

# 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 you had a fun Halloween. Now comes the happy holiday, Thanksgiving. One of my favorites! Have you planted things before the cold days ahead? Botanical gardens' fall sale had plenty of plants and once again volunteers from our group worked this event. I know Carol Beard appreciates all the helpers!

Our Butterfly program in November will be one you will not want to miss! I hope everyone makes an effort to attend.

If anyone wants to bring plants to swap at our meetings, please do so. Usually members bring extra plants to share and I know it is always appreciated! Thank you Joy and Edith for bringing some last month!

I hope everyone has a beautiful Thanksgiving. Take time to enjoy your family. Also don't forget our very fun upcoming December meeting with dirty Santa.

Your President,  
*Susan Seng*

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING—Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>



Come MARVEL at the MARVELous butterflies of Alabama with experts Paulette Haywood Ogard, author, and Sara Bright, photographer. Their power point will have us all agog and rushing out to plant the shrubs that attract these beautiful, fragile creatures! Bring your covered dish, a friend maybe, and settle in for some amazing information and photos!



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The Chilton County Master Gardeners Association is conducting their second annual **Christmas Home Tour, December 14, 2014, 1:00—4:00 PM**. There will be four homes featured this year: The home of Julia Wood in Thorsby, the homes of Gene and Geraldine Sorrell, Millard and Linda Abrams, and Richard and Sally Moore all in Clanton. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the tour. Tickets may be purchased at the Chilton County Extension Office, at the homes, from an active Chilton Co. Master Gardener, or online at [www.aces.edu/counties/Chilton/mg](http://www.aces.edu/counties/Chilton/mg). Tickets must be presented or bought at each home before touring. Directions to each home will be on the tickets. For more information please call 205-280-6268 or 205-755-0372.



**Join us for some good clean fun at  
our annual Dirty Santa Party!  
Friday, December 12 @ 10:00 A.M.**

**Please bring a wrapped gift to  
exchange (\$15—\$20)  
and a covered dish to share!**

### **Treasurer's Report as of 10/20/2014**

Submitted by Deb Kattus, Treasurer

Date	Check/Deposit	For	Balance
		<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$2,622.19
10/10/2014	(25.00)	Alabama Wildlife Center (speaker's fee)	
10/10/2014	234.00	2015 Dues Received	
		<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$2,831.19



### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

5—Ruby Duncan  
7—Peggy Bullard  
12—Jessica Joslin  
15—George Baldwin  
16—Carol Beard  
18—Kathy Bass  
19—Barbara Clotfelter  
21—Glenn O'Donnell



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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## Highlights of Oct 10th SCMGA meeting:

Rebecca Roberson, from Talladega, joined us today; she belonged to Marble River MG group, Fayetteville AL. A condolence card will be sent to Jan Rogers who just lost her mother; the funeral service is today in Albertville. Guests included Leslie Harrison and Judy Jones. Joy Dearing provided bags of recently dug daylilies for those who requested some. Paul Saeger thanked all for get well cards & thoughts.

Loyd Mehaffey reports the Shelby County Bee Association, numbering 200, now meets on the 1st Monday evening of the month, 6:30 p.m. They have a new meeting place and are completely out of honey - no more until fall!

We voted to have a memorial (tree & bench perhaps) placed in Montevallo for very active/recently deceased beloved past MG president Bill Legg.

Kudos were given to: 1) Jennifer GREGORY for planning a most successful road trip to Coach Pat Dye's Quail Gardens (21-22 attendees) Oct 6th by Deb Kattus; 2) Janice FAULKNER, our award-winning booth designer, & ALL who helped at the Shelby Co Fair this past week, by Rita Forrest; 3) Brandon RESNICK's fabulous yard, featured in this month's issue of Garden Pathways (passed copy around), article written by Susan Seng; 4) Diane MCKINNON who spoke yesterday about the "Safety of Eating AL Seafood" to Chapter AA, PEO Group (17 attendees), by Karen Jensen. Of concern: we are looking for Beth Glasgow's tall pole sign used at Fair.

Birmingham Botanical Garden Sale will be Oct 18th, 9-5, Sunday Oct 19th, noon - 4. Let Carol Beard know if you can help.

Program: "How to Attract Birds to Your Garden" by Scottie Jackson, long time raptor volunteer at the Shelby Co 4-H Center and AL Wildlife Center, and now Director of Education for the AL Wildlife Center. All enjoyed her lively narration of bird care at the Center and her planting/food tips. The highlight of the presentation was the introduction of 7 yr old Legacy, a male kestrel who lost "toes" when tangled in a fishing line. Because he can't hunt or be released, he's become the ambassador for the AL Wildlife Center, representing the hundreds of birds rescued & rehabilitated each year. MG Tommie HARRISON recalled her time volunteering at the 35 yr old center - it is the oldest such facility in Alabama. We gave the speaker a \$25 honorarium to use for animal feed.

Tom Harris recollected some fond memories of Bill Legg, and took time to re-tell us Bill Legg's famous duck joke (after Susan Seng admitted to adopting a blind duck w/friend duck at the Fair). Then he offered a pre-lunch prayer. Most 23 attendees stayed for covered dish lunch! Michelle Hill the Good set up and straightened up afterwards (It takes a village to raise a MG group?). Cathy Conant shared Bill Legg's garden books with the group.

Randall R wants to know if anyone knows how to propagate "Hearts Aburstin"?

Notes transcribed by Karen Jensen who takes responsibility for all oddities/mistakes/misspellings.

I am a parent at Stonecreek Montessori Academy that has just this year moved to a permanent facility off of Valleydale Rd. Montessori strongly believes in gardening as an integral part of their educational process. We currently have a small herb garden but have plans for a bigger edible garden. I am currently working on a WholeKids Foundation grant and as part of that process, we are in need of a community partner to help support our garden project as suggested below:

*—We ask that each school application have the involvement of a Community Partner because we believe that a school garden is more successful if it has the support of an organization or business outside of its school doors. This support can look like whatever works best for the school and the organization. It can be in the form of advice, volunteer support, advertising/spreading the word, in-kind donations, or additional funds. It does not have to be financial support. Examples of this include a local business that does garden build, a local gardening store that provide in-kind donations of soil, your school's PTA that raises awareness and funds for the garden.—*

If the Shelby County Master Gardeners' group could provide a "community partner" relationship with Stonecreek Montessori in an effort to not only obtain this grant, but to help with the education and sustainability of our gardening project, we would be most grateful.

Please contact me by email or by phone (205) 249-6140

Thank you,  
Allison Whitfield-Smith

### 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.

### 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.



# Christmas Trees:

FROM TRUNK TO TINSEL

JOIN US FOR A FUN, EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP RELATED TO ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS!

## WHEN

THURSDAY, NOV. 13TH, 8:30AM-12PM

## WHERE

2612 LANE PARK RD  
BIRMINGHAM, AL

## MORE INFORMATION

Registration Fee: \$10.00

Please register by Monday, 11/10

Contact: Sallie Lee at [leesall@aces.edu](mailto:leesall@aces.edu) or

Bethany O'Rear at [bethany@aces.edu](mailto:bethany@aces.edu)

205-879-6964 x10



[Get Directions](#)



8:30 - 9:00 - Sign-In

9:05 - 9:45 - To Cut or Not to Cut: Choosing the Right Tree for You

9:45 - 10:30 - Christmas Tree Maintenance, Safety & Recycling

10:30 - 10:45 - Break

10:45 - 11:45 - Bringing the Outdoors In: Decorating with Nature

11:45 - 12:00 - Door Prizes and Evaluations

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# Scenes from the Shelby County Fair





## Quail Hollow Field Trip

What a fun day! Kudos to organizer Jennifer Gregory and our drivers! Where does Coach Dye get all his energy? He took us on quite a hike, naming and explaining the trees he's planted and loves! We saw the new 10,000 square foot pavilion where they raised \$100,000 for the Nursing Program, walked amid his 200 species of Japanese Maples & lunched at his clubhouse. A great day was had by all!

Our Shelby County Master Gardeners gather with Coach Pat Dye.



Emily Gravitt with her Japanese Maple



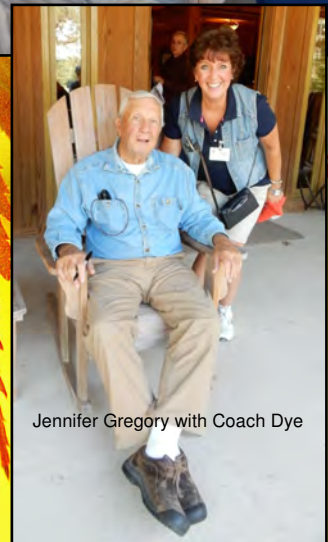
Coach Dye autographs hats & books!



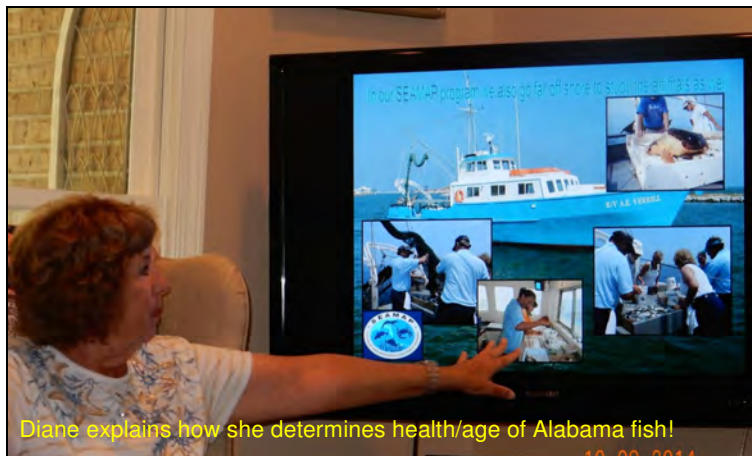
Memorabilia at Coach Dye's



Jennifer Gregory with Coach Dye





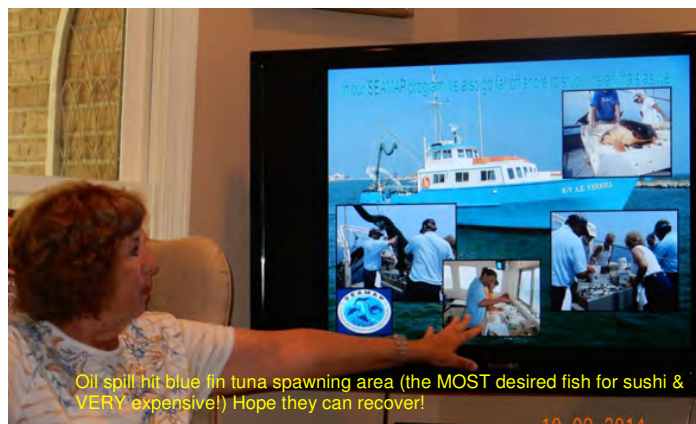


SCMG Diane McKinnon spoke to Karen Jensen's Chapter AA of PEO\* October 9th on the Advantages of Eating Alabama Fish and progress made since the Oil Spill. What fun to hear Dauphin Island researcher/retired Thompson Middle School teacher/Shelby Co. Master Gardener Diane McKinnon explain WHY it's so



much safer to eat fish, shrimp and clams from our Alabama coast where we have health safeguards.

(\* Philanthropic Educational Organization; we help support women in continuing education.)



## UPCOMING SCMGGA PROGRAMS:

- **December 12, 2014**—Monthly Meeting & Dirty Santa Christmas Party
- **January 9, 2015**—Storm Resistant Trees, Dale Dickens, Urban Forestry Coordinator, AL Forestry Commission
- **February 13, 2015**—"Bees and Weeds", What to NOT spray to protect our 19 species of AL bees, by Loyd Mehaffey



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



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, 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: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE ONE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:**

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