

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

www.scmastergardeners.com

Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
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Thoughts from the President...

Our June meeting at Pat and George Hare's house was outstanding! We had good attendance, and I am pleased everyone came even though the heat was pretty brutal. But how can you complain when there are so many good looking plants to be had by all!

Pat and George were fabulous hosts and their home is absolutely stunning. I can now see what 10+ years of hard work can turn into. Thanks again to everyone that helped.

We did manage to have a meeting and I am pleased so many brought good suggestions and I hope we can continue to make this organization even better.

If you are interested in leading the Mentoring Committee for our new class of Master Gardeners, please let me know. Remember our new class begins in August, let's do some recruiting, we need a few more to sign up to make sure we have a class this year!

Your President,

Rita Forrest

This Month's Meeting
Friday, July 8 @ 10 am—Noon

Herbs and Medicines
by Betty Elder of Flower Girl Naturals



Please bring a potluck dish to share.

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SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, August 12th

SCMGA Meeting Minutes—10 June 2016

Thirty members and guests of the Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association met in the home and garden of Pat and George Hare to share the lovely weather and swap our favorite item, plants!

Minutes of the preceding meeting and Treasurer's Report, as published in Gardeners' Gab, were accepted and approved on voice vote.

No Old Business was pending from previous meeting.

President Forrest requested a volunteer to represent SCMGA and assist Chilton County MGA with their planning of the 2019 Conference. Thanks to Kate Vogel for her support/representation in this effort.

Nelson Wynn reported the dates for the 2016 Master Gardener Course for Shelby County is set, and fair response has been received. However, as of the meeting date, only one check confirming attendance had been received. If you know the candidates for that class, please encourage them to put their money on the line and support this class session. We certainly would not wish to have two years' running of no new Shelby Master Gardeners!

Susan Seng discussed the outreach opportunity of Junior Master Gardener instruction, and the value of the student, teacher and administrator manuals available. Ms. Seng moved the SCMGA approve funding for the purchase of one copy each of the Grade level appropriate student manual, Teacher and Administrator manuals as ready reference items for the common library. Motion seconded by Beth Glasgow, and carried on voice vote.

Kate Vogel invited all to her son's U-pick blueberry farm, reporting this season has been superb for the crop. Prices are reasonable, too. One gallon, \$10 (u-pick), two or more gallons \$7.50/per gallon. Thanks to Jan Rogers who published the directions to the farm in the informal letter to all email addresses.

Meeting adjourned after blessing on the noon meal by Nelson Wynn, after which we made our selections from among a wide variety of tasty desserts provided by our hosts and an equally wide selection of flowering and foliage plants.

Respectfully submitted,
Randall C. Robertson, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 06/20/2016 **Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer**

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,726.45
	No Disbursements	
	Ending Balance	\$2,726.45

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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:



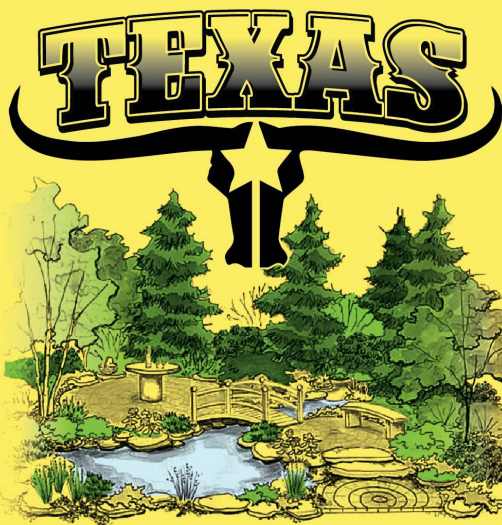
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2017 International Master Gardener Conference "Follow the Oregon Trail to Great Gardening"

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/>



2016 Southern Region
Master Gardener
Conference

Welcome to 2016 Southern Region Master Gardener Conference in Arlington and Fort Worth, November 1-4, 2016!

Texas is delighted to have been chosen to host this conference and we eagerly anticipate your arrival. The conference will take place at the Sheraton Arlington and the Arlington Convention Center, which are practically across the street from Globe Life Park, home of the Texas Rangers, and a few blocks from AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys. The hotel is a mere 9 miles from Dallas/Fort Worth Airport and the Sheraton provides a complimentary shuttle. Expect for weather to be dry and in the 70's.

The speakers we have planned will engage and educate you. The Master Gardener State Coordinator panel should provide many new ideas and answer your questions. Our Capstone Speaker is actor Barry Corbin who will regale us with stories of growing up in West Texas and talk about drought and water conservation. On the tours you can visit many glorious public, school and residential gardens, as well as the two sports facilities near the hotel. We plan to offer you good old-fashioned Texas hospitality and look forward to having y'all visit our county.

Steve Chaney, Tarrant County Extension Agent, Horticulture, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

For more info, go to <https://2016southernregionmg.com/>

This year's **CHILTON COUNTY EXPO** will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 11am until 5pm. The Chilton County Research Center is located at 120 County Road 765, Clanton, AL 35045.

We do need lots of volunteers to work in fruit sampling, corn on the cob, plant sale, ice cream and lemonade sampling and registration. We always have a great response from Shelby County Master Gardeners and hope we can count on you once again.



We are ready to sign up for Shift 1 (10:30-1:00), Shift 2 (1:00-3:00) and Shift 3 (3:00-5:00). Since we do have a lot of volunteer slots to fill, please let us know which job and shift you would like to be assigned. Also, if you can be flexible regarding shift and job please indicate when you sign up.

We are looking forward hearing from you! Lee and Wally Walters E-Mail: leeewalters@gmail.com

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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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

9—Tommie Harrison
12—Rhonda Cowan & Beth Glasgow
21—Barbara Williams
30—Betty Daigle & Michelle Stinson

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Volunteers are needed to conduct a program for the August and September meetings. Please contact Edith Johnston at 620-2922 or edithjohnston12@gmail.com



TOOLS and PLANTS needed by **Girl Scouts!** Our own SCMGA member, Karen Kendall, responded to the need of girl scouts in Avondale to help build a TRANQUILITY GARDEN at a local church. She can use some help collecting garden tools , gloves, etc. as the group has nothing!

Contact Karen at kkendall247@bellsouth.net if you can help with the work or if you can provide tools and/or plants for this SUNNY garden. Deb and Jan plan to meet her at Aldridge Gardens to donate daylilies, David Austin Tranquility roses and more. If you have items to donate you can drop them off on any Tuesday morning at Aldridge Gardens.

We have more blueberries than we know what to do with! They are \$15 a gallon if we pick and \$10 if you pick. If you pick two or more gallons they are \$7.50 a gallon. I usually pick mornings from 6-9am but afternoons after 6pm are usually cool enough.

Directions to 5065 West Ashby Rd, Brierfield: From Montevallo take Hwy 25 South through Wilton to Hwy 139. Turn left onto Hwy 139. In approximately 3 miles, turn right onto Hwy 2 West. Cross railroad and turn right at second drive. Kate Vogel 205-665-5878



2016 SCMGA Plant Swap hosted by George & Pat Hare



Plant Swap hosts George & Pat Hare with Diane McKinnon (L) and Rita Forrest (R)



Watch out for little green hitchhikers!



Karen Jensen with Cathie Long who earned Lifetime Volunteer in Brentwood, TN for 10+ years volunteer work with MG's.



Rita Forrest presiding over June plant swap



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR JULY

FRUITS AND NUTS – Protect figs and other ripening fruit from birds.

SHRUBS – Continue to root shrub cuttings until late in the month and mulch to keep soil moist. Remove faded blooms promptly from crape myrtle and other summer-blooming plants.

LAWNS – Watch for diseases. Mow regularly. Water as needed.

ROSES – Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Apply fertilizer. Wash off foliage to prevent burning if any fertilizer falls on plants.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS – Water as needed to keep plants active.

BULBS – Iris and spider lilies may be planted late this month.

MISCELLANEOUS – Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task this month. This demands close observation for insects and diseases. Water regularly.

VEGETABLE SEED – Plant beans, field peas, rutabagas, squash, New Zealand spinach, and Irish potatoes. Plant cabbage, collards, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery for the fall crop.

VEGETABLE PLANTS – Plant tomatoes in Central and North Alabama.

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