

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

www.scmastergardeners.com

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

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Thoughts from the President...

Summer is here! It sure is a hot one and watering is the hardest job around! I really did enjoy our program last month by Betty Elder, she has a lot of very useful information and we sure did ask a lot of questions.

Remember there are a few things coming up for volunteer opportunities. Sign up with Trisha Williams to work the Expo on August 6 at the demonstration farm in Clanton.

I was hoping someone would want to take the task of managing the mentor program for our upcoming class.

Our next Master Gardener class of interns will begin on August 10. This is the day we always bring a lunch for the interns so plan on bringing a dish, please.

Our August meeting will be fun; Edith has planned a competition between groups for dried flower arrangements. I'm looking forward to seeing the results. So bring all those things that will make your arrangement the best.

Your President,

Rita Forrest

This Month's Meeting

Friday, August 12 @ 10 am—Noon

Please bring whatever you have growing in your garden or woods. You may bring a container and oasis. I have been collecting containers and baskets. We'll divide into groups and build beautiful arrangements. It will be a lot of fun! ~Edith

Please bring a potluck dish to share.





SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, September 9th

SCMGA Meeting Minutes—8 July 2016

- Meeting called to order 10:00 a.m. by President Forrest.
- Twenty-seven members were in attendance.
- Approval of minutes of June meeting, as published in Garden GAB. Motion to accept, Pat Hare, seconded by Karen Jensen. Approval on voice vote.
- Approval of Treasurer's report, as published in Garden GAB. Motion to accept, Paul Saeger, seconded by Trisha Williams. Approval on voice vote.
- Announcements:
 1. President Forrest urged all members using Internet to NOT "click on" messages purporting to be from her, or to take action (especially those involving funds) requested in messages without composing another message to addressee using a "known good" address and requesting verification. This technique cuts out the scammer. Alternatively, please use telephone to verify message. Event has occurred involving State level MG Officers where unknown addressee had directed (falsely) transfer of funds. Avoiding "click on" responses to addressees, in general, is a means to avoid scams existing on the World Wide Web, and especially in relation to Master Gardeners of Shelby County.
 2. Remember to record monthly attendance at SCMGA meetings, as these can be recorded as CEU, of which we are all "encouraged" to obtain 10 annually.
 3. Nelson Wynn announced 26 persons have registered for the Master Gardener Intern class. While as of the meeting only four had paid, the assumption is we will have a 2016 MG Class. This will open the opportunity for someone to render outstanding service as a Mentor Leader for the class. Not only will the Mentor facilitate the instruction, but help in establishing a relationship between the active SCMGA and the Intern class. We need to have the continuing input from the MG Classes to keep our organization viable, so your service as Mentor is crucial. We, the SCMGA, really need you to Step Up and lead. Please contact Rita Forrest or Nelson Wynn to fill this post. Thank you in advance.
 4. You have less than two weeks to get in on the crew supporting the Chilton County Expo, at the Chilton County Research Station August 6th, 11:00 a.m. 'til 5:00 p.m. Trisha Williams is leading our effort and has the listings of shifts (no more than two hours, each) and activity (fruit sampling, corn on the cob, plant sale, ice cream sampling, lemonade sale and registration). She also has the copies of the Volunteer Waiver Form you will be requested to complete before participating. We have traditionally been big supporters of this effort, so if you've wondered about getting your active participation hours completed for the year, give Trisha a call soon and get on board.

Program – Betty Elder, "Herbs and Medicine" - If you've performed a lawn consultation for the Extension Service, you've likely answered questions about lawn weeds. Betty Elder presented an entirely different take on several varieties-eat them! Alternatively, use them to treat burns and stings. Remembering that the definition of "weed" involves undesired plant in undesired location, alternative herb may be the better term for plantain, or exotic vegetable the title for dandelion. Contact your fellow gardeners to find who was there and get your copy of recipes for "Rosemary Spice Cake" or "Dandelion Flower Cookies."

Better yet, come to our monthly get meeting so as not to miss out on such opportunities. In August we'll be assembling plantings from flowers and plants from your fellows' gardens. Hope to see you there.

Blessing on meal, followed by adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Randall C. Robertson, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 07/20/2016 Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,726.45
(146.29)	Disbursements	
	Ending Balance	\$2,826.16

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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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www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html
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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/>

Greetings to all Shelby County Master Gardeners! I trust your summer is going well and you are staying cool in this hot weather.

As of today, we have 13 paid, completed applications for the August Class and an additional 12 verbal commitments. Therefore... we anticipate making the minimum 15 for the class. Nelson has given the "go ahead" and ordering books.

Rita and I will be meeting with Nelson on July 25th, to get "our ducks in a row" and prepare for the class. The class schedule is attached (at end of newsletter). As you can see the first class is August 10th.

Please mark your calendar and plan to be with us for lunch. As you know, SCMGA always provides a pot luck lunch for the class and we are counting on everyone that can to bring a dish and have lunch with our interns. You are welcome to come early for orientation if you wish, and stay for the afternoon session also.

More information will be forth coming. Stay tuned, stay cool. See you soon!

Jeanon



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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

6—Angie Ballew
11—Terri DiMuro
14—Joy Dearing
21—Julia Wright
26—Jean Plecker

Have you 'LIKED' us on Facebook?



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 SCMG 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 then off on any Tuesday morning at Aldridge Gardens.

Volunteers needed to help kids fish

Each year Aldridge Gardens hosts a native American festival in October called **Whispers From The Past**. It is designed to teach young and old alike about native American traditions and activities. One of these is fishing using cane poles with worms. They are in need of volunteers to assist children in fishing with cane poles. All poles, hooks and bait are provided. There will be two shifts on the day of the festival. If you can help with this activity please contact Phyllis Giles at Aldridge Gardens at volunteer@aldrigedgards.com .

We also need volunteers to help with various arts and crafts on the day of the event, Sunday, October 2, 2016.

There is a need for other art and crafts volunteers. Contact Phyllis if you can help, its fun!

Click here for more info: http://aldrigedgards.com/education/events/spring_event_calendar.html/event/2016/10/02/whispers-from-the-past-a-native-american-experience/132269





Betty Elder's presentation on herbal and medicinal plants at our July SCMGA MEETING



This is what Betty posted on FB about the plant she spoke about in her program last month!

I thought I'd show you all that I truly do live what I try to teach, I was pulling honey in 95 degree weather sweating like mad and my face got too close to the netting in my bee suit. The hive I was in were some of the meanest bees I have ever seen and sure enough one was able to sting me, as soon as I could get out of my bee suit I found some plantain, chewed it up and stuck it on the sting and yes then drove home with it stuck to my face. Results tonite—a red spot and no pain or swelling! I encourage everyone to identify this plant in your yard and anytime you have any kind of sting, cut, bruise etc. you will have a instant healer with a plantain leaf.



Possible Master Gardener/Extension Booth at Lee Branch

Below is the contact person information for the **Lee Branch Farmers Market** on Highway 280 near Hanna's Garden Shop. The Market will provide tables to display Master Gardener and/or Extension materials. The Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. I believe this would be excellent for advertising the upcoming Master Gardener Course for August and for a Master Gardener to get some volunteer hours.

Contact Person: Mike Betts 205-572-3352

Contact Mike Betts if you are interested. Let Rita know if you plan to do this.

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SHELBY COUNTY 2016 REGIONAL MASTER GARDENER COURSE SCHEDULE

Nelson D. Wynn Regional Extension Agent

SUBJECT	DATE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Orientation Soil Sampling Lunch Annuals, Perennials, & Bulbs	08/10/16	9:00 - 12:00 12:00 – 1:00 1:00 – 3:00	SCMGA Nelson D. Wynn SCMGA Carol Beard
Fruits (meet @ Experiment Station) Tour Chilton Reg. Res. & Ext. Center	08/17/16	9:30 - 12:00 1:00 – 3:00	Gary Gray James Pitts
Plant Physiology	08/24/16	9:30 – 3:00	Dr. Dan Jones
Weed Science Pesticide Safety	08/31/16	9:30 – 3:00	John Nabors
Plant Entomology (soil samples due)	09/07/16	9:30 -3:00	Dr. Charles Ray
House Plants Vegetables	09/14/16	9:30 -12:00 1:00 – 3:00	S. Myers Tom Harris & Phillip Inman
Plant Pathology (meet @ Petals) Plant Propagation (@ Petals)	09/21/16	9:30 – 12:00 1:00 – 3:00	Dr. Jim Jacobi Arlie Powell
Soils	09/28/16	9:30 -3:00	Dr. C. Mitchell
Landscape Design	10/05/16	9:30 – 3:00	Dr. D. Williams
Woody Ornamentals & Invasive Plants	10/12/16	9:30 - 3:00	Sallie Lee
Home Lawns	10/19/16	9:30 – 3:00	Dr. David Han
Pruning Trees The World of Roses Honey Bees	10/26/16	9:30 -12:00 1:00 – 2:00 2:00 – 3:00	James Horton Paul Saeger Don Driggers
Graduation	TBA	TBA	SCMGA



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

FRUITS AND NUTS – Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes. Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

SHRUBS – Layer branches of hydrangea.

LAWNS – Watch for diseases. Mow regularly, water as needed.

ROSES – Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Hybrid teas and floribundas may need slight pruning to prevent scraggly appearance.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS – Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials.

BULBS – Divide old iris plantings and add new.

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

VEGETABLE SEED – Plant turnips, rutabagas, beans, and peas in South Alabama.

VEGETABLE PLANTS – Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and celery.

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