

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association

Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.

Shelby County Extension Office

Columbiana, Alabama

www.scmastergardeners.com

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Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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Pointers from the President...

I am so excited about our November 13th meeting! Our presenter will be Hunter McBrayer, Marshal County ACES, who is a "biologist by trade, plant nerd by choice" and we'll be graduating our talented Intern Class who earned a blue ribbon for their Fair Booth and enriched the lives of Columbiana Rehab Facility residents with an entrancing courtyard garden. Again, we want to fete our "grads" with a marvelous pot luck, slap them on the back for all their efforts, and INVITE them to join us monthly - come help us do all that.

My thanks to VP Byron Ford for bringing us outstanding programs all year & hosting the October Techie/ Round Table meeting so I could "trick-or-treat" with my grandchildren & visit the Okefenokee Swamp where our editor Heidee Vasant spent some of her childhood (lucky gal!). I have so enjoyed being President with the support of great officers: Byron Ford, Randall Robertson, Deb Kattus & Sundra Smith, and committee chairmen + ACES staff. Thank you, thank you! Your NEW slate of officers will be presented at our November meeting.

Intern grads Ruth ('13) & Don Driggers ('09), who teach our intern House Plants class, opened Southern Roots and Bloom, 300 Hwy 47 in Columbiana, 205-901-6304, across from Bolton Funeral Parlor. Their Grand Opening will be November 20th but they are open now. I stopped in for honey and bought it & very reasonably priced "fairy garden" furniture...they may need to re-stock! If/when you stop by to see them, do thank them for teaching a MG Intern Class. They may soon be offering classes to the public. (Other MG's who teach Intern classes are Carol Beard, Tom Harris, Phillip Inmann, Jan Rogers & our Nelson Wynn - they all deserve HUGS!)

Share my pride in the Shelby County Master Gardeners Association: a group that works together to foster the love/appreciation of gardening in our unique Alabama environment.

Keep gardening!

Karen Jensen

This Month's Meeting—Friday, November 13

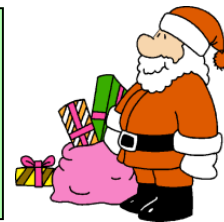


Join us for the fall intern graduation and welcome our newest Master Gardeners to our group. We'll also be hearing from Hunter McBrayer, a self described "plant nerd" about the importance of the Master Gardener program and its role in the extension system. Please bring your best covered dish and help us celebrate our new members. In addition, our nominating committee will present the recommended slate of 2016 officers.

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**SAVE THE DATE!! Upcoming SCMGA Meeting:
Friday, December 11, 2015**

The most fun-filled meeting of the year!
You don't want to miss this one—our annual "Dirty Santa" Christmas party.
Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange (\$15-\$20) and a covered dish to share!



**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
Meeting Minutes – 8 October 2015**

Call to Order– In Karen's absence, Byron called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge.

There were twenty in attendance. He announced the garden tour at Chris Van Cleave's would not be today, but rather Saturday, October 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Byron will send information with address in an email.

Byron gave a program of "Tech Talk" with much about how gardening information sharing has changed over time from catalogs, community centers and country stores; to Mr. Cason's Victory Garden on PBS; to Google searches; and the latest phase – mobile apps. He demonstrated the Bonnie Plants app as well as several other apps and websites.

Also discussed was 1) What we could do or change within our Master Gardener program to reach out to people, especially the younger set who are interested in gardening but don't have time or space. 2) How to get our MG group to "gel" together. 3) Many aspects of The Backyard Park.

Michelle Hill told us about progress on The Backyard Park, including a proposed sign from Sign Graphics that would cost \$400 and an entrance plan drawn by Randall with an expected cost of \$250. Several individuals/groups have offered to help or been approached for help including the Alabama Woodworkers Guild, the nearby technical school, and the Work Release group from Shelby County. There was much discussion about all aspects from pulling it together to how it would be used and maintained.

Minutes of last meeting approved as in GAB.

Treasurer's Report approved as in GAB with a balance of \$2,425.

Committee Reports:

- Carol Beard needs help with the Plant Sale at BBG next week.
- The Wildflower group meets next week at Ruffner.
- To have things posted on the website and Facebook, send them to Rita or Byron and they will place it.
- The last class for our interns will be the "Houseplants" class on November 4. Graduation, which will be handled by our officers, will be November 13 at our regular meeting
- The Nominations Committee will present a slate of officers at our November meeting

There being no old or unfinished business, Byron adjourned the meeting.

Door prizes were awarded; Byron offered the blessing and lunch was enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Heerten, in the absence of Randall Robertson

**TREASURER'S REPORT as of 10/19/2015
Submitted by Deb Kattus, Treasurer**

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,425.29
(22.65)	Angie Ballew	
(31.23)	Karen Jensen	
(22.60)	Jeanon Massien	
(68.24)	Michelle Hill	
(284.20)	Shelby Co. Extension	
(50.00)	Bernie's on Main	
(51.84)	Edgar's	
166.00	Dues received	
	Ending Balance	\$2,060.53

ATTENTION!! In order for us to submit our information to the AMGA by December 31, we encourage members to renew their membership now. Please use the membership form provided and send your dues to Deb Kattus. Thank you!

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
HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
PETALS FROM THE PAST
SHELBY CO. MASTER GARDENERS**

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

DO YOU OR HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED SELLING YOUR HOMEMADE GOODIES?

ALABAMA COTTAGE FOOD LAW CLASS

Angela Treadaway, regional extension agent, will be conducting a class to bring you up to speed on food safety and Alabama's Cottage Food Law.

Date: November 5, 2015

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Place: Shelby County Extension Office

Contact Angela: treadas@aces.edu or 205-410-3696

Cost: \$25

Register online at <https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/payment/cottagefoods/registrationForm.php>



**2016 ALABAMA MASTER
GARDENER CONFERENCE**

Wiregrass Master Gardeners and the AMGA Board of Directors are working to provide an Educational and entertaining experience for attendees.

Mark May 12–14, 2016 in your calendar,

and come back to our website often to check for updates on our speakers and agenda. If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor, Vendor, Donor, or Advertiser please check our website access our conference package webpage.

<http://alabamamg.org/2016-alabama-master-gardener-conference-sculpting-the-garden/>

AMGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**SCULPTING
the GARDEN**



If you attended these 2015 SCMGA meeting/tours, DON'T FORGET TO LOG your CEU hours:

January 9: Dale Dickens (Urban Forestry)—1.0 CEU
February 13: Spring Foraging of Honeybees—1.0 CEU
March 13: GMO's—1.0 CEU
April 14: Bonnie Plant Tour—2.5 CEU's
April 17: Joyce Darby (Organics)—1.0 CEU
May 8: Plant Swap—No CEU's

June 12: Keep Oak Mountain Wild—1.0 CEU
July 10: Tomato Taste Test—1.0 CEU
August 14: Identifying Invasive Plants—1.0 CEU
September 11: Edible Landscaping—1.0 CEU
October 9: Byron Ford Techie Talk—1.0 CEU
November 13: Hunter McBrayer—1.0 CEU



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 interested in purchasing. Jeanon Massien ~ Nauzer1@att.net

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Please send Pat Hare, Sunshine Committee Chair, information about members (or their relatives) who are sick, facing surgery or have lost a loved one. We want to make sure all our members know they are loved and are a

vital part of our organization. Pat will send a card to let the member know we are thinking about them. Here are two ways for you to get in touch with Pat:

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5—Ruby Duncan
7—Peggy Bullard
10—Kathy Bass
12—Jessica Joslin
15—George Baldwin
16—Carol Beard
19—Barbara Clotfelter
23—Willie Edmiston

Have you 'LIKED' us on Facebook?



My sincerest apology to those with October birthdays. I got ahead of myself somehow and listed the November birthdays instead. **Happy Belated Birthday to:** Susan Eagan, Beth Heerten, Karen Kendall, Carl Martin, Loyd Mehaffey, Linda Powers, Cathy Stork and Regena Varvoutis. ~Heidee

Photos taken by Karen Jensen at Don & Ruth Driggers' new shop in Columbiana. Their Grand Opening is slated for November 20th, but they are open for business now and plan to offer classes in future.



Ruth and Don Driggers at their new Columbiana shop—open for business.



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SALE!



Fairy Garden classes to be offered soon!



Master Gardener Class...2015

Our 2015 class is drawing to a close. What a great group of people...so many accomplishments in a short period of time. 1st Place in the Shelby County Fair and a wonderful class project! They have renovated the inside garden at Columbiana Health and Rehab and their work continues.

I hope all SCMG members will join me on November 13 at our monthly meeting. We will graduate 13 interns, many of them having enough hours to be certified as Master Gardeners. Mentors...please make contact with your Intern and join us for a MG potluck lunch. Our speaker for the day will be Hunter McBrayer. Hunter was a lab tech at the BBG and is now a Regional Extension Agent in Marshall County. He will be speaking on the importance of the Master Gardener program and how Master Gardeners are a vital link to Extension.

Following Graduation, there will be a special presentation to our wonderful Administrative Admin, Robbie Willis. Robbie will be retiring at Thanksgiving. Join me as we wish her well.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our November 13th meeting.

Jeanon



*Thanks
for the job
well done!*



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Greetings classmates!

I'm proud to announce that as of this afternoon (11/2/2015), our class project is finished! Special thanks to Wayne and Doloris who worked in the "liquid sunshine" today to plant two trays of pansies and spread the last of the mulch. In all, we have used 28 sacks of pine bark mulch!

As far as I'm concerned, we have far exceeded our goals, which were: 1) more color 2) bench in the sun and 3) remove the water feature. Here are a few of the finished pictures for you to see.

This has been a very rewarding project for me personally, and you too should be proud of what our MG group has accomplished at Columbiana Health & Rehab. What we have done is very much appreciated by the residents and their families!

Jim Strickland



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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.



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More info at:

www.bonnieplants.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, 2016. 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 to receive the Garden Pathways newsletter, please complete this application and give it, along with your dues, to your local association Treasurer by December 11, 2015.

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)

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

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:

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