

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association

Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
Shelby County Extension Office
Columbiana, Alabama

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Pointers from the President...

We are honored to announce the election of **Jeanon Massien**, class of 2004, as AMGA President. She earned the most SCMGA volunteer hours in 2014, has served continually since 2002 as treasurer for the BBG Fall & Spring Plant Sales, earned their Unsung Hero Award in 2010, served as our president in 2006, served at state level on the Advisory Council, the Board of Directors, Secretary and VP, while serving 7 years on the AMGA Awards Committee, 6 yrs as Scholarship/Endowment Chair and she implemented the Advanced Stars Program. She completed the Advanced Master Gardener Program in 2008. In addition, this woman loves dogs, especially miniature Schnauzers, excels at Japanese Embroidery, and helps us with the Intern Class Program and By-laws.

Kudos to all our award winners and **Rita Forrest**, "SCMG of the Year". We THANK Awards Chair **Cathy Canant** for her help these last 7 years and hope her father, E.C. Lewis, a long-time MG/ACES supporter, improves with home health care.

VP **Byron Ford** is providing important programs: 45 attended the March GMO session. Importantly, the FDA just approved six GMO potato varieties that will not bruise and have 70% less acrylamide, a chemical that causes cancer in lab rats. They also approved two GMO Canadian "Arctic" apple varieties that will not brown. A Consumer Report study found unlabeled GMOs are already in lots of items "from cereals to baby formula to snack chips"; there is pressure to pass legislation requiring these products be labeled. We need to keep abreast.

I hope you all are eager now to learn about Organics with Certified Alabama Organic Farmer Joyce Darby. If the weather cooperates, we will have our program & business meeting outside, behind the Extension Auditorium. Join us! Bring a friend! Bring a dish or a jug of tea and stay for our potluck lunch.

We will continue streamlining our business meeting for efficiency. Committee chairs can let me know if/when they need to be on the agenda. Thanks for all you do to help gardening and gardeners.

Your President,
Karen Jensen

Friday, April 17@ 10:00 a.m.

(Please note this is not our regular 2nd Friday)

Joyce Darby will speak on organic gardening and farming. Joyce is a certified Alabama Organic Farmer and restoration wood carver, who also raises animals including milk goats.

Weather permitting, we will meet in our outdoor park/classroom behind the extension office. Potluck lunch to follow.



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SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes – 13 March 2015

Meeting called to order by President Karen Jensen. 45 were in attendance.

Presentation by Michael Everson of SEEDWAY Company on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's) and related issues for growers and consumers.

Old Business

1. Minutes of previous meeting – Published in *Gardeners' Gab*. Motion to accept, Beth Heerten; 2nd by Jeanon Massien. Approved.
2. Treasurer's report – Published in *Gardeners' Gab*. Motion to accept, Paul Saeger; 2nd Jeanon Massien. Approved.
3. Committee Reports
 - Events – Jennifer Gregory reported 13 members signed up for Bonnie Plants April 14th AM tour, 4 members for PM tour. Guests (non-SCMGA members) welcome (space permitting) after members are accommodated.
 - State Conference in Cullman March 23-25. Group photo for SCMGA attendees scheduled for 12:45 pm in front of conference center. Proxy letter circulated for signatures for election of Jeanon Massien, AMGA President.

New Business

1. Volunteer Opportunities were given with contact information. (see April *Gardeners' Gab* for details)
2. Presentation of Annual Awards. (see April *Gardeners' Gab* for details)

April Program – Joyce Darby speaking on Organic Gardening.

Website Update – VP Byron Ford/Webmaster - Use "AlabamaMG.org" to access. Also, "Like" our Facebook page.

Blessing for Meal – Brenda Fitzgerald

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Randall Robertson, Secretary

Treasurer's Report as of 3/17/2015
Submitted by Deb Kattus, Treasurer

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$3,637.77
22.00	2015 Dues Received	
(10.00)	AMGA 2015 Dues Paid	
	Ending Balance	\$3,649.77

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SCMGA BOARD MEETING—7 January 2015

- Call to Order- Karen Jensen, President
- Minutes of Last BOD Meeting not available
- Financial Report – Deb Kattus, Treasurer. Organization is solvent with all known obligations met. Payment for dues from members who have paid (62 as of this date) was sent to State, but has not been negotiated from that end. Deb requested assistance in developing line items for memorials and projects, as currently neither is present. There is concern, expressed generally among those members with the association for some time, funds excess to needs held in the account is not appropriate for our non-profit status and should be spent in ways advancing the Land Grant College and Extension Service mission.
- **SCMGA Board of Directors & Committee Chairs 2015**

President	Karen Jensen
VP/Webmaster	Byron Ford
Secretary	Randall Robertson
Treasurer	Deb Kattus
Communications	Jan Rogers
Events Coordinator	Jennifer Gregory
Historian	Diane McKinnon
Hospitality	Michelle Hill
Advisory Council Rep	Rhonda Cowan
By-Laws & MG Class Coordinator	Jeanon Massien
Newsletter Editor	Heidee Vansant
Nominating	Susan Seng
Projects Coordinator	Beth Glasgow

(Trish Williams will help with Awards Committee; we do not have a sunshine committee yet.)

Committee Reports

- Advisory - Rhonda Cowan - No report, no meeting occurring in 4th quarter. Jeanon noted it is not unusual for that agency to cancel meetings and likely will not meet before February of each year. Cathy Canant added the State Board formed the position to provide feedback on responsiveness of programs to local chapter needs. Rhonda is our link "both ways". Feedback from all of "us" is necessary to permit best development of statewide MG programs.
- Awards - Cathy Canant reminded us there was a "Please Pay Your Dues by December Meeting" incentive prize designee drawn at the December MG meeting (Jess Joslin). The \$25 gift certificate prize remains undelivered. Cathy was to continue that action with goal of awarding at Jan 9, 2015 meeting. Star awards for volunteer hours has been standardized at State level enabling all members to recognize each other's input to the various projects across regions.
- By-Laws - Jeanon Massien - Check State web site, latest update to by-laws pending publication.
- Communications -Jan Rogers absent (in Guntersville) "all membership communications should go through Jan" (Deb Kattus - when Jan not available) "to avoid confusion". "Exception is between officers & chairs".
- Events - Jennifer Gregory (report by Byron Ford) - Ongoing coordination with Bonnie Plants with Byron Ford to arrive at format for visit. Estimate 20 individuals upper limit of group size without imposing on workload at the plant farm. No date set for potential visits. On subject of field trip-type events, possible destinations included Auburn Arboretum, Chilton County Experimentation Station, or even the Birmingham Botanical Garden Arboretum, as that had not been on any recent trips by current membership. Discussion expanded to efforts by Byron Ford, VP, to develop programs/speakers for monthly MG meetings. Some noted: presentation from representative of Seedway, seed vendor, on the broader effects of the Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) issue to the seed and plant developer/vendor, Dr. Jim Jacobi of BBG on plant diseases (no further delimiters discussed), or requesting presentation by Kerry Smith on importance of Master Gardener program and volunteer actions on state wide basis. Jeanon endorsed Kerry as "a dynamite speaker" and "passionate and well spoken" about what the Master Gardener does to give back to the community and state.
- Historian - Diane McKinnon (volunteer day) - displaying 2014 scrapbook Jan 9
- Hospitality - Michelle Hill (Rhonda Cowan & Angie Ballew filling in Jan 9 for sick CH)
- MG Class Coordinator - Jeanon Massien - No action to report. VP Ford raised possibility of expanding availability of GAB online to non-members on subscription basis as means of increasing knowledge of program and its benefits to the wider community as recruiting support for MG class.
- Newsletter - Heidee Vansant - article deadline 20th of month (says Jan)
- Nominating - Susan Seng
- Projects - Beth Glasgow - No report, Beth not present. Karen J. reported Beth's intent to act as "clearing house" for volunteer opportunities rather than the SCMGA Representative at all projects requesting volunteers from MG. On the matter of a collective project for the Association, possibility raised to take over the landscaping/upkeep of grounds at entrance to Extension Office. As this would involve government property, we anticipate a formal description of actions and costs is needed to gain approval from agency currently charged with facility. Additional project ideas will be solicited from membership before Board makes selection recommendation.
- Sunshine - Pat Hare
- Website - Byron Ford - See also discussion under "Events" above for program information. During Financial Report discussion, question of adequacy of budgeted line for web site maintenance (\$100/annum) raised. Byron advised additional research on his part would be needed to give a definitive reason to increase, thus will support current line.

Old Business: Re-elect Parliamentarian Jan 9, term to end Dec 2015 as specified in minutes. Sundra Smith agreed to serve as Parliamentarian. Board recommends election by members be presented for vote at Jan 9 meeting.

New Business:

1. Recognize Bill Legg Legacy Committee at Jan 9 SCMGA meeting (PROP). The absence of a bereavement policy in our bylaws has left this issue unsolved, with questions of value of memorial amount, whether it should be uniform among any member(s) who die without regard to level of involvement in organization or community, and appropriateness of the activity or organization receiving the memorial. President and Treasurer will coordinate with Legacy Committee on elements of discussion in Board meeting before presenting recommendation to membership in open meeting.
2. How do we format installation of officers Friday, Jan 9? After completion of selection of Parliamentarian, outgoing President Seng will "pass the gavel" to incoming President Jensen. At that point, President Jensen will recognize and thank (or invite additional accolades) for each outgoing board member and introduce the incoming member.
3. Next SCMGA Board meeting date and place. This item is not complete.

Adjournment

MEMBERS REACH NEW HEIGHTS IN 2014!

By: Cathy Canant

Quite a few of our Shelby County Master Gardeners moved up to a new level of volunteer achievement. Most of you are aware of our "Reach for the Stars" Program. Some may not be familiar with the program or may just need a little reminder. Have you noticed some members have different colored stars or no star attached to their badge, or maybe a different colored badge? The State Master Gardener Board of Directors implemented the "Reach for Stars" Program in February 1999. Since the program's implementation, we now have nine recognition categories. Categories are determined based on the total number of volunteer & CEU hours you have reported since becoming a Master Gardener.

The category & requirements for each level are:

- Bronze Star 100 to 299 hours
- Silver Star 300 to 499 hours
- Gold Star 500 to 999 hours
- Gold Name Badge 1,000 to 1,999 hours
- Platinum Name Badge 2,000 to 3,999 hours
- Ruby Colored Gemstone 4,000 to 5,999 hours
- Emerald Colored Gemstone 6,000 to 7,999 hours
- Diamond Colored Gemstone 8,000 to 9,999 hours
- Lifetime Membership & Name Badge 10,000 plus hours



Please join me in congratulating the Shelby County members recognized for their 2014 achievements during our March meeting:

- Bronze Star: Teresa Boody, Deborah Dahlin, Joy Dearing, John Driver, Phillip Inman, Paul Saeger, Cathy Stork and Barbara Williams
- Silver Star: Angie Ballew, Jim DeWilde, Ruby Duncan, Jennifer Gregory, Aprille Hayes, Edith Johnston and Sundra Smith
- Gold Star: Betty Daigle, Deborah Kattus, Phyllis Love and Kate Vogel

Awards presented at the 2015 conference in Cullman, AL:

- Gold Name Badge: Susan Seng

Congratulations to all & thank you for everything you have done & will continue to do to support Shelby County and the Master Gardener Program!

2014 Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Awards

By: Cathy Canant & Trisha Williams
Awards Committee

Please join us in congratulating this year's well-deserved award winners:

Top Hours of the Year

- 1st Place: Jeanon Massien - 782.25 Hours
2nd Place: Betty Daigle - 589 Hours
3rd Place: Cathy Canant - 531 Hours

Top CEU Hours of the Year

Susan Seng - 52 Hours

Special Recognition

Byron Ford - Web Master

Project of the Year

Shelby County Fair Display

Trisha Williams, Edith Johnston, Rhonda Cowan, Randall Robertson, George Hare, Pat Hare, Aprille Hayes, Deb Kattus, Barbara Williams, Diane McKinnon, Beth Glasgow, Janice Faulkner, Susan Seng and Rita Forrest



Rita Forrest awarded "Shelby County Master Gardener of the Year" by Cathy Canant



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JEANON MASSIEN, Shelby County Master Gardener, elected president of Alabama Master Gardeners' Association at the 2015 State Conference (shown at left with outgoing President Dottie Pierce). Congratulations Jeanon!



News and Photo from Michele Pawlik:

This is the **new river birch given in Bill Legg's memory** by the Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association. Kate Vogel worked with Parnell Memorial Library staff to make this happen. Michael Newton, the new city landscape specialist, planted it February 27 in the library's native area.

It has three trunks, one is a little smaller than the other but it will catch up as it grows and it has a nice height. It will be fun to watch it mature and know this area was special to Bill.

There will be signage placed to identify the tree and who gave it. Also, the bench for his memorial has been ordered but it will probably be a couple of months before it is installed. It takes a while as the benches are fabricated when they are ordered.

Note from Heidee Vansant:

Cathy Canant, Dot & Gene Kachelhofer and I walked over from Montevallo's Arbor Day celebrations to see Bill's tree. It is very nice and planted in a lovely, peaceful area.



NELSON WYNN SAVES THE DAY, err SEEDS!

Jennifer Gregory connected with Cawaco Resource, Conservation & Development Council who offered us bean seeds. They dropped the seeds off at a RANDOM office in the John Jones building. Fortunately, sharp-eyed Nelson spotted the seeds and brought them to our SCMGA meeting in time for distribution. Hurrah! Happy ending: Happy gardeners filled their pockets with seeds. Thank you, Nelson!

Cawaco Resource, Conservation & Development Council is a non-profit agency dedicated to the enjoyment, education, enhancement and protection of our natural resources. Cawaco is one of nine RC&D areas in the state of Alabama. Cawaco plans and supports activities that increase conservation of natural resources, encourage economic development and enhance the environment and standard of living within the Council area.

The ZOO is HIRING someone to run their ECO GARDEN!

The Birmingham Zoo is looking for someone to manage our Eco Garden and nutrition center and you may know someone who might be interested. I need someone with good gardening experience. They will work closely with our education department as well. The nutrition center part isn't difficult, mostly overseeing inventory and ordering and managing two staff members. As a not-for-profit, the salary isn't as high as I would like (\$28,000—\$30,000), but it is full time with benefits. If you know anyone that might be interested please feel free to give them my contact information!

Thank you!
Stephanie

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SAVE THE DATE!! Upcoming SCMGA Meeting: Friday, May 8, 2015—Plant Swap!



Volunteers needed for ABC booth, BBG Spring Plant Sale April 9-12

Can you plan to help me with the ABC Booth (Annuals, Biennials, Climbers) at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale? The location is the upper parking area of Macy's at Brookwood Village. Along with our profound thanks, each volunteer will receive a coupon for \$5 to apply to plants purchased as well as the opportunity to shop first - even before the patrons and members are able to shop!

Thursday, April 9

Volunteer Shopping shift: 11am - 2pm

(volunteer shopping is 12-2 today).

Patron Party and Member shopping Thursday evening: 4:30-8:30

Friday, April 10

8:30-11:30 (sale to the public starts at 9am)

11:30-2:30

2:30-5:30

5:30-7pm

Saturday, April 11

8:30-11:30 (sale to the public starts at 9am)

11:30-2:30

2:30-5:30 (sale ends at 5pm; we leave as soon as we are set up for Sunday)

Sunday, April 12

11:00-3:00 (we may not need any help this day; we may have sold most of our inventory by then, so we don't schedule as many helpers)

You do not have to fit these hours if they do not work for you. Just let me know when you can help. What will you be doing? Re-filling shelves as plants are purchased, interacting with customers, providing them with help in deciding what plants for which location, how to plant, but primarily providing a smiling face and re-stocking shelves as plants are sold. These plants are in small containers; no heavy lifting is required. You do not need to know the plants; all the planting information is on the plant label. You will be surprised how much you will learn and how much fun you will have!

Please consider taking some time to help. This is a primary fundraiser, and it provides the funding for many educational programs for children at the gardens. It is an awesome sale, the third largest of its kind in the country. We will have more than 100,000 plants available in most any category you can think of to purchase.

You can email me at cabbeard@bellsouth.net or call me at 981-2314.

My cell number is 617-4059, but we use our landline most times.

Thank you so much! If you cannot help, please come and shop! Carol Beard



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

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THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA! Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending:



**ALDRIDGE GARDENS
BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS
PETALS FROM THE PAST
SHELBY CO. MASTER GARDENERS**

www.aldridgegardens.com/education/events/
www.bbgardens.org/all-events.php
www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html
www.scmastergardeners.com/events/

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Members are encouraged to earn 25 volunteer hours & 10 CEU's annually.

SCMGA 2015 Project: Ricky Colquitt presented an idea for improving the outdoor park/classroom behind the exhibition center. Most of the work will be done in the fall. Members may volunteer to serve on the committee to check feasibility and make plans.

Contact Michele Hill (michelerhill@gmail.com)



SPRING PLANT SALES:

- BBG Spring Sale April 9—12 (see pg. 3) **Contact Carol Beard (cabbeard@bellsouth.net)**
- Aldridge Gardens Spring Sale May 7—9.

Contact Phyllis Giles (volunteer@aldridgegardens.com) to sign up.

Cahaba Environmental Center: The Betty Wilson Garden at Living Waters has asked for volunteers in the following areas:

- Monetary donations
- Donation of any of the following plants: Broom sedge, pink Muhly grass, oak leaf hydrangea, clumping ferns, phlox, columbine, dwarf iris, trillium, Solomon's seal, coreopsis, bee balm, black-eyed Susan, purple coneflower, asters, butterfly weed, milkweed, cardinal flower
- Information on convenient sources for plants
- Hands on help every Saturday in March planting the plants

Contact Leland or Marty Keller (kellers@myexcel.com)

Harvest for Health: Contact (harvest4health@uab.edu) or call 205-996-7367

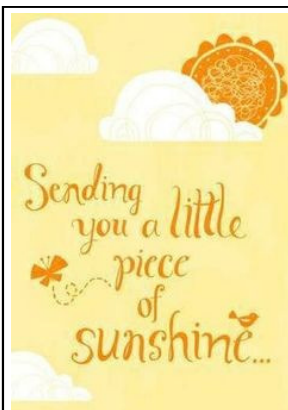
Fishing Fun at Oak Mountain State Park: Don't miss this one! Fish with a kid and have a blast. **Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBwGR0SmXjY>**

- This event is for special needs children from our area. 200 – 300 volunteers are needed since each child is GUARANTEED to catch a fish! If you don't fish that is OK because there are many other jobs available.
- Dates are May 13, 14 and 15 from 8:30 until noon. At noon you get a **FABULOUS** free lunch.

Contact Diane McKinnon (fishlady3@gmail.com) to register.

Lay Lake HOBO Clean-Up: April 13 - 18, **Contact Judy Jones (jonesfl@bellsouth.net)**

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Please send Pat Hare information about members (or relatives) who are sick, facing surgery or the loss of a loved one. We want to make sure all of our members

know they are loved and are a vital part of our organization. Pat will send a card to let that member know that we are thinking about them. Here are two ways for you to get in touch with Pat, our Sunshine Committee chairperson.

Email: pat.hare@outlook.com
Phone: 205-621-3848



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4—Cathy Canant	19— Diane McKinnon
5—Ginny Whitaker	28—Jane Harris
8—Aprille Hayes	28—Sybil O'Brien
12—Edith Johnston	30— Phillip Inman
16— Jo Lowden	



Aldridge Gardens Educational Coordinator, Audrey Ann, is collecting the following items for summer camp. If you have any of these items to donate I will be happy to give them to her. Yarn, fabric scraps, elastic pieces, thread, sequins, stuffing for little pillows, fleece scraps, Velcro, paper towel cardboard tubes, clean (washed) all sizes tin cans, Lego bricks children or grandchildren no longer need, all sizes **clay** pots and saucers, oatmeal containers.

Thank you! **Jennifer Gregory: jggdrg@aol.com or 205.532.0675**



ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR APRIL

FRUITS & NUTS—Season for strawberry planting continues. Start spray program for all fruits. Plant raspberries and blackberries and continue budding apples and peaches.

SHRUBS—Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowering. Fertilize azaleas and camellias. When new growth is half completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.

LAWNS—Planting continues. New lawns may need supplementary watering. Also, fertilize at 3- to 6-week intervals. Keep ryegrass cut low, particularly if over planted on Bermuda lawns.

ROSES—Watch for insects and diseases. Keep old flower heads removed. Plant container-grown plants from nurseries or garden centers.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Plant early started annuals or bedding plants from nurseries or garden centers. Divide mums or root cuttings. Dig and divide dahlias.

BULBS—Plant gladiolus, fancy-leaved caladiums, milk and wine lilies, and ginger and gloriosa lilies. Feed bearded iris with super-phosphate and spray for borers. Avoid cutting foliage of narcissus or other bulbs until it has turned brown naturally.

MISCELLANEOUS—Spray camellias, hollies, etc., for scale insects. Carefully water newly planted shrubs and trees. Pinch out tips of new shoots to promote more compact shrubs.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant tender vegetables such as beans, corn, squash, melons, and cucumbers. Plant heat-loving vegetables in lower South Alabama.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, sweet potatoes, and parsley.

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BONNIE PLANTS TOURS

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE— PLEASE SIGN UP NO LATER THAN APRIL 10



PLEASE NOTE: **Due to limited space the tour is for paid 2015 SCMGA members then if there are openings we would like to extend an invitation to non-members. *Each tour is limited to 20 people.*

Email Jennifer Gregory at jggdrg@aol.com (or call 205-532-0675) to sign up for Tour 1 or 2 and if you can drive how many folks can your vehicle accommodate. Also, what location will you be meeting at - Lowe's or Alabama Furniture Market.

TOUR #1 10:00 AM—Limited to 20 Shelby Co. MG's per tour

Carpool from the following locations: Lowe's (Valleydale Road) parking lot depart at 7:00 AM drive to next location, AFM. Meet at Alabama Furniture Mart (Exit 231) depart at 7:30 AM drive directly to Bonnie Plants. Following tour we'll eat lunch at Sinclair's Restaurant at approx. 12 Noon.

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| 1. Karen Kendall | 6. Dot Kachelhofer | 11. Myra Healy |
| 2. Brenda Fitzgerald | 7. Merle Schukoske | 12. Linda Powers |
| 3. Joy Dearing | 8. Beth Heerten | 13. Jessica Joslin |
| 4. Emily Gravitt | 9. Deb Kattus | |
| 5. Sundra Smith | 10. Jan Rogers | |

Guests (Non-members):

14. Becky Wigginton
15. Margot Glenboski

TOUR #2 1:30 PM—Limited to 20 Shelby Co. MG's per tour

Carpool from the following locations: Lowe's (Valleydale Road) parking lot depart at 9:30 AM drive to next location AFM. Meet at Alabama Furniture Mart (Exit 231) depart at 10:00 AM drive directly to Sinclair's Restaurant for lunch. Depart restaurant at 12:30 PM drive directly to Bonnie Plants.

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| 1. Rebecca Robertson | 5. Kathie Bass |
| 2. Karen Jensen | 6. Dwight Bass |
| 3. Cathy Canant | |
| 4. Jeanon Massien | |

ADDRESSES:

- **Bonnie Plants:** 1727 Hwy 223, Union Springs, AL 36089 (www.bonnieplants.com)
- **Sinclair's Restaurant:** 7847 Vaughn Rd, Montgomery, AL 36116 (www.sinclairsrestaurants.com)

TOUR

- Observe the Seeder and Plug operation.
- See how the harvest is cataloged and weighed which helps determine if it's a right fit for their mix.
- Propagation operation - amazing to walk into greenhouses and almost be knocked over by the smell of rosemary, plus seeing green for what seems like forever.
- Watch where the potters step up the plugs into larger pots that get sent the stores.
- Visit the trial garden where they test plant varieties before committing to grow them.

DRIVERS NEEDED—SIGN UP AT THE SCMGA MEETING

- Wear comfortable shoes or possibly boots (could be muddy).
- Bring your own water/drink/camera.
- \$10 will be collected from each passenger for gas on the day of tour.
- Wear your SCMGA shirt/nametag.

Tour Organizer: Jennifer Gregory (jggdrg@aol.com) or (205-532-0675)



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