

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners,

Well...I was certainly hoping that the heat and humidity would have decreased by now...but...the First Day of Fall is coming!! Keep your fingers crossed that it will be at least below 90 degrees that day!

Do you have the Fall Plant Sale on your calendar? **Saturday, September 28** from 8:00 until noon. Are you signed up to help out? If not, please contact me or Devonne. As I announced at the August WMGA meeting, we will not be holding a pre-sale for Master Gardeners. The Plant Parents want to have their areas looking beautiful and full when the "doors" open to the public at 8:00 a.m.!

Please talk with everyone you know and see about the upcoming 2020 Master Gardener class: Wednesdays, January 15 through April 8, from 8:30 until 12:30. As you all know, it is a great course, taught by such knowledgeable teachers. And the interns have the opportunity to also spend time with us!!

I've heard a lot lately about those in our Master Gardener family who are struggling - physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Some are caring for loved ones who are facing medical challenges. Please, when you say your prayers or send good thoughts to all you love, include those in our MG family. It will mean everything to them.

I know I don't say this to each of you personally, but I am so very grateful to be part of an organization that cares so much about its members. Thank you for reaching out to those who need to be lifted up. Thank you for being so kind to each other.

One song that Louis Armstrong sings keeps going through my head: I see trees of green, red roses too; I see them bloom for me and you. And I think to myself what a wonderful world. How blessed we are to do what we do...to help make the world a more wonderful and beautiful place.

See you Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm for our WMGA monthly meeting!

Come for the Fellowship, Come for the Food, and Come to learn

How in the dickens do I post THIS in my volunteer hours!

As taught by the masters - Lucy Edwards and Tom Boyle.

And to learn about the AMGA Awards from Devonne Ellis.

Be kind to everyone, especially yourself.

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- Sep 23 Greenhouse Workday, DABG, 8 am
- Sep 28 Fall Plant Sale, DABG, 8-12
- Oct 1 Lunch and Learn What's Bugging You?, HC Library, 12 pm
- Oct 3 AMGA Fall Conference in Locust Fork, AL, 9-2:30
- Oct 4 All Bugs Webinar: Scale Insects on Ornamental Plants, Extension Office 1 pm
- Oct 7 Greenhouse Workday, DABG, 8 am
- Oct 15 Monthly Meeting, Highland Park Church 6 pm

*Do you have an event you'd like added to our monthly calendar?
If so, send it to Chuck McManus (William.mcmanus34@gmail.com)*

2019 Wiregrass Master Gardeners: Lunch & Learn

- January 15th – Honey Bees
 - February 19th – Yard Art: How to Plant a Chair and More
 - March 5th – Vegetable Gardening with Ease
 - April 2nd – All About Blueberries
 - May 7th – Creating the Perfect Lawn
 - June 4th – Hostas
 - September 3rd – Tips for Designing Your Landscape
 - October 1st – What's Bugging You?
 - November 12th – Growing Fall Bulbs & Making Grapevine Wreaths
- Dothan Downtown Library | 12-1pm | All Are Welcome



Lunch 'n Learn—What's Bugging You?

Don't miss our Lunch 'n Learn program for **October**. Grab a friend and bag lunch and meet us at the Houston-Love Memorial Library @ 12 noon October 1st for What's Bugging You? presented by Beth Arnold. Drinks are provided.

Fall

GARDEN CHECKLIST



September

FRUITS AND NUTS

- ✓ New catalogs will be arriving soon.
- ✓ Start plans for future selection and plantings.
- ✓ Take soil test for new planting areas.
- ✓ Fertilize established strawberry plantings.

SHRUBS

- ✓ Study landscape to determine plant needs.
- ✓ Check early varieties of camellias.
- ✓ You may want to replace those damaged in spring by late freezes.
- ✓ After fall growth is completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

- ✓ Last chance for planting perennials and biennials.
- ✓ Old clumps of perennials may be divided.
- ✓ Plant peonies.

ROSES

- ✓ Protect fall crops of blossoms from aphids and thrips.
- ✓ Keep plants healthy.

BULBS

- ✓ Delay bulb planting in south Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ✓ Clean up infestations of insects on azaleas, camellias, boxwoods, gardenias, hollies, etc.
- ✓ Build compost bin or box; leaves will be falling soon.
- ✓ Move houseplants indoors.

VEGETABLES

- ✓ Plant hardy vegetables and root crops.
- ✓ Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, celery, Brussels sprouts, and onion sets.

October

FRUITS AND NUTS

- ✓ Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama.
- ✓ Clean up orchard area.
- ✓ Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

SHRUBS

- ✓ Shrub plantings can be made
- ✓ Water when needed.
- ✓ Note varieties of camellias in bloom.
- ✓ Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

- ✓ Visit flower shows and gardens.
- ✓ List desirable varieties of mums.
- ✓ Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost.

BULBS

- ✓ Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculuses.
- ✓ Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ✓ Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds.
- ✓ Loosen mulches that have packed down.
- ✓ Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc.
- ✓ Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds.
- ✓ Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

VEGETABLES

- ✓ Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.

ROSES

- ✓ Continue insect and disease control practices.
- ✓ New rose catalogs will be coming in.
- ✓ Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

AMGA FALL SEMINAR / BLOUNT COUNTY FALL CONFERENCE

GIFTS FROM THE GARDEN

OCTOBER 3RD, 2019
4 CEU's WILL BE EARNED



Sessions

9:00 AM // GIFTS OF COMPOST

hosted by Dani Carroll

10:15 AM // THE GARDEN GIFTS OF TURMERIC

hosted by Tia Gonzalas

11:30 AM // LUNCH

12:30 PM // THE GIFT OF COLOR

hosted by Harvy Cotten

1:30 PM // THE PATH TO A GARDEN

hosted by Linda Askey

General Information

Cost is \$30 and includes snacks, lunch, and all programming

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

Sessions are from 9 AM - 2:30 PM

Location

Locust Fork Baptist Church

30580 State Highway 79

Locust Fork, AL 30597

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REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

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MAKE YOUR \$30 CHECKS PAYABLE TO BCMGA AND MAIL TO
SHERILYN OSBORNE AT P.O. BOX 13, LOCUST FORK, AL, 35097

Barbara Needs House Plants!

Barbara Knight, who is our Plant Parent for Houseplants, is looking for **new and different houseplants**. If you have a houseplant you'd like to donate - or if you'd like to help with houseplants - please let her know. Or just bring a plant to the Nursery (labeled, of course, and include your name). Barbara: 334-446-8846.



2020 Houston County Master Gardener Class

The dates for the next WMG classes are Jan. 15-April 8, 2020, each Wednesday from 8:30-12:30 at the Houston County Ext. Office. Please let your friends know and help them sign up for the course.

Last Plant Sale Workday September 23rd

Our last workday for the plant Sale will be Monday September 23rd 8-12. Please help if you can. Bring work gloves. Everyone can help!

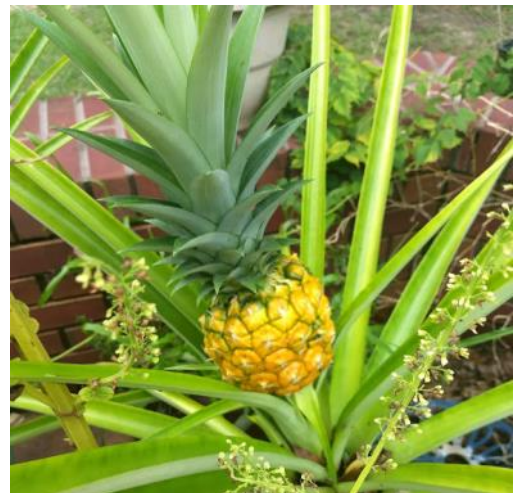


Can you identify this plant?

Here is an updated photo showing the ripe pineapple plant. It was delicious!



August



September

23rd

Plant Sale

Mark Your Calendar!



Wiregrass Master Gardeners
Present Our Annual Fall Plant Sale



Saturday, September 28th

8 am–12 pm

Dothan Area Botanical Gardens
5130 Headland Avenue—Dothan, AL

Are you ready to start planning your garden? Soon it will be time to start your fall planting. We have a wide variety of plants that have been grown by Wiregrass Master Gardeners from seeds (or cuttings) to healthy plants.

Make plans now to check out the many plants we have

✿ Perennials

✿ Bulbs

✿ Houseplants

✿ Ground Covers

✿ Shrubs

✿ Grasses

✿ Trees

✿ Vines



Cash, check or credit cards accepted

Helms Dig



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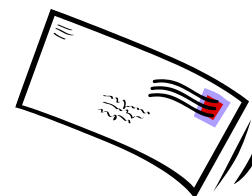
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