

# The Dirt | October, 2023

Mobile County Master Gardeners



## *The President's Message* by Harry Surline

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, our general meeting speaker was **Dr. Gary Bachman**. He is a retired extension/research Professor of Horticulture who spoke on Urban Gardening and getting ready for fall plantings. Dr Bachman is an entertaining and interesting speaker with an informative slide show. He showed how he uses EarthBoxes and how to make them more user friendly. For example, he raises his EarthBoxes with concrete blocks, allowing him to avoid bending over to tend his plants. His slides also showed a piping system for watering his multiple boxes. My thanks go to Carol Williams for inviting Dr. Bachman to speak to us. We all learned much more about Urban Gardening. For those of us who would like to learn more from Dr. Bachman, check out his YouTube channels.

**Dr. Todd Lasseigne**, Director, Bellingrath Gardens will be our speaker on October 4<sup>th</sup>. His topic will be "Magic Mums of Bellingrath". I had the opportunity to hear Dr. Lasseigne speak at the "Plant Alabama" seminar several weeks ago. He is an entertaining and very knowledgeable speaker with a great sense of humor. Mark this date on your calendar.

**Joel Potter**, Urban Regional Extension Agent, will be talking about "Replacing Winter Damaged Trees and other Tree Topics" on November 8<sup>th</sup>. (Wednesday after 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday). Most of us probably can use this information after our last December and March freezes.

### *On The Same Page Workshops*

**Jack LeCroy** has been presenting workshops on things every Master Gardener, new, old, or intern, should know. The workshop is from 10:30 to 11:30 on Friday mornings. If you haven't been coming, I encourage you to attend. I was in the Class of 2018, and I am astounded by the information I have either forgotten or never knew. I am learning this information from Jack in these workshops. I encourage you to come and spend an hour learning with us.

Remaining On the Same Page classes are:

September 29<sup>th</sup> – How to recommend chemicals to a client.

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Working in the community. What counts for hours and what does not.

October 13<sup>th</sup> – DREAM Garden Workday

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Common Homeowner Questions and Solutions

October 27<sup>th</sup> – The True Meaning of Organic

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – What does it mean to be a Master Gardener?

### **Bus Trip to Auburn University**

Our bus trip is on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The MCMG fare is \$25 per seat. As of **September 22**, there are 15 seats still

## MCMG Officers

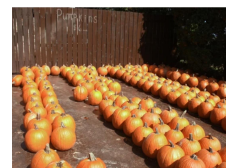
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available, so please reserve your seat as soon as possible. We will tour the Freight Farm, an automated hydroponic vegetable growing facility. The tour will continue with a visit to Auburn's Roof Top Garden, lunch will be on your own at the Hey Day Market, and then we will tour the Auburn Arboretum. We then quickly journey to Opelika for shopping at Botanic [ShopBotanic – OF AND FOR THE EARTH](#).

### Volunteers

We are approaching the end of year and we need everyone to get their volunteer hours logged. **Theresa Davidson** has made it easy to find volunteer activities:

- Signup sheets are available at our monthly meetings and at Intern Classes.
- *The Dirt*: "In the Loop": Monthly listings of activities and their categories
- <https://www.acesagmg.site/volunteer.php> Open the Volunteer tab and activities are listed.
- <https://www.acesagmg.site/calendar.php> Open the Calendar Tab and click on magnifying glass and activities are listed by date.

The categories that are currently used for documenting hours may change substantially on January 1, 2023. *I recommend that everyone log their 2023 hours before January 1.*

A sad commentary, only about half of our Master Gardeners are reporting hours. If you haven't volunteered or logged your hours, please volunteer, and log your hours before the end of year. If you have forgotten how to log hours, call me (251-605-4667).

Remember, your hours report helps determine our level of staffing and funding we receive for our MG programs.

Continued below...

### ~~~~~Harry's Corner~~~~~

**Riddle for September** No one submitted the answer to last month's riddle!  
*What do you call a **stolen** yam? A hot potato!*

**Riddle for October**  
What runs around a garden and never moves?

**Joke**  
I've started to plant my herbs in alphabetical order. People ask me how I find the time. I tell them "It's next to the sage."

Send your answer to the gardening question to [h.surline@gmail.com](mailto:h.surline@gmail.com).  
All Photo sources: Mobile County Master Gardeners.

**Editor's Note:** Recently an unofficial survey, Part 1, was sent out to the Master Gardener membership asking recipients specifically what was being done to encourage pollination in their respective landscapes. Part 2 outlined what has and is still causing ongoing pollinator trouble, and Part 3 below focuses on local, state, and national legislative response.



### Polli-Nation, Part 3

Previous newsletter articles highlighted how several Master Gardeners populate their landscapes with pollinator-friendly plants and what has caused pollinator

trouble, largely due to climate changes and pesticides. This month Polli-Nation Part 3 focuses on governance, legislative recognition, and potential resolution of the problem.

Gardeners and citizen scientists are well aware of the need for pollinators, and now voting constituents are alerting local, state, and federal legislators of the need for a healthy and biodiverse ecosystem.

Locally in many regions, citizens are banding together and promoting smaller moves forward. Example, in New York small towns are under the Historic Birds and Bees Protection Act. This legislation bans pollinator-killing pesticides like the earlier mentioned neonicotinoids. Other Northeastern communities are also promoting the same bans, and along with lobby organizations such as Pollinator Pathway, there is hope that the bans reach the multi-state level.

A piece of legislation originating in the northeastern states is the Pollinator-Friendly Plant Labeling Act (S 2199) (modeled after the Organic Foods Production Act that created organic labeling) would require the Department of Agriculture to create a certification program for plant producers to certify that their plants are not treated with pesticides harmful to monarchs and other pollinators.

In Alabama, Governor Ivey proclaimed June 19-25 as Pollinator Week. Some large retail stores within the state require certification that horticulturally-related products sold are grown with Integrated Pest Management practices. The No Comb Law prohibits importation of bees on a comb within the state of Alabama. On the other hand, it is lawful to import the queen into Alabama as long as the shipment is accompanied by a health certificate from the originating state.

Land grant universities such as Auburn are conducting ongoing research at what is known as the "bee lab" headed by Assoc. Professor Geoffrey Williams. The bee lab's mission is research, instruction, and outreach, operating as one wing of Auburn's College of Agriculture.

Earlier in 2023 the USDA advertised for individuals to oversee specialty crops which include honey to operate within the confines of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. Oversight of honey will impact bees.

Nationally pollinators will have the most protection if and when the Saving America's Pollinator's Act (SAPA) is passed. Originally this bill (H.R. 4079) was introduced to Congress in the 2020-2021 legislative year by U.S. Representatives Blumenauer (D-OR) and McGovern (D-MA).

SAPA would do the following:

- Suspend use of neonicotinoids.
- Establish a Pollinator Protection Board to evaluate pesticide toxicity.
- Establish a monitoring network for pollinator status.

The status of this bill is as follows:

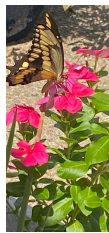
- Referred to Ag subcommittee for Biotech, Horticulture, and Research.
- Referred to House Committee on Agriculture.
- Introduced to House June, 2021—**WE'RE WAITING!!!**

So, what can we do? We have the power of the vote. Contact Representative Jerry Carl: 1330 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC, 20515-0101. Phone: (202) 225-4931. Website: <https://carl.house.gov>.

Series compiled by Barbara Boone

Sources:  
Beyond Pesticides, June 2023  
Pollinator Partnership





Monarch from Lisa Davis



Chrysalis from Carol Williams

## Chronicles by Barbara Boone

So far we have managed to keep the "hot door hinges of Hades" closed and we are soon entering the best season of the year, Fall. Cooler temps and upcoming activities. What's not to like!

The "On the same Page" series got off to a good start on August 18 with new agent, **Joel Potter**, speaking on Common Tree Concerns. Joel, as a certified arborist, spoke to tree diseases and treatments-if a treatment is available. Joel's potential responses to Helpline callers was particularly helpful for when we, who are manning the phone, need to hone in on reasons a tree is in trouble.

Continuing the "On the Same Page" series, **Jack LeCroy** trained a large group of Master Gardeners and interns on using the Helpline from both state and local callers on Aug. 25. Handouts were distributed to all for step-by-step directions. Then Jack followed up on Sept. 1 with another session dedicated to finding knowledge-based resources for the Helpline. Consensus is that both sessions have removed angst manning the helpline for MGs and interns. Note to all: **Cindy Findlay** laminated the step-by-step directions which are located near the Helpline computers. Sept. 8 Jack and **Jacob Kelly** continued the Same Page series speaking about controlling weeds in our respective lawns, and more specifically, assisting clients who call in the Helpline for weed information.

September 1 was also the date for First Friday at the Mobile Botanical Gardens. **Veronica** and **Don Culberson** spoke on "More than Bees: Pollination and the Importance of Natural Diversity in Our Environment."

Sept 6 Jon Archer was the venue for the monthly MCMG meeting. **Dr. Gary Bachman** was featured who spoke on The Modern Victory Garden: The Growing Potential of Small Gardens. Dr. Bachman is a devoted user of the Earth Box which he uses to grow much of his household's produce, not to mention growing excess produce for neighbors.

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If you are like me, you are still being besieged with seed venders in your inbox or mailbox. So, get those seeds and plant with love, waiting to harvest with wonder and joy!



## USA GoRun

### Gardening: Not Just a Hobby

Giving up their time, two interns, **Debra Morrow** and **Chester Vrocher**, and Master Gardeners, **Bill Fink**, **Lydia Criswell** and **Barbara Boone**, manned the Master Gardener table at the 16th annual GoRun held on the USA campus Sept. 16. This event benefits gynecological research carried on at the Mitchell Cancer Institute. The Sisterhood of



Survivors (SOS) support group where Barbara is also a member, raised the most team money-\$4,225! The MG table handed out Extension information, gardening health facts, seeds, plants, and made 14 new contacts. And in the photo below, see post 5K run our own **Susan Hilton**. Susan wears many hats, Master Gardener, ceramicist, and runner, whose team just happened to win best costume.

This annual event attendance is so worthwhile. Hope to see you there next year!



## Master Gardener of the Month by Carol Williams

**Barbara Boone** is the September Master Gardener of the Month because she loves dabbling in *The Dirt*. Barbara, already a contributing writer for our monthly newsletter, became editor for us in January this year. Barbara mastered the challenge of this new technology and adapted her skills to a new format to produce this newsletter every month. Her writing creations also include MCMG articles for our semiweekly *Lagniappe* column and a series of articles in *The Dirt*. Barbara finds fulfillment in her writing for MG publications. Checking past records, as an intern she was Rookie of the Year in 2021 and a Master Gardener of the Month in 2022 because of her many volunteer hours, duly reported.

In addition to *The Dirt*, Barbara enjoys organizing, along with **Cindy Findlay**, our annual Pine Cone Party, producing painted, glittered, and delightful embellishments for our Annual Greenery Sale. She mentors an intern in each class and lends a hand as often as she can in the intern classes. Each year, Barbara, a cancer survivor herself, continues to raise awareness for ovarian and gynecological cancer by hosting a Gardening Health Table at the University of South Alabama Cancer Center's annual fundraiser, Teal to Toe Walk-Run. Congratulations, Barbara Boone, for demonstrating the volunteer spirit of Mobile County Master Gardeners.



## A History of Taco Tuesday

When I was a kid, early summer started my love/hate relationship with fresh vegetables. I loved the fresh part, but hated the effort it took to get those veggies on my plate, especially corn. Bushels of sweet corn were procured by our parents and we kids had to shuck all that corn and get it ready for the freezing process, so it would last until the next harvest. That was a long work day, but me being the wily kid I was, learned how to get out of the hot and sweaty outside shucking step and on to the cooler inside kernel cutting step, because back in those days every corn cob had a **worm**. Yuck! Someone still needs to explain to me the corn caterpillar's place in a biodiverse world.

This summer the last corn I bought from my favorite Baldwin County market farmer was 100% worm free and every ear completely filled out. How did this happen? And furthermore, how did our current corn crops evolve to the point of fewer pests and ears fully developed? This didn't happen overnight.

The history of modern day corn in the Americas began at least 10,000 years ago. Corn or maize was domesticated by ancient farmers from a wild grass

plant called teosinte, which, by the way, still grows in Mexico today. Corn grown in this region during this expanse of time had different characteristics such as color and ease of grinding. The grinding attribute was important to the diets of the peoples of Mexico and further south. Hence, ground corn as the main ingredient in those tortillas for Tex-Mex nachos, quesadillas, and tacos we all love to eat at our favorite taqueria on Tuesdays! Live Mas'!

Even while maize was a major food source in Latin American Spanish-speaking countries, Christopher Columbus transported corn to Europe where it was slow to catch on, as the ears were sparsely filled out and wheat was the dominant grain.

Meanwhile historical records show that Native Americans took corn/maize up the Mississippi River. Over many years breeding took place by Native Americans and eventually was taken over by scientists, incorporating genetics to create varieties we know today which are larger and resistant to pests. So guess what! **NO WORMS!**

"Sin maiz, no hay pri's." Without maize there is no country.

Compiled by Dirt Diva

Source: [Eating to Extinction](#), Dan Saladino, 2022  
www.si.edu Smithsonian Magazine



### Ticks... small but mighty!

Such a small arthropod to cause so many problems. Not a spider or an insect, ticks are mites and can carry a plethora of bacteria, viruses, and parasites. Many of these disease causative agents cannot be cultured microbiologically, so identification is only by serological methodologies. Among the most well known maladies is Lyme disease, which is caused by

a nasty bacterium, *Borrelia burgdorferi*.

Preventing ticks growth in the woods is not possible, so be sure and do a tick check after a nature walk. In your own back yard, you can do the following:

1. Spread diatomaceous earth
2. Use Neem oil
3. Maintain the lawn by mowing frequently
4. Water at the soil level

Also do a tick check here as well, since these mites know no boundaries.

By Dirt Diva

Source: *Morbidity and Mortality*, 2nd Qtr, 2018.  
This Is My Garden, August 24, 2023

## Lebkuchenhaus?

Have you ever wanted a garden storage shed, one like no other you have ever seen? Well, check out the building on the right constructed in the backyard of a good friend who spends summers in a small town in



the Bavarian region of Germany. Looks like a ginger bread house for Hansel and Gretel. Sehr schoen! -Dirt Diva



## Greenery Sale Update!

Planning for the 2023 Greenery Sale has been ongoing for quite some time. As you can imagine, events of this nature require many moving parts for a successful outcome: materials/inventory, classes for material use, recruitment of help, liaison with Mobile Botanical Gardens, ordering, accounting and payment methods, marketing and public information.

There are some Greenery Sale changes to be shared now:

- The online Greenery Sale shop will open October 23.
- Pre-order cutoff date will be November 20. **HARD DATE!!**
- **Pre-orders will be picked up at Jon Archer. Please note this change!**
- Further sales will be on the patio at MBG (extra Cuppa Cheer, wreaths).
- Contact Paula Reeves 251-463-4560 or Emily Arellano 251-366-4558 for further questions.

The Pinecone Party will be held November 17 with setup the afternoon of November 16. This year "Pinecone Partiers" will have the option of a Pinecone Party T-shirt. **Purchase deadline is October 20** with all sizes available for \$15. Order sheets will be available soon for MGS and interns.



### Master Gardeners!

It is now September and you know what that means? It means it's time to start paying your dues for 2024.

The amount of your dues is unchanged from last year -- \$25 total, with \$10 of that amount going to the Alabama Master Gardener Association. We have to forward that State portion by **DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>** for you to be eligible to attend any State level committees or functions.

The Mobile County Master Gardeners will have a full agenda for 2024. We will have in-person meetings at the Archer Center again this year. In addition, we will have "Field Trip" meetings on occasions. The on-going revitalization of the Dream Garden, along with the Spring Festival and the Greenery Sale will offer lots of opportunities for you to work with plants and other gardeners. There are a lot of promising and rewarding activities going on for this year, and your renewal of your active membership is only \$25 – **that is a DEAL!**

You can pay your dues by one of two ways this year.

- 1) You can pay your dues online in a simple process with no postage expense. Simply follow steps electronically a-e:
  - a. Go to <https://www.mobilecountymastergardeners.org/>
  - b. Pull down the "More" menu on the right hand end of the tool bar (it's

right before the Facebook Logo)

- c. Click on “MG-ONLY Membership Dues”
  - d. Enter your information and make the payment
  - e. Please send **Catherine ‘Mo’ Moates** an email at [memo366@att.net](mailto:memo366@att.net) to let me know you paid online – it just lets me (**Bob Howard**) know when I need to get to work, but you will have done your part. Be sure to let me know if you have any changes to your contact information – address, phone number, email, etc.
- 2) Or you can still use the old way – just take a few minutes to write a check for your dues of \$25.00 **payable to Mobile County Master Gardener Association** (or MCMGA, for short). Then mail your check to  
Catherine Moates  
1360 Repoll Rd  
Mobile, AL 36695

We are looking forward to a great year for our Association in 2024. We hope to hear from you SOON!



### From the Greenhouse: The Hoedown

**Judy Stout** knows her way around her landscape and how to keep it maintained. To help her do this efficiently, she employs the right tools in the right way. For that reason, From the Greenhouse and The Hoedown highlights two of the items in her tool chest.

Judy keeps a sharp cutting, digging edge with a sharpener that maintains everything from garden implements to her kitchen knives. The sharpener she uses has four belts for different polishing and coarseness needs.

Judy also uses a one gallon, battery powered sprayer that she uses for BT applications, as well as other organic solutions. This spray unit is useful for foliar use on the surface and underneath the leaf surface.

Watch out caterpillars and fall leafy edibles!

Ordering info for the sharpener: Work Sharp Tool and Knife Sharpener.  
Ordering info for the sprayer: Sun Joe 24V-GS-LTW IONMAX 24-volt, 1 gallon Multi-Purpose Chemical Sprayer Kit.

Both available at our favorite online store.

Compiled by Dirt Diva



Sharpener



Sprayer

## In The Loop

by Theresa Davidson



# Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

for Master Gardeners and Interns



## October MCMG General Meeting

Jon Archer Center

Todd Lasseigne, Ph.D, Executive Director of Bellingrath Gardens

Topic: Bellingrath's Magical Mums Display

Wed, Oct 4: 10:00 am; Social Time 9:30

Harry Surline, 251.605.4667, h.surline@gmail.com

*CEU for speaker, MGA/AMGA meeting, .5 business portion*



## October Board of Directors Meeting

Jon Archer Center

Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 am

Harry Surline, 251.605.4667, h.surline@gmail.com

*MGA/AMGA Administration*



## November MCMG General Meeting

Jon Archer Center

Joel Potter, ACES Urban Regional Extension Agent, Certified Arborist

**Wednesday, Nov. 1:** 10:00 am; Social Time 9:30

Topic: Replacing Freeze Damaged Trees

Harry Surline, 251.605.4667, h.surline@gmail.com

*CEU for speaker, MGA/AMGA meeting, .5 business portion*



## November Board of Directors Meeting

Jon Archer Center

**Tuesday, November 7,** 10:00 am

Harry Surline, 251.605.4667, h.surline@gmail.com

*MGA/AMGA Administration*



## Collect/ Wash Greenery for the Christmas Greenery Design Workshop

Monday, October 2, 8:30 am

Auburn Research Center, 411 N. McGregor 36608

**Date Change!**

*Fundraiser*



## First Friday at the Gardens:

October 6, 10:30 am

Troy Weber, ISA Certified Arborist

Mobile Botanical Gardens, 5151 Museum Drive.

acashin@mbgardens.org to register: Free to MBG

members, regular admission for nonmembers



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### **On the Same Page: Workshops for MCMG's**

Jon Archer Center

Jack LeCroy, 251.574.8445, [jml0003@auburn.edu](mailto:jml0003@auburn.edu)

Fridays, 10:30 am -11:30 am

October 6: Working in the Community-What's allowed

October 13: Dream Garden Workday

October 20: Common Homeowner Questions/Solution

October 27: The True Meaning of Organic

CEU



### **Monthly Garden Zoom Class**

Jack LeCroy

3rd Thursday of the month, 6-7 pm, October 19

Diane Anthony, [jda0002@aces.edu](mailto:jda0002@aces.edu), 251.574.8445 or

[www.aces.edu/go/gardenzoom](http://www.aces.edu/go/gardenzoom) to register

CEU



### **Annual Bus Trip**

Auburn University

Wednesday, October 18, 6:00 am – 7:00 pm

MCMG Fare: \$25, Register

Carol Williams, 251.367.0473,

[readingweeder72@hotmail.com](mailto:readingweeder72@hotmail.com)

CEU



### **Dream Garden**

Planting Fall Vegetables

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7, 9:00 am

#### **Bring Gloves**

Marsha Stolz, 251.689.5993, [marshastolz@msn.com](mailto:marshastolz@msn.com)

*Education/Demonstration*



### **Floral Design Workshop for Christmas Greenery Sale**

Joyce Petty, Guest Designer, Atmore Flower Shop

Thursday, October 5, 10:00 am, Jon Archer

Cost: \$10, includes all materials needed, except pruners/nippers--Take your creation home!

Paula Reeves, 251.463.4560, [paulareeves7@gmail.com](mailto:paulareeves7@gmail.com)

*CEU for Master Gardeners, Greenery Sale for Interns*



### **Plant Sale for ACTIVE MCMG's only!**

Monday, October 23, 9:00-12:00

Jon Archer Center

Plants grown at the AU Ornamental Research Center

Requirements to participate: Dues up to date, at least 5

VOLUNTEER hours, and wear name tag

**FALL  
PLANT SALE  
OCT 26-28**

**Mobile Botanical Gardens (MBG) Fall Plant Sale**  
Thursday – Saturday, Oct. 26-28, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Theresa Davidson, 251.510.4961,  
theresadavidson80@gmail.com  
*Community Special Project*

The Fall Plant Sale runs for 3 days, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.  
There will be 2 shifts each day: 8:30 am-12:00 pm & 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.  
Greatest needs are checkers (NOT cashiers), wagon pullers, and golf cart drivers. You may work multiple shifts and multiple days!!  
You will receive complete written instructions prior to the sale.

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## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

for Master Gardeners and Interns

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### Prepare Snacks for MG General Meetings:

Jon Archer Center  
Lydia Criswell, 251.610.5543, criswells2@mchsi.com  
*MGA/AMGA Meeting: Add your round trip drive time to the meeting time.*

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### Orchid Society Meeting

Mobile Japanese Garden meeting room, 700 Forest Hill  
4th Sunday of the month (except June & Dec), 2:00  
Lynn Coleman, 251.622.3939, lynncolman411@gmail  
*CEU for the presentation*

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### Gulf Coast Herb Society

Mobile Botanical Gardens 4th Tues. of the month,  
(except July and Nov.), 5:30 pm  
Beth Poates, 251.342.6508, poates57@hotmail.com  
*CEU for presentation*

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### Camellia Club of Mobile

Jon Archer Center  
2nd Sun of the month: Sept. 2023- April 2024, 2:00 pm  
mobilecamellia.org, Camellia Club of Mobile FB Group  
*CEU for presentation*

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### K Sawada Camellia Club

Most meetings at Mobile Botanical Gardens  
1st Sunday of the month: Nov. 5, 2023- March 202





2:00 pm  
Vaughn Drinkard, vdrinkard@yahoo.com  
*CEU for presentation*



### **Mobile Japanese Garden**

700 Forest Hill Drive  
Volunteer your MG skills any morning/afternoon.  
Text Don to coordinate!  
Don Fry, 251.422.8466, don.fry@comcast.net,  
mobilejapanesegarden.com  
*Community Landscape*



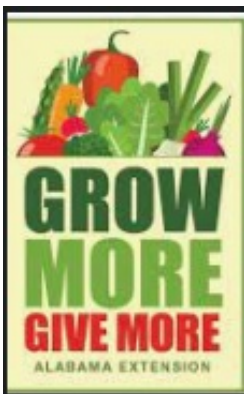
### **Community Gardens:**

Grow More Give More with Mobile Urban Growers:  
mobileurbangrowers.org  
Community gardens in Midtown, Downtown, + other  
neighborhoods, school sites. Search FB "Mobile Urban  
Growers" and Community Gardens  
Carol Dorsey, 251.209.3483, bcdorsey63@gmail.com  
mobileurbangrowers@gmail.com  
*Helping Garden*



### **Mobile Medical Museum**

Robert Thrower Medicinal Garden  
Curating and maintaining everchanging collection +  
gardening with Full Life Ahead, serving adults with  
intellectual disabilities, usually on Wednesdays  
1664 Springhill Avenue  
Carol Dorsey, 251.209.3483, bcdorsey63@gmail.com  
*Helping Garden*



### **Grow More Give More**

Statewide Master Gardeners initiative to encourage food  
gardening and sharing produce  
2 Ambassadors needed: attend meetings, target areas  
for grant development/grant funds fulfillment  
Carol Dorsey, 251.209.3483, bcdorsey63@gmail.com  
*Community Food*

### **Speakers Bureau**

Paul Ezelle, 251.402.1798, paulezelle@gmail.com  
Bob Howard, 251.423.3108, rhoward51@gmail.com  
*Program or workshop for public*



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**Office Manager/Phone Lines/MG Helpline**  
Cindy Findlay, 251.786.4245, cndyfindly@att.net

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**DREAM GARDEN:** Join a Garden Room (**See below**)  
Jon Archer Center  
Marsha Stolz, 251.689.5993, marshastolz@msn.com  
Contact Marsha **or** a Garden Leader to volunteer and  
work as needed.  
*Education/Demonstration*

### **The Gardens:**

#### **Grandma's Pass Along Garden**

Catherine Moates, 251.366.6163, memo366@att.net  
Olivia Reinhaus, 251.458.7383, omcvea@gmail

#### **Native Garden**

Melissa Nichols, 251.680.7779, indigigardener@gmail.com

#### **Shade Garden**

Bob Howard, 251.423.3108, rwhoward51@gmail.com

#### **Vegetable Garden**

Marsha Stolz, 251.689.5993, marshastolz@msn.com  
Mary Ann Days, 251.391.5806, masdays@comcast.net

#### **Herb Garden**

Mary Ann Days, 251.391.5806, masdays@comcast.net

#### **Cottage Garden & Formal Garden**

Glenda Eady, 251.342.4248, jerryeady2@comcast.net

#### **Building Garden**

Marsha Stolz, 251.689.5993, marshastolz@msn.com

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### **Mission Statement**

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