

# GRASS ROOTS

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## Meet Your Volunteers—Foley Rose Trail

By Tanys Waldron

The City of Foley Rose Trail was dedicated on Saturday, March 31, as part of The City of Foley's "Spring in the Forward City" celebration. Most of the volunteers who helped plant the Rose Trail were Baldwin County Master Gardeners and their spouses. They were honored by the City of Foley for their contributions of time and energy, which were an integral part of the success of the Rose Trail project. Each person was presented with a proclamation from the city acknowledging their efforts to help beautify Foley.

The front page photo from left to right are Hank Alexander, John Koniar, Mayor of Foley, Bill Goodwin, Tom Gronback, Carma Gronback, Ed Nowicki, Diane Nowicki, Sue Emmett, Pat Libby and Harry Anderson. In front are Charmaine Peterman and Kazuko Russell. The climbing yellow rose on the trellis in the background is a Lady Banks.

The Master Gardeners and their spouses who helped plant the Rose Trail, but were unable to be at the ceremony were Billie Bently, Carey Bently, Carol Durden, Bud Durden, Mary Gibson, Lynne Schubert, Thomas Schubert and Jane Wright.



**Foley Rose Trail Volunteers**

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## President's Corner

by Sam Andrews

Twenty five members of our Intern Class have finally graduated! I want to thank the many BCMG's who heard the call, attended the final class/luncheon and brought a veritable feast of food. If you were not there, you really missed a wonderful occasion for fellowship.

As our new graduates work to finish their hour requirements for their badges, please help them to find opportunities for service

and to pursue their passions. A number of our new friends have already paid their dues, eager to be a part of our wonderful group.

On Monday afternoons when I work the Information Line, I have and continue to enjoy talking and watching these folks learn the "ropes". One of the great things about the

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## Meeting Minutes

by Ann Pierce

The BCMG monthly meeting, held at the Auburn Substation on Highway 104, Fairhope, AL, was called to order at 10:05 by our Vice President, Tom Dukes, in the absence of President Sam Andrews.

Rosemarie Morgan announced that we will be visiting Preast's Petals and Pottery on Gayfer Avenue in Fairhope for our program today. Our host, James Preast, is a certified nurseryman who moved to this area through his company, and later opened his garden center. He'll give us a guided tour and answer any questions about his plants.

Tom said the Busy Bee Award this month is to Tom Schubert, who is always ready to help in the MG Program, but wasn't present to receive this award today.

Tom warned us about some locally available compost being too alkaline for use on many plants, such as azaleas and other acid loving plants. Some compost he had tested was in the range of 9+. He warned against using this compost near water, since it can be deadly to marine life, and to use it sparingly along with other soil amendments in planting projects.

Jane Wright gave the Treasurer's report, beginning January 1 of this year, with a balance of \$18,208.97. The March plant sale netted \$11,135.43. Major expenses were \$500.00 for the Weeks Bay irrigation project, \$2,500.00 total for 5 scholarships to Faulkner students, and \$400.00 for 2 meetings at the PZK Hall during the year. The current balance is \$25,089.39.

Pat Libby, Continuing Education Chairman, will have a sign up sheet to help with the seminar coming up later in the year.

Harry Anderson said the Bon Secour project has been completed. Jan Uthe is keeping the plantings watered, since it is such a dry environment.

Marilyn Mannhard asked that all reports on projects be sent to her before the 20th of each month to be printed in *Grass Roots*. There will probably be no new projects right now. Emphasis will be on Outreach and Infoline.

Tanys Waldron said that aprons are being imprinted, and will be available for \$15.00, and \$18.00 for XL.

Harry Kohler has Infoline sheets on the back table for a few more volunteers; several slots are not yet filled for the month of May.

Tom has created a short form to fill out our volunteer hours by e-mail. He urged everyone to submit this brief report for the period from November 1, 2006 to the current time.

Betty Harrell thanked those who brought food to the meeting.

It was announced that the Fairhope Garden Walk will be held Saturday, May 13, with tickets available for \$10.00 to tour homes and the Grand Hotel grounds, including several workshops there. Master Gardeners are helping as hosts for this event.

At 10:30 the meeting was adjourned to proceed to the Preast's garden center tour. There is 1 hour CEU.

## President's Corner

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Info-Line is the opportunity for conversation as you go about your work. As such, it is a wonderful time to connect and learn about each other.

Having mentioned the Info-Line, a number of you have responded to our recent call for more volunteers to fill our schedule. Harry Kohler and I thank you. In addition, having graduated with their hours complete, several of our ex-Intern members have volunteered as well. It is great to see them participating in this unique learning and outreach effort of the BCMG.

Finally, I want to mention that I will not be at the June 14 meeting. I will instead be wearing another of my hats as American Hibiscus Society President in Fort Myers, Florida. One of our own, Liz Mundine will be speaking with the aid of a new PowerPoint presentation. I had been looking forward to hearing her, but due to hibiscus meetings scheduled earlier than I thought, I will miss her. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and experiences, Liz.

Have a great June everyone. See you at the July Festivities in Robertsedale!



*Food Table at the Intern Graduation Luncheon*



## Projects Report

By Marilyn Mannhard

As it gets into summer, the projects slow down to some extent. There is still maintenance, but not so much new. Harry Anderson reported on the Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge project that all of the plants purchased through the Greenhouse in Loxley have been delivered to the refuge. They were planted on April 27. All plants were Dodd and Dodd native plants and were very good quality. They also had permission to transplant anything they could find from under the power lines, so they rescued a number of really nice plants and relocated them into the beds. Those plants included Red Buckeye, Red Basil, Gaillardia, Conradina, Liatris, and Spiderwort along with a few others. Returning to the site on April 30, they went to Chan West's house and with her help, dug up more natives. Chan has helped on the project from the beginning. Since she lives there and is a talented native plant expert, she has been a great asset. She got permission to remove a

few plants from Fort Morgan and donated them as well. Native lantana which abounds at the Fort was one of the transplants. It is a fantastic butterfly nectar plant. The Magnolias Grandiflora "Little Gem" are blooming beautifully.

One of our new Intern members, Myra Hannah, has been a major help on this project and has volunteered to take care of most of the watering until the plants are established. BCMG approved the purchase of a couple of water hoses and a water wand for use until this aspect of the project is completed. The Refuge has run lines under the road to the site, and Myra and Jan Uthe have been doing the watering as needed. Mulch will be added as soon as possible.

This is the only project report received for this month. Please send in your reports before the 20th of each month. Have a good summer.



## Program Notes

By Rosemarie Morgan and Rebecca Troclair

Thursday, June 14, 2007







9:30 A.M.—Social  
 10:00 A.M.—Meeting  
 10:30 A.M.—Program—  
 "Courtyards: The Joy of  
 Endless Possibilities"  
 Guest Speaker: Elizabeth  
 Mundine

Elizabeth is a dedicated and involved Master Gardener with a special interest in courtyards. Her program will give us illustrated glimpses into the charming world of private gardens.

Looking Ahead: The July Picnic! July 12 at PZK Hall. Plan to make a favorite dish to share (details will come with the next issue), and join in the fun!



## Busy Bees

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





## Plants of the Month—Corn and Tomatoes

By Tanys Waldron

Gardens are starting to bring forth the vegetables and fruits of our labors. Fresh corn and the first crop of tomatoes are now being picked. Whether your produce comes fresh from your garden or fresh from Winn Dixie you need some fresh new ideas on what to do with it. Two members of the graduating class of Interns helped us all out with two excellent summer time recipes. Helen Hollansworth and Ann Luscombe did their Intern class presentations on food. Their recipes were so good they needed to be shared.

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This recipe is from Ann Luscombe, a brand new 2007 Master Gardener who knows what foods to prepare when temperatures are hot. Ann lived in Tucson, Arizona for most of her adult life, and this recipe came to Ann from a lovely lady who lived on the Mexican border south of Tucson.

In Ann's words "I have used this recipe as a staple in the summer time for well over ten years, because it will keep for a long long time in the refrigerator. I personally do not use the amount of olive oil that is in this recipe. I decrease the amount to about half. This soup is very filling, very low in calories and has a refreshing taste. "

The history of Gazpacho Andaluz is that it is a cold soup/drink served either in a bowl or in a glass. It's part of Southern Spain's culinary tradition from way back when it was originally taken by the farmers into the fields in conical ceramic bowls that were then dug into the ground so the soup would stay cool as they worked. When served in a bowl it usually has toppings/garnishes. In Southern Spain the garnishes are usually either onion or cucumber. In the Andalucia area of Spain they put ham, hard boiled egg and some toasted bread on it.

Tomatoes are really fruits, even though we think of them as vegetables. Tomatoes are the most popular vegetable for home gardeners. No other vegetable comes close to its popularity. Here is the Gazpacho Andaluz recipe so you can start enjoying your tomatoes.



*Ann Luscombe*

### GAZPACHO ANDALUZ

*Submitted by Ann Luscombe*

- 4 Large Tomatoes peeled
- 2 Large Cucumbers peeled
- 1 Large Onion—peeled
- 2 Medium Green Peppers seeded
- 1- 4 oz. jar of Pimento drained
- 6 Cups of Tomato Juice ( 1 large can)
- 1/2 Cup Olive Oil
- 2/3 Cup Red Wine Vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. Liquid Hot Pepper Seasoning
- 3 tsp. Salt /part seasoned Salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

Blend all ingredients in Food Processor or Blender. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Better taste if overnight.

Makes 1/2 gallon - Serves 8

You can serve soup with an array of Garnishes:

- Radish
- Cilantro
- Green Onion
- Sour Cream
- Avocado
- Green Pepper

\*The radishes are an unusual garnish, but a great addition.

\*\*Cheese is not a good tasting Garnish for this soup

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*Helen Hollansworth*

### CORNBREAD SUPREME 2000

*National Cornbread Contest Winners*

*Recipe created by Helen Hollansworth and Kay Gay*

- Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees
- 3 pieces thick-sliced bacon
- 4 eggs
- 1 stick butter, melted & cooled
- 1 pkg. 6.5 oz. Martha White's Yellow Cornbread Mix
- 1/2 cup milk
- 6 dashes of hot sauce
- 1 med onion chopped - about 3/4 of a cup
- 1- 10 oz pkg. frozen chopped spinach OR frozen Broccoli ( your choice) thaw, and squeeze out all juice or you can use fresh vegetables that are pre-cooked
- 1 lb. shrimp, peeled, deveined, cooked and coarsely chopped
- 2 cups finely grated Cheddar Cheese (reserve 1/2 cup for topping)
- Chopped parsley for garnish

In a 10" iron skillet, fry bacon until crisp; remove from pan, cool and crumble for garnish or put into mix of ingredients. Pour off excess grease, wiping crumbs from pan with paper towel. Return just enough grease to coat sides and bottom of skillet. Place skillet in pre-heating oven.

In electric mixer, beat eggs until light

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## Meet Your Volunteers

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The volunteers worked for about 18 months to plant and maintain the approximately 330 rose bushes lining the trail which starts on the north side of the Foley Heritage Park on Highway 59. The trail is three blocks long, and all of the roses are identified with placards. At the beginning of the trail is a permanent brass sign that contains an acknowledgment to the Master Gardeners for their contributions of time and effort in helping to create this historical trail.

Starting in October 2007, there will be further extensions to the trail going both north and south. The south extension of the trail will start across Highway 98 from Heritage Park, where an existing park lies. The north extension is currently under construction toward the Foley Justice Center. Both the north and south trails will continue to follow the old route of the railway tracks.

The idea for the Rose Trail was conceived by Bill Goodwin (Arkansas Master Gardener) in 2005 following Hurricane Ivan. Bill and Jason Powell of Petals from the Past collaborated on the landscape design for the trail, and Jason aided in suggestions of roses to be planted. The City Administrator, Perry Wilbourne, also participated in the project and helped get the city funds allocated to build the trail.

Baldwin County Master Gardeners Kazuko Russell and Hank Alexander were members of the Rose Trail Committee that helped in the process, and Bill Goodwin was the coordinator of planting and care. The goal of the Rose Trail was to perpetuate and celebrate roses which have survived over the centuries, some dating as far back as the 1700's. The Rose Trail will serve as a living classroom to enable citizens and visitors to enjoy and learn about old roses that naturally flourish in our sub-tropical climate. The trail has a mix of historic roses and a few modern day roses with old rose heritage.

For a rose to qualify as an antique rose it must date back prior to 1867, as that is when the first hybrid tea rose came into being. Most of the roses on the trail are prior to that date. One of these beautiful roses on the trail is named "Kazuko's Rose". It is an Old Fashioned Rose, shrub sized, and the color is Peachy Orange. The edges of the rose are ruffled. It blooms from mid-March to December, and the flowers set from one to ten clusters or more. It is planted in the middle of the trail on the east side.

The reason the "Kazuko's Rose" is special is because it was discovered and propagated by Kazuko Russell, one of our own Baldwin County Master Gardeners. Kazuko discovered the Rose in 1997. She was a visiting volunteer for AIDS patients, and while driving

through Bon Secour to visit one of her people, she saw an unusual blossom color on a Crepe Myrtle. Driving past the next day much more slowly she realized that the tree was a rose bush. She stopped and asked permission of the home owners for a clipping. They said the bush had been there forever, bloomed regularly, and nobody knew where it came from. Kazuko researched the rose, and it had not been recorded anywhere. It was an orphan. It was formally adopted by Kazuko and given her name.

The name Kazuko means "Harmony and Peace" in Japanese. Kazuko was born in 1948 in Okinawa, Japan after World War Two, and her parents wanted to have peace return and stay in their country. The roses that Kazuko grows are her prayers for "Peace" which she hopes will spread all over the world.

You can see the "Kazuko's Rose" at our next Monthly meeting on June 14th. The roses will be on sale at \$10.00 for the one gallon pot, and \$15.00 for the two gallon pot.

The Rose Trail is dedicated to antique roses such as Old Blush, which dates back to 1752, and the Louis Phillipe, whose pedigree dates back to 1834. The rare roses on the trail are the Alister Clark, Buck and Viru Viraghaven roses. They are available only by mail order. Bill Goodwin believes that this is the only source of Viru roses in the U.S., and those interested may go online at [www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com](http://www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com) to view these and other named roses.

Many thanks from the Baldwin County Master Gardeners' Membership to all of the Foley Rose Trail Volunteers for sharing your time and gardening talents to make our world a more beautiful place. Thank you everyone for being great Volunteers.



**Kazuko Russell and "Kazuko's Rose"**



## Meet our New Crop of Interns

*Again this year, we have asked our interns to submit an autobiography so that we can get to know them. Here are several autobiographies from members of this year's class.*

### ~MARGUERITA RIGGALL~

A transplant from Tennessee, I have been in Magnolia Springs a little over two years. I have enjoyed gardening since I planted Johnny-Jump-ups and Larkspur as a child.

My love of gardening really came from my father and paternal grandmother who left me with a passion for digging. I also own a family farm they gave me back in West Tennessee which is planted with cotton, soybeans and hardwood timber. The farm is located next to the Forked Deer River where I swung from grapevines as a child.

As a realtor for over twenty years, I have always been keen on curb appeal, which has been an excuse for working in the yard. Three things I have learned since settling in Alabama:

- Everything grows much better here than in West and Middle Tennessee
- I have so much to learn!
- The Master Gardeners are a delightful bunch of people!

### ~JODIE R. KLUGEL~

Growing up in Alabama gave me a real sense of nature and the outdoors. I lived on a farm for two or three years as a very young child until my father realized this was a difficult way to earn a living even back then. My father moved us to Montgomery, Alabama where he worked for the Chamber of

Commerce. We still have the farmland, which is about 60 miles south of Montgomery, and my brother, sister and I grow pine trees.

After college, I was fortunate to be employed as a Special Agent with the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol & Firearms. My first assignment was in Miami, Florida in 1976. I breathed a sign of relief since the BATF frowned on moonshine, and this was prevalent in Pike County, Alabama. I did not want to be in a position of having to arrest family or associates in Alabama. Luckily, the moonshine disappeared, and I conducted investigations involving illegal firearms and explosives violations in South Florida.

For the past 30 years, I also worked for the Inspector General's Office, USDA, the Defense Investigative Service and Federal Investigative Service. With USDA, I lived in Atlanta, Georgia where the Regional Office was located. However, all of my investigations were in Birmingham, Alabama. I also worked for an agency under the U.S. Defense Department. I decided to retire in October 2006.

Several years before I retired, I learned about the Master Gardener Program while attending the Festival of Flowers in Mobile. My stress relief came from working in my yard on the weekends, and somehow I created a monster and needed help. No one gave me the Infoline number! I am overwhelmed with the quality of instruction and information provided to me in the course. The Master Gardener Volunteers have been so helpful and patient with me as an Intern. I wish to thank all of you who supported us in the classroom and in the field. Your time and knowledge are gratefully

appreciated. You have shared your passion for gardening with me, and I hope to be able to pass this along to others. This course has been so much fun, thanks to all my classmates.

### ~CAROLYN WILSON~

I am Carolyn Wilson, and I am a Baldwin County Master Gardener Intern in the class of 2007. Gardening has been my hobby for most of my life. I do admit that as a child, spending days in the garden pulling weeds was not a fun summer hobby! However, as an adult, I came to realize the rewards of gardening both to myself and to others. Each person gets something different from gardening, but all gain a sense of nature's balance.

I have gardened in several locations, but most of my gardening has been in the warmer section of Zone 6 in southeastern Ohio. I am not a discriminating gardener. I will try to grow almost anything—at least three times. A dying plant is an educational tool, after all.

As an Ohio State University Master Gardener since 1996, I have a great deal of respect for the program and enjoy interacting with other gardeners as a volunteer. Now, my gardens and the plants I grow are always selected and planted with education in mind.

After coming to Baldwin County, I saw immediately that gardening here was another type of ball game. The information I learned through the Alabama program has now given me the confidence to discuss local gardening problems with area gardeners. I am looking forward to being an active part of the Master Gardener volunteer team.



## Attention 2007 Class

by Jane Wright

Thanks to all of you who paid your dues so promptly! For those not yet paid, the 2007 dues are \$20.00. I send \$5.00 of that to the State Master Gardener organization. This makes you a member of AMGA. You will receive their quarterly newsletter and have access to their educational programs. You can send your payment to: BCMG - c/o Jane E. Wright - 13789 Underwood Road - Summerdale AL 36580. Make the check out to "BCMG", or you can pay at the next meeting on June 14.

**BCMG Financial Report May 10 2007**

Beginning Balance Jan 1 2007		15208.97
<b>Income:</b>		
2007 Dues	\$ 455.00	
Jill's Book	\$ 24.00	
Plant Sale income	\$ 26,439.08	
T-Shirts	\$ 39.75	
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$ 26,957.83</b>
<b>Total Credits:</b>		<b>\$ 42,166.80</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Awards	\$ 45.30	
Capital Expense	\$ 117.71	
Donations	\$ 500.00	
Greenhouse	\$ 56.85	
July Picnic Deposit	\$ 200.00	
Mail Expense	\$ 297.96	
Meeting Expense	\$ 26.22	
Misc.	\$ 61.58	
Outreach	\$ 10.00	
Plant Sale Expense	\$ 15,303.65	
Refreshments	\$ 118.64	
Robertsdale Office	\$ 73.87	
Scholarships	\$ 2,500.00	
Speaker's Gifts	\$ 274.75	
State Travel Expense	\$ 56.42	
Storage Building Rent	\$ 117.00	
Supplies	\$ 67.46	
Xmas Party Deposit	\$ 200.00	
Petty Cash	\$ 50.00	
		<b>\$ 20,077.41</b>
<b>Closing Balance 5/10/07</b>		<b>\$ 25,089.39</b>

**Week's Bay Grant Fund**

Opening Balance 1/1/07	\$ 25.90
<b>Deposits</b>	
Gulf Coast R&D Council	\$ 2,500.00
BCMG Donation	\$ 500.00
<b>Closing Balance 5/10/07</b>	<b>\$ 3,025.90</b>
(2007 Plant Sale Profit = \$ 11,135.43 )	



**Quarterly Reports**

By Tom Dukes

As you are probably aware, our second quarter reports are due. In an attempt to simplify the process, I am asking that all of you with email use the short form for reporting. If this works well, I will send you a reminder at the end of each quarter and all you have to do is fill in the blanks and click REPLY. For those without email, please make copies of the report at the bottom of this page and mail the short form to me.

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**QUARTERLY VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

YTD Hours \_\_\_\_\_

YTD Cont. \_\_\_\_\_

YTD Miles \_\_\_\_\_

My goal for 2007 is \_\_\_\_\_ volunteer hours.



## Fairhope Garden Club Thanks Master Gardeners

By Gordon Cooper

The fifth annual Fairhope Garden Club's Garden Walk on May 12 enjoyed a sunny day and record attendance. Four diverse and beautiful residential gardens in the Point Clear area and a walking tour of the grounds and mini workshops at the Grand Hotel made up the tour. Sales of walk tickets and raffle tickets raised more than \$4,000.00, which will be used for horticultural projects in the Fairhope area. Garden Club members, Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Interns were stationed at each tour site to check tickets, guide visitors and provide plant information. At least one Master Gardener was available at all times at each location.

The Fairhope Garden Club extends its special thanks to all the Master Gardener and Intern volunteers who shared their time and expertise to ensure the success of the tour. Participating Master Gardeners were Marilyn Mannhard, Frieda Romanchuk, Judy Thompson, Carolyn Koch, Dick Stewart, Gaynell Dumas, Kazuko Russell, Mary Gibson, Rebecca Trosclair, Tany Waldron, Carol Griffin, Liz Tew, Alice Kohler and Harry Kohler. Interns from the 2007 class participating were Loree Hadley, Debbie Calhoun, Carrie Dortch, Judy Crimmins, Linda Florence, Jodie Klugel, Toni James, John Meyer and Gordon Cooper.



## 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



## Infoline News

By Harry Kohler

Thanks for the great support!!! We have May covered and only two slots in June (afternoon of the 12th and 26th) that still need volunteers. Let me know if you can fill either of these slots. Also, the Infoline is a lot easier and more fun if there are two people working it. As you can see, there are a number of slots that now have only one person signed up. Any one interested in filling up some twosomes, please let me know.

Thanks again!!!

### JUNE INFOLINE SCHEDULE

<u>MONDAY</u>			<u>TUESDAY</u>			<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
June 4	AM	Barbara Carlson	June 5	AM	Thomas Schubert	June 6	AM	Marilyn Mannhard
	AM	Alice & Harry Kohler		AM	Sandy Hodgson		AM	Pat Libby
	PM	Sam Andrews		PM	Judy Earle		PM	Tom Dukes
	PM	Ed Wirgowski		PM	Harry Anderson		PM	
June 11	AM	Jane Wright,	June 12	AM	Thomas Schubert	June 13	AM	Frieda Romanchuk
	AM	Mary Gibson		AM	Sandy Hodgson		AM	
	AM	Barbara Carlson		PM	OPEN		PM	Tom Dukes
	PM	Ed Wirgowski		PM	OPEN		PM	Rod Chappelle
	PM		June 19	AM	Thomas Schubert	June 20	AM	Pat Smith
June 18	AM	Barbara Carlson		AM	Sandy Hodgson		AM	
	AM	Alice & Harry Kohler		PM	Harry Anderson		PM	Tom Dukes
	PM	Ed Wirgowski		PM			PM	
	PM		June 26	AM	Thomas Schubert	June 27	AM	Marilyn Mannhard
June 25	AM	Marilyn Mannhard		AM	Sandy Hodgson		AM	Frieda Romanchuk
	AM	Jane Wright		PM	OPEN		PM	Rod Chappelle
	AM	Mary Gibson		PM	OPEN		PM	Tom Dukes
	PM	Ed Wirgowski		PM			PM	



## Best of Show Hibiscus Seedling

By Lynn Andrews

Our President, Sam Andrews, won Best of Show Seedling at the Red Stick Hibiscus Chapter's Third Annual Hibiscus Show in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 6, 2007. He named his winning seedling *Macho Man*. Sam hybridized this new hibiscus cultivar in 2003 and has been evaluating it for the past four years.

The American Hibiscus Society requires that its Best of Show Seedling winners send scion to a designated grafter. This propagator will graft 11-12 plants for members of the American Hibiscus Society's Seedling Evaluation Committee.

Once the Seedling Committee receives plants to evaluate next year, its members will compare Sam's *Macho Man* seedling against other show winning seedlings for a three year period. Seedling Committee members grow their plants under different climate and cultural conditions. Based on the evaluations of the Evaluation Committee, a "Hibiscus of the Year" and runners-up will be chosen.

We'll find out in a few years how *Macho Man* fares in the ratings with the other winners in the 2007 show season.



**Sam Andrews with Macho Man**

## Plant of the Month

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and fluffy. Add cornbread mix, milk, melted butter, and hot sauce until blended; then mix in onion, squeezed spinach OR broccoli; fold in chopped shrimp, bacon bits and cheese (except for ½ cup).

Remove iron skillet from oven. Place mixture in hot skillet, top with remaining cheese.

Bake for 30 minutes or until pick comes out clean. Remove from oven, garnish with crumbled bacon and chopped parsley. Cut into 8 wedges.

Great for Sunday Night supper or lunch served with a crispy green salad; would also be good for brunch with a fruit salad.

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This recipe won The National Cornbread Festival Cook-off Contest in 2000. Helen Hollansworth (who is one of our crop of brand new 2007 Master Gardeners) and her friend Kay Gay entered the contest on a whim, and to their amazement their recipe was chosen to be in the finals. The finals were held in South Pittsburg, Tennessee. The contest was sponsored by Martha White Baking Products and Lodge Cast Iron Mfg. The Cook-Off features main dish recipes that use at least one cup of Martha White cornmeal or cornmeal mix and are cooked in Lodge Cast Iron skillets. Helen and Kay as finalists prepared their entries for the judges under a tent surrounded by thousands of on-lookers in the middle of the festival grounds.

These are Helen's words about the contest, "Our skillet full of cooked cornbread went in to the judges. Then it came back empty. All of the other contestants' skillets had come back half full. Kay and I looked at each other and wondered why we were different. Then I said, the judges either hated it and threw it out, or they loved it and ate it all."

Helen and Kay won the contest, won the \$1,000.00 prize and won a \$3,500.00 Eagle Five Star Professional Gas Stove. A great story of how a recipe can make your life more fun.



## Mark Your Calendar!

- June 14, 2007 — Monthly Meeting 9:30 am—Research Station Hwy. 104
- June 17, 2007 — FATHER'S DAY
- July 12, 2007 — Awards Picnic, PZK Hall, Robertsdale
- August 9, 2007 — Monthly Meeting 9:30 am—Research Station Hwy. 104
- Sept. 13, 2007 — Monthly Meeting 9:30 am—Research Station Hwy. 104
- October 4, 2007 — Continuing Education Day at Faulkner—Fairhope
- October 11, 2007 — Monthly Meeting 9:30 am—Research Station Hwy. 104
- November 8, 2007— Monthly Meeting 9:30 am—Research Station Hwy. 104



## Grass Roots

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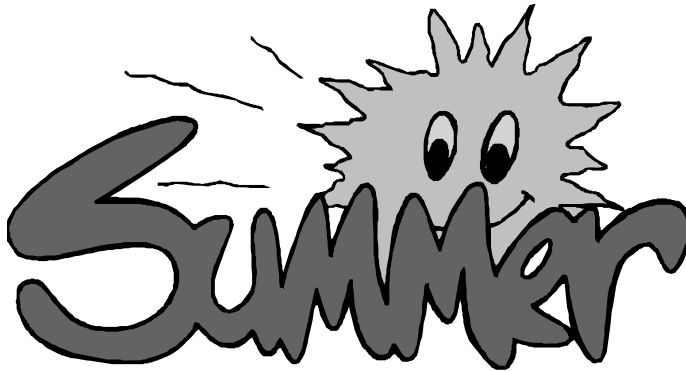
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