication ANR-47



FRUITS AND NUTS –Set out apples, peaches, pears, and grapes. Start grafting pecans. Prune dormant trees.

SHRUBS - Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrowleaf, and deciduous. Graft camellias in South Alabama. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.

LAWNS - Soil test before setting up fertility program.

ROSES - Visit nurseries and garden centers to select varieties. Start planting.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS –Plant hardy annuals.

BULBS - Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.

MISCELLANEOUS - Prune winter-damaged limbs. Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely. Cut them back lightly. Keep in a temperature of 55 to 60 °.

VEGETABLE SEED - Plant hardy vegetables, root crops, roots, and tubers in southern-most areas. Plant lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli in coldframes.

VEGETABLE PLANTS - Set out cabbage plants.

2019 MG Class Status

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Currently there are 14 registrations received; we need a minimum of 15 but there is plenty of room for more.

Since classes are scheduled to begin January 30, there is still time to recruit new prospects. Cost is \$150.00.

Anyone who is interested should call the Extension office at 256-737-9386 as soon as possible to get the application process started.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**By Pat Sharpton**

I am looking out the window right now and I see a lot of brown – leaves, tree trunks and branches, soil. I am thinking that in a few weeks some of my bulbs will be waking up and adding some color to my garden.

I made two New Year's Garden Resolutions for 2019 and thought I would share them with you. First I want to keep a garden journal this year. I believe a journal would help me remember what I did and when I did it. Also I would have a place to write my reflections on what I see in the garden as well as a way to collect tips and suggestions from other gardeners.

The second resolution is to try something new and out of the box! I read an article from The Alabama Gardener (November/December 2018) on winter sowing. What got my interest was the way the author, Rebecca Kirts, used plastic containers from her recycling bin to create mini greenhouses to germinate perennial seeds. The mini greenhouses were set up in January and left outdoors undisturbed. After a few months Kirts transplanted the seedlings. She reported a 60% success rate. I have some work to do!

I'll keep you posted on progress with my New Year's Garden Resolutions. Happy New Year.

Pat

**General Membership Minutes
Cullman County Master Gardeners Association
Nov. 15, 2018**

(No minutes were received for November at time of publication.)

**Treasurer's Report for November**

Submitted by Phil Gatlin

CCMGAI Checkbook Balance as of Oct. 31, 2018		\$ 10,318.51
Receipts from Nov. 1, 2018 – Nov. 30 2018		
Donations	\$ 15.00	
2019 Local Dues (20)	\$ 200.00	
In-Out 2019 State Dues (20)	\$ 200.00	
	Total Receipts	\$ 415.00
Disbursements from Nov. 1, 2018 – Nov. 30, 2018		
Demo Garden	\$ 263.78	
Education Trip	\$ 333.00	
Spring Picnic	\$ 38.00	
Christmas Party	\$ 32.00	
Postage	\$ 40.00	
Awards Dinner	\$ 30.00	
	Total Disbursements	\$ 736.78
CCMGAI Checkbook Balance as of November 30, 2018		\$ 9,996.73



Treasurer's Report for December

Submitted by Phil Gatlin

CCMGAI Checkbook Balance as of Nov. 30, 2018			\$ 9,996.73
Receipts from Dec. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018			
Donations	\$	35.00	
2019 Local Dues (6)	\$	60.00	
In-Out 2019 State Dues (4)	\$	40.00	
	Total Receipts	\$	135.00
Disbursements from Dec. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018			
Publicity	\$	27.25	
Christmas Party	\$	281.30	
In-Out 2019 State Dues (36)	\$	360.00	
	Total Disbursements	\$	668.55
CCMGAI Checkbook Balance as of October 31, 2018			\$ 9,463.18

2019 Living Landscapes Programs at the Agriplex: A monthly educational series offering valuable information about sustainability in your own backyard. All programs are \$5 per person unless otherwise noted. Registration is required. Visit agripdex.org to register or call 256-297-1044. 1714 Talley Ho St, Cullman, AL.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 [Attracting Purple Martins and Bluebirds to Your Yard](#). These birds can naturally eradicate mosquitoes. Learn to set up houses for both martins and bluebirds.

Thursday, February 7 [Raised Bed Gardening](#).

Arbor Day Tree Sale

The Arbor Day tree sale will be held on Feb 21st at the Agriplex Building from 8:00 a.m. until we sell out (usually by noon).

We will have the largest selection of ornamental shrubs and trees we have ever had and I have gone out on a limb to encourage the committee to provide so many different plants in anticipation of Master Gardeners coming out to buy them. All plants will be seedlings and cost \$2 each. In addition to buying for yourself I encourage you to purchase a few extra to pot up for the plant sale later. Check out the list below and mark your calendars to come in February.

Sticky Notes

.....From the Editor's Desk

By Ellen Hall



Like my new shag carpet? Actually, this is a close-up of the frost on my mailbox on the morning of December 11 (right). Pretty *cool*, huh?



2019 Officers/Committees

Officers: President:	Pat Sharpton	256-734-0295	patmhs3@bellsouth.net	
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Education Trip Organizer	OPEN			
Festhalle Soil Testing	OPEN			
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Intern Mentor Program	OPEN			
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Scrapbook/Historian	Nancy Gatlin	256-339-1190	philgatlin70@gmail.com	
Social: Picnic/XMAS Party	April Kimbril	256-734-7083		
	Alena Cook	256-747-2057		
Awards Banquet	Teresa Goodwin	256-352-6591	plowgirl37@yahoo.com	
Strawberry Festival	Preston and Debbie Doss	256-507-0045	debbiedos44@yahoo.com	
Sunshine	Everett Wier	256-739-8679	ewier@bellsouth.net	
Volunteer Hours	Phil Gatlin or Ellen Hall			

Please contact **Ellen Hall** with corrections.



*Another
Christmas
Picnic...*





... A Southern Tradition?



**CULLMAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC. (CCMGAI)
2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Complete this form and either mail or hand this form and a check to the Treasurer by **Dec. 15, 2018**.

Mailing address: **CCMGAI Treasurer, PO Box 1483, Cullman, AL 35056-1483**

I. Contact Information

Name: (Please print) _____

Address: (Please print) _____

City: (Please print) _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell/Other): _____

E-mail address: (Please print) _____

II. Dues for 2019

Category	Amount Enclosed
Local CCMGAI dues (\$10)	
State dues (\$10)	
Additional contribution to help fund CCMGAI projects	
Total	

III. Please indicate below your preferred newsletter delivery method for the *Germinator* newsletter:
 _____ **Print** _____ **E-Mail** (will be emailed unless you request a print copy)

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