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Intern Class Graduation—2007

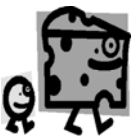
At our July Awards Picnic, badges were awarded to Interns who have completed all instructional and volunteer requirements to become Master Gardeners.

The following 2007 graduates received their badges: Cathy Blake, Joann Bodree, Deborah Calhoun, Jeanette Catlow, Gordon Cooper, Judy Crimmins, Marian Currie, Linda Florence, Dawn Garcia, Loree Hadley, Myra Hannah, Pamela Heilmeier, Helen Hollansworth, Jodie Klugel, Ann Luscombe, June McCord; John Meyer, Marie Spinnato, Carol Willis and Carolyn Wilson. In addition, Rena Johansen from the 2006 class received her badge.



Welcome to our New Master Gardeners

Congratulations and welcome to our new Master Gardeners!!!



President's Corner by Sam Andrews

As I write this message to you, many of us are waging the good fight against heat, humidity, bugs and fungi. And, then again, some of you have snuck off to vacation climes leaving your gardener's dirty work behind.

Enjoy the quiet escapes of deep summer. We have many things to accomplish this fall. Even during our current long, hot summer, plans and meetings are taking place to prepare.

One particular event that I hope that you will put on your calendars is Pat Libby's Continuing Education seminar at Faulkner State in Fairhope. It will be an all-day training session with a number of interesting speakers. Pat always puts her many talents to work on any project she undertakes. You will enjoy this Thursday, October 4

opportunity to continue your gardening education at this large multi-speaker event.

As to volunteer opportunities, many of you continue work at our many various on-going projects, including the Information Line and BCMG greenhouses. We are a very large (200 member) and busy organization.

As President, I am focused upon several important issues and activities about which you will be hearing more. One is a strong, renewed commitment to public outreach and Intern recruitment this fall. Two is the upcoming move of the Extension's (and, therefore, our) offices to the huge new Baldwin County Fair complex east of US 59 in Robertsedale.

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Meeting Minutes

by Ann Pierce

The BCMG monthly meeting was held during our annual picnic at the PZK Hall, Robertsdale Alabama. The Social began at 11:00 a.m., followed by the business meeting, luncheon and awards presentation.

The meeting was called to order by our President, Sam Andrews at 11:25, who welcomed everyone and thanked Rod and Linda Chappelle, Dick Stewart, and their committee for organizing the picnic luncheon and decorations. The food table was overflowing with barbeque, beans and all the delicious side dishes, salads and desserts brought by fellow Master Gardeners.

Sam thanked Jeff Kelly and the South Baldwin Center for Technology in Robertsdale for furnishing the potted plants used as table decorations. Each of the 20 new inductees will be given the potted plants used as centerpieces today in appreciation for their involvement and interest in our many projects. Sam also thanked Susan Wingard from the Bay Minette Extension Office for her assistance in making this meeting possible. Neither Susan nor Jeff was able to attend today.

The Five Rivers Project on the Causeway was just approved by the Board and will involve designing an area with plants native to the area. Fred Nation will assist in the plant selection. Please see Marilyn Mannhard, Projects Coordinator, to volunteer for this new project.

Harry Kohler, Infoline Chairman, has a list near the entrance of the Hall for volunteers to sign up to work the Infoline during the month of August.

Sam announced a workshop at Auburn University in August. Information was received too late to form a plan for the Club to participate, but brochures are at the entrance of the Hall for anyone wishing to go.

After an invocation by Frank Griffin, a delicious lunch was served.

The business meeting resumed with Mike McQueen announcing a well deserved award to Joyce Mudrak for her extra efforts in working with this year's interns.

Sam announced the Busy Bee Awards for June and July:

June: Tom Dukes

July: Lynn Andrews

Sam suggested putting together a new Outreach plan for the second half of this year. The purpose is to replicate the outstanding efforts of last Fall to reach the gardening public with information. Its twin purpose is to actively promote the Baldwin County Master Gardener program as an excellent volunteer organization for gardening interested individuals. During the Fall Outreach project, BCMG team members should talk to groups about becoming Master Gardeners. Many people want to re-connect with nature and are very interested in what we can offer them.

The Infoline will be moving to the new facility in Robertsdale in the late fall, with a new 800 statewide number becoming active.

The fall Weeks Bay plant sale will be in October. Our Club does a tremendous amount of volunteering for this event.

The "Premier Event" for today is the recognition of the service contributions and educational achievements. The "Hour (or Star) Awards" recognize the significant amount of time that certain active members have made through their individual "milestone" achievements. It is also the graduation ceremony for those 2007 interns who have completed their training and volunteer requirements making them eligible to officially join the Baldwin County Master Gardeners.

Our Extension Agent, Mike McQueen, handed out Bronze, Silver and Gold stars and one Platinum badge. A Bronze star is for 100 hours or more of volunteer time; Silver star is for 300 or more hours; Gold star is for 500 or more hours; Gold badge is for 1,000 or more hours; and the Platinum badge is for 2,000 or more hours. Margie Harner, Louis McGrath and Alice Kohler received their Bronze stars; Carma Gronback, Elizabeth Mundine and Joyce Mudrak received Silver stars; and Lynn Andrews and Jeff Doherty received their Gold stars. Ed Wirgowski is the recipient of the Platinum badge. Congratulations to Ed and to all other recipients today.

President's Corner

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The third challenge that I and your Board will be focused upon in the next few months involves organizational issues -- legal and operational. It will be hard work, sometimes contentious, but it absolutely needs to be done.

In the spring of 2004, our county Master Gardener group subjected itself to the stringent process to become a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. (MG Jim Gaines, an attorney, did the considerable paperwork for us.) I will not get into the complex nature of what this means, except to say that our group did actually become an Alabama corporation with the registered name: *Baldwin County Master Gardeners, Inc.* In addition, we applied for and were granted special non-profit tax status with the Internal Revenue Service and State Department of Revenue.

The current goal that I have set for this fall is to carefully continue to transition our long-standing volunteer organization into the combined volunteer and business entity it became in 2004. Some of the tasks that we will be tackling will be decisions to complete the implementation process, including specialized by-laws, financial policies and procedures, operations manual and permanent records.

Our challenge will be to "gently" formalize our business entity status in such a way that it satisfies basic practices and government regulations, without unduly changing the wonderful character of our volunteer organization.

My personal mission will be to complete this transition with minimal disruption to our MG volunteers, projects, or our highly effective method of working toward serving the Alabama gardening public.

See you at the August meeting!

Badges and Certificates were then given out to the 19 new 2007 graduating interns and to one graduating 2006 intern. Congratulations, and welcome to the Baldwin County Master Gardeners Association! (*Note: due to a reporting problem, one person's name was left off of the Graduation List. Mike McQueen*

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Projects Report

By Marilyn Mannhard

This month instead of reporting on individual projects I am going to explain the project proposal process in hopes that it will clarify some questions, both from the public and from Master Gardeners. You will find in this issue of *Grass Roots* the new project proposal form that is to be used when submitting a project to the Board of Directors for approval. The most important part of the project proposal form is the section listing the criteria for official BCMG projects. We will take these one by one and explain what is meant.

The first states the project must “Be educational in nature, for Master Gardeners and the community”. This means that the project should involve a learning process for Master Gardeners in which we are “stretched” to learn something beyond what we already know. It should also be an opportunity to educate the person or organization requesting our help and the community as a whole, which means the project should be accessible to the community.

The second states the project should “Create visibility for Baldwin County Master Gardeners in the community”. BCMG should get credit for helping with a project either through newspaper, television, or signage that lets the community know that we were involved.

The third is very important and states that the project should “Utilize the knowledge and expertise of Master Gardeners, not their physical labor”. While we have a number of existing projects in which Master Gardeners are physically involved, we do not want this to be an expectation of the requesting person or organization. If individual Master Gardeners choose to do hands-on physical work, that is their personal choice, but it should not be expected. It is very important to make this clear to whoever makes the request for help.

The fourth is that the project should “Be funded by the requesting organization or person”. I think we all understand that our funds are limited, and in many cases the organization requesting the help has more financial means than BCMG to purchase plants or other materials to complete the process.

The final criterion is that the project “Be self-sustaining after Master gardener assistance is completed”. This has been a major problem particularly with school requests to establish butterfly or hummingbird gardens. We cannot take on projects in perpetuity to weed and water. If you are approached by someone requesting assistance, please ask them to explain how they will maintain the project once Master gardener involvement is complete. It does not look good for BCMG for the public to see a Master Gardener project grown up in weeds and looking unkempt.

The rest of the project proposal form is pretty much self-explanatory and needs to be filled out by the requesting person or organization through the Proposed Project Timeline. The Master Gardener information underneath that will be filled out once the project is approved.

If you are approached and asked for Master Gardener assistance, the first thing to do is let me know you need a form. You can email me at mamannhard@gulftel.com or call (251) 988-8988, and I will email you the form as a Word attachment that you can print out or email to the requesting person. Once you have received the completed form you can mail or email the form to me. I will look over it and perhaps call you to get any additional information I think the Board may need. The Board of Directors has to approve the project requests, so it is best to let the person who asked for assistance know that it might take some time for the request to move through the approval process.

Hopefully this will answer some questions you may have had about the project approval process. As a personal request, I would really appreciate it if those of you who head up existing projects would fill out a form and return



Program Notes

By Rosemarie Morgan and
Rebecca Trosclair

Thursday, August 9, 2007

9:30 A.M.—Social
10:00 A.M.—Meeting
10:30 A.M.—Program—
“Achieving a Beautiful Lawn
Through Sound Horticultural
Practices”
Guest Speaker: Randy McQueen

A beautiful lawn will enhance any landscape, while a poor one will detract. Randy McQueen, with a BS degree in horticulture and years of research experience, has some excellent recommendations for successful lawn management.

LOOKING AHEAD: On September 13, Russell Coker (owner of Garden Renaissance of Mobile) will discuss solid basics of Landscape Design—from Mississippi to Japan.

it to me. This is not for approval but simply to provide a record of existing projects to be kept in a binder in our office. It could also be helpful to Mike McQueen to show the Extension Service exactly what we are doing. It will also be helpful to whoever replaces me as project coordinator as it will be time for me to let someone else take this on next year.

My contact information for mailing project proposal forms follows:

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Silverhill, AL 36576

**SEE PROJECT PROPOSAL
FORM INSERT.**



Continuing Education Day

by Pat Libby

Tickets for the Continuing Education Seminar, “Grass Roots and True Grits” to be held on October 4, 2007 will be on sale at the August meeting. The tickets are \$10.00 each, and the seminar will be held at Faulkner in Fairhope.



Plant of the Month—Garden Tips & Folklore

By Tany S Waldron

This article has been written by Carolyn S. Wilson who is a recent 2007 graduate of our Baldwin County Master Gardener program. She wrote this article for her class presentation and it was so interesting and well put together that it is now being published for our membership.

Carolyn and her husband, Chris, are new transplants to Robertsdale from southeastern Ohio. In Ohio they lived in the country, midway between New Lexington and the little town of Corning. They still have their home and a huge garden in Ohio and now have a home here.

Carolyn has been a Master Gardener in Ohio for eleven years. She did her training with Fairfield County, and in 2002 when the Perry County Master Gardener group needed some new members, she transferred her membership. She is still a very active member of the Perry County Master Gardeners and is currently serving as their Volunteer Coordinator. She is passionate about plants and gardening. She has a balcony overflowing with plants. One of her exotics that is thriving in our high southern humidity is a Nepenthes, a tropical carnivorous pitcher plant.

Now sit back, sip some ice tea and enjoy reading her article.

Conversations with a Gardener: Passed-Down Garden Tips and Some Folklore

by Carolyn S. Wilson

Until recently, written material concerning plants was only available to scholars and wealthy gardeners such as Thomas Jefferson. Early seed catalogs were used only by people who could read and had the dollars to spend. Thus, throughout the centuries, most plant knowledge has traveled from place to place by word of mouth.

Now, with computers, plant books and gardening magazines available to everyone, it is easy to research any plant you have an interest in. Still the most often used information is passed on to us from our fellow gardeners.

Even if the advice they give us is odd, we will TRY IT -- although, today, we will probably "Google" it to death first.

Our ancestors believed plants to be a magic mystery and the folklore of plants shows this. Here are some passed-down tips that have some truth to them.

Passed-Down Garden Tips:

"Plant yellow flowers in a vegetable garden to keep insects away."

From research, we now know that yellow attracts insects, so while the yellow flowers did not keep insects away from the garden, they did attract them away from the vegetables. Today we use this information in the form of yellow sticky traps placed in greenhouses and growing fields to monitor insect populations.

"Lay an old horsehair rope around your plants to protect them from slugs."

Sounds weird, right, but let us look at that. Horsehair is stiff and prickly -- ask anyone who has sat on a horsehair sofa. The tender skinned mollusk would not want to crawl over the rope.

Now, we use diatomaceous earth, crushed egg shells or sea shells, sharp and or rough sandpaper, gum tree balls or other irritating substances to deter slugs.

"Make willow tea to help root plants."

Willow water or tea is made by placing willow twigs in water and letting it set for 4 - 6 weeks. Some use pussy willow cuttings, letting the branches form roots for transplanting and saving the tea water for propagation use.

Research shows that the tea contains IBA (indolebutyric acid) which is a component of modern commercial rooting hormones. Willow also contains salicylic acid, better know as aspirin. Aspirin is used by many gardeners in cut flower vases to reduce fungal and bacterial spoilage.

"When tree leaves show their backs, it will rain."

Before a thunderstorm, plants respond to rising currents of heated air, and the moisture softened leaf stalks allow the leaves to curl up. Also, most of our prevailing winds are from the west, whereas a rainstorm is often preceded by easterly winds. This change in wind direction causes the leaves to flip over.

Plant Names:

Often the pass-down information was the commonly known name of the plant. Our ancestors often named plants for their uses.

Soapwort (Saponaria). It is the soapsuds plant. The bruised leaves form a lather or suds in water. It is sometimes used even today to clean delicate antique fabrics.

Fuller's Teasel (Dipsacus fullonum) This is one of my favorite weedy plants. The large oblong, burr covered flower/seed head was used by fullers to comb woolen fibers when weaving and is still used today by some who spin by hand.

Another name for this plant is Shepherd's Cup, due to the water holding cup formed where the leaf joins the stem. I have found hummingbirds and tree frogs drinking from these water cups in my garden.

Scouring Rush or Horsetail (Equisetum) This plant was used by pioneers to scour iron skillets. It has silica in its rough stems which acts as an abrasive. Do not plant this - it is highly invasive.

Yarrow (Achillea) This perennial is a fast growing tough plant with showy, dryable flower heads. During the Trojan War the warrior Achilles discovered that this plant helped staunch the flow of blood.

It was reported by the author Homer in "The Iliad" that Achilles' soldiers used this plant many times. Thus, the herb was named after him.

REMEMBER !!!

All herbal remedies for the human body

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and for pets should be used with caution. Just because they are organic, does not mean they are benign.

Highly Recommended Reading

"The Truth About Garden Remedies, What Works, What Doesn't and Why" - by Jeff Gillman, PH.D. who is an Associate Professor in the Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota. His book assesses new and historic advice and reveals the "how and why" and sometimes the "why not" for many common and uncommon gardening practices. The results will surprise even experienced gardeners.



Wayne de la Rua Award

By Harry Anderson

Now is the time for nominations!

The Wayne de la Rua Award is presented annually to a member of the Baldwin County Master Gardeners in order to recognize outstanding service. This award symbolizes the Baldwin County Master Gardener of the year. It honors dedicated MG Wayne de la Rua who graduated from the first Baldwin County MG class in 1990.

If you have a candidate that you would like to submit for consideration, please send your nomination to the WDLR Committee by **September 13, 2007**. Written nominations should be a description of why you feel your nominee is deserving of the award and should include some of the activities of the nominee.

Past WDLR Winners!

1997 Wayne de la Rua
 1998 Maureen Nation
 1999 Herb Nall
 2000 Jill McArthur
 2001 Jane Wright
 2002 Mary Gibson
 2003 Gail Terrell and Joanne Caglione
 2004 Carol Griffin
 2005 Harry Anderson
 2006 Sherry Eubanks

The WDLR Award committee members this year are Harry Anderson, Mary Burns and Linda O'Rear. Please submit your nominations to Harry Anderson, 13928 Sherwood Highland Road, Fairhope, Alabama 36532-5410, or email to weeksbay@aol.com. Remember, time is short!



Busy Bees

-  Tanys Waldron — January
-  Ed Wirgowski — February
-  Joyce Mudrak — March
-  Selena Vaughn — April
-  Tom Schubert — May
-  Tom Dukes --- June
-  Lynn Andrews --- July
-  August? — *Buzz, Buzz...*





ALMG State Advisory Meeting—Discussion Notebook

by Frieda Romanchuk

The State Advisory Committee had its meeting on July 3, 2007 in Clanton, Alabama.

The Auburn Master Gardener School is to be held at Auburn University on August 14-15, 2007. This is presented by the Alabama Nursery and Landscape Association in cooperation with the Horticulture Department at Auburn and the USDA Risk Management Agency. Tuesday evening is strictly registration and dinner. Wednesday is registration again followed by 45 minute presentations from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the following:

- What HGTV Does Not Tell You About Flower Beds
- So Many Plants, So Little Time, What is Wrong in Your Yard?
- Installing and Operating Drip Irrigation for Efficient Landscape Irrigation
- How to Select Landscape Design Software
- Master Gardeners International Gardens Virtual Pre-Tour
- Tour of Paterson Greenhouse Complex.

The cost including lunch for Wednesday only is \$35.00. Checks are to be made payable to “Alabama Nursery and Landscape Association” and sent to:

ALNLA
PO BOX 9
Auburn, AL 36831-0009

Hours Reporting

The main topic at the meeting was the reporting of hours. The bottom line reason for reporting hours is that it justifies the time that agents like Mike McQueen spend with us.

Many report their volunteer time months after it is “due”, and when they do report, they just place those hours into the next year’s report. Some people who don’t pay dues are reporting hours, and they are counting those hours.

Kerry Smith, Home Grounds Team, offers a class for interns and has actually presented it to a few Master Gardener monthly meetings around the

state. She brings laptops with her so that it is a ‘hands-on’ demonstration. Many state representatives were very interested in having Kerry come to their individual association.

Kerry Smith also has a program that the presidents and volunteer hours coordinators can access. One must contact Kerry to get the administrative log-in. This will allow those in each organization in the “need to know” category the ability to find out just how many hours their volunteers have as a group.

CEU Issues**

How many per year are required?

- 10 CEUs are suggested and usually are possible to get by just attending monthly meetings.
- Research that is required to do a presentation counts as CEUs.
- Attending a presentation by a Master Gardener counts if the presentation goes for at least 45 minutes.

Contacts Reporting**

- Audiences of Master Gardeners only do not count as contacts.
- For newspaper article submissions, count the circulation of the newspaper. (Same with a television show—take the estimate of viewers as given by the Arbitron ratings.)

Inactive Master Gardeners**

Inactive Master Gardeners feel that once a Master Gardener, always a Master Gardener. Even if they are not able to attend anymore, they are probably still handing out gardening advice. If they pay their dues, great! Send them a newsletter. But, even if they don’t pay their dues, no one can

take the designation of Master Gardener away from them.

Interns and Retention**

Some chapters, especially the ones who have to “cull down” their applicant numbers, really weed out the applicants in the interview process. You should date the applications when they come in so that if someone drops out, you know who is next on the list.

Night classes are very much in demand for people in the workforce. They feel that they will volunteer on the weekends. You don’t have to do the training in the county where you live.

Monthly meetings should be flexible, with some at night.

Liability Insurance

- Becoming a 501(c)3 corporation puts us in non-profit status.
- Some organizations who have this make sure to open up a number of meetings per year to the public.
- Each County organization needs to examine their status as to non-profit and the need for insurance.

(One MG group was sued due to a garden they planted at a street entry. Someone had an accident and claimed it was due to their vision being impeded by the plantings. Apparently nothing happened due to the non-profit status of that MG group.)

October Meeting

The October 2007 meeting topics will include “how to retain interns” and how to get formerly active Master Gardeners back to being active.

***These “issues” are decided strictly on a local level. Mike McQueen and your BCMG Board set our Baldwin County policies.*



Grass Roots News

By Mike McQueen

Beginning July 2007, the *Grass Roots* Newsletter and other BCMG information will be available online at the following web address:

<<http://www.aces.edu/counties/Baldwin/pages/Master%20Gardener.tmp>>

Sandra Walton, Administrative Assistant, maintains this part of the Baldwin County Extension Site.



Infoline News

By Harry Kohler

As you can see from the Infoline Signup Sheet for August below, there are seven time slots with no coverage. Also note that there are quite a few time slots with only one volunteer working. The Infoline functions at its best when there are two volunteers working it.

Please check your schedules to see if you can volunteer for one or more of these slots.

If you can volunteer, just send an e-mail to kohlerharry@earthlink.net or call me at (251) 929-2619. Thanks for your support!!

AUGUST INFOLINE SCHEDULE

| <u>MONDAY</u> | | | <u>TUESDAY</u> | | | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | | |
|---------------|----|------------------|----------------|----|------------------|------------------|----|------------------|
| Aug 6 | AM | Barbara Carlson | Aug 7 | AM | Carolyn Wilson | Aug 1 | AM | Frieda Romanchuk |
| | AM | Mary Gibson | | AM | Toni James | | AM | Rena Johansen |
| | PM | Sam Andrews | | AM | Thomas Schubert | | PM | OPEN |
| | PM | Ed Wirgowski | | PM | Michelle Patton | | PM | OPEN |
| Aug 13 | AM | Barbara Carlson | Aug 14 | AM | Thomas Schubert | Aug 8 | AM | OPEN |
| | AM | OPEN | | AM | Michelle Patton | | AM | OPEN |
| | PM | Sam Andrews | | PM | OPEN | | PM | Pam Heilmeier |
| | PM | Ed Wirgowski | | PM | OPEN | | PM | OPEN |
| | PM | Marie Spinnato | Aug 21 | AM | Thomas Schubert | Aug 15 | AM | Marilyn Mannhard |
| Aug 20 | AM | Barbara Carlson | | AM | Marilyn Mannhard | | AM | OPEN |
| | AM | Mary Gibson | | PM | OPEN | | PM | OPEN |
| | AM | Marilyn Mannhard | | PM | OPEN | | PM | OPEN |
| | PM | Sam Andrews | Aug 28 | AM | Thomas Schubert | Aug 22 | AM | Carolyn Wilson |
| | PM | Ed Wirgowski | | AM | Carolyn Wilson | | AM | OPEN |
| Aug 27 | AM | Barbara Carlson | | PM | OPEN | | PM | OPEN |
| | AM | OPEN | | PM | OPEN | Aug 29 | AM | Frieda Romanchuk |
| | PM | Sam Andrews | | | | | AM | Rena Johanson |
| | PM | Ed Wirgowski | | | | | PM | Pam Heilmeier |
| | | | | | | | PM | OPEN |



Infoline "On Call" Volunteers

Thanks to the following who have agreed to be "on call" to step in and cover for someone who has an unforeseen circumstance arise that prevents them from working their scheduled Infoline hours:

- Thomas Schubert
- Frieda Romanchuk
- Pat Libby
- Ann Pierce
- Jane Jeffers
- Marylee Smith
- Sarrah Rankin
- Marilyn Mannhard
- Gene Sellier
- Michelle Patton
- Terry Butler
- Pat Smith
- Jack Ardrey
- Linda O'Rear
- Carol Willis
- John Meyer
- Judy Earle

Meeting Minutes

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awarded Dawn Garcia her new membership as a BCMG immediately after the ceremony was complete. With Dawn, the total of new members receiving badges was 21.)

Our August meeting speaker will be Randy McQueen. A trained horticulturalist, he will speak on "Achieving Beautiful Lawns through Sound Horticultural Practices". The meeting will be at the usual Hwy. 104 auditorium on August 9, at 10:00 a.m. Come early (9:30) for a social hour and refreshments.



Mark Your Calendar!

August 9, 2007 – Monthly Meeting 9:30 am—Research Station Hwy. 104
 August 14-15, 2007— Auburn Master Gardener School—Auburn University
 August 23, 2007 – Board Meeting 10:00 am—Weeks Bay Reserve
 Sept. 13, 2007 – Monthly Meeting 9:30 am—Research Station Hwy. 104
 Sept. 13, 2007 – Wayne de la Rua Nominations Due
 October 4, 2007 – Continuing Education Day at Faulkner—Fairhope
 October 11, 2007 – Monthly Meeting 9:30 am—Research Station Hwy. 104
 October 12-14, 2007— Weeks Bay Plant Sale, Weeks Bay Reserve
 November 8, 2007— Monthly Meeting 9:30 am—Research Station Hwy. 104
 December 13, 2007— Christmas Luncheon and Awards, PZK Hall, Robertsdale



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Unusual Achievement

By Sam Andrews

Twenty-one outstanding individuals successfully completed the instruction and volunteer commitments to become full members of the Baldwin County Master Gardeners. Successful development of new Master Gardeners is a very difficult and challenging task that typically requires eight or more months of focused devotion for an Intern Class Coordinator and her team.

In view of her particularly outstanding service as 2007 Intern Class Coordinator, Extension Agent Mike McQueen presented Joyce Mudrak with a highly unusual Award of Excellence. Her service to the Extension Service, BCMG, her students, and her staff has been exemplary. She has proved herself to be an extremely effective, goal-focused leader and organizer.

Congratulations, Joyce, on your well-deserved – and very special -- Award of Excellence.

Change of Address

If you move or make any changes to your address, phone or E-mail, please contact:

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Next Meeting: 9:30 A.M.—August 9, 2007
 Guest Speaker: Randy McQueen

 Continuing Ed Day—October 4, 2007