

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.
www.scmastergardeners.com

Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10:00 a.m.
Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, Alabama

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Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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Thoughts from the President...

Well, it's January again, it happens every year, only it seems more like spring due to the warm weather we are having. I'm enjoying it anyway.

It was so good to see the attendance at the January meeting. I really appreciate everyone coming to start the New Year with what I hope will be a good year of gardening and much participation in programs and events.

We still have a few empty positions for committees. Please think about it and let me know if you can spare some time to help.

I hope everyone got their hours entered for last year; I was told some did not. You can still do it. Also, send your dues as soon as possible to Myra Healy (registration form on page 6).

Reminder: Register for AMGA Annual Conference, May 1-3, in Huntsville. Go to our AMGA webpage, alabamamg.org and click on **READ MORE** under 2017 AMGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATES (registration form is on the last two pages of this newsletter).

For the latest on the conference, click on the following choices:

- Conference Brochure
- Hotels
- Maps
- Instructions for both mail-in and online registration

Your President,

Rita Forrest

This Month's Meeting
Friday, February 10 @ 10:00 am

No information on Program/Speaker as of publication date.

Please bring a potluck dish to share.
Carey Baird (the blade sharpening guy) will be at the Extension Office
9:00 a.m.—Noon.

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SAVE THE DATE
 Next Month's Meeting—Friday, March 10
 No information on Program/Speaker as of publication date.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 01/20/2017
 Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,463.51
918.00	Deposits	
(490.00)	Disbursements	
	Ending Balance	\$2,891.51

SCMGA Minutes 13 January 2017

- Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Forrest.
- Minutes of December 2016 meeting were approved by voice vote.
- Financial/Treasurer report as submitted by Myra Healy was approved by voice vote.
- Cards were to be sent to Theresa Booty, Cathy Canant's dad and family of Betty Meadows.
- President Forrest welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017. She asked for volunteers for Project Coordinator and for Social Media Coordinator.
- Announcements: State MGA meeting to be held in Huntsville, May 1-3, 2017. SCMGA is donating a quilt for a door prize. Chilton County MGA class is set to begin 25 Jan 2017. Shelby County 4-H club is seeking volunteers to help this year.
- Jim Strickland requested a copy of membership directory. A committee consisting of Jan Rogers, Diane McKinnon and Barbara Kimbrel volunteered to publish a current directory with assistance from Myra on paid up dues.
- A lengthy discussion was held regarding hours reported. Some reported hours for 2016 were not qualified for entry. Nelson Wynn explained only hours relating to horticulture and youth related programs were eligible. A similar discussion was held regarding CEU's. **NOTE: IF THERE ARE ANY DOUBTS/QUESTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS NEEDED FOR QUALIFYING HOURS, PLEASE CONTACT NELSON BOTH FOR VOLUNTEER AND CEU HOURS.**
- Discussion was held regarding the survey submitted to members for feedback:
 - ◆ Meetings either monthly or less? 15 voted for monthly; 12 voted for less than 12.
 - ◆ Should Association re-establish evening socials? Little interest was expressed.
 - ◆ Should we have pot luck lunches every meeting or at less intervals? 11 voted monthly, 8 voted quarterly, 6 for no food.
 - ◆ How to best communicate with membership? 15 votes for newsletter, 20 for emails, 10 for website, 1 for Facebook, 1 for texting.
 - ◆ Results at this time are no changes will be implemented.
- Karen Jensen installed officers for 2017 and presented appropriate roses to each officer:
 - ◆ President.....Rita Forrest
 - ◆ Vice-President.....Randall Robertson
 - ◆ Secretary.....Wayne Gainey
 - ◆ Treasurer.....Myra Healy
 - ◆ Parliamentarian.....Jim Strickland
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Forrest.
- Randall Robertson introduced Mr. Jim Paramore, American Tree Maintenance, Inc. who presented a program on drip irrigation. The theme was "Where water & oxygen flow, plants & trees will grow."
- Program adjourned at 11:40 AM. Prayer was led by Mr. Paramore.

Respectfully submitted,
 Wayne Gainey, Secretary

DID YOU KNOW? Anyone can submit articles or pictures to be featured in the monthly *Gardeners' Gab*. The 20th day of the month preceding publication is the deadline. Please email your submissions to Heidee Vansant at heidee.vansant@gmail.com. Please do not submit photos without captions and the names of all people in the photo. Thank you!

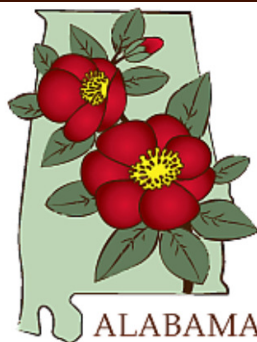
THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA!

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 AMGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Gardening HERITAGE

May 1 - 3 | Huntsville, Alabama

ALABAMA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Master Gardeners of North Alabama (MGNA), with the Morgan and Limestone County MGs, are pleased to invite you to the 2017 AMGA Conference in Huntsville. This conference will celebrate the heritage of gardening in Alabama and honor the founders of Master Gardening in our biologically diverse state. We will conduct our fantastic program at two amazing venues, the Huntsville Botanical Garden (HBG) and the Jackson Center. You will not want to miss the featured speakers, workshops, Silent Auction, door prizes, vendors, and our unique Seed Savers Exchange!
www.amgaconference.org



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/>



Graduates from the Class of 2015 gather to chat.
 Back L-R: Jim Strickland, Wayne Gainey, and Paul Saeger (from an earlier class).
 Front L-R: Delores Davis and Kelley Shelton. Not pictured is busy Curley Koetter.



There are thousands of Sandhill Cranes and a few Whooping Cranes (thought to be extinct in the 1950's) at nearby Wheeler Wildlife Refuge, Decatur AL. They migrate/leave in March, but can be seen this month. We are incredibly lucky to have them visit. If you get the chance, go see them! ~Karen Jensen

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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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5—Sherry Hornbuckle
6—Dot Kachelhofer
9—Sundra Smith
21—Myra Healy
23—Pat Hare
26—Merle Schukoske



Cards sent by Pat Hare during January:

Birthdays:	Get Well:	Thank You:	
LaVerne Martin	Sandra Jones	Jim Paramore—January Guest Speaker	
Tom Harris	Jennifer Gregory		
Jeanine Massien	Emily Gravitt	Sympathy:	
Jan Rogers	Michele Hill	Family of Betty Meadows	
Heidee Vansant	Heidi Mueninghoff	Loyd Mehaffey—passing of his 101 year old father	



Jim Paramore—January's guest speaker presented a program on drip irrigation.



Induction of our 2017 officers, L—R:
Nominating Committee Chair, Karen Jensen
President, Rita Forrest
Vice-President, Randall Robertson
Secretary, Wayne Gainey
Treasurer, Myra Healy
Parliamentarian, Jim Strickland



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

FRUITS AND NUTS - Planting season continues for dormant trees. Fertilize fruit trees. Apply half of the fertilizer recommended for grapes now; apply the other half soon after fruit sets. Continue dormant pruning and grafting. Start strawberry plantings.

SHRUBS -Planting season continues. Visit camellia shows to learn of hardy varieties in your area. Graft camellias in Central and South Alabama. Spray all shrubs with a fungicide before new growth starts. Good time to prune all shrubs before new growth starts. Don't prune early-blooming species because flower buds will be removed.

ROSES - Prune hybrid tea roses in South Alabama; delay pruning for a few weeks in North Alabama. Continue planting.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS - Replant early plantings of hardy annuals. Prepare beds for summer annuals.

BULBS - Plant cannas, amaryllis, gladiolus, and zephyranthes in South Alabama; delay planting for a few weeks in North Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS - Houseplants are beginning to show signs of activity. Fertilize with liquid or soluble fertilizer according to manufacturer's directions. Remember Valentine's Day – why not send roses or a potted plant?

VEGETABLE SEED - Plant some vegetables listed for January in Central Alabama plus collards, salsify, and Swiss chard. Add tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts to cold frames.

VEGETABLE PLANTS - Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2017

President	Rita Forrest	620-1167	ritabe@bellsouth.net
Vice-President	Randall Robertson	663-0459	msptngc96@charter.net
Secretary	Wayne Gainey	670-7101	wlgainey@juno.com
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Projects Coordinator			
Sunshine Committee	Pat Hare	621-3848	pat.hare@outlook.com
Webmaster	Rita Forrest	620-1167	ritabe@bellsouth.net

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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.

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

27th Annual AMGA Conference

Registration Form, Page 1



Registration form available online at www.amgaconference.org

Please complete a separate form for each person attending sessions. List any guests on this form. A guest may attend meals only and does not need to complete a separate form.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Local MG Assoc.: _____ email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Please Check One: MG MG Intern ACES Speaker Sponsor Vendor Other

Preferred name for your badge: Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

REGISTRATION

Cost

Enclosed

Early Bird Registration, postmarked Jan 15–Feb 28, 2017
(Early Bird Registration enters you in a drawing for a refund of your registration fee!) \$140.00 \$ _____

Regular Registration, postmarked Mar 1–Mar 31, 2017 \$140.00 \$ _____

Late Registration, postmarked Apr 1–Apr 15, 2017 \$150.00 \$ _____

TUESDAY BOXED LUNCH (Not available for late registrations)

Check preference: Smoked Turkey Black Forest Ham Vegetarian

T-SHIRTS

\$12.00 each. T-shirts will not be available after March 31. They must be ordered and paid for with registration. Indicate size and number:

S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ 2XL: _____ 3XL: _____ 4XL: _____ 5XL: _____ \$ _____

GUEST MEALS (Not available for late registrations)

Guest Name: _____

Monday Evening Dinner Buffet (\$15.00) Tuesday Evening Banquet Buffet (\$36.00) \$ _____

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PAPERCRETE WORKSHOP

\$30.00 per session. Refer to Page 2 for Workshop Session Selection \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

\$ _____



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27th Annual AMGA Conference

Registration Form, Page 2

Please refer to Conference Agenda for complete list of activities and speakers.

Monday sessions not listed below are open on a first-come basis. Seating may be limited.
Tuesday & Wednesday sessions not listed below are General Sessions open to everyone.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

9:00 AM–3:30 PM

Registration Open

_____ 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Papercrete Workshop, Session I

The Arbor

_____ 1:30 PM–2:30 PM

Papercrete Workshop, Session II

The Arbor

_____ 3:00 PM–4:00 PM

Papercrete Workshop, Session III

The Arbor

Each workshop session is limited to the first 40 attendees to register. Please indicate first (1) and second (2) choices.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

JACKSON CENTER

8:00 AM–12:00 PM

Registration Open

1:00 pm–2:00 pm

BREAKOUT SESSION #1: Indicate first (1) choice

_____ 1. Dr. Troy Marden: Inspiring Gardens Around the World

_____ 2. Sara Bright & Paulette Ogard: Creating a Haven for Butterflies: Your Yard and Beyond

2:30 pm–3:30 pm

BREAKOUT SESSION #2: Indicate first (1) choice

_____ 1. Darryl Patton: Traditional Folk Herbalism

_____ 2. Lee Coates: Miniature Landscapes

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AMGA AND MAIL TO:

Cathy Brickey
121 Brigadoon Drive
Madison, AL 35757

Cell Phone: 847-602-1747
Home Phone: 256-929-4165
email: cmbrickey@sbcglobal.net

Cancellation requests must be received by March 31, 2017 to receive a full refund.

FOR USE BY CONFERENCE STAFF ONLY:

Registration #: _____

Date Received: _____ Payment Received: _____ Confirmation Sent: _____

Initials _____