

# 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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**AMG Online Store:** <http://www.victorydesigns.com/amg/>

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## Thoughts from the President...

If you haven't attended any of the intern classes, you are always welcome.

The class and students are doing very well and working hard on the fair booth. Hopefully everyone will get a chance to go see the booth. The Shelby County Fair is October 2—7.

Our October meeting will be held in the evening and includes a cook-out; you should have received an RSVP to attend the cookout. You **MUST** respond to attend.

I am still asking for someone to help with some small decorations for the tables at intern graduation. It will be held the last day of class at the extension office. I am also inviting Master Gardeners to come and help them celebrate that afternoon.

A little reminder: Please be thinking hard about stepping up to be on the board for 2018!

I hope to see everyone soon!

Your President,

Rita Forrest



**This Month's Meeting**  
**Friday, October 13 @ 6:00 pm**

Everyone planning to attend the Fall Roundup/Steak Cookout needs to send a check payable to SCMGA for \$20 per person to confirm their reservation for the dinner to:

S.C.M.G.A.  
c/o Myra Healy  
674 Spring Creek Rd  
Montevallo, AL 35115

**RESERVATIONS & CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 6TH.**

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# SAVE THE DATE

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT as of 09/20/2017 Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
303	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,674</b>
	Disbursements	
	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2,371</b>

### Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Meeting Minutes—8 September 2017

- President Rita Forrest called meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- Guests welcomed. Approximately 15 members and 1 guest, 2017 intern (Dennis Stanek) present.
- Elizabeth York gave an update on tee-shirts and info on aprons, etc. All members will receive a more detailed e-mail with all information provided to place your tee-shirt order. Elizabeth emphasized the prices will be lower as more shirts are ordered.
- Rita asked for volunteers to decorate tables for intern graduation scheduled for October 18, 2017.
- Discussion was held on planning for October night meeting. The meeting will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church, Columbiana, AL. Ribeye steaks will be served. After much discussion, it was agreed that all the trimmings (potato, salad, drink, serving ware, etc. will be catered. Spouses/guests will be welcome. Further info regarding prices, etc. for ordering will be sent via e-mail. October 1, 2017 will be the deadline for placing orders via e-mail for our evening banquet (RSVP).
- Kim Joiner, Soil/Water Conservation presented info on the new Educational Garden that has been constructed at the Extension office. A workday is planned for Monday, September 11, 2017 to include planting, etc. Everyone is asked to be present next Monday. If anyone can't be here Monday, then please call Kim for an appropriate time to volunteer to work in the garden. See website [HTTP://SCSWCD.US/](http://scswcd.us/).
- PLEASE NOTE: Dedication ceremony for the Educational Gardens will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 10 AM, Extension office, 54 Kelley Lane, Columbiana.
- Jan Rogers with help from pictorial directory committee then presented info, program to create a member page for membership directory. This info will be presented at November meeting. Diane McKinnon snapped face photos outside , and presented info on taking info and building a directory. Everyone worked on their individual member pages. Barbara Williams detailed info, photos needed regarding personal and MGA activities for member pages.
- Door prizes presented. Lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Gainey



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



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8—Carl Martin
- 17—Dolores Davis
- 19—Jim Strickland
- 20—Karen Kendall
- 22—Beth Heerten



### Cards sent by Pat Hare during September:

<b>Birthdays:</b>	Betty Elder	<b>Thank You:</b>	<b>Get Well:</b>	<b>Sympathy:</b>
Rex Anderson, Jr.	Brenda Fitzgerald	Nelson Wynn	Julie Hobough	Wendy Patton
Sue Brasher	Wayne Gainey		(family illness)	
Deborah Dahlin	Kate Vogel			



### 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**

[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)



## 68th ANNUAL SHELBY COUNTY FAIR October 2—7, 2017 Shelby County Exhibition Center, Columbiana, AL

2017 Theme: "MAKE IT, GROW IT, SEW IT AND SHOW IT"

Admission: \$12 each at Gate [www.alshelbycountyfair.com/tickets](http://www.alshelbycountyfair.com/tickets)

Everyone Over 36" Must Purchase A Ticket

\$2 Military Discount offered Nightly with Military ID

Friday Night Sr. Adults (55+) Tickets are \$6

Gates Open at 5:30pm Nightly—Rides Start At 6pm Gates

Rides Open at 3pm on Saturday



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

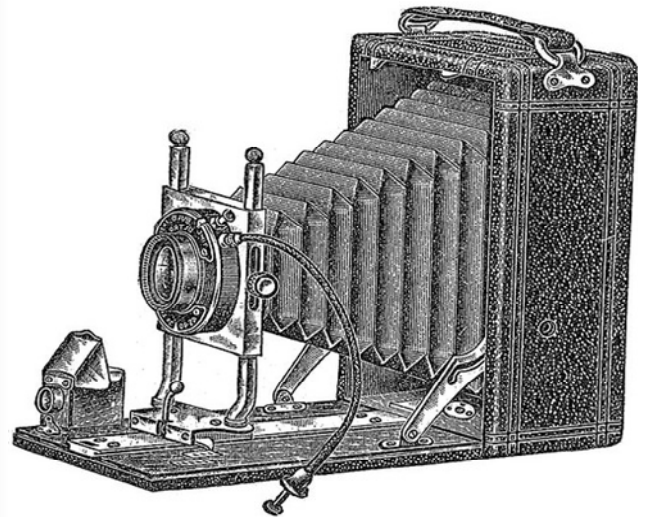
**SHELBY COUNTY 2017 REGIONAL MASTER GARDENER COURSE SCHEDULE**

**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 ( <b>meet @ Experiment Station</b> ) 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 ( <b>soil samples due</b> )	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 ( <b>meet @ Petals</b> ) Plant Propagation ( <b>@ Petals</b> )	09/13/17	9:30 – 12:00 1:00 – 3:00	Austin Hagan Archie 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



SCMGA members working on their photos and information for the new Shelby County Master Gardener directory and the PowerPoint presentation "This Is Us" for our November meeting.



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2016 intern Sylvia Sheffield of Alabaster completed her 50 volunteer hours by helping in Birmingham Botanical Garden's fern glade and researching/producing a "Promoting Pollinators" PowerPoint program. She was assisted by costume maker Karen Jensen.



Sylvia explains the merits of a solitary bee house.



Pollinator paintings for Sylvia's program were created by Edith Johnston, Rita Forrest & Karen Jensen - they paint weekly at Pelham Senior Center with teacher Edna Sealy (since 2009).





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## ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

**Fruits and Nuts**—Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama. Clean up orchard area. Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

**Shrubs**—Shrub plantings can be made. Water when needed. Note varieties of camellias in bloom. Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

**Lawns**—Continue to mow lawns until no new growth is noticeable.

**Roses**—Continue insect and disease control practices. New rose catalogs will be coming in. Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

**Annuals and Perennials**—Visit flower shows and gardens. List desirable varieties of mums. Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost.

**Bulbs**—Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculus's. Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

**Miscellaneous**—Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds. Loosen mulches that have packed down. Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc. Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds. Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

**Vegetable Seed**—Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.

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

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