

# 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...

Beautiful fall weather, isn't it? How is your fall garden growing? How are your fall blooms doing? I get so excited about these beautiful, crisp days! It is a great time to volunteer when the weather is so nice too.

I know by now everyone knows about the loss of our dear friend, Bill Legg. He will be so missed. Bill touched the heart of everyone he met. We will be discussing what type of memorial will be appropriate for Bill. Please be thinking about this. Also, Jan Rogers, another very active master gardener, lost her mother last week. Our thoughts go out to Jan during this time.

Everyone should be very proud of the Shelby County Master Gardeners! We won first place for our booth in the Shelby County Fair. I hope you had a chance to visit the fair and see the booth. We need to thank Rita Forrest for heading up this bunch. She will say she wasn't our leader, but she sure was! Thank you, Rita! We will recognize all those that helped with the booth at our next meeting.

I hope everyone will make our next meeting in Columbiana on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. You are missed when you are not there. Come and bring a friend!

Your President,  
*Susan Seng*

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING—Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Come and enjoy Scottie Jackson's advice on "How to make your garden attractive to birds". Scottie works with Environmental Education and the Birds of Prey at the Alabama 4-H Center and is Director of Outreach & Education at the AL Wildlife Center. She's bringing a young rehabilitated kestrel for us to meet.



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



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**Shelby County Master Gardeners** have suffered a great loss with the recent death of one of their most loyal and productive members. **Bill Legg** was an active member right up until his recent illness and was one of the leaders having served as President from 2003 – 2005. He was always proud to have been from the Class of 1999 and never failed to make you smile! He was smart, energetic, and was devoted to his family, friends and community. He will be sorely missed!

**Billy R. Legg**, aged 77, of Montevallo, AL died on Sept. 25. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Linda McGiboney Legg: a brother, Joe Legg; and a sister, Janette Prescott. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Bridges Legg; four step-sons, Joe and Tom (Glenda) Smitherman of Montevallo, Scott (Dedra) Smitherman of Helena, and Clay (Stephanie) Smitherman of Birmingham, as well as a brother, Jacky Legg (Yvonne) of Brantley, AL, and three sisters, Betty Coon of Elba, AL, Joyce Aman of Blairsville, GA, and Carolyn (John) Kilcrease of Harvest, AL. He also had five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Bill was a loyal employee of Southern Railway for over 41 years. After his retirement, he devoted much of his time as a member of the Montevallo Arbor Board and to the Shelby County Master Gardeners.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Parnell Memorial Library Foundation, Library Garden, PO Box 62, Montevallo, AL 35115, or to the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 72, 861 Middle St., Montevallo, AL 35115.

### Treasurer's Report as of 10/1/2014

Submitted by Deb Kattus, Treasurer

Date	Check	For	Deposit	For	Balance
		<b>Beginning Balance</b>			\$2,740.56
8/28/2014	35.77	Jan Rogers for <i>Gardeners' Gab</i>			
8/28/2014	33.62	Deb Kattus for Shelby Co. Fair Booth			
9/12/2014	13.98	Susan Seng for Shelby Co. Fair Booth			
9/14/2014	35.00	Edith Johnston for Shelby Co. Fair Booth			
		<b>Ending Balance</b>			\$2,622.19



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6—Carl Martin & Linda Powers
- 9—Cathy Stork
- 17—Regena Varvoutis
- 20—Karen Kendall
- 22—Beth Heerten
- 23—Loyd Mehaffey
- 27—Susan Eagan



**FREE DAYLILIES!** Joy Dearing has a lot of daylilies she's looking to re-home. If you are interested, please contact her at: [joydearing0814@gmail.com](mailto:joydearing0814@gmail.com)



Alabama 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)

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This one is from Shane Harris, County Extension Coordinator, Tallapoosa County. More details and registration information can be found at [www.aces.edu/Tallapoosa](http://www.aces.edu/Tallapoosa) or by calling the office at **256-825-1050**.

We are excited to announce a big event for October! The Tallapoosa County Extension office and Tallapoosa County Master Gardeners will be hosting a 'Fall Gardening Extravaganza' on **Friday, October 10, 2014** at Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City. This huge gardening event will feature talks from four well-known horticulturists:

- **Steve Bender** of Southern Living
- **Lois Trigg Chaplin** of Bonnie Plants
- **Robert 'Buddy' Lee** of Encore Azaleas
- **Jason Powell** of Petals from the Past

Please share with your local Master Gardener Associations, in your home and garden columns, and other horticulture group lists.

Thanks,  
**Shane Harris**  
256-825-1050 (office)

## Save the Date – November 14<sup>th</sup>

Seated ladies, here at a Petals from the Past book signing, are Paulette Haywood Ogard and photographer Sara Bright. They authored Butterflies of Alabama in 2010 - an amazing book. Now they're writing another butterfly book, focusing on the southern part of USA. We are honored to have them come do their breathtaking power point show!

I was inspired by Ogard's article about the decreasing Monarch butterfly population, in the Birmingham "Flicker Flash" Audubon Society Newsletter, to paint my old rocker. Monarchs need milkweed to survive and there's less and less of it around. Ogard recommends planting the less invasive species: swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) or butterfly milkweed (*Aslepias tuberosa*). While Alabama is not in the major monarch flyway, some monarchs do migrate through here yearly. ~Karen Jensen



I could not resist creating a butterfly shirt for the upcoming event!

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## 2014 Shelby County Fair—1st PLACE Booth!



### FALL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Back Row L-R:

Myra Healy, Jennifer Gregory,  
Jessica Joslin, Edith Johnston,  
Rita Forrest, Brenda Fitzgerald

Front Row L-R:

Cathy Canant, Jeanon Massien,  
Dot Kachelhofer, Susan Seng,  
Trisha Williams



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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 flowerbeds 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.

### 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 Deb Kattus  
6538 Cahaba Valley Rd  
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 12, 2014** (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 5, 2014**. 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.

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SCMG Diane McKinnon spoke to Karen Jensen's Chapter AA of PEO\* October 9th on the Advantages of Eating Alabama Fish and progress made since the Oil Spill. (\* Philanthropic Educational Organization; we help support women in continuing education.)



**UPCOMING SCMGA PROGRAMS:**

- **December 12, 2014** - Monthly Meeting & Dirty Santa Christmas Party
- **January 9, 2015** - Storm Resistant Trees, Dale Dickens, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Alabama Forestry Commission
- **Feb 13, 2015** - Stewart Myers from Myers Plants & Nursery, Pelham, AL

**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



**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association  
Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2014—2015**



President	Susan Seng	991-7867	gaggy10@gmail.com
Vice-President	Karen Jensen	670-0701	karenkjensen3@icloud.com
Secretary	Beth Heerten	991-5154	beth.heerten@charter.net
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Hospitality	Michele Hill	665-1206	michelerhill@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, 2015. 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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