

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...

David Doggett did a wonderful job showing us the Aromi Azaleas. I had no idea they were so beautiful.

We have some good things coming up in the next few months! New intern classes begin August 2nd, Jan has a surprise for our September meeting and the October meeting is an evening meeting/cook-out. I'm really looking forward to these.

We also need to reach out to anyone from last year's class and if they still need help with hours, offer some suggestions.

New intern classes begin next Wednesday, Aug. 2nd! I am requesting all members and last year's interns please come and meet the new class. Bring a covered dish for lunch and if possible, please stay. Orientation is scheduled for that morning and if you want to come for some or all, that's up to you and your schedule.

Those of you that volunteered to be a mentor will be getting your intern's info in the next few days from Edith Johnston.

I hope everyone is staying cool. I find the early morning is the best time to get out in my yard and work.

Hoping to see everyone soon!

Your President, *Rita Forrest*

- NO REGULAR MEETING THIS MONTH -

Let's do our best providing a first day welcome and fabulous POTLUCK lunch for our new interns! That will "count" as our August SCMGA meeting. Please bring your food to the extension center by 11:30 am on August 2nd so that lunch can be served on time.

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SAVE THE DATE—September 8, 2017

Start planning now for our "Back to School" meeting in September. You will need to bring a picture of you and a picture or two of you working on one of your favorite Master Gardener activities (these can be digital). We will use these to create a "This is Us" presentation so that we get to know our interns from 2016 and each other better. It will be fun! More details will be provided in the September GAB.



**TREASURER'S REPORT as of 07/20/2017
Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer**

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,641.00
54.00	Deposits	
(10.00)	Disbursements	
	Ending Balance	\$2,685.00

SCMGA MEETING MINUTES - 14 July 2017

- SCMGA regular monthly meeting was held at the Shelby County Extension office, Columbiana, AL. President Rita Forrest called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- Minutes and financial report previously submitted were approved with no changes.
- There were approximately 24 members present including new member Jim Williams who is moving from the Montgomery area to Shelby County along with our program speaker, David Doggett.
- The new MG class is set to begin August 2, 2017. Nelson Wynn, extension agent, reported 7 applications have been received with 5 paid. Class requirements are 15 minimum paid participants. The deadline for applications is July 26, but that can change depending on last minute applications. Several members have volunteered to be mentors for new class.
- THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST 2017 MEETING FOR SCMGA. If the new class fills, all Master Gardeners are asked to attend the August 2nd intern orientation and bring a covered dish for lunch. SCMGA members will be advised regarding whether or not the new class fills.
- Elizabeth York made a brief presentation regarding t-shirt purchases. Elizabeth has secured an alternate vendor to purchase heavy duty Gildan t-shirts and have them screen-printed or embroidered. The proposed vendor has lower prices than those discussed in past meetings. After considerable discussion it was decided that for group meetings and photos, members should purchase a dark green shirt. Members may also purchase other colors and styles of their choice. Further info regarding orders and pricing will be provided.
- Shelby County Garden Club that normally meets at Myers will NOT meet in July. Stay tuned for August meeting announcement.
- Rita brought up a discussion regarding the Class of 2016 interns. Many still do not have the required 50 hours of volunteer service for their certificate of completion. Rita is concerned some of these interns will "get lost in the woodwork". Efforts will be made to help interns complete their 50 hours minimum service.
- Jan Rogers introduced David Doggett who presented an excellent program on Aromi azaleas. These azaleas were developed and named for Dr. Eugene J. Aromi from Mobile, AL who passed away in 2006. David presented a very interesting history of development of the Rhododendrons/Azaleas. The developments eventually led to Mobile and Dr. Aromi propagating over 1,000 varieties crossing them with native azaleas primarily from USA but also Asian and European cultivars.
- Following the program, door prizes were awarded.
- Paul Saeger gave thanks and lunch followed.

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!

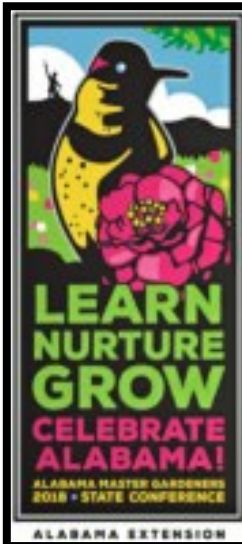
Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending:



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www.bbgardens.org/all-events.php
www.hooverlibrary.org/events/calendar/
www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html
www.scmastergardeners.com/events/

We have a vacancy! SCMGA needs a Project Chairperson! Let Rita know if you are interested.



Alabama Master Gardeners 2018 Conference

May 2 to May 4, 2018
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HARVEST FOR HEALTH

NCI-funded Research Study

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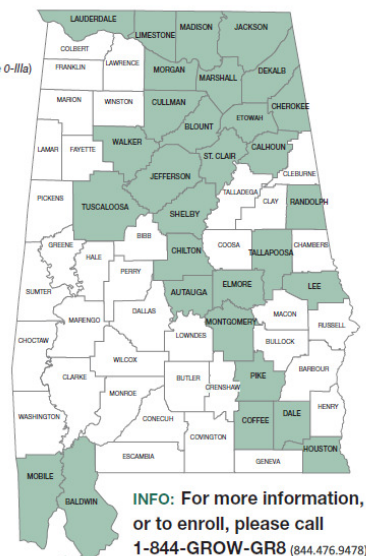
Harvest for Health study



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)



INFO: For more information, or to enroll, please call 1-844-GROW-GR8 (844.476.9478)





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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6—Angie Ballew
- 13—Cathie (Mary) Long
- 14—Joy Dearing
- 24—Wynter Howell
- 26—Jean Plecker

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Cards sent by Pat Hare during June:

Birthdays:

- Betty Daigle
- Beth Glasgow
- Tommie Harrison
- Michelle Stinson
- Barbara Williams

Thank You:

David Doggett

Get Well:

Larry Gravitt

Sympathy:

Kate Vogel's brother



David Doggett giving a presentation on Aromi azaleas at our July meeting.



Jan Rogers and David Doggett at our July meeting. Jan says he likes us and wants to come back!



Master Gardener in the making! Susan Seng's grandson, Hunter, who lives in Knoxville, TN proudly shows off his HUGE cabbage. According to Susan, Hunter loves gardening and plant identification.

Master Gardeners are welcome at any and all instructional sessions and you can count most as CEU hours!

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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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

Jim Story Award Application Now Available

Cash Award and Trophy Awarded to First Place Winner; Cash Awards and Certificates for Second and Third Place Winners

The American Gourd Society's Jim Story Award Committee is pleased to announce applications for the 2017 Jim Story Award for manipulation of gourds are now available online at: <http://americangourdsociety.org/award.html>

How to Enter the Jim Story Award Competition

The Jim Story Award competition is held at the state/chapter/local organization and at the national level. Winners at the state/chapter/local organization may then enter the national competition. To be considered for national competition, the state/chapter/local organization winner must (A) be a current member of the American Gourd Society and (B) complete and submit the application and required photos to the Jim Story Award Committee.

Cash Awards and Trophy: First Place Award of \$300 and trophy; Second Place Award of \$150.00 and certificate; Third Place Award of \$50.00 and certificate. All winners recognized in the American Gourd Society Magazine.

Additional Information: Rules, information on Jim Story and educational materials on his gourd growing techniques are available at <http://americangourdsociety.org/award.html>. Information on the American Gourd Society membership, gourd patches, gourd shows and local activities are available at <http://americangourdsociety.org/>



LEFT: Jim Story with one of his manipulated gourds.

RIGHT: Winning gourd in Jim Story manipulated gourd competition at 2016 Idaho Gourd Festival.





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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

FRUITS AND NUTS—Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes. Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

SHRUBS—Layer branches of hydrangea.

LAWNS—Watch for diseases. Mow regularly, water as needed.

ROSES—Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Hybrid teas and floribundas may need slight pruning to prevent scraggly appearance.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials.

BULBS—Divide old iris plantings and add new.

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

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant turnips, rutabagas, beans, and peas in South Alabama.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and celery.

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