

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association

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

Alabama MGA: www.alabamamg.org
Alabama MG Program www.aces.edu/mg

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Pointers from the President...

Please read Mary K 's note about our June meeting. It sure sounds like an interesting topic so please try to come. We miss you when you are not there!

Thanks go out to Edith Johnston for allowing us to tour her beautiful garden. We had a great group to attend and everyone left with lots of plants. Our plant swaps are so much fun! Ask Edith about ferns because she sure has some beautiful ones.

Our own Trisha Williams was featured in Shelby Living June edition. Great article on composting and there are lots of quotes from Tommie Harrison too. I hope you get a copy. It is great that our master gardeners are featured in articles!

I know that everyone is enjoying the beautiful days now. Are you enjoying your gardens? Let me know if you want visitors and I will get the word out!

If you would like to volunteer to be on the nominating committee please let me know. I need two volunteers.

Hope to see you all at our June meeting in Columbiana. Bring a yummy dish to share.

Your President,

Susan

From Mary K Tomas...

Be sure to come to the June SCMGA meeting....It's going to be an exciting one! Pete Van Zandt, PhD, Professor of Biology at Birmingham Southern College, will tell us all about the fascinating world of moths. I visited Dr. Van Zandt's moth lab at BSC last summer and was astounded by the sheer number of species. You will truly be amazed by these creatures (and by Dr. Van Zandt's exceptionally dry wit)! The meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 14 at the Extension Center. Pot luck lunch as usual.



JUNE

9—Tommie Harrison
12—Rhonda Cowan
12—Beth Glasgow
21—Barbara Williams

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association Minutes – May 10, 2013

Susan Seng called the meeting to order and thanked Edith Johnson for hosting our Garden Tour and Picnic. She pointed out several things “not to be missed” in Edith’s garden including the Upside Down Fern, the creatively painted Rain Barrels, and the Secret Room.

We toured Edith’s garden and enjoyed the lush plantings and all the lovely vignettes throughout. The ponds were a big hit as well.

Following the garden tour, a sign-in sheet was passed and numbers for those participating in the plant swap were given out while announcements were made.

Mary K Tomas announced that our speaker for the June meeting is Professor Van Zandt who will do a program on “Moths”.

Susan mentioned that the board was hard at work so we didn’t have to take up meeting time. She asked for clarification about the composition of the nominating committee. It was explained that the immediate past president is automatically on the committee while the current president appoints the rest.

There was a reminder that Aldridge Gardens Plant Sale was today and tomorrow and that they had a new gift shop.

Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and Committee Reports were dispensed with as we were –after all – at a picnic.

A lovely basket of ferns was presented to Edith as a Hostess Gift.

We decided to swap plants first and then eat. Following a rousing “Pick and Choose” session around the plant table, Bill Legg said Grace and we each had our lunches supplemented with several delicious desserts and appreciated drinks.

We also shared many cuttings, seedlings, divisions, and seeds from our gardens.

There were 32 in attendance, including two visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Heerten, Secretary

\$\$\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report as of 5-31-2013 ~ by Angie Ballew \$\$\$\$\$

BALANCE SHEET		INCOME STATEMENT		
Assets		Receipts	May	Year to Date
Checking Account	2,385.45	Memberships	22.00	462.00
MG Clothing	447.00 ***	Ground Hog Day Dinner	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	2,832.45	Round-Up Dinner	0.00	0.00
Liabilities		Field Trip	0.00	0.00
Clothing Deposits	0.00	Shelby Co. Fair	0.00	0.00
State Dues Payable	0.00	Donations	0.00	19.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	Total receipts	22.00	481.00
Capital		Expenses		
Begin of Year	3,658.47	State dues	10.00	210.00
Net receipts YTD	-839.02	Ground Hog Dinner	0.00	0.00
Total Capital	2,819.45	Round-Up Dinner	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities & Capital		Stamps, Cards		
		& Admin Supplies	0.00	80.02
		Honorarium & Gifts	0.00	0.00
		Decorations	0.00	0.00
		Field Trip	0.00	0.00
		AMGA Scholarship	0.00	1,000.00
		Badges & Stars	0.00	30.00
		Total Expenses	0.00	-1,320.02
		Net Receipts	12.00	-839.02

*** 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.

ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR JUNE

FRUITS AND NUTS – Layer grapes and continue spray programs. If they are too thick, thin apples and peaches.

SHRUBS – Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs. Water them as needed. Fertilize now. Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips. June is a good time to take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

LAWNS – Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering. Lawns should be mowed weekly. Planting may continue if soil is moist. Continue weed spraying if necessary.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS – Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if they are not already in. For compact mums, keep tips pinched out. Watch for insects and diseases.

BULBS – Removed foliage from spring bulbs if it yellow and becoming dry. Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

MISCELLANEOUS - If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils. Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water. If desired, air layer houseplants.

VEGETABLE SEED – Plant beans, field peas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

VEGETABLE PLANTS – Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potato vine cuttings.



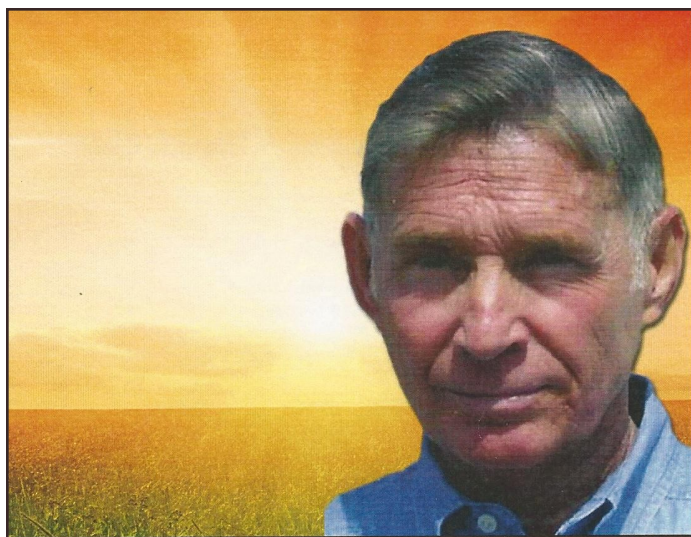
Cathy Canant at the AMGA State Conference with Wayne Ball, rep for Florian Ratchet-Cut® Pruners.

HEY SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS!

How about sending me some photos of your garden, yard or even a single plant or bloom that you would like to show off?

I'm sure your fellow Master Gardeners would love to see what you are doing and growing.

Please send your photos to Heidee.Vansant@gmail.com and I'll make sure to get them in next month's issue.



In Loving Memory of
FRED EVANS



Mr. Fred Thomas Evans, age 71, a resident of Deatsville, AL went home to be with the Lord on Monday, May 20, 2013 at a local hospital. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Brookside Funeral Home with Rev. Brett Medley, Rev. Tom Ward and Rev. Bill Hassell officiating followed by burial at Brookside Memorial Gardens with Military Honors. Mr. Evans was a United States Air Force Veteran and retired from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Linda P. Evans of Deatsville, AL; daughter, Lynn Evans Fanning (Greg) of Millbrook, AL; sister, Carolyn Evans Lusk (Bobby) of Prattville, AL; granddaughter, Danielle Fanning Vines (Matt) of Millbrook, AL; grandsons, Joshua Allen Fanning of Millbrook, AL, Nathan Gregory Fanning of Millbrook, AL; great-granddaughter, Ally Best of Calera, AL; sister-in-laws, Mary Tucker of Montgomery, AL and Nell Hassell (Ray) of Millbrook, AL. Pallbearers were Frank Ott, Ronnie Talley, Danny Floyd, Leon Hancock, Doug Moore and Ken Dyess. Brookside Funeral Home of Millbrook, AL directed.

Calera Farmers' Market - www.calerafarmersmarket.com

- Location: Oliver Park (9758 Hwy. 25, Calera)
- Date: June 7 - August 30
- 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

- Location: 4151 Helena Road
- Date: June 4 - September 24
- 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 6 - August 8
- 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 4 - October 29
- Hours: Saturdays 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Valleydale Farmers' Market - Contact: Jed Park (205) 868-4575

- Location: 4601 Valleydale Road
- Date: May 14 - September 3



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