

GRASS ROOTS

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

By Lynn Barnes

Dear Awesome Ones!

What a plant sale! So many plants! So many customers! So many happy gardeners! And so much good service on your part! If you were there at Week's Bay on Thursday you saw what I saw: a huge flood of shoppers all coming at once; many with their own wagons, everyone eager to shop with us! It was an extremely busy day and so much fun! Thank you, one and all, for your many hours of hard work and diligence. We all had a role and we all showed up. It was very fulfilling to be able to answer questions and help people. That's why we are called Master Gardeners! We will get the numbers soon and find out how much profit we have. The plant sale funds all our activities for the whole year so thank you for your participation!

On April 15 there was an optional field trip to Jim Scott's garden on Lake Martin. For those who went, it was a magical experience that surpassed all expectations. Thank you, Charlotte Hamm, for organizing it and providing a van so everyone could be together on the journey.

We will soon be congratulating 19 Interns on the completion of the Master Gardener program. We all know it is a major milestone in one's life to complete this program and be given the real name badge! The learning curve is huge and the time involved is massive. Let's all extend a warm "Congratulations" to each of these individuals.



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

By Lynn Barnes

In early May, many of us will be traveling to Huntsville to participate in the Spring Conference. We look forward to this time of education and fellowship. We learn a lot from each other.

After the Conference in May, we enter the "quiet months" after the frenzy of Spring. We will begin to meet to discuss budgets and make new plans for 2027. Please consider supporting our organization by saying "yes" if you are asked to serve on the Board or head up a committee. It does "take a village" to run Baldwin County Master Gardeners. Remember, many hands make light work. If you have ideas to share with the Board please send an email or text to Lynn Barnes. I'm in the book.

Best regards to all,

Lynn Barnes

THANK YOU

for your time and generosity



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Lee Brady	05-03
Melinda Lewis	05-10
Karen Rhea White	05-12
Shannon Russell	05-14
Marta Stauts	05-20
Sara Roulston	05-21
Elizabeth Wojtaszek	05-25
Maria Logan-Montgomery	05-28
Edward Bradshaw	05-29

Happy Birthday



MONTHLY PROGRAM NOTES

By Charlotte Hamm

Please join us for the May meeting when speaker will be Vitina Feo. Vitina is the founder of Papa Vince and Organic Italy Eats, local businesses based in South Alabama. Born into an Italian family with deep roots in Sicily, Vitina's education in the art of olive oil was shaped by a generational family tradition of farming and pressing that dates back to 1935.

Vitina was inspired to enter the business to honor "Papa Vince"—her family's patriarch, who originally learned the secret art of crafting extra virgin olive oil as an apprentice to the Knight of De Stefani at the medieval Castello of Rampinzeri in Santa Ninfa, Italy. Realizing that the US market lacked access to truly authentic, unblended, and nutrient-rich olive oil, Vitina launched her company in 2013.

Today, she works directly with her family's orchards and local Sicilian artisans to import clean, small-batch ingredients, including extra virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar, spices, and ancient grain pastas. A fluent Italian speaker who personally coordinates shipments directly from Italy to the USA, Vitina is passionate about clean eating, the Mediterranean lifestyle, and helping people reach their health goals while restoring the joy of gathering around the family table.



MEETING MINUTES



By Gilda Underwood

Baldwin County Master Gardeners

General Meeting 4/08/2026

Tom Fortner, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Tom announced he would be filling in for Lynn Barnes, the President, and leading the meeting, as Lynn was unable to attend. There will be a short business meeting today after the educational presentation. Some members are at Weeks Bay Reserve transforming the grounds with plants for the Spring Plant Sale. Lunch at Weeks Bay will be at 12:30 PM.

Tom welcomed everyone and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked if there were any visitors in the audience. The visitors recognized were Beverly Ellzey and Marianne Todd. Tom then asked those with birthdays in April to stand. He continued by asking past Presidents and past Wayne de la Rua award winners to stand. There were 36 attendees that signed in for this meeting.

Tom called on Charlotte Hamm to present our speaker. Charlotte introduced Kim Marsh, who is the curator at the Museum of Loxley. Kim has been employed at the Museum of Loxley for approximately two years, following a period of service as a volunteer. Charlotte announced that last year we had done work with 4-H children at the museum. This year we plan to install a pollinator garden at the museum.

Kim Marsh began sharing her passion for history by presenting the "Legacy of Baldwin County Agriculture". You will be engaged in learning the impact of agriculture on Baldwin County and the state of Alabama throughout history. Baldwin County has been known as an epicenter for agriculture. She began with Native Americans, primarily the Creek Indians, that played a significant role in the region. They had a long history of farming in the Mobile Bay area and parts of Baldwin County. The Creek Indians cultivated corn, beans, and squash, collectively referred to as the "three sisters."

The settlement of Baldwin County began as early as 1717. The French brought with them African slaves to Mobile. Crops of rice and indigo were brought and raised along the Tensaw River. The first azaleas and chinaberry trees were brought with the first settlers.

By 1896 Baldwin County lands were being recognized for great agriculture potential. The farmland was easily cultivated and produced large crops of corn, cotton, sweet potatoes, figs, and watermelons. Farmers were making syrup from sugarcane, and our region was noted for producing watermelons in enormous sizes.

MEETING MINUTES



By Gilda Underwood

Herman Koehler was an early Baldwin County farmer settler in 1906 with 100 acres. He raised corn, rice, sweet potatoes, cow peas, watermelons, sugar cane, peanuts, and pumpkins. Grapevines, fruit trees, pecan trees, and orange trees were also planted. He found if crops were planted right that farming in Baldwin County paid better than in the north.

The landmark building of Summerdale Tobacco Warehouse still stands as a symbol of a thriving tobacco industry from 1909 through 1927 in Baldwin County. By 1911 Baldwin County had about 50 tobacco farms. The chosen tobacco variety was Sumatra. It was shade tobacco that was used for cigar wrappers. The tobacco was sorted by size, color, and condition of leaves. The quality of tobacco was high grade and that was evident by the high prices. Baldwin County was on track to be recognized as one of the best tobacco districts in the United States. The Baldwin County growers experienced the Great Depression of the 1920's with increased land values, labor shortages, and marketing problems causing the decline and death of the tobacco industry.

In the mid 1930's and 40's there were 3,000 farms in Baldwin County with over 700 farms growing cotton. By 1989 there were less than a dozen farms growing cotton. In 1999 a revival of growing cotton happened and today cotton is a primary row crop in Alabama.

During the early 1900s, farmers used a mule with a 7-inch turn plow or two mules with a 10-inch turn plow to cultivate their fields. They would walk behind the mules and plow, covering every inch of land until it was thoroughly plowed. Since the mid-20th century, advances in agricultural techniques and technology, including pest control methods and the introduction of modern mechanical planters, harvesters, and balers, have allowed Baldwin County farmers to produce greater yields on fewer acres. Today Alabama farmers grow Upland cotton. However, in 1906 Sea Island cotton was suggested to grow in Baldwin County. Sea Island cotton was used for thread and cotton goods. It was also used in the manufacturing of automobile tires and gas masks. In 1938 it was introduced in Baldwin County for its yield and prices over Upland cotton. Sea Island cotton brought .25 cents per pound where ordinary cotton brought .08 cents per pound.

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By Gilda Underwood

H C Bartling liked Elberta peaches so much that he planted an orchard. These peaches became so popular that the town of Elberta was named for the peach. On January 6th, 1904, a sign was placed in the center of town that read Elberta, town site of Baldwin County Colonization Company. In 1919 raising peaches was brought to the attention of the farmers in the Foley district in hopes that the peaches would be a good thing for South Baldwin County.

The Tung tree is one of the oldest tree to be planted in the United States and were planted in Marlow in 1909. The Tung tree is commercially valuable for their Tung oil which is extracted from their seeds. In 1939 a mill in Citronelle provided a close market for Baldwin County. Today only an occasional tree can be found.

Gladiolus was a booming business for Baldwin County from the late 1920s to late 1950s. Baldwin County's first commercial gladiolus shipment was in 1927 from Bay Minette by R B Vail. In 1939 his gladiolus was chosen to decorate the White House for the first visit from King George VI and Queen Elizabeth when President Roosevelt was in office. Also, in 1939 there were 60 acres planted that resulted in 7 million gladioluses cut and 150 carloads of flowers were shipped by rail. By 1941 there were 940 acres devoted to gladiolus.

Sugarcane growing became extensive industry in the 1890s and early 1900s. In 1904 syrup making was a profitable venture for A J Hamilton from Styx. He made 1800 gallons of syrup from 1-1/2 acres of sugarcane. Pulp from sugarcane meal was advertised in 1915 as excellent bedding for livestock which gave out very little dust. In 1945, a recorded 292 acres of sugarcane produced 50,531 gallons of syrup.

Originating in South America the peanut was introduced during the colonial period when African slaves first brought them to the English colonies. Starting in 1870, peanuts were used for animal feed stock. The peanut was considered only for the slaves and the poor. Peanut consumption continued to spread, and farmers began to experiment with growing this cash crop. Peanuts were consumed during the Civil War with both the Union and Confederate soldiers recognizing their value. As early as 1911 peanuts were advertised as a wonderful crop that would offer many opportunities for farmers of Baldwin County. In 1942 Baldwin County planted 2500 acres of peanuts to be dug for oil. Going forward in 2023, Baldwin County ranked third in the state for peanut production with 55,960,000 lbs. produced.

MEETING MINUTES



By Gilda Underwood

Farmers were enticed in the early 1900s to grow strawberries, beets, cucumbers, and radishes as Truck Farming produce, which shipped well and commanded good prices in markets. In 1921 Carl James of the L & M railroad held a meeting in Foley to talk about shipping strawberries daily from the area and how profitable it could be. In 1949 Jimmy Grimes, owner of Loxley Produce Company, shipped 16 to 18 rail cars of radishes off 160 acres. These radishes were stacked in bushel baskets and topped with ice.

Pecan trees are native to Alabama and Baldwin County has their share of pecan orchards. Commercial pecan growing began in the early 1900s, principally in Baldwin and Mobile Counties. One of the first areas planted was in Loxley and Rosinton. Early pecan growers planted Stuart, Schley, and Success varieties. During the 1960s and 1970s they started planting varieties such as Desirable, Cape Fear and Elliott. Today most growers plant Gafford, Amling, Excel, McMillan, Forkert, and Surprise which are known for their hardiness and productivity.

Belonging to the mandarin group of oranges and originating from China is the sweet, delicious fruit known as the satsuma. In 1909 there was the first commercial satsuma planting. Dr. W.H. Ludewig planted a 20-acre orchard near Foley. In the next 10 years orchards were planted all over the south. By 1917 shipments from Gulf Coast orchards were 11 railcars, and in 1921 shipments were 190 railcars. On January 10, 1924, newspaper headlines claimed slight damage to citrus groves. One of the worst cold spells, farmers reported heavy losses to their satsuma crop. Temperatures dropped on a Sunday to 6 degrees, then 14 degrees and 16 degrees by Monday. By 1926 satsuma shipping had dropped to 22 railcars.

In the early days of potato planting, potatoes were put in 6-foot rows in the early spring and all done with mules and hand labor. Seed potatoes were cut into about 1" squares and hand dropped in rows and covered very deep. Potatoes were dug by running a 10-inch plow to turn the potatoes out of the ground. Potatoes were picked up by hand and moved, usually by a mule and a wagon. Potatoes produced in Baldwin County were delivered to market with greater firmness, improved uniformity in size, and superior skin adherence compared to those cultivated in other regions of the South. In the early days the potato that was planted exclusively was the Bliss Triumph until the Irish Cobbler variety was grown in Bay Minette in 1911. The Irish Cobbler proved to be very successful with few culls. They grew to enormous size with their yield much greater than the Bliss Triumph.

MEETING MINUTES



By Gilda Underwood

In 1924 Baldwin County farms planted over 4,000 acres of Irish potatoes and was the largest crop of Irish potatoes in history. Between 1957 and 1961 on average there were 15,990 acres of potatoes planted in Baldwin County.

It was not until tractors came into the area that soybeans became an important crop in Baldwin County. In the early 1900s George Washington Carver was a scientist at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. During his time there he discovered that soybeans were a source of protein and oil and could be used for industrial products as well as food. Carver also uncovered the benefits of using soybeans as a rotation crop. In the 1940s soybeans were grown on a small scale, but by 1950 there were 50,000 plus acres of soybeans planted in Baldwin County. In 1960 the acreage increased to 80,000 acres. By the 1970s soybean farming gained real popularity. In the 1990s Baldwin County became one of Alabama's leading soybean producing regions.

In the early days of farming everyone planted corn, breaking the land with mules and a plow. Not all farmers had mule drawn corn planters. Some farmers planted corn seeds by hand, one kernel at a time in a plowed bed about 3-4 feet wide and 1 foot high. In the early days if a farmer got 30 to 40 bushels per acre, he had a fair crop. Baldwin County old-time farmers used corn to feed their livestock and for the dinner table. Some of the corn grown was used to make moonshine. Moonshine stills were hidden in the woods and when the moonshine was cooked the mash was thrown out. Hogs ran loose in the woods, and those hogs would eat the mash and if enough mash was eaten the hogs would be drunk.

During the 1940s Ramie was touted as the wonder fiber originating from China. In 1947 the production of Ramie was discussed as a new cash crop for Baldwin County at Bay Minette Chamber of Commerce. It was discovered that Ramie's fiber extraction and cleaning was expensive.

In 1921 Baldwin County farmers were given a list of other crops: plums, figs, guava, Egyptian wheat, quince, broomcorn, Japanese persimmons, kumquat, loquats and milo. These were known to grow well in our semi-tropical zone.

A farmer's motto is diversification. Baldwin County farmers have grown almost everything to survive and make a profit. At the turn of this century Baldwin farmers returned to growing cotton and peanuts and utilizing Farmers Markets. Sod farms have developed to meet the demand for grass used on golf courses and instant landscaping. The legacy of Baldwin County farming is as old as the soil and deep as the roots from which our crops grow.

MEETING MINUTES



By Gilda Underwood

Kim Marsh invited all to visit the Museum of Loxley at 4100 Second Avenue in Loxley. The hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM.

Tom Fortner, Vice-President, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the General Meeting minutes of March 11, 2026, as published in the Grass Roots Newsletter. A motion was made by Sara Semmes to adopt the minutes as written with a second from Mary Meyer. Minutes of the March 11th General Meeting were approved as published.

Tom informed everyone that he would be making a few announcements. Reports normally presented will be delivered at the upcoming General Meeting in May. Tom then made the announcement that Sara Semmes would be stepping down from her position as the Outreach Chair. Sara has been in the position for two years and has done a good job. Tom thanked Sara for her excellent work, and members applauded in appreciation.

Tom made the following announcements for Lynn in her absence.

- There will be Busy Bee awards given at the next meeting.
- Mobile Master Gardener's Home Garden tour is scheduled for May.
- Cassandra is looking for people to help out at the plant sale between 9 AM and 4 PM. She especially needs volunteers to help customers get their purchased plants loaded in their cars. Please let her know when you can volunteer.
- Today's luncheon is at 12:30 PM, and following the meal, members will have the opportunity to purchase plants.

Charlotte Hamm announced a trip to Jim Scott's Lake Martin garden that is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th. Please arrive at the 104 building by 8:00 AM to board the van. Kindly bring a lunch, water, sunscreen, a hat, and appropriate walking shoes. The garden is not handicapped accessible. If you are not on the Lake Martin list and wish to attend, please let Charlotte know. The cost is \$30.00 to be paid to Charlotte or Cassandra sometime during the plant sale.

Barry Gilliland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Anita O'Connor making a second. The motion was approved unanimously. The General Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

JIM SCOTT'S GARDEN TOUR

On April 15, 15 Master Gardeners and 1 guest ventured to Lake Martin for a personal tour by Jim Scott of his fabulous garden that has been highlighted in both, Southern Living and Fine Gardening Magazine. Jim's property, located on a slough of Lake Martin is full of garden rooms connected by over 2 miles of stone pathways, waterfalls, fountains, sculptures, tree-top walkways, potted plants, and acres full of plants including 3' hostas, ferns, native azaleas, rhododendrons, Japanese maples, hydrangeas and more! Jim describes his garden as a story garden where you have anticipation, tension, adventure and finally resolution when you finally reach the rooms along the pathways. His rooms each have a place to sit or dine and have 3 entrances/exits so you always wonder which way to go next. Our gracious host gave us access to his home, his fabulous porches and even a tour of his wine cellar. And yes, he did share a glass with us. Thanks to Charlotte Hamm for making this happen!



PAST EVENTS



Interns preparing raised bed vegetable garden at Lorie O'Neils Farm



Master Gardener
BCMG at Earth Day in Gulf Shores 4/22
Zetty Bauer, Kieth Cardwell, Lawanna Sharpe, Sueann Barnwell

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

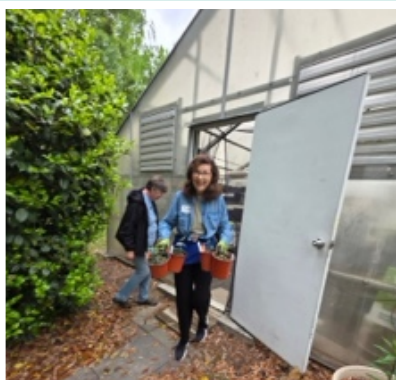
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PLANT SALE LAYOUT



PLANT SALE DELIVERY



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

PLANT SALE DELIVERY / STAGING



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

PLANT SALE DAY



2026 Intern Class



WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE 2026 SPRING PLANT SALE WITH YOUR HARD WORK, GENEROSITY, AND LEADERSHIP.

MAY EVENTS



Welcome Back Monarchs

We're celebrating the monarch butterfly's migration with our first ever Welcome Back Monarchs event!

Join us for a morning of education about monarch migration and native pollinator gardens. Take home a native milkweed plant or seed for your garden at home! Together we can protect monarch butterflies and essential native plant species.

The event will begin in the Foley Civic Center with a presentation from Carmen Flammini, Alabama Cooperative Extension System Agent. Following the presentation, we'll migrate to the Riviera Utilities Native Pollinator Garden next door for guided tours and a milkweed plant giveaway. Foley Public Library will host crafts and activities for kids at the Civic Center and outside at the Garden. Water and snacks will be provided. See you there!

Saturday, May 9, 2026
9 - 10 A.M.

Foley Civic Center
407 E Laurel Ave Foley, AL

Riviera Utilities Native Pollinator Garden
413 E Laurel Ave Foley, AL





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Mother's Day Plant Swap

Saturday, May 9th
10:00 A.M.

Loxley Public Library
1001 E, 1001 Loxley Ave,
Loxley, AL 36551
251-964-5695

Volunteers needed to support this event! Call the number listed above.




STORM READY

Saturday, May 16
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Gulf Coast Eco Center
1650 Eco Trail, Gulf Shores

- Preparing Gardens
- Chainsaws and Generators
- Tree Risk & Selection
- Storm Supplies
- Food, Water, Sanitation

Day long workshop covering hurricane preparedness for homeowners and property managers.

Cost: \$10
Lunch will be provided.



REGISTER HERE!

<https://www.aces.edu/go/5923>



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MAY / JUNE EVENTS



Baldwin County

Volunteer Appreciation

Honoring the Volunteers Who Strengthen Our Community



We invite you to be a part of a special celebration honoring your dedication and extraordinary service.

Master Gardener Volunteers, 4-H Volunteers, and Master Environmental Educators strengthen Baldwin County through education, stewardship, and community support.

Tuesday, May 26
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
PZK Hall
17933 Hwy 104 Robertsdale



Enjoy food, fellowship, and a moment of recognition as we celebrate all of the volunteers who make Extension thrive. We can't wait to celebrate you.

RSVP, bannicj@aces.edu



We appreciate
all that you do

EXPLORE THE GARDEN

KIDS SUMMER DAY CAMP
STEM LEARNING MEETS GARDEN ADVENTURE

"Building skills that last a lifetime."



June 9, 8:00 am -12:00 pm
Robtsdale Arena
19477 Fairground Rd, Robertsdale

June 23, 8:00 am -12:00 pm
Holly Hills County Club
38600 Country Club Dr, Bay Minette

- HEALTHY SOILS
- FUN INSECTS
- PLANT PARTS
- EATING YOUR HARVEST!

Perfect for ages 6-13. An adult must accompany each group.

Registration Cost: \$5 per child.



Scan QR code for payment or go to:
<https://www.aces.edu/go/county4-H>

For more information:
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



CEU Opportunities - Access more information at aces.edu/calendar

Online Classes

Back 2 Basics Gardening Series

URBAN GREEN

1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly

Upcoming topics:

- May 6 – Propagating Perennials
- May 20 – Vegetable Garden Pests

Natural Resources Webinar Series

Online, AL

Wednesdays, Noon to 1 p.m. CT.

July 8, 2026

Landscaping with Alabama
Native Plant

<https://auburn.zoom.us>



**SPRING IS HERE, I'M SO
EXCITED THAT I WET
MY PLANTS!**

Onsite Classes

Dig In and Discover: Inside Planting Season

May 14, 2026
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Gulf Coast Research and
Extension Center
8300 Alabama 104
Fairhope, AL 36532

Introduction to Kombucha Crafting at Home- Fairhope

June 17, 2026
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Gulf Coast Research &
Extension Center, 8300
Alabama 104, Fairhope, AL
36532

Dig In and Discover: Citrus Grafting

June 18, 2026
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Gulf Coast Research and
Extension Center, 8300
Alabama 104, Fairhope, AL
36532

Pollinator Partners of Alabama Certification Training - Southwest Region

June 24, 2026
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Pollinator Partners of Alabama
Certification Training -
Southwest Region
\$40 fee
Gulf Coast Research and
Extension Center, 8300
Alabama 104, Fairhope, AL
36532





By Andreu Riebe

How to Complete the Auburn University Youth Protection Training:

Required training for Master Gardeners that attend events where children are present.

The training is online only and must be completed individually.

Be sure to complete all sections of the training.

Access the training portal here: aub.ie/ypp-portal.

Need help registering or completing the training?

Follow this step-by-step guide: bit.ly/AU-YPT-Guide -(Click here for detailed instructions!)

What to Do After Completion:

Save your Certificate of Completion as a PDF or take a screenshot.

Email a copy to Carmen Flammini at czf0054@auburn.edu.

The training takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Stay Up to Date – Subscribe!

You can subscribe to the BCMG website calendar so events automatically appear on your personal calendar (Google, Outlook, Apple, etc.).

Subscribing is one of the easiest ways to ensure you never miss a meeting or event.

Help Us Keep It Accurate

- Have an upcoming meeting or event?
- Notice something missing?
- See incorrect information?

Please contact Lydia Chan or Andreu Riebe so it can be added or corrected.

We put in significant effort to keep the calendar updated, but given the size of our county and the numerous events occurring across districts and committees, we depend on everyone's assistance.

Newsletter Committee:

Andreu Riebe, Kim Musson, Larry Musson, Linda Crowell
Article/Pictures Submissions - grassroots@baldwinmastergardeners.com
Deadline: 20th of each month

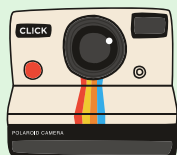
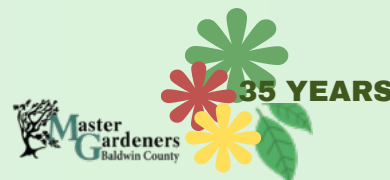


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CALENDAR

MAY 06 2026 AMGA 2026 Annual State Conference, Gardening to the Moon and Back, Huntsville AL.
MAY 09 2026 Welcome Back Monarchs, 9:00 am - 10:00 am, see flyer
MAY 09 2026 Loxley Library Plant Swap, 10:00 am, see flyer
MAY 13 2026 BCMG May Monthly Meeting (9:30 am Social, 10:00 am Meeting)
MAY 15 2026 MCMG 2026 Tour of Gardens May 15, 16, 17, 2026 \$20 per person, online sales.
MAY 16 2026 ACES Workshop "Storm Ready", 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, see flyer
MAY 26 2026 ACES Baldwin County Volunteer Appreciation, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, see flyer
JUN 03 2026 BCMG Board Meeting, Research Station, Hwy 104, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
JUN 09 2026 Kids Nature Day, Robertsdale Coliseum, see flyer
JUN 10 2026 BCMG June Monthly Meeting (9:30 am Social, 10:00 am Meeting)
JUN 23 2026 Kids Nature Day, Bay Minette Holly Hills Country Club, see flyer
JUN 24 2026 The Great Southeast Pollinator Census Training, Hwy 104, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
AUG 21 2026 The Great Southeast Pollinator Census Count, AUG 21 - 22,



END OF YEAR PICTURE SUBMISSION
Send to this email please
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2026 BCMG Elected Board

President: Lynn Barnes
Vice-President: Tom Fortner
Treasurer: Cassandra Rabren
Recording Secretary: Gilda Underwood
Corresponding Secretary: Kim Scasny
Members at Large: Barry Gilliland,
Mary Meyer
Past President: Don Richerson

2026 Appointed Board

Monthly Program Chair: Charlotte Hamm
Intern Program Chair: Anita O'Connor
Outreach Chair:
Finance Chair: Mickey Ezell
Projects Chair: Shannon Russell

Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday May 13, 2026
9:30 am - Refreshments
10:00 am - Meeting
Hwy 104

Bring a dish to share at the General Meeting = 1 CEU Hr.
Don't forget to log in your time.

BCMG Merchandise

Maria Curow and Dianne Robinson-Hill,
Merchandise Coordinators will be selling BCMG
Aprons, notebooks, hats and t-shirts at monthly
general meetings.