

# 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...

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting on September 12 in Columbiana. It is always great to get together, learn new things and eat a great meal!

Our fair committee is hard at work and also enjoying each other's company. We need your help. We need about 20 hay or straw bales. If you can donate any please let Rita Forrest know. Also if you are willing to donate a plant for us to give away during the fair, please let us know that too.

Don't forget the AMGA fall seminar will be held on September 16. The topic is "What's Out Back" and it will be held at Guntersville.

Remember on October 6 there will be a trip to Quail Hollow Gardens in Notasulga, Alabama. Contact Jennifer Gregory if you are interested in going. It should be a great trip!

Our thoughts go out to our good friend, Bill Legg. We miss seeing you, Bill! Our thoughts are with you.

Please try to make our meeting and bring a friend!

Your President,  
*Susan Seng*



### THIS MONTH'S MEETING—Friday, September 12th

We are in for a Taste Bud Treat! Sallie M. Lee, Urban Region Extension Agent II of Alabama A&M University, will show us "Edible Flowers & Ornaments". Sallie works in the following counties: Blount, Jefferson, Shelby, St Clair & Walker. Our Angela Treadaway will accompany her & answer preservation questions.



\*\*\*Please bring a potluck dish to share\*\*\*

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## Treasurer's Report as of 8/17/2014

Submitted by Deb Kattus, Treasurer

| Date | Amount | Check # | For                                           | Deposit | For | Balance    |
|------|--------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-----|------------|
|      |        |         | <b>Beginning Balance</b>                      |         |     | \$2,765.56 |
|      | 25.00  |         | Check to Coosa Riverkeeper for August meeting |         |     |            |
|      |        |         | <b>Ending Balance</b>                         |         |     | \$2,740.56 |



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6—Betty Elder  
7—Brenda Fitzgerald  
8—Deborah Dahlin  
13—Sallie Farmer  
17—Sue Brasher  
29—Kate Vogel



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)

### AMGA 2014 FALL SEMINAR—Wild About Our Back Yards



To be held at Guntersville State Park on September 16th. The cost for the day is only \$25 and you can earn up to 4 CEU credits. Check out details and arrange for payment at <http://www.alabamamg.org/Documents/Special%20Events%20Wild%20About%20Our%20Back%20Yards%20flyer.pdf>.

#### Seminar Sessions include...

1. All About Eagles
2. Easy Gardens For The South
3. Nature Calls: Photographing Your Backyard and Beyond
4. Landscaping That Works



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**From Jennifer Gregory (reply to [jggdrg@aol.com](mailto:jggdrg@aol.com)):**

*I will be at the SCMGGA meeting this Friday, September 12 to collect money for the Quail Hollow Garden Tour, otherwise your check will need to be submitted to me no later than September 30. At this time, we have three drivers and 13 folks going.*

**The following have submitted their money:**

1. Carl Martin (driving separate)
2. LaVerne Martin (driving separate)
3. Barbara Williams
4. Kate Vogel
5. Susan Seng
6. Karen Jensen
7. Phyllis Love
8. Judy Bynum
9. Deb Kattus
10. Beth Glasgow
11. Richard Glasgow
12. Betty Daigle
13. Jennifer Gregory



\* **QUAIL HOLLOW GARDENS TOUR** \*

**768 Red Creek Road Notasulga, Alabama 36866**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014—10:00AM**  
**Staff-Guided Garden Tours and Lunch—\$25 per person (Given by Coach Dye)**

*You are invited to tour Quail Hollow Gardens with Coach Pat Dye on Monday, October 6 at 10AM. Quail Hollow Gardens is owned and operated by Coach Pat Dye, where more than 5,000 Japanese Maple trees are available for purchase. Enjoy viewing specimen trees planted along paths and flowing water features in our garden or visit our nursery where smaller Japanese maples are grafted and grown in containers sized from 1 to 25 gallons.*

*Tours include other points of interest including Crooked Oaks Hunting Lodge, Guest Cottage, Nursery Offices, and Gift Shops. Trees are available for purchase before and after the tour. Attached the Japanese maple price list for your information.*

***Your reservation and \$25 cash/check (preferred) should be made payable to: Jennifer Gregory. Also, I will collect your money/reservation at the next meeting, September 12. Otherwise, mail your check to me at the address below. Please note on the check which carpool location you will be meeting us at. Your check will need to be submitted to me no later than September 30.***

**DRIVERS NEEDED** - Please let me know if you can drive and how many passengers your vehicle will hold. \$10 will be collected from each passenger for gas.

***The following have volunteered to drive:***

*Deb Kattus - 4 passengers (truck for plants)*  
*John Driver - 4 passengers (truck for plants)*  
*Susan Seng - 4 passengers*

**CARPOOL LOCATIONS TO MEET AT:**

1. Lowes parking lot at Valleydale meet at 7AM then we will drive down to the next location, AFM.
2. Alabama Furniture Market (AFM) just off Exit 231 and meet at 7:30AM!

Any other questions please feel free to email me.

Checkout the Quail Hollow Gardens website for further details: <http://www.quailhollowgardens.com>.

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***Checking on HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE!***

**Directions**

From I 85, take Exit 42 (Wire Road). From Montgomery, turn left onto Wire Road; from Auburn, turn right onto Wire Road.

Continue past the truck stop and turn left onto Macon County Road 57 (first paved road to the left).

Continue about 1/2 mile and turn left onto Macon County Road 59 (first paved road to the left).

Go 1.8 miles and turn left onto dirt road. Follow road through the black iron gates; continue on the driveway until your first right up the hill.

GPS Address: 768 Red Creek Road Notasulga, Alabama 36866



Coosa Riverkeeper Frank Chitwood charmed our Shelby County Master Gardeners while characterizing the Coosa River as one of the MOST "biodiverse" rivers in North America. Alabama is number ONE in the number of aquatic species! Coosa Riverkeepers patrol & sample the river, removed an inactive dam on Big Canoe Creek that IMPROVED fish habitat, & keep track of fish advisories (15 now). \$10 memberships are available. To learn more about the Coosa, go to [www.coosariver.org](http://www.coosariver.org)

~Karen Jensen



Diane McKinnon & Jennifer Gregory chat with "Coosa Riverkeeper" Frank Chitwood



Aprille Hayes, center, shares her Waxahatchee water-testing experiences with Karen Jensen and Frank Chitwood. Master Gardener pot luck lunch is always delicious!



Frank Chitwood shares biodiversity of Coosa River; explains the effects of unused dams.

Paul Saeger gave a "Roses & Their Stories" program to Karen Jensen's PEO\* Chapter AA group; he charmed all (21) & gave away gorgeous named roses. (\* Philanthropic Educational Organization; we help support women in continuing education.)

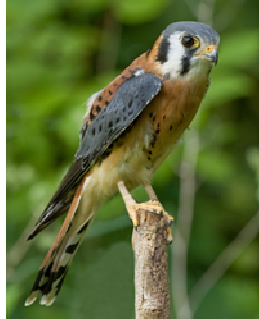


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## SAVE THE DATE!!

October 10th, "How to make your garden attractive to birds" with Scottie Jackson, Director of Outreach & Education at AL Wildlife Center AND she's bringing along a rehabilitated KESTREL!

Scottie began her volunteer career at the [Alabama Wildlife Center](#) after checking out a [Black & White](#) article with a list of places to volunteer free time. As a biology student at Samford intent on veterinary school, AWC fit into her schedule well and she spent at least one or two days a week volunteering a shift or even an entire day.



Scottie has expanded her interests to include anything she could do to help wildlife. Volunteering here has also influenced her career focus. Now as a graduate student in Samford's Environmental Management Program, Scottie has plans to help wildlife and the environment. Scottie currently works with Environmental Education and Birds of Prey at the [Alabama 4-H Center](#).



## 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

## 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



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