

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...

So, finally we got some cooler weather, but sadly no rain (as of November 19th). I am hoping the weather gets cooler and we start getting rain, my plants need it.

I must say, this has been a very interesting year for me. Karen Jensen made the announcements for next year's board members. It will be more to do and naturally more to learn.

Randall Robertson completed the sign for the Outdoor Classroom entrance, we completed the assembly and it's ready for all to see. Congratulations to him for a job well done!

We will be sending out a survey in the newsletter, the new board members and I would appreciate your feedback. I want this association to do good things for the community and for everyone to enjoy participating.

I appreciate those that attended the November meeting, Scottie Jackson and Rachel did an outstanding job of showing off the raptors and telling backgrounds of each bird.

I purchased some extra calendars and I have 4 left to sell. If interested, the cost is \$5.00; you can get one at the meeting.

See you at the December 9th meeting, it's Dirty Santa time again! The price of the gift should be about \$20. Bring your gift and a dish to share. It will be fun!

Your President,

Rita Forrest



**This Month's Meeting
Friday, December 9th @ 10:00 am**

Annual "Dirty Santa" Party and New Officers

Please bring a \$20 gift and potluck dish to share.



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SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, January 13

SCMGA Meeting Minutes—11 November 2016

Meeting called to order at 10am by President Forrest, who then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business:

- October Minutes, as published in GAB, approved on voice vote
- October Treasurer's report, as published in GAB, approved on voice vote

Committee Report:

- Nominating Committee – Led by past President Karen Jensen, the Nominating Committee presented the slate of proposed officers for calendar year 2017 as follows:
 - President – Rita Forrest
 - Vice President – Randall Robertson
 - Secretary – Wayne Gainey
 - Treasurer – Myra Healey
 - Parliamentarian – Jim Strickland

Election of Association Officers to be conducted at December meeting.

Communications/Announcements:

- President Forrest recognized Elizabeth York, who interned 2016 and has since completed her required hours to become a Master Gardener.
- President Forrest discussed a pending survey which will be provided to the membership, seeking input for events and activities we collectively would like to support. Your chance to direct how you would like to see the Association grow and improve will come soon, so get your thinking caps on and prepare to give us your best ideas.
- We've reached the end of the calendar year, meaning it is time to re-join and send in your dues. Please remit your dues to Treasurer Myra Healey before January 1, 2017 to maintain your "in good standing" status.

Program:

Scottie Jackson, Director of Education and Outreach for the Oak Mountain State Park, presented a program on raptors, specifically owls, introducing several of the owls residing at the Park Education Center and describing the species contribution to the environment.

Blessing on the meal was pronounced by Paul Saeger and the meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,
Randall C. Robertson, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 11/20/2016 Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,298.51
(181.00)	Disbursements	
	Ending Balance	\$2,117.51

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 on the last page of this newsletter and mail your dues to Myra Healy or hand-deliver **no later than our December 9 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/



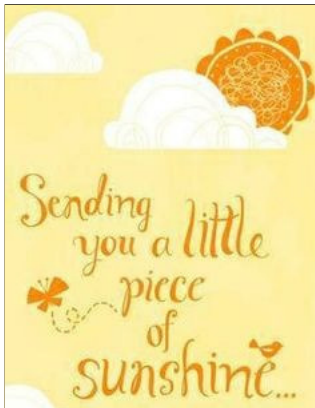
2017 International Master Gardener Conference
"Follow the Oregon Trail to Great Gardening"

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/>

Our November meeting had **really** nice door prizes!



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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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7—Paul Saeger
- 10—Susan Seng
& Helen Titus
- 12—George Hare
- 20—Sunny Gilliam

Have you 'LIKED' us on Facebook?



Cards sent by Pat Hare during October:

Birthdays:

- Ruby Duncan
- Jessica Joslin
- Carol Beard
- Margot Glenboski
- Barbara Clotfelter

Get Well:

- Carolyn Friday
- Heidee Vansant
- Jeanon Massien

Help Spread The Sunshine!



Scottie Jackson and her assistant Rachel of the Alabama Wildlife Center presented November's program.

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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS—Plant young pecan and other deciduous fruit trees and grapes. Select bud wood. Start dormant pruning of established fruits. Protect all young trees from rabbit damage by placing wire around the base of the tree. Apply dormant oil sprays for scale.

LAWNS—Control wild garlic, chickweed, Poa annua, dandelion, and other weeds. Read label on each package of weed killer used.

ROSES—Add plants to rose garden. Mulch all plantings.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annual seed without delay. Have you tried violas?

BULBS—Continue spring bulb planting.

SHRUBS—Planting is still the main activity but delay in case of freezing weather.

MISCELLANEOUS—Shrubs, trees, and indoor plants make excellent gifts.

**Annual elections will take place during the December 9, 2016 meeting.
The Slate of Officers for 2017 proposed by the Nominating Committee is as follows:**

President: Rita Forrest

Vice President: Randall Robertson

Treasurer: Myra Healey

Secretary: Wayne Gainey

Parliamentarian: Jim Strickland

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2016

President	Rita Forrest	620-1167	ritabe@bellsouth.net
Vice-President	Edith Johnston	620-2922	edithjohnston12@gmail.com
Secretary	Randall Robertson	663-0459	msptngc96@charter.net
Treasurer	Myra Healy	665-4554	myhealy@hughes.net
Parliamentarian	Paul Saeger	733-9066	saeger.paul@yahoo.com
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Projects Coordinator	Beth Glasgow	669-7981	bethglasgow@bellsouth.net
Sunshine Committee	Pat Hare	621-3848	pat.hare@outlook.com
Webmaster	Byron Ford	334-473-0707	byron@byronford.com

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SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SURVEY

In order to plan our SCMG Association meetings and agenda for 2017, the Board is asking interested members to complete this survey. We appreciate your feedback. Please return surveys at the December 2016 MG meeting or mail them to Myra Healy at 2674 Spring Creek Rd, Montevallo, AL 35115 with your membership form and dues.

1. Presently, we meet the 2nd Friday morning of each month during the year. Do you feel we should continue to meet every month or should we change our schedule and meet only 10 or 11 months per year?
 Meet all 12 months Meet less than 12 months
2. If less than 12, what month(s) should we not meet?
3. In previous years, we had two (2) nighttime socials per year that included dinner and a meeting – Groundhog Day Dinner and Fall Roundup. Would you be interested in reinstating one or both of these nighttime meetings?
4. Every month, we have a potluck lunch after the meeting. Would you like to continue the monthly potluck meals, change them to quarterly, or discontinue them and just have snacks?
5. What kind of programs or speakers would you like to have at the meetings? Do you have any suggestions for speakers and/or programs?
6. What method of communication would you prefer we use to communicate with our members?
Pick two: Facebook Newsletter Email Website
7. Other comments or suggestions:

PLEASE NOTE: A new membership form must be completed each year and returned with your dues.

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, 2017. 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