

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association

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

www.shelbycountymastergardenersassoc.com

Alabama MGA: www.alabamamg.org

Alabama MG Program www.aces.edu/mg

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Pointers from the President...

Happy New Year, Master Gardeners! I hope 2014 will be a great year for each of you!

We had great fun at our December meeting and had great attendance. If you haven't already paid your dues, please bring them to our January meeting.

Be thinking of ways you can volunteer this year. It may be at a school, church, public garden, neighborhood garden, plant sale, giving a garden tour, helping someone no longer able to garden, teaching someone about gardening, working with a civic organization, or any number of other ways! There are numerous ways to volunteer. Please ask how you can help. We can always use volunteers in our own organization.

I hope everyone entered the hours you volunteered during 2013! I can't wait to hear how many hours the Shelby County Master Gardeners accumulated!

I look forward to seeing each of you at our January meeting on the 10th in Columbiana. Bring a yummy dish to share and be ready to enjoy our time together.

Your President,
Susan Seng



THIS MONTH'S MEETING—Friday, January 10

Our own Paul Saeger will present a program on roses. Please bring a covered dish for the potluck luncheon. We'll meet at our usual place and time (10:00am @ the Extension auditorium). See you there!



~Karen Jensen, VP

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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

FRUITS & NUTS - Set out apples, peaches, pears, and grapes. Start grafting pecans. Prune dormant trees.
SHRUBS - Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrow-leaf, and deciduous. Graft camellias in South Alabama. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.
LAWNS - Soil test before setting up fertility program.
ROSES - Visit nurseries and garden centers to select varieties. Start planting.
ANNUALS & PERENNIALS - Plant hardy annuals.
BULBS - Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.
MISCELLANEOUS - Prune winter-damaged limbs. Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely, Cut them back lightly and keep in a temperature of 55 to 60 °.
VEGETABLE SEED - Plant hardy vegetables, root crops, roots, and tubers in southern-most areas. Plant lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli in cold-frames.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1—Tom Harris
 2—LaVerne Martin
 9—Jeanon Massien
 10—Jan Rogers
 12—Heidee Vansant

13—Sandra Jones
 17—Jennifer Gregory
 22—Emily Gravitt
 24—Heidi Mueninghoff
 26—Judy Bynum

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report as of 12-23-2013 ~ by Angie Ballew \$\$\$\$\$\$

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
Checking Account	3,704.10
MG Clothing	447.00 ***
Total Assets	4,151.10
Liabilities	
Clothing Deposits	0.00
State Dues Payable	830.00
Total Liabilities	830.00
Capital	
Beginning of Year	3,658.47
Net receipts YTD	492.60
Total Capital	3,178.36
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$2,343.76

*** MG apparel on hand had not been accounted for and should be shown as an asset. Therefore, a one-time adjustment to capital was made, since it was purchased in previous years.

INCOME STATEMENT

Receipts	Dec	Year to Date
Memberships	1,078.00	2,620.00
SCMG Clothing	0.00	408.00
Food for Intern Graduation	0.00	83.00
Shelby Co. Fair	0.00	150.00
Voided Ck (No. Shelby Library)	0.00	25.00
JCMGA (excess revenue state convention)	0.00	37.56
Donations	0.00	19.00
Total receipts	1,078.00	3,342.56
Expenses		
Food for Intern Graduation	0.00	380.96
State dues	0.00	240.00
SCMGA Website Setup	0.00	24.00
Admin/Office Supplies	0.00	246.19
Embroidery (MG clothing)	0.00	359.64
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00
J. Massien (paper goods)	105.26	184.14
AMGA Scholarship	0.00	1,000.00
Donation—Native Plant Conf	0.00	250.00
Donation—State Website	0.00	135.00
Badges & Stars	0.00	30.00
Total Expenses	105.26	2,849.96
NET RECEIPTS	972.74	492.60

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AMGA Advisory Council Meeting - October 1, 2013 @ 10 am
Jemison Municipal Building

Welcome by President Brenda Tapp at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions were given by all present. There were 21 associations represented out of 36 total.

Motion made and 2nd to accept minutes of July 9, 2013. Motion carried.

Highlights of the September AMGA Board Meeting were reported by the AC Chair:

Kerry Smith reported 19 LMGAs have donated \$844 toward the service report upgrades, but added this is inadequate to cover the cost of the upgrades. The AMGA Board of Directors approved contributing \$1,000 to ACES to help with the remaining expenses and asked Kerry to contact local association presidents a second time.

After paying two scholarships totaling \$2,940 for the 2013-14 academic year, the balance in the scholarship endowment fund at Auburn University is \$82,470. Jeanon Massien has contacted Dr. Jeff Sibley, Department of Horticulture at Auburn regarding endowing a second scholarship at Auburn for a student seeking a Master's Degree or a Ph.D. in Horticulture. This option is under discussion. Dr. Sibley and the 2 recipients of the scholarship joined the meeting briefly. The two recipients addressed the Board members regarding their educational and professional goals as required by their receipt of the AMGA scholarship.

Jane Trawick, Awards Chairperson, needs two additional volunteers for this committee. AC reps were asked to contact Jane at boja7@yahoo.com if they were interested in working on the committee.

The deadline for receiving project funding applications is January 15, 2014. As of September 9, only 2 applications have been received. AC reps were reminded they need to contact Larry Gullett at lgullett@comcast.net if their local MG association is eligible for a grant.

Membership Report: John Baker passed out Membership Cards to those present. AMGA Nominating Committee Report: Cathy Canant is chairing the nominating committee. They are looking for nominations for 2 open Board positions and 1 nominating committee position. In 2015, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Board positions and 1 nominating committee position will be open and up for election. Please contact her at ccanant@bellsouth.net or (205) 260-7748, or Dee Hubbert at chubbert@bellsouth.net (256) 760-4603, or Tom Boyle at boylet@graceba.net (334) 794-2094 if you have a recommendation or if you are interested in serving.

Election of Officers: Brenda Tapp introduced and thanked the members of the nomination committee: Ann Stewart Vaughn, Charles Wunderlich, Alice Pruitt, and Anita Gibson, then turned the meeting over to Ann who presented the proposed slate of officers:

Chair: Brenda Tapp, North Alabama
Vice Chair: Ginny Holland, Cherokee
Secretary: Natalie Whalen, Claybank

Nominations from the floor were open. Motions were made and 2nd to close all further nominations. A show of hands vote was taken and the proposed slate of officers was unanimously elected.

Open Discussion:

Discussion continued on the online forum for officers to share ideas. The formal report was tabled until the next meeting as several members of the committee were absent. Ann Vaughn has started an e-mail group for Presidents to discuss different topics and she has had great response to it.

Discussion was held on holding educational activities for the public and how to advertise these activities. The title of the workshop seemed to be very important in getting participants and advertising of the workshop was also discussed as being very important. Advertising in the local newspaper & handing out flyers appeared to be the best venues. Partnering with other organizations also was discussed and several examples were given. These were:

Working with schools to plant gardens and harvest crops.
Community gardens with Boys & Girls Clubs and other programs that teach horticulture.
Habitat for Humanity in landscaping new homes.
Make a Difference Day
Partnering with local parks and botanical gardens.
Working with the elderly to get their gardens into shape for spring & fall.

Discussion held on the pros & cons of the on-line classes. Topics mentioned were:

It allows for classes in areas that cannot recruit sufficient attendees.
Could provide an opportunity for refresher & review of materials and classes if opened to certified MGs.
Uses concepts of distant learning.
There are no statistics from other states employing online classes related to online class members joining AMGA.
Loss of personal interaction with other students.
Students still must complete the class and the required number of volunteer hours to become MGs.
Day & night classes have their own pros & cons.

Discussion of the use of the AMGA logo. A publication was passed out to Reps to explain the correct use of the logo.

Discussion of the ACES on-line store. A list of possible items to be carried with their prices will be sent to local presidents asking for feedback on what should be carried. A person ordering must be a MG to order from the on-line store.

Discussion on the time period for recognizing MG interns as members of their local association was tabled until the next meeting.

Announcements:

Baldwin County provided chocolates and a 2014 Conference flier for the AC reps to share with their LMGAs. (For more information on the conference, please go to <http://www.alabamamg.org/AMGAConference.html>)

Fall Seminar in Montgomery was a big success with over 150 attendees.

It is up to each individual association to provide Pathways to their local members who do not have computer access.

October 11-12, 2013 Plant Sale at Aldridge Gardens

October 18-20, 2013 Plant Sale at Birmingham Botanical Garden

October 24, 2013 Growing in Beautiful Alabama by Fred Spicer, Faulkner State Community College, Fairhope, AL. Cost is \$15.

Contact Joyce Price (joedjoyce@gmail.com) or 352-425-1986 or Judy Reeves (judyreevesala@gmail.com) 251-626-1428.

January 7, 2014 AMGA AC Meeting

October 21-24, 2014 Southern Regional MG Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Spring, 2015 AMGA Conference, Cullman MG

Spring, 2016 AMGA Conference, Wiregrass MG

Next meeting will be January 7, 2014. Location will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Whalen, Secretary

Good times, good food and good friends at our annual December meeting and Dirty Santa party!
~Photos submitted by Karen Jensen



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

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Southern Region Master Gardener Conference 2014

The [East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association](#) is proud to host the 2014 Southern Region Master Gardener Conference. When gardening enthusiasts from Texas to North Carolina converge on Louisiana's capital city, they will be greeted with riveting speakers, entertaining tours and a trade show that promises to offer those 'one-of-a-kind' items.

This event will bring together master gardeners, vendors, horticulture professionals and others with a common interest in all aspects of gardening, the environment and plant sciences. The 2014 Conference Committee is grateful to all who have made this conference possible through [sponsorships](#), in-kind gifts and hundreds of volunteer hours from our members.

Please join us in beautiful [Baton Rouge](#) from October 21st through October 24th at the [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#). Check back often for updates! Hope to see you there!



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2014–2015



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**ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Dear Master Gardener:

The Alabama master Gardener Association (AMGA) Board of Directors has set \$10.00 as the annual membership dues for January 1—December 31, 2014. Members are very important to this Association, and we hope that you will join or renew your membership. To remain on the state membership list and to continue receiving the Garden Pathways newsletter, please complete this application and give it, along with your dues, to your local association Treasurer by December 13, 2013.

Association Name: **Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association**

Name: _____ Office _____

Address: _____

Phone #'s: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

State and Local Newsletters will be delivered online. County of Residence _____

Birthday Month _____ Day _____

Class Information: County of Training: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

In case of Emergency Call: _____ Phone # _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (Check one)

	Local Dues	State Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Member	\$ 12.00	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Member (Interns)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member	\$240.00	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (Extension Employee)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member	No fee	No fee

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE ONE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
% Deb Kattus, Treasurer
6538 Cahaba Valley Rd
Birmingham, Al. 35242