

# 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)

**Alabama MGA:** [www.alabamamg.org](http://www.alabamamg.org)

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

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## Pointers from the President...

Hello Master Gardener friends!

I am looking forward to our June 13 meeting and hope you are too! The speaker is outstanding and his book is great too. I hope he brings some copies for you to purchase. I have a copy and have enjoyed learning more about Alabama's biodiversity. We are lucky to live in this state.

Please talk to the folks that worked at the Fishing Expo at Oak Mountain State Park. I was out of town this year and sure did miss working this event. "Thank you" to those who participated.

While I am thanking folks - what a fantastic day we had at the garden tour of Brandon's yard! Thank you, Brandon. The rain didn't seem to bother us either. Garden tours and plant swaps are just a couple of the fun events Shelby County Master Gardeners can participate.

Again, please call someone you haven't seen at our meetings and invite them back. Don't forget to bring a yummy dish. I hope to see you all on June 13 in Columbiana!

Your President,  
*Susan Seng*

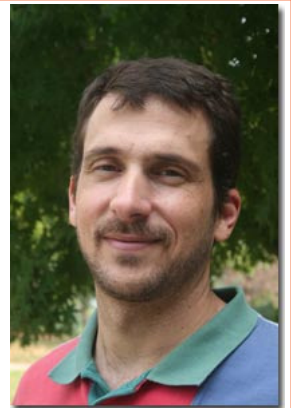
## THIS MONTH'S MEETING—Friday, June 13th

"Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity"

Dr. R. Scot Duncan

Assoc. Professor Birmingham Southern College

Dr. Duncan, author of *Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity*, published November 2013, is slated to be one of the keynote speakers at the 2015 Master Gardener Convention in Cullman AL on March 23-25.

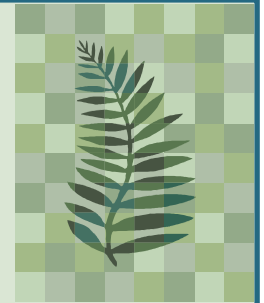


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**Dr. R. Scot Duncan** is an Associate Professor of Biology and Urban Environmental Studies at Birmingham-Southern College. Originally from Pensacola, Florida, Scot received a BS in Biology from Eckerd College in 1993, a MS from University of Florida in Zoology in 1997, and a PhD from UF in Zoology in 2001. His research on ecology and conservation biology has taken him to Costa Rica, Panama, Uganda, Florida, and Alabama. Scot took a position at BSC in 2002 and teaches courses in conservation, ecology, and environmental studies. He and his students are currently studying the ecology of endangered species and threatened ecosystems, including the Ktona dolomite glades, montane Longleaf Pine woodlands, and the Watercress Darter. Scot is the author of *Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity*. Written for the layperson, the book interweaves the disciplines of ecology, evolution, and geology into an explanation of why Alabama is home to more species than any other state east of the Mississippi River. *Southern Wonder* was published in November 2013 by the University of Alabama Press.

From Sybil O'Brien:

The **Birmingham Fern Society's 38th Annual Show and Sale** will be held on **Wednesday, June 18th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm** at the **Birmingham Botanical Gardens**. This event is free and open to the public. A great variety of very reasonably priced hardy ferns will be available for purchase. Society members will help attendees select the perfect ferns for their gardens.



### Treasurer's Report as of 5/20/2014

Submitted by Deb Kattus, Treasurer

Date	Amount	Check #	For	Deposit	For	Balance
No activity this month						\$2,869.31

### 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.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

16—Randall Robertson  
17—Deborah Kattus  
20—Tricia Paden

26—Julie Ellis  
27—Karen Jensen

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The 2014 Master Gardener Class will be here before you know it. We need as many volunteer Mentors as possible.

As a Mentor, we ask you to...

- Contact your mentee prior to the first class. Send a card, email or smoke signal to say, "Welcome and I am here for you." You should provide encouragement before they start.
- Attend the First Day of class AND bring a welcome gift. This can be something you have grown or made for your mentee. It's another way of saying "We're glad to have you here with us."
- Identify some type of project or activity you can do together. We want the new MG class to know about the activities we do in the community and how they can become involved. Additionally, they may be involved in something YOU may want to do.

Twelve (12) people signed up at the May meeting. Let's increase that to twenty-five (25) at the June /July Meeting.

Thank you,  
Sundra



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)

Many, many thanks to Brandon Rasnick for opening his home & garden for our May Yard Tour & Plant Exchange. We hear it was a SWEET treat, with members enjoying an amazing catered dessert extravaganza while exchanging some lovely plants! ~ Karen Jensen



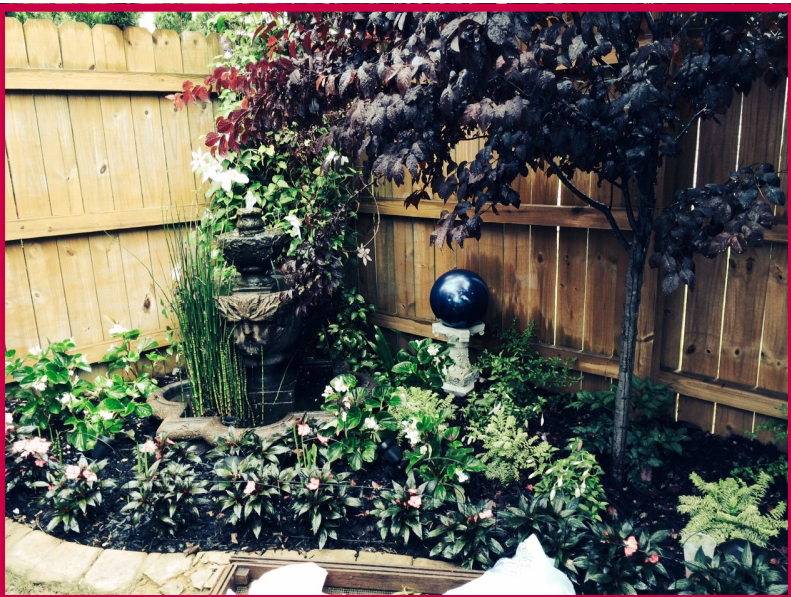
Submitted by Rita Forrest



Submitted by Beth Glasgow

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Additional views from Brandon's garden tour—submitted by Beth Glasgow



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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](mailto: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](mailto:valleydalefarmersmarket@gmail.com))

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



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