

GRASS ROOTS

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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS, SO GET YOUR GLOVES ON!



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

By Lynn Barnes

My sister, who lives in Georgia, recently had a heart attack. She was under a doctor's care as she went to rehab 3 times a week. Her doctor happens to be a Master Gardener. His name is Dr. Bruce Gillett, Attending Physician at Kennestone Cardiac Rehab. He is also a Consulting Rosarian of the American Rose Society. It is not surprising that he gave her his essay titled, "Health Benefits of Gardening". I would like to share some of his advice.

"Your home garden can be a wealth of good health. Gardening provides outdoor exercise, exposure to sunlight, organic food sources and beneficial cardiovascular vegetables and herbs. Research consistently shows a strong exercise-mental health connection. Exercise stimulates the release of serotonin, norepinephrine and dopamine. These neurotransmitters are chemical messengers in the brain and are associated with mental well-being and make you feel energized. Sunlight also increases serotonin production and improves your overall mood. Secondly, sunlight affects the function of the pineal gland in the brain. It secretes melatonin, a hormone that helps regulate circadian rhythms which affect sleep and wake cycles. Happy gardening, pleasant dreams!" He goes on to discuss antioxidants found in vegetables, fruits and herbs. He also talks about planting pollinators near your garden.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

By Lynn Barnes

So, essentially, when you are getting in your volunteer hours helping with a pollinator garden or similar, you are helping improve your health! It's a win-win! In my own experience, I find such peace of mind when I am working in my flower gardens.

We have recently returned from Huntsville, AL where we represented Baldwin County at the Alabama Master Gardeners State Conference. Our very own Carmen Flammini was awarded the Extension Agent of the Year Award for 2026! It is a well-deserved award and we are so proud of her! There were many excellent speakers at the Conference and it was a sold-out event! The Huntsville Botanical Gardens are delightful and of a very high standard!

In July, we will be extending a warm welcome to our Class of 2026 Interns as they receive their official name badges and possibly even receive stars! We look forward to seeing everyone at the Foley Civic Center on July 8. Please plan to attend. Enjoy the summer either here in Baldwin County or wherever your travels may take you!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Pairzetty Bauer	06-01
Angela Bernhardt	06-01
Clarence McCawley	06-04
Lisa Marie Atchley	06-06
Kay Heinrich	06-07
Fred Nation	06-15
Joann Jordan	06-17
Robin Newell	06-19
Beth Robinson	06-20
Linda Crowell	06-22
Leslie Nelson	06-22
Gary Pugh	06-26
Debby Tollefson	06-27

Happy Birthday



MONTHLY PROGRAM NOTES

By Charlotte Hamm



June Speaker Levi Blackmon Aquatic Invasives



Looks like summer has arrived and many of you will be enjoying the beauty of our inland and coastal waterways. As you are on the water keep in mind that many invasive species lurk in our waters and on the banks. Our speaker for June will address many of the invasives that threaten our aquatic ecosystems.

Levi Blackmon has been a natural resource conservationist for approximately 15 years. Professionally, he has had the opportunity to work with county, state, federal and private entities, relating to natural resource management. A 2012 graduate of the University of Florida, he holds a B. S. in Forest Resources and Conservation. In 2015 he became an aquatic biologist for The Lake Doctors, Inc. and it was through this company that he developed a passion for aquatic management.

In his professional career he has held many titles: certified prescribed burn manager, wild land and structural firefighter, project manager, forester, aquatic biologist, and USDA Conservation Planner III. His private life encompasses many roles as well. He is a Southern Baptist pastor, husband, father, first responder instructor, and of course, an outdoorsman.



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MEETING MINUTES



By Gilda Underwood

Baldwin County Master Gardeners

General Meeting 5/13/2026

Lynn Barnes, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. She requested everyone to stand and join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. She invited any guests in attendance to stand. Lynn welcomed Nancy Nisbett and Mary Anne Johnston. She then asked for all past Wayne de la Rua award winners and past Presidents to stand. Members applauded these recognitions. There were 75 people in attendance.

Lynn announced that Program Chair Charlotte Hamm would normally introduce the guest speaker, but she is out of town. Lynn then introduced the speaker for the day, Vitina Feo. She is the founder of Papa Vince and Organic Italy Eats, two local businesses that launched in 2013. She was born into an Italian family with deep roots in Sicily. 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. Vitina is passionate about clean eating, the Mediterranean lifestyle.

She began the program with "the real food conversation". The choices of food we eat really do matter. She talked about olive oil in history with a donkey pulling the press to get oil from the olive fruit. There are two kinds of oil, seed oil and fruit oil. She reported that chemicals are used to extract oil from seeds. Therefore, olive fruit oil is best. She explained the difference between olive oil and extra virgin olive oil. Olive oil that does not meet the smell and taste tests goes to be refined. This olive oil will then have zero polyphenols, deoxidants and vitamins as well as zero flavor.

Extra virgin olive oil is completely different. Extra virgin olive oil is made without chemicals, as it is produced entirely through mechanical pressing. To purchase extra virgin olive oil properly choose a dark glass bottle. Olive oil can react with plastic containers and is sensitive to light. Proper storage, away from heat and light, is important. Always look for the words Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO). Look for the harvest date of the olives and look for the levels of vitamins. Cold press means to press at room temperature without chemicals and heat. If the extra virgin olive oil is high in vitamins it will have more polyphenols. Another thing to look for is that the extra virgin olive oil comes from one country. Even if it comes from multiple countries, it can still be labeled extra virgin olive oil, but it may be a blend with significantly different harvest dates.

Good Extra Virgin Olive Oil must have a high profile, a profile that is balanced. She stated 5mg is the proper amount we need per day. Vitina showed Papa Vince Extra Virgin Oil profile, or lab test. A balanced profile helps reduce inflammation, which in turn lowers the risk of disease.

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Next came the taste test. In Italy experts taste the olive oil instead of sending it to a lab for testing. Vitina's assistant, Shawna Randall, prepared Papa Vince Extra Virgin Olive Oil in individual test cups for the audience. Vitina explained how to warm the oil, taste it, and pull air through the teeth to enhance its peppery flavor.

An inferior olive oil was also served in test cups to smell and taste the difference. She encouraged everyone to try this smell and taste test with their olive oil at home to see if they experience the beautiful peppery finish.

With a smoke point of 473 degrees F, her extra virgin olive oil remains stable for approximately 17 hours of cooking below that temperature. Shelf life is up to four years before it dulls.

Vitina combined her wine vinegar with her extra virgin olive oil to make a salad dressing using a one-to-three ratio and passed samples to the audience to taste. She sells her products at the Foley Farmers Market on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and on Amazon. Contact information: vitina@papavince.com or 251-269-6000.

There was a call for a 10-minute recess.

After the break, Lynn reported that the 2026 AMGA State Conference in Huntsville was an awesome and inspiring meeting. She asked Carmen Flammini, our Regional Extension Agent, to take a bow for receiving the fabulous award, ACES Agent of the Year Award.

ACES REPORT: Carmen expressed excitement about receiving the ACES Agent of the Year Award. Saturday after the Huntsville Conference, Carmen reported attending Foley's "Welcome Back Monarchs" event at the Foley Civic Center and Riviera Utilities. In spite of the rain 122 people attended. Folks from the Graham Creek Nature Preserve talked with her about being a partner for 99 years! They want Master Gardeners signature on their Nature Preserve projects.

The Grand Hotel in Fairhope is building a greenhouse that will be ready in four weeks. They are planning on a table for milkweed.

There will be an upcoming training class for people that want to be part of working in the greenhouses. Training for what to do and what not to do. There will be several greenhouses that will be available to Master Gardeners, and this training will be helpful.

There will be a Volunteer Appreciation lunch at the PZK Hall in Robertsdale on May 26th from 11:00AM to 12:30PM. The PZK Hall is located at 17933 Hwy 104 in Robertsdale. "We appreciate all that you do". RSVP to Cathy Banning at 251-937-7176 or bannicj@aces.edu.

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By Gilda Underwood

There is a 250 pound of fresh produce goal from Memorial Day through Labor Day called the Grow More, Give More 250 lb. challenge. This is a challenge for the entire state of Alabama. There will be prizes for the county and master gardener that records the most. You must enter the amounts in two places: on the Service Report under donations and on the ACES website. Give your home grown produce to schools, churches, food banks, etc. Record your food donation pounds through the survey: aces.edu/go/250Challenge.

Carmen passed around Grow More, Give More reminder cards and announced that Master Gardener intern Donna Armstrong is our Grow More, Give More leader. Please contact Donna and let's work toward Baldwin being the winning county.

For the 2026 Great Southeast Pollinator Census there will be a full day of training on June 24th at Hwy. 104 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. An entomologist will be present for the Baldwin and Mobile County training. Please register for training as soon as possible to attend the Great Southeast Pollinator Census by using the QR code on the handout postcard. The cost is \$40.00 for the program and lunch.

The Pollinator Census will be held on August 21st - 22nd.

The "Storm Ready" workshop at the Gulf Coast Eco Center in Gulf Shores has been moved from May 16th to July 30th. The time will be 9:00AM-1:00 PM. The cost is \$10.00 with lunch included.

Lynn Barnes inquired if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the General Meeting held on April 8th as listed in the Grass Roots Newsletter. Kay Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as written with a second by Mary Meyer. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Cassandra Rabren, Treasurer, reported the BCMG checking account has \$120,095.54. Grant funds of \$164,172.18 for the new greenhouse were deposited into a BCMG separate money market account at Regions Bank earning 2% interest. The \$5,000.00 CD seed money matured and was reinvested for 36 months. The \$50,000.00 CD that matured was voted to move \$25,000.00 with the interest of \$1,333.00 or \$26,333.00 into the BCMG checking account. The remaining \$25,000.00 was reinvested in a 1-year CD earning 3.5%.

The Spring Plant Sale grossed \$58,330.75. Reimbursement slip forms are available on our website. Cassandra asked that reimbursement slips be submitted to her as soon as possible.

Cassandra learned at the conference that there is a free app called iNaturalist that helps you be a scientist in nature. She also learned that the Mobile River Delta system is the most biologically diverse ecosystem in the world.

MEETING MINUTES



By Gilda Underwood

Carmen reported that all the projects BCMG are doing in Baldwin County communities were validated at the conference. We are ahead of others in preservation.

PROJECTS UPDATE: Shannon Russell, Projects Chair, recognized all the project leaders, district leaders, event coordinators and committee members that are serving Baldwin County making a difference in our county and state. The summer months are coming up and there will be maintenance and weeding on garden projects. There will be a need for volunteers. Please go to the ACES Service Hours Report and there will be a link at the bottom called "Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities". The link has been updated, and volunteer opportunities will now be posted. Today a meeting will be held after our adjournment to review and learn more about posting volunteer hours.

Mickey Ezell made an announcement that tomorrow, Thursday, May 14th, there will be a dedication ceremony at Weeks Bay Preserve at 2:00PM. A bench with a plaque will be placed in the native plant garden honoring Fred and Moe Nation. Mickey invited all to attend the program.

INTERN REPORT: Anita O'Connor, Intern Program Chair, invited all the interns to stand. Applause. On April 30th all the interns did their presentations and they were exceptional. There were 17 certificates handed out that day with 13 of those interns who have earned their badges. There are 6 interns with over 100 hours that will receive a star. Interns can continue to volunteer their hours. Their cut-off for entering hours to count for the July awards luncheon will be mid-June. So far this year, Baldwin County has reported 5,800 volunteer hours, of which the interns contributed 1,634 hours.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Lynn Barnes, President, announced that she has received the Atlas Greenhouse contract that she will review and sign. The money for the greenhouse has been received and is ready to spend. Master Gardener, Julie Cox, wrote the grant application for this funding. Lynn asked if Julie calls members for information please assist her as she will be writing other grant requests.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Tom Fortner, Vice President, recapped the history of BCMG members visiting the Mayor and officials of the City of Loxley. Months later, grant funding for the greenhouse project was received, and another meeting was held with the City of Loxley. These meetings have been productive, but there are many things to be decided.

At the last BCMG Board Meeting, the group retained an attorney Brant Richerson, son of Don Richerson, to help negotiate terms with the City of Loxley on a pro bono basis. He is working with Loxley's attorney and should have a draft agreement, perhaps by the end of the week.

MEETING MINUTES



By Gilda Underwood

This will be a long-term agreement with renewal terms. The good news is Loxley has a great location for greenhouses behind the Public Works building on Magnolia Street. The site provides utility access, a secure fenced area and parking. The greenhouse will be approximately 3000 sq. ft. of which Loxley will use 1/3 and BCMG will use 2/3. Loxley will pay for all utilities and carry the property insurance. A time-line report will be given each month.

OLD and NEW BUSINESS: Kim Musson announced that Kids Nature Day "Explore the Garden" is planned for June 9th at the Robertsdale Arena and at Holly Hills Country Club in Bay Minette on June 23rd. Registration cost is \$5.00 per child, ages 6-13. An adult must accompany each child/group. Kim requested BCMG members to distribute flyers to businesses, neighbors, etc. Volunteers are needed to work on both days, the event in Robertsdale as well as Bay Minette.

Lynn Barnes announced that Mobile County Master Gardeners are having a Tour of Gardens this weekend in 8 outstanding gardens in 3 areas of Mobile. Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

A door prize drawing was conducted for 10 items, including plants and eggs, and 10 members were selected to choose a door prize.

Nicole Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Vicky Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The General Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

The next General Meeting will be held at AL-104 on Wednesday, June 10th at 10:00 AM with a social time at 9:30 AM.



BCMG Awards Luncheon

Wednesday July 8, 2026

Foley Civic Center

407 East Laurel Ave, Foley

10:30 am sharp - Meeting

11:00 am - Lunch

12:00 pm - Awards

Please bring a dish of your favorite recipe to share.
You are requested to park in the civic center rear parking lot
Access from E Jessamine Ave

PAST EVENTS

AMGA 2026 CONFERENCE ★ The Rocket City
GARDENING TO THE MOON AND BACK
Limestone • Madison • Morgan



GARDENING TO THE MOON AND BACK
Limestone • Madison • Morgan
ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
STATE CONFERENCE
May 6-8, 2026 Huntsville



PAST EVENTS

BCMG Intern Presentations April 30, 2026



INTERN

Bob Rowe
Lorie O'Neill
Tom Meyer
Emily Allison
Lawanna Sharpless
Angela Bernhardt
Laura Kramer
Marie Cooper
Dawn McKinney
Leslie Nelson
Linda Mong
Linda Kitchens
Donna Armstrong
Vicki Clark
Brian Boucher
Maryanne Johnston
LisaMarie Atchley

TOPIC

Cleaning and Sharpening Garden Tools
Starting a Farm... What's Involved?
Native Species: An Index to Ecosystem Health
Orchids
America's Most Wanted Bird
Amazing Azaleas
Understanding Bromeliads and their Cold Hardiness
Benefits of Children Exposed to Gardening
Companion Gardening
Growing Blueberries in Lower Alabama
Herbs for Italian Cooking
Propagation of Plumeria from Seed
Medicinal Gardening
Making a Garden Your Happy Place and Biophilia
Perlite vs Vermiculite
Native Plants and a Memory Garden
The Joys of Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegars



Intern Class Team
Left- Wanda Martin, Anita O'Connor,
Carmen Flammini, Beth Robinson, Kay
Smith. Back- Eileen Greene, Mariah Crow.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



West District-Ruff Wilson after school project- Garden Guru's weeding and watering the gardens.

West District- Coastal Alabama Community College Greenhouse and Garden

Thanks to all the volunteers who have worked at the greenhouse this year. We moved over 600 plants to sell at the spring plant sale. Join us this summer for weeding and TLC on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. The greenhouse will re-open in October.

Contact Mary Calvin, 847-269-1594 or mscalvin@aill.com for more information.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Baldwin County

Volunteer Appreciation

Honoring the Volunteers Who Strengthen Our Community



**Baldwin County Commission Environmental Stewardship Award
Presented to MEE Volunteer: Justice Manning**

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



The newly opened AWF Delta & Bay Conservation Center at 5 Rivers hosted the Expo on April 25th. The event was well attended despite the rain. Lynn Barnes, Gilda Underwood, and Kim Musson made 75 contacts and educated many children and their parents about pollinators.



Central District-in April at the Kids Community Garden at Dyslexia Services in Roberstdale, a 5 gallon bucket garden was built and a moss/succulent garden was planted.



Loxley Musuem- volunteers and interns planted a pollinator garden.

WEEKS BAY BENCH DEDICATION

I would like to thank the Master Gardeners for placing a bench at the Weeks Bay Reserve Visitor Center in recognition of the commitment Fred and I have made to advance the appreciation and use of Native Plants. Because Fred and I have been so involved with both Weeks Bay Reserve and Master Gardeners over the years, a bench at the Reserve is symbolic to me of the special partnership between Master Gardeners and Weeks Bay Reserve. The Visitor Center opened at the same time Master Gardeners graduated their first class. MG interns did their first project at the Reserve and this relationship has only grown over the last 30 years. Fred and I are grateful to have been given the opportunity to do the things we love and to be a part of two wonderful organizations. Thank you, again for this honor. Mo Nation



JUNE EVENTS



The 250-Pound Challenge:

- In 2026, ACES is launching a 250-Pound Challenge to mark America's 250th anniversary.
- Goal: Each county's Master Gardeners and gardeners must collectively donate 250 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Dates: May 25 (Memorial Day) to Sept. 7 (Labor Day), 2026.

How to Participate:

- Plant a garden this spring and add an extra row or container plants.
- Harvest and set aside the extra produce for donation.
- Weigh and record donations in both the Master Gardeners Service Report and the GMGM online survey at aces.edu/go/250Challenge.
- Donations can go to local food banks, community kitchens, religious organizations, or personal sharing.
- Best-producing crops in Alabama: beans, squash, cucumbers, zucchini, peppers, tomatoes, southern peas, and okra.

How It Works:

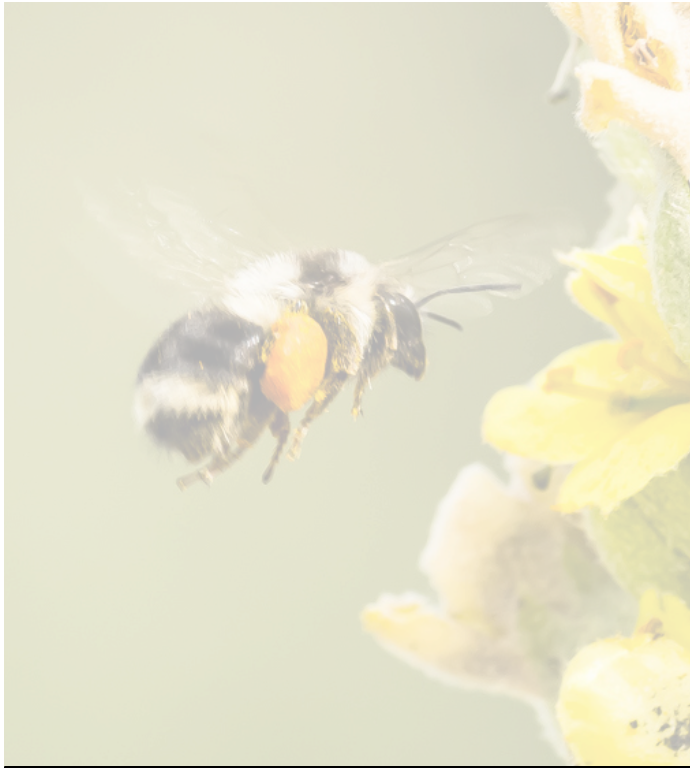
- Grow More: Use ACES resources to improve gardening success.
- Give More: Share surplus produce with those in need.
- Record Keeping: Required for county totals; online surveys link to local donation sites.

Why Join:

- Supports food security in Alabama.
- Encourages community gardening and volunteerism.
- Offers practical gardening skills and resources.
- Creating a friendly county competition to boost participation.

For additional information please contact:
Donna Armstrong
Donna4him@hotmail.com
251-604-4549

JUNE EVENTS



"Building skills that last a lifetime."

EXPLORE THE GARDEN

KIDS SUMMER DAY CAMP

STEM LEARNING MEETS GARDEN ADVENTURE

June 9, 8:00 am -12:00 pm
 Robertsdale 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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 sfb0010@aces.edu



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Pollinator Partners of Alabama



TigerGiving.org

Pollinator Partners of Alabama, led by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, is a certified train-the-trainer program helping people learn how to identify, protect, and create habitats for pollinators.

Engaging regional workshops will explore the following:

- Regional pollinator species, including bees and butterflies
- The critical roles pollinators play in our food systems
- Practical strategies for creating and maintaining pollinator-friendly habitats



Get Certified. Make a Difference.

Each training session will empower communities, landowners, and professionals to become pollinator advocates.

Program Support

This initiative is supported by community efforts such as Tiger Giving Day 2026, which helped expand training opportunities across the state.

Training Information

Date/time: Wednesday June 24, 2026

Location: AU Gulf Coast Extension and Research Center

Address: #6300 Hwy 104, Fairhope AL 36532

Registration: \$40 (includes lunch and program resources)

Contact info: Carmen Flammini: czf0054@auburn.edu



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POLLINATOR PARTNERS of ALABAMA



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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

Online Classes

Eco-Friendly Fridays Webinar Series

Online, AL
Friday 11 a.m. until Noon CT.

June 12, 2026
Alabama Year of Invasive Plants
Project
<http://www.aces.edu/go/EcoFriendlyFridays>

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>



**WHAT DID THE BIG FLOWER
SAY TO THE LITTLE
FLOWER?
HEY BUD!**

Onsite Classes

Monarch Workshop

June 17th at 10:00 am
Evergreen Depot
102 Liberty Street,
Room 103
100 Depot Square
Evergreen, AL 36401

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

Tomato Garden to Pantry Workshop

June 18th at 10:00 am.
Greenville High School
Career Academy
100 Tiger Drive
Greenville, AL 36037
\$15 Fee
Bring apron and comfy
shoes

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



**"I'M SO GLAD WE
POLLEN-ATE!"**

TECH CORNER-Volunteer Hours Update



By Andreu Riebe

Here are the top 10 MG associations and their current reported hours.
Please remember to log your volunteer, CEU and travel time hours.

[Click here to report hours](#)

Total Hours by County - 2026

* This County Reports page combines Vol Hours and Travel Hours. The Statewide Summary Report provides a separate Travel Hours total.

* Num Vols = number of unique volunteers (not number of entries)

County	--	Num Vols	Vol Hours*	CEU Hours	Contacts
1 Baldwin	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	94	6486	652	8765
2 Mobile	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	79	6126	460	175727
3 Wiregrass	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	69	5430	500	9504
4 Jefferson	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	140	5429	620	14961
5 MG of N. Alabama (Madison Co area)	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	98	4892	854	9506
6 Limestone	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	46	4025	437	7154
7 Shoals (Colbert, Lauderdale)	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	65	3915	791	7041
8 Morgan	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	35	3159	231	25192
9 Capital City (Montgomery Co)	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	55	2619	475	6331
10 Cullman	[CATEGORIES] [OUTREACH]	35	2093	201	15318

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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Fairhope, AL 36532



CALENDAR

- 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 Pollinator Partners of Alabama Certification Training, Hwy 104, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
JUL 01 2026 BCMG Board Meeting, Research Station, Hwy 104, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
JUL 08 2026 BCMG Awards Luncheon, (10:30 am Meeting, 11:00 Luncheon, 12:00 Awards)
AUG 05 2026 BCMG Board Meeting, Research Station, Hwy 104, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
AUG 12 2026 BCMG August Monthly Meeting (9:30 am Social, 10:00 am Meeting)
AUG 21 2026 The Great Southeast Pollinator Census Count, AUG 21 - 22,
SEP 02 2026 BCMG Board Meeting, Research Station, Hwy 104, 9:30 am - 11:30 am



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END OF YEAR PICTURE SUBMISSION
Send to this email please
Robin Newell -
robin.rn@baldwinmastergardeners.com

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: Linda Mong
Finance Chair: Mickey Ezell
Projects Chair: Shannon Russell

Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday June 10, 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.