

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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Thoughts from the President...

Happy New Year to all. I am really looking forward to this year's lessons and activities.

We have a great group of people and we all share the same passion for gardening in one way or another, so let's all come together and help each other, the community and our great organization.

I hope everyone got their hours entered for 2015. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask.

We want to thank our officers and committee chairs whose term has ended and appreciate our new officers and chairs who have agreed to serve. Thank you all very much!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in January.

Your President,

Rita Forrest



This Month's Meeting—Friday, January 8 @ 10:00 am
—Calendar Planning—

Please attend and bring (in writing) your ideas for our 2016 meetings and field trips. Several have asked for hands-on programs. We want to give you what you want!



SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, February 12
Program & Presenter—To Be Announced

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Meeting Minutes – 11 December 2015

- Meeting called to order by President Jensen at 10:07 a.m., followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Thirty one members and guests in attendance.
- Minutes of November 2015 meeting as published in Gardeners' Gab approved on voice vote.
- Treasurer's report as published in Gardeners' Gab approved on voice vote.
 - Need for auditor to financial records announced to permit transfer of account IAW by-laws. Merle Schukoske volunteered and designated, with acknowledgement by members.
- No Old Business
- New Business
 - Election of Officers for 2015-2016 term
Slate per Nominating Committee:
President: Rita Forrest
Vice President: Edith Johnston
Secretary: Randall Robertson
Treasurer: Myra Healey
Parliamentarian: Paul Saeger
 - Slate approved on voice vote
- There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m., followed by door prize drawing, gift exchange "Dirty Santa" style, and pot-luck lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall C. Robertson, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 12/25/2015 Submitted by Deb Kattus, Treasurer

| Check/Deposit | For | Balance |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | Beginning Balance | \$2,052.86 |
| (110.79) | Expenditures | |
| 952.00 | Deposits | |
| | Ending Balance | \$2,894.07 |

*****PLEASE NOTE:** We are missing approximately 35 membership forms. Please mail ASAP!!

PLEASE renew your membership now! 2016 dues are past due. Please use the membership form provided on the last page of this newsletter and mail your dues to Myra Healy or bring it to our January 8 meeting.

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/

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/>



2017 International Master Gardener Conference
"Follow the Oregon Trail to Great Gardening"

In 2017, the Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener Program and the Oregon Master Gardener Association will host the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, OR, July 10-14, 2017, with support from many generous sponsors and friends. Find more info on Facebook or at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2—LaVerne Martin | 22—Emily Gravitt & Michele Hill |
| 7—Tom Harris | 24—Heidi Mueninghoff |
| 9—Jeanon Massien | 26—Judy Bynum |
| 10—Jan Rogers | 27—Janice Falkner |
| 12—Heidee Vansant | 30—Corley Ellis |
| 13—Sandra Jones | |
| 17—Jennifer Gregory | |

Have you 'LIKED' us on Facebook?



These beautiful quilts crafted by Shelby County Master Gardeners Beth Glasgow and Barbara Williams were displayed during Columbiana's Christmas Tour of Homes.



Shelby County Master Gardener Paul Saeger of Hoover recently became a Consulting Rosarian through the Deep South District of the American Rose Society.



Our dear member Helen Titus is feeling under the weather. You may send cards and letters to her at 4191 Vestview Drive Birmingham, AL 35242



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Scenes from our December Meeting & Dirty Santa Party



Deb Kattus and Edith Johnston admire Sybil O'Brien's fern, aloe, and spider plant door prizes!



Karen Jensen stole the hand-painted birdhouse brought by Sybil O'Brien from Joy Dearing.



Joy Dearing making one of many gift selections. Joy must have chosen the very best, since hers were stolen repeatedly!



Myra Healy, newly elected treasurer, shows off her gift selection.



Jennifer Gregory & scrap booker Diane McKinnon are ready for Dirty Santa!



Jeanon Massien goes home with the potting table Randall Robertson's crafted from pallets.



"Maybe Christmas"
the Grinch thought,
"doesn't come
from a store."
"Maybe
Christmas,
...perhaps...
means a little
bit more."
-Dr. Seuss



Beth Heerton shows off her hand-made grocery store "butt bag" crafted from old jeans.



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From Sybil O'Brien—Did you know there is a new regional botanical garden, named Longleaf Botanical Gardens, being created/ built in Anniston? The development of this new garden presents an unique opportunity to observe, support, and possibly even participate in building of a public garden from the ground up. I'm sure many of our members would enjoy learning more. More information on the gardens can be found online at <http://www.longleafbotanicalgardens.org/> There is also an online form on this site to sign up for their newsletter. In addition, you find them on Facebook.

ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

FRUITS & NUTS—Set out apples, peaches, pears, and grapes. Start grafting pecans. Prune dormant trees.

SHRUBS—Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrow-leaf, and deciduous. Graft camellias in South Alabama. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.

LAWNS—Soil test before setting up fertility program.

ROSES—Visit nurseries and garden centers to select varieties. Start planting.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annuals.

BULBS—Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.

MISCELLANEOUS—Prune winter-damaged limbs. Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely, Cut them back lightly and keep in a temperature of 55 to 60 °.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant hardy vegetables, root crops, roots, and tubers in southern -most areas. Plant lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli in cold-frames.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2016 (Committee Chair Appointments Pending)

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------------|
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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:

Shelby Co. Master Gardeners' Assoc.
% Myra Healy
2674 Spring Creek Rd
Montevallo, AL 35115