

# THE PRAIRIE MUD

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## SUZANNE 'SEZ'...



The sun is shining, the weather is getting warmer, and spring bulbs are starting to bloom; can this

really mean the terrible winter is almost over? With all this wonderful weather comes the real reason we want to be Master Gardeners – to get our hands back in the soil and let our imaginations run wild.

As I walked around outside, the glorious daffodils are blooming in their yellow and orange splendor but as I looked closer, I could see many plants just ready to start their seasonal journey into maturity, a spout here, a leaf there, and sometimes even a small blossom peeking out from under the mulch. Before long, the gardens around Montgomery will be alive with the colors of spring. This is why we like living in the South.

We had a great meeting in February, congratulations to all the award winners. I don't think I have ever seen so many awards presented during a previous

year before. Your hard work and volunteerism is a testimony to the commitment Capital City Master Gardeners Association has to the communities in which we live, work, and play. And just think, it will only get better and better. We also had a large group of CCMGA Interns in attendance. I look forward to getting to know each of you better as the year goes on.

I want to talk about the **CCMGA Garden Survey** a little more. Our agenda was so full we were not able to discuss it as thoroughly as I had hoped. Before we get into the explanation, I want to thank the 52 people who actually turned in your survey before you left the meeting. We will start compiling data next week and should see opportunities for training which will direct us to the topics we need to include in workshops and seminars over the coming months. We can recruit trainers from several sources; however, the

survey will identify CCMGA members who have the necessary training and skill to lead other workshops in the community.

The variety of proposed opportunities on page two hopefully gave everyone something new to think about. Since most of the projects are new, this is your opportunity to share your unique interests, suggestions, and ideas as the projects take place.

For those of you who missed the meeting, I will start sending our survey attached to emails and you can fill them out and send them back to me the same way or you can print them off and mail your response to me at 702 Green Ridge Road, Montgomery, AL 36109. My goal is to get 100% participation.

Don't forget, our March CCMGA meeting will be at the Vaughn Road Nursery on March 22 at our usual time. Please be sure to bring your own chair.

Happy Gardening

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## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING

Suzanne Reaves called the meeting to order. The devotion was given by Laurice Goorley. The January minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report was filed for audit. A Garden Survey was handed out for all of us to complete showing our area of expertise and areas where we would like more training. Suzanne congratulated Maggie Stringer who received the Senior Achievement Award given by the Montgomery Area Council on Aging for her volunteer work and thanked Sandee Ferguson for coordinating and thanking the volunteers working the CCMGA booth at Southern Homes & Garden Show.

**New Business:** Mary Eleanor Hines, Membership Chairman, stated if anyone wanted to pay their 2011 dues see her after the meeting, she recognized the 2011 Interns in attendance, Jean McKenzie-Hurst, Eileen Bussey, Vic Canerday, Kim Hoover, Vickie Raney, Anna & Gordon Trawick, Janine Koslofsky, and Lee Ann Hester.

Mary Eleanor presented Stars and Badges to the following members: **Bronze Stars for 100-299 Volunteer Hours:** Jerry Belcher, Michelle Burns, Margaret Cooley, Maureen Emerson, Barbara Forsythe, Lee Fuerst, Emily Frye, Sandee Ferguson, Chris Henderson, Marilyn Harper, Brenda Jordan, Jane Martin, and Chris Shoup; **Silver Stars for 300-499 Volunteer Hours:** Betsy Coley, Melinda Merijanian, Randy Merijanian, and Annie Smith; **Gold Stars for 500-900 Volunteer Hours:** Suzanne Brookhart, Linda Carleton, Nell Copeland, Jane Shalhoop, and Anita Ward; **Gold Badges for 1000 Volunteer Hours:** Laurice Goorley, Yvonne Evans, Anna Owen and Marie Tomlin; and a **Platinum Badge for 2000 Volunteer Hours:** Diane Bush. Congratulations to you all.

Barbara Forsythe gave information about the 2011 Master Gardener Trip to Serenbe Organic Farm in Palmetto Ga. where we will tour the gardens and have lunch. We will also stop at

Callaway Gardens on the way home. The trip is Tuesday April 19 and the cost is \$55.00. Gail Cotney made a motion and Anna Owen seconded that the CCMGA Association pay for the bus to be used on the trip. The motion was approved.

Our program was presented by Mallory Kelley and Betsy Coley on Propagation. We were reminded NOW is the time to start to sow seeds for our vegetable gardens and flowers and reminded us if we used old containers to rinse and sterilize them. Mallory demonstrated the technique of air layering a plant and passed out a handout on other Layering Techniques. Betsy showed us how to take a cutting off a plant (tip cuttings work best) and start several plants. She brought different types of containers from those purchased at the store to bathroom cups with a hole in the bottom to demonstrate we can use most anything to start seed without spending a lot of money. Mallory brought Fafard soil which was handed out at the end of the meeting. This was good training to help us start our seeds and plants and have them for the MG Plant Sale on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Old Alabama Town.

Susan Samuel brought items she had propagated and gave ideas on creating her Sunflower/Morning Glory Baskets and how she made tags cut from grocery sacks and laminated with clear plastic tape. She had some very good ideas.

Gail Cotney reminded us that we need to bring our plants to the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting for the MG Plant Sale.

Refreshments were provided by Audrey Shelnett, Gail Cotney, Annie Smith, Maureen Emerson, Barbara Forsythe and Emily Frye. Our next meeting will be at Vaughn Road Nursery, March 22nd. Remember to bring a lawn chair. There was a total of 56 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Martin

## TREASURER'S REPORT



Suzanne Brookhart

**Beginning balance**  
February 2, 2011

**\$10,123.57**

### Deposits:

Badges/Raffle	\$43.00
Membership	<u>\$45.00</u>
	\$88.00

### Checks:

# 1319 Donation to	
Downtown Urban Farm	\$750.00
#1320 Legacy tree (MTC)	250.00
#1321 Lee Co Ext Office	
(soil for demo)	42.99
#1322 OATHS (Plant Sale)	100.00
#1323 B. Coley (demo)	10.26
#1324 STARS	39.00
Bank fee	<u>2.00</u>
	\$1194.25
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$9017.32</b>

**Our deepest sympathy goes out to  
Cathy Maddox  
and her family  
on the death  
of her mother  
in Mobile on  
February 27.**



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Community and Homes Grounds Committee

Our committee has 3 projects going at this time. The Sips House in English Village is a 'Green' home being built by the City of Montgomery. We have given them a landscape and maintenance plan and will be there for its installation.

The Mobile Heights Neighborhood has asked us to help them design the entries at multiple sites to their neighborhood. We have met and are working on the designs and maintenance plan at this time.

The King Hill Baptist Church has asked us to help with a community garden plan. We are working with Roosevelt Robinson (Urban Regional Extension Agent) to get this project started.

Anita Ward

### RAIN, RAIN .....COME TO MY RAIN BARREL

As you may already know, CCMGA has partnered with Ashley Henderson of the Alabama Clean Water Partnership, to present Rain Barrel Workshops to the public. The first activity was held on Tuesday, February 22, after our monthly meeting. The project committee met at the Krebs Architecture & Engineering warehouse to assemble packets of materials used in making individual rain barrels. Six MG's along with Ashley put together approximately 150 bags of equipment. Flyers will be placed around the Montgomery area to advertise the six Spring 2011 workshops. We have enough volunteers right now but if you would like to participate in a workshop and make your own rain barrel, contact [www.alabamairainbarrelproject.weebly.com](http://www.alabamairainbarrelproject.weebly.com) or call/email Ashley Henderson at [334-300-3392](tel:334-300-3392)/[alabama@cleanwaterpartnership.org](mailto:alabama@cleanwaterpartnership.org)

The dates of the workshops are the following:

March 10, April 7 and May 12, 11 am - 1 pm, Vaughn Road Garden Center

March 12, April 9 and May 14, 9 am - 11am, Old Alabama Town

The cost of the workshop is \$30 per barrel. Please tell your friends and neighbors about these workshops.

The members of the CCMGA Rain Barrel Project Committee are: Annie Smith, Jane Martin, Michele Burns, Richard Deneve, Marie Tomlin, Margaret Cooley, Gail Cotney, Lynette Morse and Karin Carmichael, Chair.

### Membership Committee

Membership is now up to 109 members for 2011. Five interns joined at our February meeting. We are a very viable organization and proud of each member. At this point we will increase in numbers as the year progresses.

Mary Eleanor Hines

### Invocation Committee

I want to thank those of you who signed up to give the Invocation at future meetings. We still have open slots to fill and I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting in March.

Laurice Goorley  
Invocation Chairman



### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

I will be contacted if a member needs to have a card mailed for Sympathy, Get Well, Remembrance, Thinking of You, etc . I want to thank Dianne Bush who has agreed to mail out these cards. Members without email addresses will be contacted as best as possible when a request for volunteers is sent out or other information that needs to be relayed between meetings.

Jane Martin.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Refreshment Committee

FOOD, FOOD & MORE FOOD ; Now that I have your attention, I will beg for help. We still need two volunteers to help with refreshments at the April 26<sup>th</sup> CCMGA meeting. We need a salty item and a table decoration. If you are not available in April, fear not, there are more dates available. They are as follows:

- May 24<sup>th</sup> – sugar free drinks; table decoration
- July 26<sup>th</sup> – salty; sugar free drinks; table decoration
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> – fruit/veggie; sugar free drinks; table decoration
- September 27<sup>th</sup> – salty; fruit/veggie; sugar free drinks; table decoration
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – sweet; fruit/veggie; sugar free drinks; table decoration
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> – sweet; salty; fruit/veggie; sugar free drinks; table decoration
- December 27<sup>th</sup> – sweet; salty; fruit/veggie; sugar free drinks; table decoration

Approximately 75 people attend a monthly meeting. If each person signed up for one item during the year then I won't have to experience heart palpitations, the members can partake in their favorite pas-time and everyone will be happy. This is an easy way to participate and show your appreciation to the rest of the group.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact one of the co-chairs listed below.

Maureen Emerson - 277-5222  
 Martie Hicks - 274-9022  
 Kitty Huffaker - 270-2060

### Help Line Committee

If anyone is unable to do phone duty at the last minute on the day they have signed up for, please call :

Margaret Cooley [C] 334-545-6018 [H] 334-277-8497

Anita Ward [C] 334-546-6994 [H]334-260-0937

So far these nice ladies are the only ones to agree to be last minute replacements and they may not always be available so please try to do helpline on the day you signed up for or get a replacement.

Everything you need is on the helpline section of our new web site. Everyone that works 3 helpline days in a year gets a nice helpline pin for your MG name tag. I hope everybody that signs up will do 3 days and get a pin !

Tom McLemore

## Starting Seeds Indoors



By Mallory Kelley  
Regional Extension  
Agent  
Home Grounds, Gar-  
dens, Home Pests

Many home gardeners become discouraged starting their seeds indoors because the plants become weak, spindly, and leggy or even die of diseases. It's not that difficult to grow good quality seedlings at home, but there are some important things you need to know before you begin to ensure success.

When asking yourself, "Is it time to sow seeds?" It is always better to lean on the side of being too late rather than too early. Keep in mind that you can continue to grow seeds throughout the summer to have a succession of vegetables in your garden rather than planting them all at once.

On deciding when to start seeds, calculate this according to when the average date of the last frost is for your area. Then according to the seeds you are growing count back the number of weeks to when you should sow. Plants like beans, okra, carrots and corn should be seeded directly into the soil, but other plants like tomatoes, eggplant and peppers respond well to a head start indoors.

One advantage to starting seeds indoors is that you can order from a reputable source and select varieties that you would most likely not be able to find in the garden centers. From the

"heirloom" varieties to the latest hybrids, starting seeds indoors opens a whole new world of plant varieties and types of vegetables to try.

Now that you have the seeds and know when to sow them, what should you sow them in?

Select containers that provide good drainage. If you use containers you have previously grown plants in, it is best to wash them in a 10% bleach solution to remove any fungi or bacteria.

Then select a growing media that is sterile and free of weed seed.

It is best to start seeds in a media that is labeled "Seed Starter Media." Always make sure to moisten the soil well before you sow any seeds and prepare all of your labels to identify your plants ahead of time.

Very few seeds need light to germinate so it is not necessary to provide light to the media and seeds until after they germinate.

If the seeds are very tiny you may want to cover them lightly with vermiculite. As a rule of thumb, plant seeds two and a half times the diameter of the seed.

For good germination, the seeds will need warm soil and humidity.

To create the humidity place a clear plastic bag over the container or a clear lid to hold in the humidity. If you see water dripping inside it is too hot and wet and could cause disease problems so make sure to vent the lid or cover if it is too warm.

The best place in the home to put your container with seeds is

on a warming pad to warm the soil or if you do not have a warming pad place the planted container on top of your refrigerator. Your seeds will need to remain moist and humid and should begin to germination in 10-12 days.

Once the seedlings germinate you can remove the cover that you have over them creating the humidity and place them directly under lights as close as you can without touching for 14-16 constant hours to prevent them from becoming long and leggy. No fertilizer is needed until after the first set of true leaves appear. Then use a water soluble fertilizer at half strength every 2-3 weeks.

If you sow the seeds in very small cell packs or sow all of the seeds together in one container you would then need to transplant them into bigger containers as they grow. This transplanting should be done early and carefully to avoid damaging the plants delicate roots and stems. Then once your plants get larger and stronger and it is close to planting time outdoors you should begin to harden off your plants by taking them outside for a few hours a day and bringing them back indoors. This is done to prepare young plants for the harsher environments outdoors such as the full sun, wind, and varying moisture.

When the day finally arrives to plant outdoors, a cloudy day with little wind is the most ideal.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **21st Annual AMGA Conference**

**Renaissance Mobile  
Riverview Plaza Hotel**

64 South Water Street

**Mobile, AL**

**March 24, 25, 26,  
2011**

## **Serenbe Farms and Callaway Gardens ROAD TRIP**

Trip Application can be found on the last page of the Newsletter.

It's that time of year again. Our Annual Master Gardener trip will be Tuesday, April 19th. We will first go to Serenbe Organic Farm. It is located in Palmetto, GA. Farmer Paige will give us a tour and hopefully teach us a little about what it takes to operate a 25 acre certified organic farm. We will then have lunch at the Serenbe Farmhouse Restaurant and tour their grounds. We will be having a gourmet, locally grown fried chicken meal. If a vegetarian lunch is desired, please indicate that on your application.

From Serenbe we will travel to Callaway Gardens to view the spectacular azaleas and spend the remainder of the afternoon before returning to Montgomery.

Barbara Forsythe

## **RAINGARDEN SEMINAR**

The Autauga County Extension office and the Autauga Master Gardeners, along with the Clean Water Partnership and the City of Prattville will be hosting a RainGarden Seminar for the Public, Tuesday, March 29th from 10-12:00 at the Doster Community Center in downtown Prattville.

This will be an hour of lecture on Raingarden site selection, plant selection and how to design and install.

Then we will go out and around the block to the Community Garden location to view the site where they will install the Raingarden and have more information on plant selection and placement and also designing the raingarden by the City of Prattville Horticulturist, Ken Johnston.

This event is Free to the public, but you must call the Autauga County Extension office to register in advance.

334-361-7273



## **Recording Your Volunteer Hours in a Timely Manner**

**WE NO LONGER HAVE  
ALL YEAR TO RECORD  
OUR VOLUNTEER AND  
EDU HOURS. THE  
NEW COMPUTER SYS-  
TEM WILL ONLY TAKE  
HOURS THAT ARE RE-  
CORDED WITHING 90  
DAYS AFTER THEY  
OCCURRED.**

**YOU HAVE UNTIL  
MARCH 31 TO RECORD  
YOUR JANUARY  
HOURS ON THE WEB-  
SITE OR TURN THEM  
INTO MARIE TOMLIN  
AT ACES.**

## DOWNTOWN URBAN FARM UPDATE



Suzanne Brookhart

CCMGA recently sent a \$750 donation to the Hampstead Institute Downtown Urban Farm project.

A farm manager, Jetson Brown, has been hired to oversee the project. Jetson has said the construction of raised community beds will begin in March. Our donation has secured one of those raised beds with a plaque indicating sponsorship by

Capital City Master Gardeners Association.

Should you want to visit the location as it develops, it can be accessed by driving down the left side of the Montgomery Advertiser building located at 425 Molton St.

There is a parking lot behind the building. A view from Overlook Park on Bell Street is available. I look forward to working with CCMGA members who signed up for the Urban Farm Project.

If you have not selected your volunteer area and are interested, let me know.



## THE 5TH ANNUAL CCMGA PLANT SALE MAY 7



Gail Cotney

The program at our February meeting had to motivate each and everyone of us to get prepared early for our annual Plant Sale at Old Alabama Town Herb Day, the Saturday before Mother's Day. This is our *biggest* fund raiser, we have a "customer following" who arrive every year looking for CCMGA behind Lucas Tavern.

The success of the event depends on our membership and

the donations we receive for the Plant Sale at the April meeting. Start your seeds and cuttings **now** so we have healthy viable plants to present to the public. Donations can be from your garden and yards, or something you purchase. Everyone can participate including interns. We also take garden art, ironwork, decorator pots, statuary, bird feeders, sundials, pedestals, and other garden accents.

Gail Cotney

Suzanne Brookhart

**Knowledge  
is knowing  
a tomato is  
a fruit;**

**Wisdom is  
not putting  
it in a fruit  
salad**

## GARDENING GUIDE FOR MARCH



By  
**Marie Iannotti**,  
About.com  
Guide

March is a guessing game in the garden. Will it warm up soon? Will it stay warm? Will the rains start/stop? About the only thing we can count on is that March too shall pass. So go ahead and push the envelope, but keep the row covers handy.

Everyone should have their seeds started, their trees and shrubs pruned and their tools ready to go. After that, the most important thing is to have patience. It's tempting to take advantage of warm days, but even in Zones 9 & 10, spring gets the last word in the garden.

Here are gardening tips to take with a spoonful of judgment.

- Start feeding house-plants again. Repot, if necessary.
- Avoid walking on wet soil in the garden
- Get your soil tested
- Plant out cool season vegetables (Broccoli, cabbage, chard, greens, lettuce, peas, root veggies) and flowers
- Plant berry bushes
- Start seeds of warm season vegetables indoors (eggplant, peppers, tomatoes) and flowers
- Direct seed outdoors any cool season greens and root crops like beets, carrots, onions, radishes and turnips

Finish pruning while woody plants are still dormant

## Small Garden Design - Making the Most of Container Gardens

Also By Marie Iannotti

Small spaces and containers simply go together. Containers give you the chance to experiment and try different plants. If you don't like it or a plant is under performing, it is easy to correct. But where containers really excel is in control. The gardeners can choose just the right soil, the right exposure and the right cultural conditions.

### As a Garden unto Themselves

It's possible to create an entire garden with potted plants, so not having a yard is no excuse for not having a garden. Not every plant will be happy in a container, but you might be surprised how

many and which ones do. Dwarf trees can be left outdoors year round. This includes fruit trees, ornamentals and evergreens. Many vegetable varieties have been bred specifically to be grown in pots. Anything with the words 'patio' or 'mini' in their name is a good bet.

Using ornamental flowers in containers gives you the means to truly have season long bloom. You can switch out plants or simply switch out pots.

### As Filler

No space can be wasted in a small garden. But try telling that to a plant that's been eaten or that temporarily succumbed to the humidity. Potted

containers are perfect for last minute fixes. Whether you create a new pot of simple petunias or pull a masterpiece off of your deck, it can be tucked in next to the ailing plant and instantly fill the void.

### As Focal Points

Another specialty of containers is their ability to create a focal point. If you're having trouble finding a plant that will provide you with height and not take up your entire garden space, look instead for a tall urn or chimney pot. The foot print is relatively small, but you can fill the top with spiky or spreading color. If the foot print of an urn is still too large for your garden space,

consider placing a stand, some blocks or a tree trunk in the space and placing the container on top. Even the pot can be used to add color or texture to the garden. Containers are a great way to express yourself in the garden. Found items, cracked pots, rusted wheelbarrows, old shoes, even the kitchen sink can be put to use in the garden.

Here are some ideas for choice [container plants](#) and for using containers in gardens.



# ALABAMA SMART YARD SERIES



## PRUNING POINTERS FOR SOUTHERN GARDENS



**MARCH 12, 2011 10:00-12:00**

***FREE TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATIONS***

***PRESENTED BY CENTRAL ALABAMA MASTER  
GARDENER ASSOCIATION in conjunction with Alabama  
Cooperative Extension Service***

No reservation required - just arrive by 10:00 am on March 12

LOCATION: ELMORE CO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE

AUDITORIUM AND COMMUNITY LEARNING GARDENS

340 QUEEN ANN RD, WETUMPKA, AL 36092

(334) 567-6301



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Petals From The Past 205-646-0069**

**March 5, Saturday at 10:30. Basic Vegetable Production.** Chip East, the Regional Extension Agent for Commercial Horticulture, will discuss vegetable growing including soil testing, crop rotation, growing your own transplants, variety selection and disease and insects

**March 19, Saturday at 10:30. Growing Edibles in Containers** Ellen Ruoff Riley, manager of Oak

Street Garden shop and local and horticultural wellness expert, will tell you all the secrets for growing containers that are not only beautiful but also full of tasty vegetables and herbs.

**March 26, Saturday 10:30. Citrus in the Home Garden** - Dr. Arlie Powell will discuss varieties, care and maintenance of citrus such as Meyer Lemon, Satsuma, oranges and kumquats



### **Vaughn Road Garden Center 334-272-8180**

**In conjunction with Alabama Clean Water Partnership, Vaughn Road Garden Center will host three Rain Barrel Workshops.**

**March 10**

**April 7**

**May 12**

**All workshops will be 11am to 1pm**

To reserve a spot at [www.alabamairrainbarrelproject.weebly.com](http://www.alabamairrainbarrelproject.weebly.com)

or call Ashley Henderson at 334-300-3392 or [alabama@cleanwaterpartnership.org](mailto:alabama@cleanwaterpartnership.org)

**There is a \$30.00 fee due the day of the workshop**

**Vaughn Road Garden Center is at the intersection of Vaughn Road and Chantilly Parkway, Pike Road, AL**

**Your Thoughtfulness is appreciated.**

**Thank you so much to the Capital City Master Gardeners remembering Boots Diamond with a Legacy Tree. We look forward to the next planting season so that we can participate in its planting.**

**Sam Diamond & Denise Diamond Kagey**



# MASTER GARDENER CALENDAR

## MARCH 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
		2010 Class Luncheon Mister G 's				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Fat Tuesday 	Ash Wednesday 			Alabama Smart Yard Pruning Tips for Southern Gardeners
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Day Light Savings Time Begins 				Happy St. Patrick's Day! 		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1st Day of SPRING 		CCMGA MEETING 10am 		21st Annual AMGA Conference Mobile, Alabama		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		Rain Garden Seminar Prattville See pg 6				

Events & Occasions for March

- Mar 1 - 2010 Class Luncheon
- Mar 8 - Shrove Tuesday - Mardi Gras
- Mar 9 - Lent Begins
- Mar 12 - Smart Yard Program See pg. 9
- Mar 14 - 2 AM Daylight Savings Time begins.

Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20 - SPRING, SPRING, SPRING

Mar 22 - CCMGA Monthly Meeting - 10AM  
Vaughn Road Garden Center

Mar 24 - 21 Annual AMGA Conference, Mobile

# MASTER GARDENER CALENDAR

## APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	27	28	29	1	2
					All Fools Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		2010 Class Luncheon TBA				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Palm Sunday	Income Taxes Due	Serenbe Farms & Callaway Gardens Road Trip			Good Friday 	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Easter Sunday		CCMGA Meeting 10:00				

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Events &amp; Occasions for April</b></p> <p>Apr 5 - 2010 Class Luncheon Open to All</p> <p>Apr 19 - Passover starts</p> <p>Apr 19 - Serenbe Farms &amp; Callaway Gardens Road Trip pg 6</p> <p>Apr 24 - Easter Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Apr 26 - CCMGA Meeting</b></p>
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### Capital City Master Gardeners Assn.

CCMGA Officers, 2011:

Suzanne Reeves - President

Richard Moore - Vice president


Suzanne Brookhart - Treasurer

Jane Martin - Secretary

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 Phone: 334-467-5534  
 Fax: 334-396-3059  
 E-mail: jbelcher61@bellsouth.net



#### How Did March Get Its Name?



March is derived from Latin Martius - meaning the month of Mars. Mars being the roman god of war and Rome's protector.

In the early Roman calendar, March was the 1st month of their 10 month year.

In northern climes, March proverbially comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. This is no longer the case for March just as April showers now come in May.



## CCMGA NEWS

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Vickie Raney	4th
Christine Shoup	4th
Mary Jane McCracken	9th
Laurice Goorley	9th
Judy Kyser	14th
Jan Gill	18th
Chris Henderson	25th
John Dorminey	28th




What a difference a year makes!

Last year at this time we were all busy putting the finishing touches on the AMGA Conference. This year we can all go to Mobile and actually relax and enjoy it.

- There are five things that you cannot recover in life:**
- (1) The Stone - after it's thrown
  - (2) The Word - after it's said
  - (3) The Occasion - after it's missed
  - (4) The Time - after it's gone
  - (5) A person - after they die



## **Serenbe Farms and Callaway Gardens**

**Please enclose a signed application and your check made payable to CCMGA for the 2011 trip to GA on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. Cost for trip is \$55.00.**

**Must be received by March 22, 2011**

**Mail to: Barbara Forsythe, 8440 Timber Creek Dr.  
Pike Road, AL 36064**

## **Serenbe Farms and Callaway Gardens Trip Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy: Nonrefundable, but may be transferred to someone else.**

**General Release: The undersigned hereby and forever discharges the CCMGA organization and/or the CCMGA Trip Committee or its members from all manner of action, suits or demands whatsoever in law or equity from any loss or damage to the undersigned's person or property during this trip to GA.**