

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association

Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.  
Shelby County Extension Office  
Columbiana, Alabama

[www.shelbycountymastergardenersassoc.com](http://www.shelbycountymastergardenersassoc.com)

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Alabama MG Program [www.aces.edu/mg](http://www.aces.edu/mg)

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## Pointers from the President...

I always look forward to our monthly meetings and hope you do also! Please try to come. I'm sure you will enjoy the meetings Karen Jensen has planned for us. Thanks go out to Karen for the hard work she does in planning each terrific program!

"Thank you," Rita Forrest for working with the mayor of Montevallo and a group of folks on a hot Friday afternoon after our July meeting. She represented our Shelby County group nicely! Ask Rita what she did.

You should have received an email from Jan Rodgers concerning the Quail Hollow trip. It has been moved to October 6. Jennifer Gregory is doing a great job planning this trip and I hope you will consider going.

The AMGA fall seminar will be September 16 at Guntersville State Park. The cost is \$25 and covers all workshops and lunch. There will be four seminars during the day and each one sounds very interesting. You will not want to miss this. A link to the registration form and additional details can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Mary K Tomas, Rhonda Cowan and I attended the P. Allen Smith workshop in Mobile. He is an excellent speaker and we felt very fortunate to have attended. It was also free to master gardeners and that made it even better. Look in the July edition of *Southern Living* magazine to see his home and learn more about him.

Your President,  
*Susan Seng*

### THIS MONTH'S MEETING—Friday, August 8th

><(((\*)> "LOVIN' THE LAKE" <\*)< )><  
Frank Chitwood | Riverkeeper

River and lake lovers will learn so much!  
Let your imagination SPLASH with river fun, fits and facts!

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\*\*\*Please bring a potluck dish to share\*\*\*

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Dear Shelby County Master Gardeners,

I want everyone to know there will not be a new class of 2014 master gardener interns. We must have 15 people sign up and pay before a class is held. Nelson sent out information about the class but there simply was not enough interest this year. I so hope this will not be the case next year. We have such good folks from our last two years (other years too!), I hate to know we won't have new folks for the next year!

This being said, we will need to plan for a booth at this year's county fair. The new interns usually do this. Please consider volunteering for this. Our booths in years past have always been excellent! The more people working together just make it more fun! If you want to volunteer (and I hope you do) please email any officer or me. We need to get this going as soon as possible! Thank you for being such a great group of master gardeners!

Susan



**SAVE THE DATE—September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Angela Treadaway, our talented Extension Home Economist, will present a program on  
“Edible Flowers & Ornamentals.”  
Get your taste buds ready!

**Treasurer's Report as of 7/18/2014**  
Submitted by Deb Kattus, Treasurer

Date	Amount	Check #	For	Deposit	For	Balance
			<b>Beginning Balance</b>			\$2,869.31
	78.75		Embroidery for Aprons			
	25.00		Speaker's Fee—Mary Carr			
			<b>Ending Balance</b>			\$2,765.56

**ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR AUGUST**

**FRUITS AND NUTS** – Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes. Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

**SHRUBS** – Layer branches of hydrangea.

**LAWNS** – Watch for diseases. Mow regularly, water as needed.

**ROSES** – Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Hybrid teas and floribundas may need slight pruning to prevent scraggly appearance.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS** – Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials.

**BULBS** – Divide old iris plantings and add new.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task during this month. This means close observation for insects and diseases. Water.

**VEGETABLE SEED** – Plant turnips, rutabagas, beans, and peas in South Alabama.

**VEGETABLE PLANTS** – Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and celery.

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# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4—Maves Youngblood  
6—Angie Ballew  
11—Terri DiMuro  
14—Joy Dearing

19—Bill Legg  
24—Jane Keeton & Jean Plecker  
25—Byron Ford  
26—Jim DeWilde



## SCMGA FIELD TRIP to QUAIL HOLLOW in Notasulga, Alabama on **OCTOBER 6th!**

The cost for the tour and lunch is \$25.00 per person. Cars will be used for transportation. Contact Jennifer Gregory at [jggdrg@aol.com](mailto:jggdrg@aol.com) to arrange your payment or get more details. We will provide updates as new information/plans become available.

This is Pat Dye's place where he spends his time growing Japanese maples and other southern favorites. Check it out at <http://www.quailhollowgardens.com/>.



## AMGA 2014 FALL SEMINAR—Wild About Our Back Yards

Guntersville State Park on **September 16th**. The cost for the day is only \$25 and you can earn up to 4 CEU credits. Check out details and arrange for payment at <http://www.alabamamg.org/Documents/Special%20Events%20/Wild%20About%20Our%20Back%20Yards%20flyer.pdf>.

### Seminar Sessions include...

1. All About Eagles
2. Easy Gardens For The South
3. Nature Calls: Photographing Your Backyard and Beyond
4. Landscaping That Works



I have Master Gardener front tag plates available. Cost is \$20. \$10 goes to Extension for agents' use and \$10 goes to the AMGA Endowment. Contact me if interesting in purchasing.

Jeanon Massien ~ [Nauzer1@att.net](mailto:Nauzer1@att.net)

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Susan Seng "selfie" with P. Allen Smith



27 of us had great fun watching Mary Carr arrange flowers from home and Fresh Market. Hydrangeas, yellow cannas & Balloon flowers make a pretty arrangement.



Mary Carr arranges roses from Fresh Market in a silver compote.



Edith Johnston, Fern Society Show winner, models door prize of hand painted rose shirt!

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**Alabaster Farmer's Market**—Contact: Lynn Coleman (sowersofseed@hotmail.com)

- Location: 1953 Municipal Way
- Date: June 14—August 16
- Hours: Saturdays 8:00 am—12:00 noon

**Calera Farmers' Market** - [www.calerafarmersmarket.com](http://www.calerafarmersmarket.com)

- Location: Oliver Park (9758 Hwy. 25, Calera)
- Date: June 3—August 5
- Hours: Tuesdays 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Columbiana Farmers' Market**—Contact: Randy Glenn (205)305-8632

- Location: West College & Mill Street
- Date: May 1—October 31
- Hours: Saturdays 7:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Helena Farmers' Market** - [www.helenamarketdays.com](http://www.helenamarketdays.com)

- Location: 4151 Helena Road
- Date: June 7—August 23
- Hours: Saturdays 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Montevallo Farmers' Market** - Contact: Leeann Reed (205) 665-1519

- Location: Corner of Main & Middle Street (Behind First Baptist)
- Date: June 2—August 4
- Hours: Mondays 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Mount Laurel Farmers' Market & Crafts Fair** - Contact: Kelly Burley (205) 408-2717

- Location: 38 Manning Place
- Date: June 7—October 25
- Hours: Saturdays 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Riverchase United Methodist Market**—Contact: John Ray (john@riverchaseumc.org)

- Location: 1953 Old Hwy 31
- Date: May 28—August 7
- Hours: Thursdays 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

**Valleydale Farmers' Market** - Contact: Felder Davis (valleydalefarmersmarket@gmail.com)

- Location: 4601 Valleydale Road
- Date: May 17—August 20
- Hours: Saturdays 8:00 am - 12:00 noon



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