

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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Thoughts from the President...

I think we are off to a good start for 2017—very interesting weather and I am not complaining!

Our February meeting was excellent! I am so happy to have our fellow Master Gardeners giving such good programs for us. Thanks to Tom Harris and Philip Inman for a very informative program.

At our March meeting we will find out all about the drought! Be sure to come and see who won awards, to be presented by Deb Kattus.

We spoke of a couple of changes coming this year and I'm looking forward to seeing it all come together.

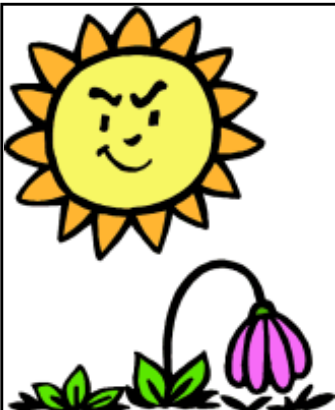
Reminder: register for AMGA Annual Conference, May 1-3, in Huntsville, AL. Go to our AMGA webpage (alabamamg.org) and under 2017 AMGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATES, click on **READ MORE**.

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, March 10 @ 10:00 am

James Horton, Director of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, will present "Effects of 2016 Drought on the BBG."

Please bring a potluck dish to share.

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SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, April 14
No information on Program/Speaker as of publication date.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 02/20/2017 Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,891.00
132.00	Deposits	
(33.00)	Disbursements	
	Ending Balance	\$2,990.00

SCMGA MEETING MINUTES - 10 FEBRUARY 2017

- Meeting called to order by President Rita Forrest at 10 AM.
- There were 23 members and 1 guest present at today's meeting.
- President Forrest led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- January meeting minutes were amended to change results of survey regarding night meetings. Minutes corrected to read the survey favored 1-2 night meetings. Amended minutes were approved by voice vote.
- Financial report as printed by Myra Healey was approved by voice vote.
- Project items as printed on back page of agenda were discussed.
 - No one has volunteered to assist 4-H Club meeting in March.
 - Diane McKinnon tentatively volunteered to assist Amanda Spurling with Earth Day program on April 21, 2017.
 - No request has been received from Montevallo regarding Arbor Day participation by SCMGA.
- President Forrest announced Board Meeting topics:
 - The possibility of an evening meeting (banquet) in the fall was discussed. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.
 - Recommended cancelling August 2017 meeting in lieu of attendance of new intern class that begins in August.
 - 2017 SCMGA Budget was approved.
- Alabama MGA meeting will be held in Huntsville, AL, May 1-3, 2017.
- VP Randall Robertson introduced today's program - Tom Harris and Phillip Inman presented an informative, timely, enlightening and enjoyable program on VEGETABLE GARDENING. For more info or questions, email Rita who will contact Phillip or Tom.
- A suggestion was made for SCMGA to consider a seed swap at the April meeting.
- A mobile sharpening service by Carey Baird was outside and available until noon.
- At adjournment, President Forrest asked Phillip Inman to lead prayer of thanks. Meeting adjourned approximately 10:45 AM.

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:



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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

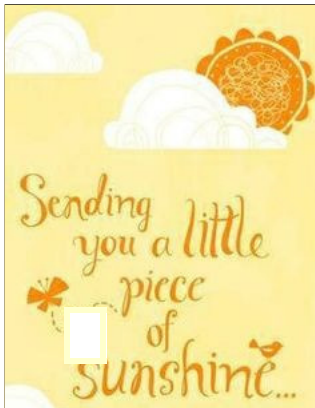


2017 International Master Gardener Conference "Follow the Oregon Trail to Great Gardening"

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/>

SCMG BUDGET 2017		Projected	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
Balance in Budget as of 1/20/2017		\$ 1505.00	
EXPENSES			
Projects		\$ 150.00	
Badges and Stars		\$ 30.00	
Supplies for meetings/administration		\$ 150.00	
Supplies for Gab		\$ 25.00	
Website Upkeep		\$ 300.00	
Sunshine Committee		\$ 100.00	
Door Prizes for meetings		\$ 100.00	
Honorariums, gifts for SCMG Speakers		\$ 100.00	
Historian Scrapbook Supplies		\$ 100.00	
Silent Auction Item for AMGA Conference		\$ 50.00	
Lunch for All Day Presenters		\$ 150.00	
Supplies, Gifts for Intern Graduation		\$ 200.00	
Directory		\$ 50.00	
TOTALS			
Total Expenses		\$ 1,505.00	

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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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1—David Thomas
- 12—John Driver
- 14—Phyllis Love
- 25—Tricia Williams

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Cards sent by Pat Hare during January:

Birthdays:

- Sherry Hornbuckle
- Dot Kachelhofer
- Sundra Smith
- Myra Healy
- Merle Schukoske

Get Well:

- Rex Harrison

Thank You:

- Tom Harris
- Phillip Inman

Sympathy:

- Martha Tyndal

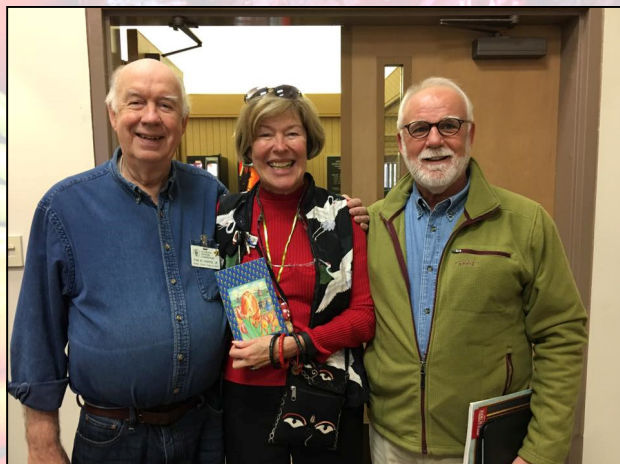


Stars and Badges Awarded



Congratulations to our fellow members for their achievements in 2016. Members receiving bronze stars which indicate completion of 100-299 volunteer hours are Wayne Gainey and Jim Strickland. Receiving a gold star for completing 500-999 hours is Rita Forrest. These members will receive their stars at our March meeting. Diane McKinnon earned a Gold Badge which will be presented at the state conference in May. Jeanon Massien again had the most hours for the year with Betty Daigle finishing second. It is wonderful to have such dedicated members. ~Deb Kattus

Veteran Gardening Guru Tom Harris and Tom Inman share vegetable growing tips with Karen Jensen and February Meeting attendees.





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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- FRUITS & NUTS**—Continue strawberry & grape plantings. Bud apples and peaches. Start planting blackberries. Remember, if weather conditions prevent prompt planting, heel the plants in by placing the root system in a trench & covering the soil.
- SHRUBS**—Fertilize shrubs (except azaleas and camellias) according to a soil test. Late plantings may be made, particularly if they are container-grown. Watch shrubs for harmful insects.
- LAWNS**—Plant Bermuda, Zoysia, & Centipede in South Alabama. Seed bluegrass & grass mixtures in North Alabama. Fertilize established lawns.
- ROSES**—Watch new growth for aphids. Begin a spray or dust program. Begin fertilizing.
- ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Tender annuals may be planted in South Alabama. Check garden centers for bedding plants.
- BULBS**—Plant gladiolus every two or three weeks if a long Blooming season is desired. Plant tuberous begonias in pots. Plant dahlias.
- MISCELLANEOUS**—Check & repair sprayers, dusters, and lawn mowers. Control lawn weeds with chemicals. Delay pruning of fruiting shrubs such as cotoneasters, pyracanthas, & hollies until after flowering.
- VEGETABLE SEEDS**—Plant hardy crops recommended for January & February. After danger of frost is past, plant tender vegetables.
- VEGETABLE PLANTS**—Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, & Brussels sprouts in North Alabama; plant tomatoes & peppers in lower South Alabama.

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

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