

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...

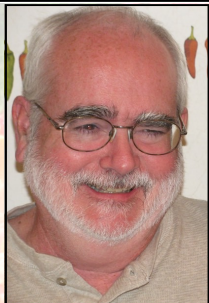
The plant swap and cookout at Kate Vogel's house/farm was outstanding! The weather was beautiful and we had a great turnout. I am very pleased so many came out and enjoyed the day. A "Thanks!" goes to Kate for all the hard work. I loved hearing her story of the farm and her family.

Edith Johnston volunteered to handle the mentor program for interns this year. Please let her know if you can help; she needs a couple more people. Also, Elizabeth York is working to get someone set up to order new t-shirts.

We had one more member, Cindy Sapp, become a certified MG from last year's class. Congratulation and welcome to the group! A great BIG "Congratulations!" goes to Diane McKinnon for receiving her 1,000-Hours Gold Badge.

Your President,

Rita Forrest

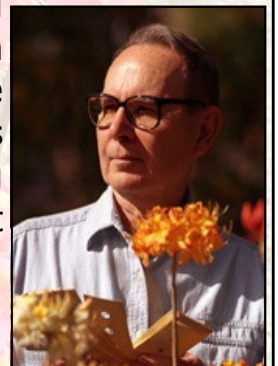


This Month's Meeting—Friday, July 14 @ 10:00 am

"Aromi Azaleas—Native Azaleas from an Alabama Native"

David Doggett will present this talk about one largely unknown Alabama "amateur" gardener who shaped gardening in the south. Dr. Eugene Aromi was a Mobile native, university professor, and "amateur" gardener. Around 1970, he began experimenting crossing deciduous azaleas native to Mobile county with the elaborately and colorfully blooming English hybrids known as Asbury azaleas. His goal was to produce superior blooming deciduous azalea hybrids that could stand up to south Alabama's heat and humidity. Come to the meeting for the "rest of the story."

Please bring a potluck dish to share.



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SAVE THE DATE

August 2nd is the first meeting of the 2017 Intern class. SCMGA members will provide a great potluck lunch at noon. Plan on staying to visit with the interns during lunch. There will be **NO SCHEDULED SCMGA MEETING FOR AUGUST.**



TREASURER'S REPORT as of 06/20/2017 Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,641.00
0.00	Deposits	
0.00	Disbursements	
	Ending Balance	\$2,641.00

SCMGA MEETING MINUTES - 9 June 2017

- June 2017 SCMGA meeting was our annual plant swap and luncheon. It was held at Kate Vogel's farm in Brierfield, Bibb County. Several MGA's took the opportunity to pick fresh blueberries from Kate's son's farm.
- President Rita Forrest called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. We had an attendance of approximately 30 + 2 guests. Both Rita & Kate welcomed everyone.
- Minutes and financial reports as published in June Garden Gab were approved as submitted.
- Rita announced a new MG class is scheduled to begin Wednesday, August 2, at the Shelby County Extension office, Columbiana. At least 15 are needed to begin a new class. Rita asked everyone to encourage participation. SCMGA members will attend the first class on 8/2/2017 and bring food for a luncheon. There will be no regular SCMGA meeting in August.
- Rita presented Cindy Sapp with her earned MGA certificate. Rita also presented Diane McKinnon with her Gold badge signifying 1,000+ volunteer hours!
- Mentors are needed for new class beginning in August. Edith Johnston volunteered to be mentor coordinator; several mentors for new class signed up at our meeting.
- Elizabeth York made an announcement regarding t-shirts; she will make further announcements regarding alternative sources for shirts and monogramming at our July meeting. Elizabeth had previously agreed to be the t-shirt coordinator for SCMGA.
- Diane made an announcement regarding George Hare. He was recently diagnosed with small cell carcinoma; he is undergoing treatments and a complete recovery is expected. Praise The Lord! Tommie Harrison announced her husband has Rocky Mountain Spotted fever and is in "bad shape" and undergoing antibiotic treatments. The RMSF is contracted from ticks similar to Lyme disease. Tommie wanted everyone to know the dangers at this time of year of becoming infected from ticks; ticks will burrow in navel and other body orifices and folks become easily infected. Please take appropriate precautions and check yourself or have someone to check you for tick infestation.
- Jan Rogers announced our July program will be David Doggett presenting a program on Aromi azaleas. Aldridge Gardens has recently planted a large area of native azaleas alongside the lake and also is selling Aromi azaleas.
- Rita coordinated our plant swap. She reminded everyone pass-along plants were available in the trailer alongside the parking area and everyone was encouraged to take plants as we exited our meeting following lunch.
- Kate discussed a brief history of her farm (purchased in 1998).
- Jim Strickland offered a prayer of thanksgiving for all attendees and the food.
- A wiener roast lunch followed with all the trimmings, cookies, pies, ice cream and S'mores.

Happy summer to all.

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 submit photos with captions and the names of all people in the photo. Thank you!

FYI: Murry & Wayne Williamson will not be holding an open house/garden this year, but do have plants to share. Anyone interested in visiting should contact them and set up a time.

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

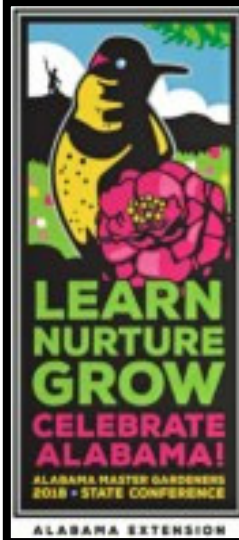
Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending:



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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/

August Meeting – Let's do our best job ever providing a first day welcome and fabulous POTLUCK lunch for our new Interns! That will "count" as our August SCMG meeting. If for some reason our MG Intern class does not "make" there will be no August meeting. Round up some interns and let's have a great first day on August 2nd from noon 'til 1 PM.



**Alabama Master Gardeners
2018 Conference**

**May 2 to May 4, 2018
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HARVEST FOR HEALTH

NCI-funded Research Study

Study provides supplies and mentoring to measure gardening benefits for cancer survivors.

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 Three garden groups each year (2017-2020)
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Harvest for Health study



Survivors diagnosed with the following cancers in these Alabama counties are eligible to be part of the Harvest for Health study.

(NOTE: This is a partial list of the cancer types included in the study)

- Bladder (in situ only)
- Breast (female only; localized and regional, stage 0-IIIa)
- Cervix (localized, stage I/II)
- Colorectal (localized, stage I/II)
- Corpus/uterus/endometrial (localized, stage I/II)
- Esophageal (localized, stage I/II)
- Hodgkin lymphoma (localized, stage I-III)
- Kidney and renal pelvis (localized, stage I/II)
- Melanoma (localized)
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (localized, stage I/II)
- Oral cavity and pharynx (localized)
- Prostate (localized and regional)
- Small intestine (localized, stage I/II)
- Thyroid cancer (localized and regional, stage I-III)



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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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 9—Tommie Harrison
- 12—Beth Glasgow
- 21—Barbara Williams
- 30—Betty Daigle
& Michelle Stinson

Have you 'LIKED' us on Facebook?



Cards sent by Pat Hare during June:

Birthdays:
Debra Kattus
Karen Jensen

Thank You:
Kate Vogel

Get Well:
Leslie Harrison

Sympathy:



The Columbiana Beautification Board has recognized the work done by Shelby County Master Gardeners at the park adjacent to the John Jones building by awarding it the "Business Beautification Award" for the month of June. Congratulations and thanks to all those who participated in this endeavor.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF A VERY ENJOYABLE DAY

June 9th Plant Swap and Picnic at Kate Vogel's Farm



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Rita Forrest presents certificate to Cindy Sapp upon completion of requirements to become an Alabama Master Gardener.

Rita Forrest presents gold badge to Diane McKinnon for achieving 1,000+ volunteer hours.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD – We want new gardeners for our 2017 Intern Class!

Where: Shelby County Extension Office, 54 Kelley Lane, Columbiana, AL 3505

When: August 2—October 18

Time: Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Lunch 12-1)

Class Limit: 20

Certification Requirements:

- Complete Master Gardener Course (same year)
- Volunteer 50 hours of service to community through approved projects

For more information or an application contact: Shelby County Extension Office at 205-669-6763 or Nelson D. Wynn, Regional Agent, wynnel@aces.edu (205-438-3725)

Mailing address: PO Box 1606, Columbiana, AL 35051

Go to the following web-site to print application: www.aces.edu/mg

SHELBY COUNTY 2017 REGIONAL MASTER GARDENER COURSE SCHEDULE
Nelson D. Wynn Regional Extension Agent

SUBJECT	DATE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Orientation Soil Sampling Lunch Annuals, Perennials, & Bulbs	08/2/17	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	08/9/17	9:30 - 12:00 1:00 – 3:00	Edgar Vinson James Pitts
Plant Physiology	08/16/17	9:30 – 3:00	Dr. Dan Jones
Weed Science Pesticide Safety	08/23/17	9:30 – 3:00	John Nabors
Plant Entomology (soil samples due)	08/30/17	9:30 -3:00	Dr. Charles Ray
House Plants Vegetables	09/6/17	9:30 -12:00 1:00 – 3:00	Trisha Williams Phillip Inman
Plant Pathology (meet @ Petals) Plant Propagation (@ Petals)	09/13/17	9:30 – 12:00 1:00 – 3:00	Austin Hagan Arlie Powell
Landscape Design	09/20/17	9:30 -3:00	Dr. D. Williams
Soils & Fertilizers	09/27/17	9:30 – 3:00	Dr. C. Mitchell
Woody Ornamentals & Invasive Plants	10/4/17	9:30 - 3:00	Sallie Lee
Home Lawns	10/11/17	9:30 – 3:00	Dr. David Han
Pruning The World of Roses Honey Bees	10/18/17	9:30 -12:00 1:00 – 2:00 2:00 – 3:00	Bethany O’Rear Paul Saeger Don Driggers
Graduation	TBA	TBA	SCMGA

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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR JULY

FRUITS AND NUTS—Protect figs and other ripening fruit from birds.

SHRUBS—Continue to root shrub cuttings until late in the month and mulch to keep soil moist. Remove faded blooms promptly from crape myrtle and other summer-blooming plants.

LAWNS—Watch for diseases. Mow regularly. Water as needed.

ROSES—Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Apply fertilizer. Wash off foliage to prevent burning if any fertilizer falls on plants.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Water as needed to keep plants active.

BULBS—Iris and spider lilies may be planted late this month.

MISCELLANEOUS—Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task this month. This demands close observation for insects and diseases. Water regularly.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant beans, field peas, rutabagas, squash, New Zealand spinach, and Irish potatoes. Plant cabbage, collards, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery for the fall crop.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant tomatoes in Central and North Alabama.

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