

# GARDENERS' GAB



**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.**  
[www.scmastergardeners.com](http://www.scmastergardeners.com)

**Meetings: Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m.**  
**Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, Alabama**

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## Thoughts from the President...

Hoping everyone had a nice Christmas and wishing all a Happy New Year!

The December Dirty Santa was the best fun anyone could have, so entertaining! Thanks to everyone that came. The pot luck dishes were outstanding.

So, it looks like for sure I will be sworn in as President for one more year! I am looking forward to a great year.

I hope everyone has paid their dues and filled out the survey, if not, you can still bring them to the January meeting.

I asked for volunteers for the committees and would like to hear from all that want to help us out this year. Thanks in advance.

Your President,

Rita Forrest



**This Month's Meeting**  
**Friday, January 13 @ 10:00 am**

**Program: Drip Irrigation**

**Please bring a potluck dish to share.**

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Next Month's Meeting—Friday, February 10

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

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,117.51</b>
346.00	Deposits	
	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2,463.51</b>

### 2017 Major Events scheduled:



The first major event at The Gardens in the new year is Spencer Lecture on March 1. Author Peter J. Hatch, who served as Director of Gardens and Grounds at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello will give the talk "Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden." The talk is at 6:30 p.m. and admission is free, but registration is required. Reserve your seat at [www.bbgardens.org/spencerlecture](http://www.bbgardens.org/spencerlecture). Our Annual Member Meeting will be held on March 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Hodges Room.

### Other 2017 Dates

- Spring Plant Sale - April 6-9
- Earth Day - April 22
- Flicks Among the Flowers - May 24
- Flicks Among the Flowers - September 27
- Antiques at The Gardens - October 5-8
- Fall Plant Sale - October 21-22
- Central South Native Plant Conference - October 26-28

**ATTENTION!!** 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 January 13 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/](http://www.aldridgegardens.com/education/events/)  
[www.bbgardens.org/all-events.php](http://www.bbgardens.org/all-events.php)  
[www.hooverlibrary.org/events/calendar/](http://www.hooverlibrary.org/events/calendar/)  
[www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html](http://www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html)  
[www.scmastergardeners.com/events/](http://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/>




There were so many beautiful gifts to choose from at our Annual Dirty Santa Party!

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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](mailto:pat.hare@outlook.com)  
 Phone: 205-621-3848



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2—LaVerne Martin
- 7—Tom Harris
- 9—Jeanon Massien
- 10—Jan Rogers
- 12—Heidee Vansant
- 13—Sandra Jones
- 17—Jennifer Gregory
- 22—Emily Gravitt & Michele Hill
- 24—Heidi Mueninghoff



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**Shelby County Master Gardeners**  
Community Organization

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Cards sent by Pat Hare during October:

<p><b>Birthdays:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Saeger</li> <li>• Susan Seng</li> <li>• Helen Titus</li> <li>• George Hare</li> <li>• Sunny Gilliam</li> </ul>	<p><b>There were no other cards sent.</b></p>
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Help Spread The Sunshine!



Master Gardeners, we are now opening the doors for an evening class hopefully and if successful, once a month. The first class I am teaching is the same class I taught in gardening during regular hours at the Senior Center. The class is on how to stay well during the winter months with herbalism. We will be making some herbal remedies to take home to stay well and boost our immune systems. Anyhow, an email blast has been sent out about the evening program and I wanted to make sure you know we have started to offer these classes at night. If the evening classes are successful it will open all kinds of opportunities for me to teach! Let me know if you think this is something y'all would be interested in.

Thanks, Betty

Betty Elder—Alabaster Senior Center Programmer(205)663-1307

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## 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.



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

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

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:**

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