

Hello my Gardening friends,

I do hope you are all doing well. We are fast approaching the holidays. I am a fan of them especially with the grandchildren. There are some people who will be without food, warm clothing or a special someone. Please remember those people. If you can donate, please give to your favorite charity. If you can give of your time, please call and offer your help. This is what the holidays are about, a time of giving.



I am thankful for each of you. Many thanks for those Master Gardeners who stepped up and helped at Landmark Park during the month of October and November. I know Tom Boyle, Lucy Edwards and William Holman appreciate your help.

I am thankful our association can give back to the community. At our October Monthly meeting we handed money to Landmark Park and Aunt Katie's Community Garden. William Holman and Michael Jackson took a moment thanking Master Gardeners for our continued support and generosity. Dothan Area Botanical Gardens and Vaughn Blumberg were not present. We do hope they can join us for our November Monthly Meeting. We also gave to the Auburn Scholarship fund.

Since the plant sale I attended Fall Extravaganza which was held in Alexander City. Quite a few Master Gardeners from the Wiregrass area were there. The speakers were wonderful. I really enjoyed Felder Rushing and Chris VanCleave. I attended the Landscape Design classes at Auburn University the following week. Thanks to Rita Moore for letting me know about those classes. If you get a chance to go to the landscape design classes, please do. One of my favorite speakers was Dr. Dave Williams. I had the pleasure of introducing him at the 2017 Fall Seminar in Auburn. He was the first State Coordinator for the Master Gardeners. He continues to support Master Gardeners. He came and spoke at our State Conference in Dothan last year. I was very thankful I could attend all three events.

It is that time of year to send in your dues. Dues for most of us are still twenty dollars. If you are not sure how much you owe please check with Tom Boyle, our membership chair.

We have some work we need to get finished before the cold weather takes a hold of us. Please check your schedule and come out to our area at the gardens (DABG). We need some hoop house repairs. We also need to move plants in these areas before winter.

Thank you all for your support and help! I hope you each have a very wonderful Thanksgiving!

Life is a garden, dig it!

Devonne



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Fall

GARDEN CHECKLIST



November

FRUITS AND NUTS

- ✓ Select sites for plantings.
- ✓ Start mulching strawberries, blackberries, and grapes.

SHRUBS

- ✓ Plant shrubs, trees, and vines.

ROSES

- ✓ Get rose planting underway.
- ✓ Use a soil test as a basis for fertilization.
- ✓ Look for new varieties.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

- ✓ Plant hardy annuals such as larkspur, poppies, pansies, anchusa, and candytuft.
- ✓ Get sweet peas into the ground.

BULBS

- ✓ Continue spring bulb planting.
- ✓ Put lilies of the valley in a shady place.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ✓ Plant screen plantings for privacy on the patio.

VEGETABLE SEED

- ✓ Plant cabbage and lettuce in the cold frame.

LAWNS

- ✓ Have you thought about having a green lawn this winter? It's time to overseed.
- ✓ Use proper herbicide to kill germinating winter weeds.

December

FRUITS AND NUTS

- ✓ Plant young pecan and other deciduous fruit trees and grapes.
- ✓ Select budwood.
- ✓ Start dormant pruning of established fruits.
- ✓ Protect all young trees from rabbit damage by placing wire around the base of the tree.
- ✓ Put on dormant oil sprays for scale.

SHRUBS

- ✓ Planting is still the main activity but delay in case of freezing weather

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

- ✓ Plant hardy annual seed without delay. Have you tried violas?

ROSES

- ✓ Add plants to rose garden.
- ✓ Mulch all plantings.

BULBS

- ✓ Continue spring bulb planting

MISCELLANEOUS

- ✓ Shrubs, trees, and indoor plants make excellent gifts.

LAWNS

- ✓ Control wild garlic, chickweed, Poa annua, dandelion, and other weeds.
- ✓ Read label on each package of weed killer used.





November 14..... WMGA BOD Meeting @ DABG, 9:30 pm
November 14..... Lunch 'n Learn—Holiday Decorating, 12 noon
November 21..... WMGA Monthly meeting @ HPUMC, 6 pm
December 3 Decorating workshop, Landmark Park, 1-4 pm

*Do you have an event you'd like added to our monthly calendar?
If so, send it to Jane Klosky (jane.klosky@icloud.com)*

Back by Popular Demand

DABG's Gardens A-Glow has become one of the favorite Holiday Season events in the Wiregrass!

Stroll through the Gardens on any Friday evening between Thanksgiving and Christmas between 5 pm and 8 pm and enjoy the many festive lights and displays. Have a cookie and hot chocolate. Visit with Santa Claus. Enjoy seasonal music and entertainment. Pets on a leash are welcome.

Cost is \$5 per person over 5 years of age. Flashlights are recommended especially for children who will want to find all of the hidden objects.

Dates: November 24, December 1, December 8, December 15, December 22



Lunch 'n Learn—Holiday Decorating

Don't miss our last Lunch 'n Learn program for 2017. Just in time for the holidays, the November program will cover the topic of *Holiday Decorating*. Get a jump on your holiday decorating and get some great ideas by attending the November 14th Lunch 'n Learn. Grab a friend and bag lunch and meet us at the Houston-Love Memorial Library @ 12 noon. Drinks are provided.

Thanks to Carol Hardin and Dale Shaw for planning such great programs.

Free Vegetable Plants

Helen-Sue has some Broccoli (Waltham, De Cicco and Calabrese) and Cabbage (Brunswick and Golden Acre) and Red Russian Kale PLANTS. First come first served. Contact Helen-Sue to make arrangements to get them. She can bring them to the meeting. If you want some, email her at hsdekemp1@Juno.com and let her know how many and what variety you'd like.



WIREGRASS MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION presents

2018 Lunch & Learn



January 2 & February 7

A Year of Gardening—what,
when & where to plant

March 6

Landscaping

April 3

Container Gardening

May 1

Succulents & Houseplants

June 5

Pest Control

September 4

Herbs

October 2

Native Plants



Bring a LUNCH
&
bring a Friend!
Free Admission—
Drinks Provided

12–1 pm

Community Room

Houston-Love Memorial Library

445 North Oates Street

Dothan, AL

For More Details Contact the
Houston County Extension
Office (334) 794-4108



2018 Dues Are Due Now

It's time to renew your WMGA membership. The WMGA membership dues for 2018 remain the same as last year – \$20.00. \$10 covers local dues and \$10 for state dues. Dues must be paid by December 1, 2017 so that WMGA can meet the AMGA due date of January 1, 2018. Dues for any member who has AMGA Life Memberships remains at \$10.00 and due and payable on December 1st.

Checks are preferable as it is a record for you and WMGA. Please give them to Connie Ford, WMGA Treasurer (334-406-9559). Questions? Contact Tom Boyle, Membership Chair, @ BoyleT@graceba.net.

All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series

Don't Let Bed Bugs Hamper Your Vacation Plans

Holiday travel plans often involve nights spent away from home. Learn practical tips for identifying signs of bed bugs before they hitch hike home with you. On December 1st (1 pm CST) tune in when Alan Brown, ABC Home & Commercial Services, Austin, TX will discuss ways that travelers can detect and avoid bed bug infestations.



Moderated by Taylor Vandiver and Marcus Garner, Regional Extension Agents, Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

<https://learn.extension.org/events/2851>

Note: on December 1, the link to the live webinar opens about 15 minutes before the webinar. If you try to log in earlier, you will get an error message.

Spring Gardening Begins Now

Successful gardens begin with the right soil. Now is a great time to prepare for your spring garden by sending in sample soil for testing. Full details and instructions are available on the ACES website.

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-0006-A/ANR-0006-A.pdf>

A little preparation will yield those beautiful vegetables or plants that we all want in our gardens.



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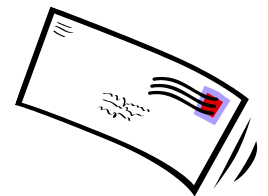
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