

## MOBILE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

## The Dirt

## President's Message by Julie Conrey

It is November. The air is a little cooler and the humidity has all but disappeared. Soon the days will be shorter. This is the time of year when we as Master Gardeners begin to slow down and take stock of what we have done in 2022. And perhaps more importantly, we give thanks for the many blessings our group has experienced this year.

Mobile County Master Gardeners have had an incredible year! It wouldn't have been possible without all the hard work, courage and patience each of you displayed in 2022. The volunteer activities in which we've worked this year are many and varied. I've seen such a determination in our group to reach out to one another, and our community, to show how great it is to be a Mobile County Master Gardener, and what amazing things we have done to make Mobile a better place in which to live, work and play.

Your Board of Directors has been enormously hard-working, attentive and vocal. We've had close to 100 percent attendance at all monthly meetings. That's phenomenal!

We have much for which to be thankful. When you gather with friends, family members and neighbors this year, please give thanks for our wonderful, and growing group of Master Gardeners.

But before you dig into that delicious piece of pumpkin pie, here are a few reminders:

Please don't forget to pay your 2023 dues. Membership Chair Bob Howard will accept cash and checks. Or pay them online at [mobilecountymastergardeners.org](http://mobilecountymastergardeners.org).

If you haven't volunteered for Market in the Square, please reach out to Bob Howard at 251-423-2605.

Please make plans to attend the Mobile County Master Gardener Year-End Awards Banquet. It typically takes place on Sunday evening, the weekend immediately following the Greenery Sale. We'll email details as soon as the plans are finalized. You won't want to miss the festivities!

As you all know, our 20th annual Greenery Sale is fast approaching. This event is our largest, and only fundraiser. The 'official' sale is December 2-3 at the Mobile Botanical Gardens. *continued on page 3*

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Got Gardening Questions?  
**1-877-ALA-GROW**  
 Master Gardener Hotline



## Chronicles by Barbara Boone



Finally, it's that time of year. It's Fall y'all! Also known as Indian Summer, which means cooler temps and colorful leaves, or in our environment, brown leaves replacing green. However, this time of year also means the Season of the Pumpkin, a squash used for a plethora of items like baked goods, soup, roasted seeds, and let's not forget the quintessential scary Halloween Jack 'o' Lantern, and what has become synonymous with Fall, the Pumpkin Spice Latte, which is basically barista-inspired coffee incorporating warm spices. While many of us were slurping down PSLs, here is what MGs have been up to.

September 17 the USA Mitchell stadium was the setting for the 15th annual GoRun sponsored locally by the Catranis family. Not just an opportunity to sweat, the Go-Run is a yearly fundraiser benefiting Mitchell Cancer Institute for gynecological cancer research. The theme for the MG tie-in was "Gardening: Not Just a Hobby", meaning an outlet for physical and mental health. Twenty-five contacts were made for MCMG and hopefully an outreach for more next year.

Mobile Public Library Bernheim Hall was the venue for the 30th anniversary of MCMG Sept 23. What a great gathering planned by a hardworking committee! Good food, fellowship with Baldwin County membership, acknowledgment by Connie Hudson, Mobile County Commissioner President and a rousing game of "Stump the Master Gardener" with both Baldwin and Mobile MGs as contestants and John Olive as game facilitator. Lots of fun and a learning opportunity for all! And we can't forget, the wonderful food prepared by Lydia Criswell's committee.

The MG general meeting was held at JAC October 5. Newly certified MGs were announced: Jim Tharp, Judy Blackwell, and Mary Nash. Congratulations to all! A presentation was made by Mary G. Montgomery horticultural instructor, Emily Dent, outlining the Plant System and Ag Construction programs at MGM. Currently MGM is hosting a plant sale M-F 8a-2p which benefits the school's

horticultural program. Go Vikings! Afterwards Mary Townsley gave a short tech presentation to enhance access and efficient log-in to ACES for all MGs.

Road trip! A BCMG/MCMG bus trip organized by Harry Surline to Jemison, AL Petals from the Past had 29 attendees on the road to the Powell family-owned nursery Oct. 11. What is so obvious about this nursery is that the focus is on education with edibles and ornamentals that thrive in our climate. Drought conditions? Rainy conditions? Problems reduced. Disease resistance? Yes, please. Plant varieties propagated at Petals must make it on their own with minimal maintenance, and, oh by the way, many bloom beautifully in the fall. Thank you, Harry, and our personable bus driver, Marshall Freeman, for a great trip!

Please keep up with Market in the Park, Greenery Sale prep, and Greenery Sale schedules.

As always, plant with love, harvest with joy.



Newly Certified: Jim Tharp, Judy Blackwell, and Mary Nash receiving certificate.



## Master Gardener of the Month - Mary Ann Nash by Harry Surline

Our Master Gardener of the Month became a Master Gardener after she saw flyers at the Mobile Botanical Garden. She became a Master Gardener in 2011. She has always been interested in growing vegetables because she grew up on a farm in Chilton County. She started working in the Dream Garden and was assigned to the vegetable section by Marsha Stolz. Being a Master Gardener has met all her expectations and she enjoys being a Master Gardener very much.

Mary Ann started teaching English at Auburn University and when she moved to Mobile, began teaching English at Southwest Technical which is now Bishop State, SW campus. She taught there for about 40 years before retiring. Her students desire to learn was one of the things she really enjoyed about teaching at the school. A favorite activity is working in the Dream Garden vegetable section. Now she is also working with the herbs there. After planting Arugula, she found it one of her favorite vegetables. Not only does she work in the Dream Garden, but when she goes home, she has three raised beds and several large-diameter pots for raising vegetables.



Master Gardener of the Month  
Mary Ann Nash with V.P. Harry Surline

Mary Ann enjoys that she can be outside in the garden more often. She likes being around people that enjoy gardening; being around Master Gardeners has been one of the most enjoyable things in her life.

Outside of the Dream Garden, Mary Ann sings in the choir at the Springhill Avenue Methodist Church where she sang the tenor until they needed someone to sing the alto. She has two grandsons and a great-granddaughter that she is proud of. Congratulations, Mary Ann on being the Mobile County Master Gardener of the Month.

### President's Message *continued from page 1*

If you'd like to order fresh greenery products early, you may do so at [mbgrebloomshop.com](http://mbgrebloomshop.com). We sell two sizes of fresh Frasier fir wreaths, paperwhites, table and mantle arrangements, swags, small and large mailbox toppers, plus a Cuppa Cheer, a new greenery arrangement this year that's packed full of greenery. It will be a welcome addition to your home or used as a present for someone special.

The Greenery Sale is a yearlong planning effort on the part of the event's planning committee. Planning in earnest for the 2023 sale begins at a wrap-up meeting of the 2022 sale in mid-December. The sale has grown into a large effort with many moving parts. Since we want all volunteers working the sale in all areas to have a great experience, it's necessary to make the Greenery Sale as airtight as possible so the number of mistakes made are few and unnoticeable to all but the trained eye. As I'm sure you can imagine, this takes tremendous time and effort.

Please consult your email for a list of volunteer opportunities with the 2022 Greenery Sale. One doesn't need to design greenery to participate. There are many ways to use your time and talents to help make the sale successful. Every volunteer opportunity listed goes a long way toward making the 2022 Greenery Sale fruitful for our group.

## NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

9:30 Social - 10:00 Meeting

Followed by Election of 2023 Officers

Jon Archer Center 1070 Schillinger Rd. N. Mobile AL

Speaker: Benjamin Ross, Iron Hand Brewing

Topic: Growing Hops in Mobile



**Information: 251-574-8445**



**CUPPA CHEER \$15**

*It's That Time Again*

We have added something new  
to the 2022 Greenery Sale.

Our Cuppa Cheer,  
a downsized arrangement in a  
festive Holiday Cup.

To make ordering even easier we  
have a QR code. Focus your cell  
phone on it, and it will take you  
right to our online order page at  
Mobile Botanical Gardens.

[www.mbgReBloomshop.com](http://www.mbgReBloomshop.com)



Online ordering  
Nov.1 - Dec.1



## Election of 2023 Officers

### We will be voting for:

<b>President</b>	<b>Harry Surline</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Carol Williams</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Karen Ruckart</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Brenda Howard</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jane Finley</b>
<b>2023-2025 Board of Directors</b>	<b>Carol Dorsey</b>
<b>2023-2025 Board of Directors</b>	<b>Earl McLaughlin</b>

### Remaining Board of Directors for 2023

2024 Glenda Eady  
 2024 Jackie Jenkins  
 2023 Ellen Killough  
 2023 Leslie Maycock  
 Past President Julie Conrey

### New Positions

Data Base Coordinator	Bob Howard	New position - requires approval from Board
Intern Notebook Coordinator	Alice Marty	New position – requires approval from Board
Community Outreach	Julie Conrey	New position – requires approval from Board
Scrapbook	Recommend Deleting requires Board Approval	
Speaker's Bureau	Julie Conrey	Recommend move to public information

### Appointees

Newsletter Editor	Barbara Boone
Volunteer Activity Coordinator	Theresa Davidson
Volunteer Hours Coordinator	Emily Arellano

### Committee Chairs/Coordinators

AMGA Advisory Council	Carol Dorsey Carol Williams
Caladium Sale	Theresa Davidson Marion Platt
New Class Coordinator	Dorothy White
Chronicles /Pathways	Carol Williams
Directory (online)	Alice Marty
Dream Garden	Marsha Stolz
Greenery Sale	OPEN
Market in the Square	Brenda/Bob Howard Catherine Moates
Meeting Set Up and Refreshments	Lydia Criswell Mary Nash
Membership Chair	Catherine Moates
Mentor Coordinator	Jackie Jenkins
Office Manager/Phone Line	OPEN
Photographer	Alice Marty
Properties	Catherine McLeod

### Committee Chairs/Coordinators continued

Public Information	Mary Townley
Scholarship	Judy Stout
Ways & Means/Raffle	Jackie Jenkins

Please pick up all pre-orders at the Marketplace at the Mobile Botanical Gardens at the time chosen when ordering.

Friday Dec. 2, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

All items not picked up will be taken to the Jon Archer Center, 1070 Schillinger Road, Mobile, Alabama 36608 on Saturday, afternoon, Dec. 3, at the close of the Holiday Market.

Items may be picked up at the Jon Archer Center. Monday, Dec. 5, thru Friday Dec 9. **7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



*The Mobile County Master Gardener Association, Inc., Thanks you for your support! Your order will provide educational events for the Mobile County public as well as a scholarship to a student majoring in horticulture. Mobile County Master Gardeners is a 501c3 non-profit organization.*

New



Cuppa Cheer  
\$15



Coaster sets \$10. Trivets \$12  
Many designs to choose from.  
*Available at in person sale only*



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## Mobile County Master Gardeners 2022

Greenery Sale is online and in person this year!



Come see us on the patio at the Mobile Botanical Gardens Holiday Market

Dec. 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

or

Make your holiday decorating choices from the comfort of your home.

[www.mbgReBloomshop.com](http://www.mbgReBloomshop.com)

Tuesday, November 1,  
thru

Monday, November 21,



**20"-22" \$30** Frasier fir wreath with holiday bow fits a standard residential window

**24"-26" \$40** Frasier fir wreath with holiday bow fits a residential front entry door

**30"-32" \$50** Frasier fir wreath with holiday bow is for commercial use.

*Choice of ribbon colors for online orders are red velveteen, red, gold, silver and new this year, blue. When ordering online please remember to use the drop-down menu to choose your ribbon. Greenery arrangements featuring more whimsical bows will be available at in-person sale.*



Large Mailbox topper  
\$40



Small Mailbox topper  
\$30.00



Paperwhites  
\$15



Individual Swag \$25  
Matching Pair Swag \$40



Mantle Arrangement \$25



Table Arrangement \$25

Greenery arrangement sizes are listed at:

[www.mbgReBloomshop.com](http://www.mbgReBloomshop.com)

November 1, until December 1, We make a limited quantity of each of our botanical items, so please shop early to guarantee best selection.

Information : 251-366-4558  
[edparel70@gmail.com](mailto:edparel70@gmail.com)



## Meet the 2022 Interns



**Melissa Nichols** Hi, I'm Melissa and plants have always been a huge part of my life. When I found out about the Master Gardener program I knew immediately I wanted to get involved. I come from a long line of herbalists, farmers, and plant people in general. I've always wanted to help my community grow their own food, learn how to forage, and even how to make simplistic but effective plant medicines. I'm passionate about conservation and protecting the biodiversity around us and this often starts in our own backyards! I'm excited about all I'm going to learn and be able to share with others.



**Carol Mackey**

I retired in January 2020 from a career in healthcare management. Perfect timing for gardening during the pandemic! I am

married with 2 grown children. One daughter who lives in Mobile and a son in San Francisco. In addition to gardening, I love playing pickleball, am an avid walker and work out at a gym in our Oakleigh neighborhood.



**Brenda Duncan** Hello, my name is Brenda Duncan and I am thrilled to be a Master Gardener Intern for the Class of 2022. I am a retired grandmother, (a title I adore) enjoying all the available time I have. Throughout my years I have always enjoyed the solitude of sitting in nature and enjoying the beauty of things growing, birds singing and butterflies. Even

when living in an apartment, I always made sure I surrounded the place with plants to give the feel of being close to nature. It slowly became a passion. I now have a small yard where I have incorporated flowers, vegetables and herbs when the season allows. I call it my meditation or mindfulness garden. I am very passionate about gardening and learning all it takes to make my part of this earth beautiful. If there is a weed to be pulled...look out! However, I have come to know that some weeds are even useful! I am so looking forward to learning all there is to know about plants.



**Lisa Davis**

Lisa Davis became an avid gardener to relieve the stress of nursing. She decided it was better to "dead head" flowers, instead of "dead heading" doctors, staff, administration, etc. (Just kidding.) I actually worked with awesome people. Lisa's dream in the last few years was to become a certified Master Gardener. She wanted to learn more about the care of plants based on science. Her favorite flowers are caladiums, daffodils, and hydrangeas. She is known as "the caladium lady" in her neighborhood.

Lisa worked as a RN at Providence Hospital for 40 years, before retiring in October 2021. She was a Labor and Delivery nurse for 22 years and then transferred to Outpatient Surgery, where she was the coordinator for Pre op and PACU. Lisa received two leadership awards at Providence.

Lisa is married to Dudley and has two sons, Benjamin and Thomas and two bonus sons, Chris and Destin. She has a new daughter in law, Anne Riley who Thomas married in March.

Besides gardening, Lisa enjoys walking, reading, travel and watching sunsets. She is an avid AUBURN fan!!

## Meet the 2023 Interns



**Debra Shirk**

believes in the impact of volunteerism and education. She is dedicated to enhancing our community through our most valuable asset - people. A graduate of the University of Alabama, Debra has served in the financial industry for 19 years, coaching employees and cultivating customer trust. Debra currently works with professionals and youth nationwide, as a consultant in career development and personal branding.

Her passion for volunteering has allowed her to serve in various roles including fundraising for the ADA and JDRF diabetes organizations, her daughter's school as PTF President and School Board Member and ministries led by the leadership and members of Cottage Hill Baptist Church. She currently serves as a Board Director at Oakwood Swim and Racquet Club.

Debra enjoys time with family, playing tennis, and supporting the local music community. She believes in the therapeutic benefits of gardening and the importance of research-based home horticulture practices. She is a proud member of the Mobile County Master Gardener intern class of 2022.



**Frank Milsaps**

I am originally from Tennessee, my wife is from Indiana. We met in Florida and moved to Mobile in 1988. I recently retired from the insurance industry after 40 years and owning my agency for 30. Pamela is an

attorney in private practice in Mobile. Our son and daughter-in-law live and work in South Florida. I have always wanted to take this course and now I have the time. Thank you for giving me the opportunity.



**Kathy Deckbar**

I'm a native Mobilian and live in the Fowl River area. After earning a business degree from USA, I worked in human resources until retiring in 2016. My husband Rick and I enjoy travelling, exploring the National Parks, boating and

scuba diving.

Gardening has been a hobby for many years. My live oaks shaded garden, is filled with all types of tropical plants including fatsias, begonias, ferns and elephant ears. I've also started growing tomatoes, green peppers, jalapeno peppers, sweet potatoes and herbs.



**Karen Simmons**

was a Certified Public Accountant for 25 years. She sold her CPA firm in 2019 and has continued her entrepreneur journey. She currently owns Flexible Benefits, Inc., CFO Consulting Services, Inc., , proHQ Workspace and Runner for Hire. She co-owns Payroll Vault with her daughter and co-owns Marine Exhaust Systems of Alabama, Inc with her brother . They have owned Marine Exhaust since 2017 and this business has been operating for over 40 years. It manufactures and ships globally every day. Karen also owns/co-owns 3 commercial properties. Karen's passions are her faith, her family, business, and gardening. She loves to create, make, & grow.





## In the Loop by Carol Williams

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Date	Description	Contact
<b>Wednesday, October 5</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>MCMG Monthly Meeting @Jon Archer Center</b>	<b>President:</b> Julie Conrey 314.799.8500 julieconrey@gmail.com
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Social Time</b>	<b>V. Pres.</b> Harry Surline 251.605.4667 h.surline@gmail.com
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Business Meeting &amp; Election of 2023 Officers</b>	<b>Treas.</b> Linda Kloter 251.209.6425 lkloter5@gmail.com
	<b>Guest Speaker: Benjamin Ross</b>	CEUs (speaker)
	<b>Iron Horse Brewery</b>	(If bringing food, count hours for preparation and driving.)
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>How to grow hops in Mobile Market in the Park</b>	Bob Howard 251.459.0730 rhoward51@gmail.com
<b>November 5, 12, 19</b> <b>7:30 AM-Noon</b>	<b>Place: Cathedral Square</b> <b>300 Conti Street, Mobile, AL 36602</b> <b>Share gardening information with the Public</b>	(Choose a two-hour shift or all morning.) Community Event
<b>Friday, November 18</b>	<b>GREENERY SALE OPPORTUNITIES</b> <b>Pinecone Party</b>	<b>All Hours: Fund raiser</b> Barbara Boone 251.680.8263 boonebama@live.com
<b>7:30 AM-4:00 PM</b>	<b>Jon Archer Center</b> (A pre-trained team will harvest greenery @ MBG on Saturday, November 26)	
<b>Sunday, November 27</b>	<b>Clean and Process Greenery</b>	Catherine Moates 251.366.6163 memo366att.net
<b>10:00 AM-until</b>	<b>Jon Archer Center</b>	<b>(Wear old clothes and bring a jacket/ rain jacket.)</b>
<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday</b>	<b>Design Pre-Ordered Brochure Arrangements</b>	Brenda Howard 251.423.3108 eeeks89tl@gmail.com
<b>November 28, 29, 30</b> <b>9:00 AM-12:30 PM, 12:30-4:00 PM</b>	<b>Design Arrangements for MBG Patio Sale</b>	Need: designers, bowmakers, cleaners
<b>Thursday, December 1</b>	<b>Jon Archer Center</b> <b>Prepare Patio at MBG Gift Shop for Sale Days</b>	Brenda Howard 251.423.3108 eeeks89tl@gmail.com
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Transport Arrangements to MBG from Jon Archer Center</b>	Bob Howard 251.423.2605 rhoward51@gmail.com (Bring your van or SUV with plenty of floor space)
<b>Thursday, December 1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>		
<b>Friday, December 2</b>	<b>In-Person Greenery Sales Volunteers</b>	Brenda Howard 251.423.3108 eeeks89tl@gmail.com
<b>9:00 AM-12:30 PM or 12:30 PM-3:30 PM</b>	<b>MBG Gift Shop</b> <b>Bowmakers and Order Writers</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 3</b>	<b>In-Person Greenery Sales Volunteers</b>	Brenda Howard 251.423.3108 eeeks89tl@gmail.com
<b>9:00 AM-12:30 PM or</b>	<b>MBG Gift Shop</b> <b>Bowmakers and Order Writers</b>	
<b>Friday, December 2</b>	<b>Pre-Ordered Arrangements Pick Up</b>	Brenda Howard 251.423.3108 eeeks89tl@gmail.com
<b>10:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	<b>MBG Market Place</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 3</b>	<b>Pre-Ordered Arrangements Pick Up</b>	Brenda Howard 251.423.3108 eeeks89tl@gmail.com
<b>10:00 AM-12:00 Noon</b>	<b>MBG Market Place</b>	<i>Continued on page 10</i>

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<a href="http://www.mbgReBloomshop.com">www.mbgReBloomshop.com</a>  <b>Tuesday, November 1,</b> <b>thru</b>  <b>Monday, November 21,</b>	<b>Greenery Sale</b> <b>Easy Ordering</b>	  2022 Greenery Sale Order
<b>WATCH YOUR E-MAIL FOR CHRISTMAS BANQUET DETAILS!!</b>		
<b>MCMG Helpline</b> <b>Thurs. Dec. 15, Fri.</b> <b>Dec. 16</b>  <b>8:00-5:00</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed to Work from Home</b> <b>Two MCMGs are needed each day to</b> <b>reply to email</b> <b>messages from the public asking for</b> <b>gardening information.</b>	Jack LeCroy JML0003@aces.edu  <b>Sign up on our Volunteer Page.</b> <a href="#">Master Gardener Service Report Login</a> <a href="#">(acesagmg.site)</a> Help Line
	<b>Japanese Garden of Mobile Planning and</b> <b>Touring</b> Place: 700 Forest Hill Drive, Mobile <b>Beautifying this community educational</b> <b>garden.</b>	Don Fry 251.422.8466 don.fry@comcast.net YouTube tour: <a href="https://bit.ly/3bhyKWA">https://bit.ly/3bhyKWA</a> Website: <a href="https://mobilejapanesegarden.com/">https://mobilejapanesegarden.com/</a> Facebook: <a href="https://facebook.com/mobilejapanesegarden">https://facebook.com/mobilejapanesegarden</a>
	<b>Mondays and Thursdays 12:30-3:30 pm</b> <b>Saturdays: Help teach students</b> <b>Community Gardening</b>	Twitter: <a href="https://mobile.twitter.com/mobjapangarden">https://mobile.twitter.com/mobjapangarden</a>
	<b>Community Gardens &amp; Horticulture</b> <b>Therapy</b>	Carol Dorsey 251.209.3483 bcdors-ey63@gmail.com
	<b>Out In The Garden</b>	Brenda Bolton 251.476.1068 brendabolton310@gmail.com
	<b>Classroom in the Forest</b>	Mary Jo Broussard 251.574.8445 mjb0054@auburn.edu
<b>Speakers Bureau</b> <b>Updates on the Volunteer tab or</b> <b>Calendar tab at</b>		<b>Master Gardener Service Report Login</b> <b>(acesagmg.site)</b>
Contact a Garden Leader or Marsha Stolz to join a team.		<b>DREAM GARDEN Join a Garden Room</b> Marsha Stolz 251.689.5993 marshastolz@msn.com
1. Grandma's Pass Along Garden		Olivia Reinhaus 251.458.7383
2. Native Garden (Three volunteers needed ASAP)		<a href="#">Marsha Stolz 251.689.5993 marshastolz@msn.com</a>
3. Shade Garden		Bob Howard 251.423-3108 rwhoward51@gmail.com
4 Vegetable Garden		Martha Stolz or Mary Ann Days 251.391.5806 masdays@comcast.net Jackie Jenkins 251.422.6675 jjackiejenkins108@gmail.com
5. Herb Garden		&Mary Ann Days 251.391.5806 masdays@comcast.net
6. Cottage Garden & Formal Garden		Glenda Eady 251.342.4248 jerryeady2@comcast.net
7. Building Garden		Marsha Stolz 251.689.5993 marshastolz@msn.com



## Fall Market in the Park Volunteers Needed!

Hand out Information and answer gardening questions at the Master Gardener tent in Cathedral Square on Saturdays from October 15th through November 19. Hours of the weekly event are 7:30 AM to 12 Noon. 2-hour shifts are available -- and flexible. October's weather is the best. November gets a little cool but it is still beautiful! Please remember to bring a chair! If you have questions, contact Bob Howard.

Contact: Bob Howard | Tel: 251 423 2605 | Email: [rwhoward51@gmail.com](mailto:rwhoward51@gmail.com)



ACES, Carmen Flammini teaches the art of making "seed bombs" consisting of wildflower seeds for pollinators. First annual Half-Earth Day celebration at the GulfQuest Maritime Museum. Combined project of MCMG and ACES.



Candy Dolan seminar at Mobile Botanical Gardens

## November Garden Calendar

### PLANTING

- Plant shrubs and trees after the soil cools.
- Plant summer-blooming perennials: irises, daylilies, and daisies.
- Plant winter and spring annuals: pansies, pinks, flowering cabbage and kale.

ROOT ROSE CUTTINGS AND OTHER WOODY ORNAMENTALS.

### PRUNING

- Remove dead limbs and lightly prune evergreen shrubs.
- Cut off tops of brown perennials; leave roots in the soil.
- Do not prune spring-flowering shrubs such as azaleas, hydrangeas, mock oranges, spireas, and flowering quince because flower buds are already forming.

DELAY PRUNING OF MOST TREES AND SHRUBS UNTIL FEBRUARY SINCE ANY NEW GROWTH STIMULATED BY PRUNING MAY BE KILLED BY A SUDDEN FREEZE.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Put leaves and spent annuals into your compost bin.
- Add mulch to your garden and all ornamental beds for winter protection.
- Repair and sharpen garden tools; store with a light coating of oil to prevent rusting.

BUILD BIRD FEEDERS AND HOUSES.

### BLOOMING

IMPATIENS, CANNAS, ROSES, WITCH HAZEL, GERBER DAISIES, SWEET OLIVES, CAMELLIAS, SASANQUAS, JAPANESE PLUMS, AND POINSETTIAS.

### FRUITING

Dogwoods, pyracanthas, yaupons, Chinese hollies.

## Pine Cone Party November 18

As this weather is so enjoyable at the moment our requests for 'gathering and collecting' is once again being asked from you all! The items listed are requested for many of our various holiday activities and items we sell at our biggest fundraiser- The Greenery Sale! Please begin gathering the items listed below. These items should be in clean, dry and undamaged condition. We have a plastic bin at the Jon Archer Center, in the large auditorium on the stage behind the curtain. I am putting a sign up at the location.

As always we thank you so much and hope you plan on attending the Pine Cone Party on Friday, November 18th at 8:00 am at the Jon Archer Ag. Center. If there are any questions or concerns

please feel free to contact us.

- Sweet gum balls (dried preferred)
- Sycamore balls (dried preferred)
- Larger acorns with 'cups' attached
- Real small and small unusual pine cones, 1-2 inches tall
- 3-3.5" nicely shaped cones (for greenery arrangements)
- Dried okra pods - Dried magnolia pods, even with red seeds - Any other dried seed heads that are sturdy and attractive!

Cindy Findlay  
[cndyfndly@att.net](mailto:cndyfndly@att.net)

Barbara Boone  
[boonebama@live.com](mailto:boonebama@live.com)



Dr. James DelPrince of Mississippi State Extension, hosted a floral greenery design workshop at the Jon Archer Center Thursday, October 27.

Participants learned how to make a long lasting fresh arrangement using greenery found in their yard.

This event is part of the run-up to the 20th annual Greenery Sale, December 2nd 9:00 to 3:00 and 3rd 9:00 to 12:00 at Mobile Botanical Gardens.

Orders may be placed at:  
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