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President's Notes by Mary Calvin

It's important to grow natural, blooming food sources that do more than just beautify your space. I use coneflower, sunflower, beautyberry, native honeysuckle vine, bee balm and milkweed in my bird garden.

— Boni Trombetta, Birds and Blooms

We will consider the ties between birds and our gardens as Kathy Hicks presents *Birds of South Alabama* at the 5 Rivers Resource Center for our Wednesday, September 13 general meeting. Please note the location change! This is also the deadline for Wayne de la Rua award nominations.

On Saturday, September 16, Baldwin County Master Gardeners will join the Eastern Shore Art Center to collaborate on the *Art of the Bird*. Please bring pollinator plants to sell. Sign up with Eileen Huisman.

South Alabama Land Trust's Alabama Coastal BirdFest runs from October 4-7, and BCMG will participate in the *Bird and Nature Expo* at Five Rivers on Saturday the 7th. There are many tours to choose from on each day.

We have three new projects in the works. Carmen Flammini and Keith Cardwell will lead a Native Milkweed research project. Mickey Ezell will lead a Weeks Bay Reserve landscaping project. Elmer Vick is organizing a renovation of the Trione Greenhouse at Daphne High School. All of these projects will need volunteers helping out.

We are looking forward to a new season in the greenhouses but will begin later this year, waiting until the weather cools. Consider what plants you have to contribute. Cuttings, divisions, bulbs, and seeds are all useful. At Coastal College we try to

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SPECIAL NOTICE—LOCATION CHANGE—
The September Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, September 13 will be held at 10:00 am at the Five Rivers Delta Center, 30945 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL.

President's Notes by Mary Calvin (continued)

stay with native plants. At Daphne High School, Master Gardeners grow both native and ornamental plants. Once again, many volunteers are needed.

Enjoy the pictures in the newsletter of the many August activities—Intro to Beekeeping, Leadership Training, Master Environmental Educator Training, and Plant Alabama's Garden Seminar. Even when it's too hot to do much outside, Master Gardeners keep busy learning.



Reminder!

The deadline for nominations for the Wayne de la Rua Award is 10:00 AM, September 13, 2023, our September Monthly Meeting Day. You may deliver your nominations by email to HibiscusFiend@mchsi.com, or hand deliver at the monthly meeting.



2024 BCMG Board Position Vacancies by Joni Trusty Euler

There are 4 elected positions open on the 2024 BCMG Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact a member of the nominating committee (Don Richerson, Joni Euler, or Gail Hand) to have your name on the ballot, along with a short bio (BCMG Intern Year and what activities/programs you have chaired or participated as a volunteer). Nominees will be announced at the October General Membership meeting (October 11) and in-person, paper ballot voting will be conducted at the November General Membership meeting (November 8). Per BCMG By-Laws, voting by proxy is NOT allowed.

Position/Duty Description:

VICE-PRESIDENT:

- Accedes to presidency on expiration of the current president's term.
- Presides over all regular and special meetings of the Board and membership in the absence of the president.
- Works with the president and ACES agent to ensure a smooth transition to the office of President.
- Serves as an ex-officio member with voting rights of all committees.
- Assists the president with their duties, as requested.
- Performs all duties and exercise all powers of the president as may be necessary in the absence or incapacity of the president.
- Serves as a member of the Nomination Committee.
- Accountability: The President and Board of Directors.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Board Meetings:

- Keeps a record of attendance and to ensure a quorum.
- Records proceedings of Board meetings.
- In a timely manner, distributes copy of minutes to the Board for review/correction for adoption prior to the next Board meeting.
- Distributes copies of approved Board minutes to board members and committee chairpersons.

General Membership Meetings:

- Keeps a record of attendance and to ensure a quorum.
- Records proceedings of general membership meetings.
- In a timely manner, provides President a copy of minutes for review/correction.
- After minutes have been approved by members, forwards approved copy to editor of "Grass Roots" for inclusion in monthly newsletter.



2024 BCMG Board Position Vacancies by Joni Trusty Euler (cont.)

- Provides copies of approved monthly meeting minutes to archivist.
- Notifies ACES Agent of all scheduled and special board and general membership meetings.
- Performs duties incident to the position and other such duties as may be required by the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, or that may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- Accountability: The President and Board of Directors

MEMBER at LARGE (2 vacancies):

- Represents BCMG members
- Acts in an advisory capacity and performs other duties as directed by the president.
- Preferably has held office and/or a committee chairperson position.
- Accountability: The President and Board of Directors.

Board members are required to sign a Conflict of Interest Agreement Form. The Conflict of Interest Policy is 4 pages. Please contact Joni Euler (email: past.pres@baldwinmastergardeners.com) if you want a copy of the policy.



Thank You From Scholarship Students

B.C.M.G Scholarship Committee -

I am so honored to be a 2023 B.C.M.G. Scholarship recipient! Thank you so much for the award. My mom and I enjoyed attending the luncheon, and I truly am grateful for your support as I start at Auburn in the Fall.

With gratitude, Chandler Little

Dear master gardeners,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship that you gave me for Auburn. It allows me to continue my studies in forestry. Thank you for the nice luncheon and for continuing to be a positive light to young people in Baldwin County. Thank you again!
Mary Mitchell Combs



- Jan Pryor on the recent loss of her husband, Schuyler.



Fall Plant Sale by Julian Walthall

Our fall plant sale (for BCMG members only) will be Thursday, October 5 from 10 AM-12 Noon at Weeks Bay. This will be a **pre-order** sale and **only checks** will be accepted for payment. On September 2, a listing of plants from Graham's Nursery in Wilmer will be emailed to our membership. Your selections can be turned in at our September 13 monthly BCMG meeting at Five Rivers to Maria Logan-Montgomery, or you can **email your selections by September 16** (the order form will have an email address). A very fine Plant Selection Task Force chaired by Maria Logan-Montgomery and including Dolores Hammack, Karon Pennington, and Maurine Krison has picked out a tremendous selection of plants, native and otherwise, shrubs, and trees. Our selections are modestly priced, lower than commercial prices, to provide a perk for BCMG members. You will need to pick up and pay for your selections by check on October 5. Arrange to have a fellow BCMG member pick up for you if you are not available, or otherwise, you may contact me for assistance – Julian Walthall, chairperson, Fall Plant Sale.



September Monthly Meeting Notice

The September monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 13 will be held at the 5 Rivers Delta Center. The Speaker is Kathy Hicks who has worked at 5 Rivers since 2013 as an Educator. She is also a well-known photographer in Baldwin County. Her talk title is *Birds of Southern Alabama*. The talk starts at 10:00 am. The business meeting starts after her talk. Please bring food to add to the refreshment table in the lobby. There will be no food in the theater. Please look at a GPS map to ensure you can find the location. The entrance to 5 Rivers is directly across from the Meaher State Park entrance. To make the turn easier to find, there will be a couple of wonderful Master Gardeners stationed at the entrance on the causeway (Hwy 98) with a Master Gardeners sign. The meeting will be held in the *air-conditioned* theater next to the main building. There will be another wonderful MG directing you to the theater when you arrive at the parking lot.

Five Rivers Delta Center
30945 Five Rivers Blvd.
Spanish Fort, AL 36527



Master Environmental Educators

The Alabama County Extension System (ACES) once a year teaches a Master Environmental Education (MEE) class to volunteers from the public. The two days of classes teach seven different Environment focused topics. The trained volunteers will present these topics to school students and community groups in Baldwin County. The lessons address some of the most critical environmental issues facing Baldwin County. For more information on the program, see www.aces.edu/counties/Baldwin. At the top of the page type in "Master Environmental Education".

The classes were very informative and well organized. One of the highlights on the second day was a tour of the Baldwin County Solid Waste Department in Summerdale which performs waste disposal and recycling for our area.

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Master Environmental Educators (continued)

The five Master Gardeners who took the classes and are now Master Environmental Educators are: L to R: Tiffany Griffin, Liz Wojtaszek, Sheryl Bly, Mickey Ezell, and Beth Robinson.



September Birthdays



- 9-1 Veronica Herndon
- 9-1 Anita O'Connor
- 9-5 Myra Lassere
- 9-6 Ken Cooper
- 9-7 Janet Davis
- 9-7 Marilyn Mannhard
- 9-7 Theresa Sims
- 9-8 Sharon Thoele
- 9-11 Charlotte Croft
- 9-13 Linda Bizzell
- 9-16 Jill Boyles
- 9-17 Donna Greene
- 9-19 Becky Estes
- 9-19 Tampa Sykora
- 9-21 Maureen Krison
- 9-22 Pam Tucker
- 9-23 Marian Porter
- 9-26 Ed Pickle
- 9-27 Celia Young
- 9-27 Diane Roberson-Hill

Life...is all about the Journey.



Let's Get Growing With BCMG by Andreu Riebe

Unlock the Secrets of Successful Gardening with Mulches: Join us on September 19th at 1 p.m.!

We are thrilled to invite you to the next installment of our “Let's Get Growing with Baldwin County Master Gardeners” webinar series. Please mark your calendars for **September 19th at 1:00 p.m.** as we delve into the fascinating world of mulches with our distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott, PhD.

About Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott:

Dr. Chalker-Scott is a renowned Professor and Extension Urban Horticulturist at WSU PREC (Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center). With her extensive knowledge and experience, she has become a trusted authority on sustainable gardening practices, particularly mulches.

Webinar Topic: “Mulches”

Mulches play a crucial role in every gardener's toolkit, and during this webinar, you will discover the science behind their effectiveness. Dr. Chalker-Scott will cover various aspects of mulching, including:

- Types of Mulch: Explore the diverse world of mulch materials, from organic to inorganic, and learn which is best for your garden.
- Mulch Benefits: Understand mulches' advantages, such as weed suppression, moisture retention, and soil temperature moderation.
- Mulch Myths Debunked: Dr. Chalker-Scott will dispel common misconceptions and reveal evidence-based practices for optimizing your mulching techniques.
- Mulching for Success: Gain insights into how mulches can contribute to healthier plants, improved soil quality, and sustainable gardening practices.

Our September 19th webinar with Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott will be hosted via Zoom. Keep an eye on your inbox for the Zoom link, which will be shared closer to the event date.

We can't wait to explore the world of mulches with you and discover how this simple gardening practice can significantly impact your garden's success. This promises to be an enlightening and educational event, so don't miss out!

We look forward to seeing you on September 19th at 1:00 p.m. Let's Get Growing!
For any questions contact Andreu Riebe @ Andreu.ar@baldwinmastergardeners.com

Paradise Found by Paula Pritchett

The AMGA Conference will be held at the Daphne Civic Center, April 22-24.

So many things have been taken care of!!!! All the speaker contracts have been signed. Tours and workshops are being finalized. A delightful coastal menu has been planned for the event. Decorations will highlight our theme of Paradise Found. Registration is being organized as well as civic center space. Volunteer opportunities are being discussed. Silent auction items are starting to come in, but we will continue soliciting and collecting. Funds are needed. We will work on that until conference time. Think hard!

Please share contact information of any business or individual that is interested in promoting the work of Alabama Master Gardeners. Thank you for your involvement in making our 2024 conference a success!





Plant Alabama Garden Seminar by Eileen Huisman

The Plant Alabama Garden Seminar in Mobile on August 16th was enjoyed by all that attended. It was held in the Jon Archer Agricultural Center on Schillinger Road.

There were 11 BCMGs that attended. We all went home with either 3 or 5 beautiful plants. Depended upon when your free ticket number was drawn.



**Back L-R: Eileen Huisman, Lee Brady, Wanda Martin, Becky Estes, Sharon Smith, Zetty Bauer, Charlotte Hamm, Teri Shoemaker, and Dr. Jeremy Pickens
Front: Brenda Montgomery, Kay Heinrich, and Deborah Marriott.**



Just a portion of plants from the Seminar.



Meeting Minutes by Terri Wallace

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Calvin at 10:02 a.m. 73 members were present.

Mary welcomed all the BCMG members as well as special guest Mary Burns. Mary is a Past President of our organization. She served in 2005 and was invited to attend today by Mary Calvin.

Tanys Waldron told everyone about our new Pollinator Bingo game which was revitalized by Maria Logan-Montgomery. The game started many years ago through 4-H, and Katie Shepard was thanked for sharing it with us. Everyone is invited to play the game during our break today.

Tanys Waldon introduced our speaker, Jack Rowe. Jack is an ACES Regional Agent, Arboricultural Agent, and Beekeeping Specialist. His program title was *The Buzz about Bees* and was all about native beekeeping. The program was packed with information, and here are the highlights of it.

- 2/3 of all crops require pollination. Along with the honeybee, butterflies, moths, flies, hummingbirds, and bats are also pollinators. 55% of the pollination is done by honeybees. Semi-trucks routinely carry honeybees all over the U.S. to assist with pollination.

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- Bees are entertaining and enjoyable to watch. They are also educational and the work they do gives us products such as honey, candles, beeswax for lip balm, Royal Jelly, and many more items. Honey has been used as medicine for wounds and for wax for 10,000 years.
- The colony's social division of labor was reviewed. There are independent castes and sizes. The Queen bee lays the eggs. The Drone is important for fertilization of the Queen, but dies immediately after the process. Worker bees are the most important members of the hive and live the shortest life span (1 month).
- Various types of bee boxes were reviewed. The ways to get bees for your own keeping is either by getting a swarm, ordering a package at \$95-\$200+, or by purchasing a nucleus hive for between \$100-\$200.

Everyone enjoyed the program and left with great information for working with honeybees.

After a break, the business meeting began.

July meeting minutes – Gail Hand made a motion to accept the minutes, Gina Blakeman seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Calvin noted that Cassandra Rabren was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Mary said our Regions account has a balance of \$30,078.35, and we have a \$20,000.00 CD giving us a total amount of assets of \$50,078.35.

Finance Report – Gina Blakeman: Gina noted that 80% of those needing to submit a budget for next year had done so, and asked the remaining people to get their request turned in. A tentative budget is in process. Gina reminded everyone to stay within their budget for spending, as going over budget requires board approval.

Busy Bee Awards – Mary Calvin: Maria Logan Montgomery received an award for her work with Pollinator Bingo. Zetty Bauer, Sheryl Bly, Mary Calvin, Lydia Chan, Julie Cox, Maria Curow, Charlotte Hamm, Maureen Krison, Deborah Marriott, Wanda Martin, Brenda Montgomery, Anita O'Connor, Don Richerson, Teri Shoemaker, and Liz Wojtaszek received an award for attending the two-day Leadership Training Conference.



L-R: Mary Calvin, Zetty Bauer, Deborah Marriott, Teri Shoemaker, Lydia Chan, Sheryl Bly, Charlotte Hamm, Wanda Martin, Brenda Montgomery, Anita O'Connor, Maria Curow, Liz Wojtaszek, Maureen Krison, and Don Richerson



Maria Logan-Montgomery received a "Busy Bee" Award for creating a new Pollinator Bingo game.

Nominating Committee – Don Richerson: Don stated that the committee is composed of Gail Hand, Joni Euler, and himself. He asked all board members to stand so everyone would know who they were. He stressed that the organization is everyone's club and everyone who is interested in being on the board has a fair and equal chance. Positions open for 2024 are Recording Secretary, Vice President, and two Member-at-large positions. Contact any Nominating Committee member or any board member and let them know if you are interested in being on the ballot. The voting will be by secret ballot as it was last

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Meeting Minutes by Terri Wallace (continued)

year. You must be present to vote. There will be an area for write-in candidates on the ballot, and nominations can be made from the floor. The slate of officers will be presented to the membership in October and voted on in November. All board members will be required to sign a Conflict-of-Interest form at the January, 2024 board meeting.

Interns – Anita O'Connor: Letters were sent to 25 of the 2024 applicants. Carmen, Anita, Jack, Mary, and Don will meet with them to answer questions and to ensure the applicants understand class format, attendance requirements, volunteer hours, and anything else they have questions about. This is being done to increase retention rates as so many times students drop out because they didn't really understand the program. Also, it is hoped they will continue to be active once they become an MG. Those who remain interested will then pay their application fee and have background checks performed. The class will begin on January 18, 2024 with the Mentor & Intern Breakfast on January 11, 2024.

ACES – Carmen Flammini: Carmen said that a partnership between BCMG and MCMG has been established with the Ornamental Research Station in Mobile. A migration garden will be established with native Milkweed with four varieties being cultivated over the next two years. This will be a 2-3 year program and will capture six migration seasons during that time.

Projects – Elmer Vick: There were no updates on projects currently in process. The board approved a new project submitted by Mickey Ezell. It is a Weeks Bay Reserve project. The plan is to update the front of the office building and to redesign the arrangement of native plants. Mickey will be the coordinator. Angela Underwood, Eric Brunden, Mickey Ezell, Moe Nation, and Carmen Flammini are on the planning committee. There is no cost to BCMG for this project. The State of AL will fund it. They plan to begin in the fall and then set up a long-term maintenance plan. Mickey will update us as progress is made.

Outreach – Eileen Huisman: September 16, 2023 will be Nature Day at the Fairhope Art Center. The theme is "Art of the Bird". It will be from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. BCMG will sell plants that day and will split the profits 50-50 with the Art Center. BCMG profit will be donated to the 2024 AMGA Conference. Eileen asked everyone to grow pollinator plants from now until September, and she will collect them at the general meeting on September 13, 2024. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers for the event. Volunteers are requested to arrive at 11:00 a.m.

Mary reminded everyone about the Garden Seminar on August 16, 2023 at the Archer Agricultural Center in Mobile. Teri Shoemaker had a carpool sign-up sheet at the back table.

Fall Plant Sale – Maria Logan-Montgomery: The sale will be on October 5, 2023 at Weeks Bay from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. She is planning to visit the nursery in Mobile to see what is available and will then email everyone a list of plants to choose from. The deadline to order will be September 16, 2023, and orders will be paid for by check when picked up.

Fall Seminar – Zetty Bauer: The seminar will be held October 14, 2023 at the Hwy 104 location. Topics will include Citrus, Fall and Winter Landscapes, Winter Preparation for Flower Gardens, and Bulbs for the South. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Advertising will be done via emails, news releases, and Facebook. Information will also be available at BirdFest.

AMGA 2024 Conference – Sandy Stepan: Sandy noted that there are numerous volunteers working on multiple aspects of the conference. Deborah Marriott (Hospitality) and Charlotte Hamm (Programs) have the most important sections of the conference. Everyone who attends will want great food and a great program, and they will not be disappointed. The costs for the conference are huge with food being the highest. The Steering Committee is working hard to cut costs where possible. She asked everyone to think about fundraising, as it is not going well. Support from major companies has become non-existent. With enough support, this could be a major fundraiser for us. Montgomery made \$40,000.00, and Tuscaloosa made \$20,000.00. Currently, a profit for BCMG looks doubtful. Everyone is asked to please help by contacting those you know in the community who

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Meeting Minutes by Terri Wallace (continued)

could assist us. A BCMG member can be a sponsor too. No donation is too small.

Advisory Council- Paula Pritchett:

2024 Conference in Daphne

Paula asked attendees for \$100 per local chapter for the Silent Auction and to help locate vendors. She also asked for anyone with affiliation with Poarch Creek to help obtain sponsorship.

2025 Conference

This will be hosted in Autauga County at the Prattville First Baptist Church April 3-5, 2025. The theme is “Learn, Share, Grow – Fountains of Knowledge”.

Kerry Smith

Changes are being made in how volunteer hours will be reported. There will no longer be a requirement for writing descriptions. Checked boxes only will be used, and there will be lots of choices. Kerry said there will be multiple trainings on the change which will begin January 1, 2024.

Transformation Garden

Michael Thompson said that individuals may send in name suggestions for the AMGA pathway in the garden. Checks should be made out to AMGA and sent to the AMGA Treasurer.

Facebook and Instagram have a site called “Zooming Zinnias and More”. This is a font of information, and everyone is asked to read the information and share it.

Speaker’s Bureau – Wanda Martin: Wanda has invited the new members from the 2023 class to a training session to become speakers. Three are interested, and she hopes more will respond. The class will include technology help, how to make a Power Point presentation, and anything else those attending would like help with. All BCMG members are invited to attend. Date TBA.

Mary Calvin read thank you notes from scholarship winners Chandler Little and Mary Michelle Conway. Both were grateful for the honor of receiving a scholarship and for the positive influence the money has on the lives of young people.

There being no further business, Gail Hand made a motion to adjourn, Zetty Bauer seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



Award Winners not present in July
Gold Badge—1,000 Hours: Steve Urbanek, and
Silver Star—300 Hours: Jackie Gray



Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 6, 2023	BCMG Board Meeting, Research Station, Hwy. 104, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Sept. 6, 2023	Urban Green: Back 2 Basics Wednesday Webinar Series, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Sept. 13, 2023	BCMG Monthly Meeting, Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, Kathy Hicks, <i>"Birds of Southern Alabama"</i>
Sept. 13, 2023	Wayne de la Rua Nominations Close at End of September General Meeting
Sept. 13, 2023	Urban Green: Back 2 Basics Wednesday Webinar Series, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Sept. 16, 2023	Outreach at Eastern Shore Art Center, <i>"Nature Day"</i> , 12:00 Noon-4:00 p.m.
Sept. 19, 2023	Let's Get Growing with BCMG, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom, Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott, PhD, <i>"Unlock the Secrets of Successful Gardening with Mulches"</i>
Sept. 21, 2023	Monthly Gardening Zoom Classes, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 26, 2023	AMGA Fall Seminar, <i>"Celebrating 50 Years of Master Gardening"</i> , Huntsville Botanical Garden, Nichols Arbor, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave. SW, Huntsville, AL 35805, Fee \$40.00, Deadline for registration: 9/19/2023
Sept. 27, 2023	Urban Green: Back 2 Basics Wednesday Webinar Series, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
October 4, 2023	BCMG Board Meeting, Research Station, Hwy. 104, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
October 5, 2023	BCMG Fall Plant Sale, Weeks Bay (for BCMG members only)
October 7, 2023	Outreach at BirdFest Expo, Fairhope, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
October 11, 2023	BCMG Monthly Meeting, Research Station, Hwy. 104, Alice Marty, <i>"Plant Your Tomatoes Early"</i>
October 11, 2023	Board of Directors Slate Presented to Membership
October 14, 2023	BCMG Fall Seminar, Research Station, Hwy. 104, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
October 17, 2023	Let's Get Growing with BCMG, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom, Shay Lunseth, Mhort, <i>"Organic Fertilizers for Turf and Soil Health"</i>
November 1, 2023	BCMG Board Meeting, Research Station, Hwy. 104, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
November 5, 2023	Daylight Savings Time ends (fall back)
November 8, 2023	BCMG Monthly Meeting, Research Station, Hwy. 104, Sherri Mack, Mack Funeral Home, <i>"Planning a Funeral"</i>
November 8, 2023	Board of Directors Election
November 8, 2023	Wayne de la Rua Voting closes at the end of meeting
November 10, 2023	Deadline for reporting Service Hours for Awards at December 6 Awards Luncheon, 12:00 Midnight
November 16, 2023	Monthly Gardening Zoom Classes, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
November 23, 2023	Thanksgiving Day
November 29, 2023	BCMG "December" Board Meeting, Research Station, Hwy. 104, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
December 6, 2023	BCMG Awards Membership Luncheon, Foley Civic Center, 10:30 a.m.
December 21, 2023	Monthly Gardening Zoom Classes, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
December 25, 2023	Christmas Day
December 31, 2023	New Year's Eve
April 22-24, 2024	AMGA State Conference, <i>"Paradise Found"</i> , Daphne Civic Center

Grass Roots is compiled and edited by Lynn Andrews, assisted by Sam Andrews. Pictures courtesy of Mary Calvin, Loree Hadley, and Eileen Huisman. The newsletter is available before the monthly general meeting on our website: www.baldwinmastergardeners.com.

Submission of articles, items of interest, photos of BCMG events, garden tips, garden jokes, etc. are greatly encouraged and appreciated. Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format, PDF or, if necessary, "rich text format" (*.rtf). **Pictures should be JPG's at least 1 MB in size. Articles and pictures must be submitted by the 20th of the month.** Please attach, not "embed", photos into your email. Send to grassrootsnews@gmail.com.

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Bay Minette, AL 36506



Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023

Location: Five Rivers Delta Resource Center
30945 Five Rivers Blvd.
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Speaker: Kathy Hicks
Topic: "Birds of Southern Alabama"

Social begins at 9:30 a.m.
Meeting 10:00 a.m.



Reminder: Submissions for the newsletter are due by the 20th of the month.