

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...

I am sorry that I missed the October meeting. Mary K told me that folks really enjoyed the sites and fellowship! I believe around 15 people were able to attend. Glad that some of you were able to go.

Our November meeting will be a repeat of last November. Everyone seemed to enjoy making baskets with cuttings from our own backyards. Please bring a selection of anything you have growing in your yard that we would be able to use in an arrangement. Remember that anything is beautiful! Please bring at least 10 cuttings from your yard (more if you want!). I will be bringing baskets and groups will make arrangements to be used as door prizes. So you don't want to miss this fun meeting plus we will learn something about arranging cuttings!

Our December meeting is right around the corner (can you believe this?). We will have our usual Dirty Santa game so go ahead and be thinking of an under \$20 gift to bring for the game. It feels like December weather now, doesn't it? We may even get a frost soon so protect those plants!

Don't forget the Native Plant Conference is coming up the weekend of November 1—2. It is being held at Birmingham Botanical Gardens and we get a discounted rate as Shelby County Master Gardeners.

Graduation for the new Master Gardeners will be held on October 30. This is being held at Aldridge Gardens. If you want to eat lunch, contact Jeanon Massien to make your reservations. We have a great group of folks in this class and I know they will surely make a great impact on our organization.

Remember if you get your dues in by our December meeting, you will have a chance (well, 3 chances) to win some great prizes! Also, don't forget the registration form with your payment!

I hope to see you all at our November 8th meeting in Columbiana!

Your President,
Susan Seng

THIS MONTH'S MEETING—Friday, November 8



Now that fall garden clean-up is officially upon us (well, some of us), it's time to make good use of all those trimmings that seem to pile up everywhere. In November 2012 Susan Seng came up with a wonderful program. We liked it so much, we're doing it again this year. Here's how it works: Bring to the next meeting any clippings you like from your yard (they can be anything—bamboo, small tree and shrub branches, whatever), and your hand pruners. We will place all of the plant materials at the front of the meeting room. We will split up into teams, then select and arrange the clippings in baskets that Susan and I provide. When we are done, we will draw names to determine who gets to take home our fabulous arrangements! Feel free to bring any ribbon or fabric you don't need anymore, or anything you can think of that would look great with our creations. See you there!

~Mary K Tomas, VP

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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS – Select sites for plantings. Start mulching strawberries, blackberries, and grapes.

SHRUBS – Plant trees, shrubs and vines.

LAWNS – Some homeowners like lawn paints. Have you thought about having a green lawn this winter? Use proper herbicide to kill germinating winter weeds.

ROSES – Get rose planting underway. Use a soil test as a basis for fertilization. Look for new varieties.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS – Plant hardy annuals such as larkspur, poppies, pansies, anchusa, and candytuft. Get sweet peas into the ground.

BULBS – Continue spring bulb planting. Put lilies of the valley in a shady place.

MISCELLANEOUS – Plant screen plantings for privacy on the patio.

VEGETABLE SEED – Plant cabbage and lettuce in the cold frame.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5—Ruby Duncan
16—Carol Beard
21—Glenn O'Donnell



\$\$\$\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report as of 10-20-2013 ~ by Angie Ballew \$\$\$\$\$\$

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
Checking Account	1,966.76
MG Clothing	447.00 ***
Total Assets	<u>2,413.76</u>
Liabilities	
Clothing Deposits	0.00
State Dues Payable	30.00
Total Liabilities	<u>30.00</u>
Capital	
Beginning of Year	3,658.47
Net receipts YTD	<u>-1,244.71</u>
Total Capital	2,413.76
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$2,383.76

*** 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	Oct	Year to Date
Memberships	66.00	582.00
SCMG Clothing	408.00	408.00
Round-Up Dinner	0.00	0.00
Field Trip	0.00	0.00
Shelby Co. Fair	0.00	0.00
Voided Ck (No. Shelby Library)	0.00	25.00
Donations	0.00	19.00
Total receipts	<u>474.00</u>	<u>1,034.00</u>
Expenses		
State dues	0.00	240.00
SCMG Website Setup	0.00	24.00
Admin/Office Supplies	71.70	246.19
Embroidery (MG clothing)	0.00	359.64
Bank Fee	15.00	15.00
J. Massien (paper goods)	0.00	78.88
AMGA Scholarship	0.00	1,000.00
Donation—Native Plant Conf	0.00	250.00
Donation—State Website	0.00	35.00
Badges & Stars	0.00	30.00
Total Expenses	<u>86.70</u>	<u>2,278.71</u>
NET RECEIPTS	387.30	-1,244.71

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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:
 1. Kerry Smith reported that 19 LMGAs have donated \$844 toward the service report upgrades, but added that 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.
 2. After paying for the 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.
 3. 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.
 4. 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 that if their local MG association is eligible for a grant, they need to contact Larry Gullett at llgullett@comcast.net.
- Membership Report: John Baker passed out Membership Cards to those Reps that were 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:
 1. 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.
 2. 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:
 - a. Working with schools to plant gardens and harvest crops.
 - b. Community gardens with Boys & Girls Clubs and other programs that teach horticulture.
 - c. Habitat for Humanity in landscaping new homes.
 - d. Make a Difference Day
 - e. Partnering with local parks and botanical gardens.
 - f. Working with elderly people to get their gardens into shape for spring & fall.
 3. Discussion held on the pros & cons of the on-line classes. Topics mentioned were:
 - a. It allows for classes in areas that cannot recruit sufficient attendees.
 - b. Could provide an opportunity for refresher & review of materials and classes if opened to certified MGs.
 - c. Uses concepts of distant learning.
 - d. There are no statistics from other states employing online classes related to online class members joining AMGA.
 - e. Loss of personal interaction with other students.
 - f. Students still must complete the class and the required number of volunteer hours to become MGs.
 - g. Day & night classes has their own pros & cons.
 4. Discussion of the use of the AMGA logo. A publication was passed out to Reps to explain the correct use of the logo.
 5. 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.
 6. 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

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Alabama Cooperative Extension System presents:
Jam and Jelly Workshop for Holiday Gift Giving

Tuesday November 21

1-3pm & 6-8pm

Fee: \$10 per person for supplies

Class will be held at the Shelby County Extension Office in Columbiana at 54 Kelly Lane just off Hwy 70 next door to the School of Technology.

We will cover preparing and processing high acid foods such as jams, jellies, etc. We will also talk about how to decorate them up to give for gifts. At the end we will prepare and process a couple of different kinds of jams and jellies. Each person will take home a jar of jam or jelly of their choosing. Many handouts and recipes will be available for you to pick up.

This will be taught by **Angela Treadaway – Regional Extension Agent with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System**. If you are interested in attending or pre-registering please contact **Angela** at 205-410-3696, or call her office at 205-669-6763.

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



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!

Membership Dues

It is time once again for paying your Membership Dues. Shelby County local dues are still \$12 & AMGA (State) dues are \$10. If you wish to pay both Local & State Dues, please make one check payable to "Shelby County Master Gardeners Association" in the amount of \$22. It is very important that we have your current address, phone numbers & e-mail address for communication purposes. A membership form is on the last page of this newsletter. We ask that you remit your payment along with your completed membership form to:

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association
C/O Angie Ballew
5020 Stone Bridge Ln
Birmingham, Al. 35242

In lieu of mailing, you may hand deliver your payment & membership form at one of the local monthly meetings between now & December. We must remit state dues to the State Treasurer no later than December 31st. With this in mind, we ask that you pay your dues no later than **December 13th, 2013** (December monthly meeting).

Reporting Volunteer Hours

A critical element in the Master Gardener Program is the recording and reporting of volunteer hours. To provide credit for volunteer service and to measure the effectiveness of the Program, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System needs to know what we have done as Master Gardener Volunteers. Online reporting is the method of choice for most. You can find online reporting at: <https://apps.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/>. If you do not have internet access or prefer to report hours in the written form, you may use the Alabama Master Gardener Volunteer Service Report Book (ANR-985). You can get one from Nelson Wynn, Shelby Extension Agent or online at www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-0985/ANR-0985.pdf. If you choose the written method, please have your completed form to Cathy Canant by **December 6th, 2013**. The method you use is up to you, but hours must be on the service reporting system by the 31st of December to be counted towards the "Reach for the Stars" program.

If you need assistance, please contact Cathy Canant @ 205-260-7748, ccanant@bellsouth.net or Cathy Canant, 101 County Road 104, Montevallo, AL 35115.



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2013–2014



President	Susan Seng	991-7867	gaggy10@gmail.com
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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:

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% Angie Ballew
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