

# 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...

Please note our October meeting details and change of meeting place in the box below.

Don't forget there are a couple of fall plant sales and they need your help! Aldridge Gardens' fall plant sale is Friday, Oct. 11 (9am-5pm) and Saturday, Oct. 12 (9am-Noon). Birmingham Botanical Gardens' plant sale is Friday, Oct. 19 (9am-5pm) and Saturday, Oct. 20 (Noon-4pm). Please call and volunteer as well as enjoy purchasing wonderful plants.

The new master gardener class is going great and coming to an end. Everyone is invited to their graduation at Aldridge Gardens on Wednesday, October 30. The new folks are going to add so much to our organization!

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather!

Your President,  
*Susan Seng*

### THIS MONTH'S MEETING—Friday, October 11

Please join us in Montevallo for our October meeting. Bring a sack lunch and a drink and wear comfortable shoes. We will meet at the Parnell Memorial Library in Montevallo at 10:00am in the theater for a program on tree care by arborist Herschel Hale and a short business meeting, then Bill Legg will give us a tour of the library's beautiful garden. Next, we'll stroll down to Orr Park to eat lunch and look at Tim Tingle's amazing sculptures on the cedar trees. The park has some picnic tables, but feel free to bring your favorite chair or a blanket (just in case). Be sure to bring your camera for this one!



~**Mary K Tomas, VP**

Carey with **Keep It Sharp** will be at the meeting. Check his website [www.keepitsharp.com](http://www.keepitsharp.com)) or call him at 205-441-3322 for more information.

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## ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

**FRUITS AND NUTS** – Planting season for strawberries starts in South Alabama. Clean up orchard area. Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

**SHRUBS** – Shrub plantings can be made. Water when needed. Note varieties of camellias in bloom. Start mulching all shrubs that do not have mulch.

**LAWNS** – Continue to mow lawns until no new growth is noticeable.

**ROSES** – Continue insect and disease control practices. New rose catalogs will be coming in. Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS** – Visit flower shows and gardens. Make a list of desirable mum varieties. Clean up flower-beds immediately after first killing frost.

**BULBS** – Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculus. Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds. Loosen mulches that have packed down. Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc. Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds. Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

**VEGETABLE SEED** – Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

11—Ricky Colquitt  
20—Karen Kendall  
17—Regena Varvoutis  
22—Beth Heerten  
23—Loyd Mahaffey  
25—Lori Culpepper  
27—Susan Eagon



### \$\$\$\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report as of 9-20-2013 ~ by Angie Ballew \$\$\$\$\$\$

#### BALANCE SHEET

##### Assets

Checking Account	1,579.46
MG Clothing	<u>447.00 ***</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,026.46</b>

##### Liabilities

Clothing Deposits	0.00
State Dues Payable	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>

##### Capital

Beginning of Year	3,658.47
<b>Net receipts YTD</b>	<u>-1,632.01</u>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>2,026.46</b>

**Total Liabilities & Capital      \$2,026.46**

\*\*\* 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

	Sept	Year to Date
Memberships	0.00	516.00
Ground Hog Day Dinner	0.00	0.00
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)	25.00	25.00
Donations	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19.00</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>560.00</b>

##### Expenses

State dues	0.00	240.00
SCMGA Website Setup	0.00	24.00
Admin/Office Supplies	0.00	174.49
Embroidery (MG clothing)	359.64	359.64
Honorariums & Gifts	0.00	0.00
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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>359.64</b>	<b>2,192.01</b>

**NET RECEIPTS      -334.64      -1,632.01**

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## Shelby County Master Gardeners Association

### Minutes – September 13, 2013

**Call to Order**– Susan Seng called the meeting to order. Brenda Fitzgerald led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Susan welcomed everyone and recognized visitors, including four of our new interns. She announced several quick items: Angie Ballew, our Treasurer, was absent as she was a brand new grandmother and Edith had T-shirts for the interns. She thanked Michelle and Edith for setting up for our meeting, Heidee for the great job she does on *The Gardeners Gab*, Jan for her work on the website, and Beth for the minutes.

**Minutes** were approved as distributed in *The Gardeners Gab*.

**Treasurer's Report** was approved as distributed in *The Gardeners Gab*.

**Committee Reports**: Jeanon, class coordinator, had several announcements. There will be a seminar, "Grown in Beautiful Alabama" in Fairhope on October 24 from 9:00-3:00. The next Regional MG meeting will be held October 10, 2014, in Baton Rouge. Ruth Driggers needs volunteers tomorrow from 10:00 – 2:00 to promote MG at their Vincent Gardens sale. Nelson also said the new classes were going well.

**The Fair**: Brandon Pasnick, one of our interns, reported on the work they have done on getting the booth ready for the Shelby County Fair. They are displaying a "Repurposed Garden" with many up-cycling projects. He said that the entire group has helped pull it together. The fair begins Monday.

**Projects**: In Rita's absence, Jan reported on the AARP "salad bowl" container gardening project at senior centers. They visited six centers. Steve Hanna donated pots and soil for them to use.

**Webpage**: Jan said it was coming along nicely and that everyone should look at Brandon's blog.

**Sunshine**: no report.

**Announcements**: Mary K - Next month's meeting will be at Orr Park in Montevallo on our regular date. Details will be announced later, but plan to bring a sack lunch. Our November meeting will be putting together baskets from things in our yards. Bill Legg distributed a first draft copy of the brochure on the Library Learning Enrichment Gardens. He mentioned that nutrient runoff had caused the planned "bog" garden to morph into a "wetlands" garden. He also mentioned that he needed four more volunteers to work with the Breast Cancer Survivor program. The AMGA Fall Seminar held in Montgomery 9/10 was a good one.

**Upcoming**: There will be a Native Plant Conference at the BBG November 1–2.

**Carol Beard announced the BBG Fall Plant Sale** will take place at Blount Plaza at the gardens on Saturday, October 19, 9:00 – 4:00 and Sunday October, 1:00 – 4:00. Her booth will offer annuals, biennials, and climbers. Setup will be Friday morning, 10/18. She needs help for all days and shifts.

**Jan announced the Aldridge Gardens Fall Sale** will be held October 11 & 12 with set-up on the 10<sup>th</sup>. They will focus on Natives, a Bulb Sale, and Hydrangeas. She needs volunteers. This year a pre-sale on bulbs is available on -line. Aldridge also needs volunteers for their "Whispers from the Past" to be held October 6<sup>th</sup> from noon – 7:00.

**New business**: The website linked to ACES needs funding. Master Gardener groups from around the state have requested upgrades that amount to \$3,000. ACES needs an additional \$2,000 for upgrades of their own. A letter was recently sent to all MG groups in the state requesting a donation from each to help pay for this \$5,000 expense. To date, they have received only \$810. The AMGA voted to send them an additional \$1,000 and asked that a new letter be sent outlining the situation. Brenda F. proposed a motion that SCMG send \$100 immediately (in addition to what we had already sent). This motion was carried.

**Graduation** for the new intern class will take place October 30 at Aldridge Gardens. All mentors need to attend and all members are welcomed as well.

**Additional Announcements**: An incentive for paying your dues early: Pay before December 1, and have your name entered into a drawing to be held at our December meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$50 gift card to Petals from the Past; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$25 subscription to Alabama Gardener magazine; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – next year's MG dues paid. Send your check to Angie Ballew.

Nelson showed us a short video of Jeanon's speech at the awards ceremony for the Scholarship Endowment at Auburn. Two awards, totaling \$3,000 were given.

Mary K brought some plants from Stone Shovel to sell. They were priced at \$2 and \$4. Several door prizes were given out.

**Program**: Mary K introduced our speaker, Michelle Reynolds, a local writer, who gave a wonderful program on "Succulents" with beautiful slides. Following the program and grace, the meeting was adjourned to enjoy lunch. There were 38 in attendance, including five visitors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Heerten, Secretary

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Shoe Planter given to Wayne Williamson by Karen Kendall



Karen and Dot teach container gardening at Vincent Senior Center



Edith Johnston wins "best of show" with her wood duck!

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)



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup> at the [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#). Check back often for updates! Hope to see you there!



Here's an idea packed Shelby County Fair MG Booth. Kudos to our 16 energetic interns!



Congratulations!





### 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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



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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)

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

**Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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