

GARDENERS' GAB



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

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

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Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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

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Thoughts from the President...

First, I want to say I am sorry about November's monthly meeting, or should I say, "lack of" meeting. Sometime things just happen!

We will have even more stuff to do in the December meeting. I am really hoping we have a big crowd. It's a lot to get done, but I am positive we can do it!

Please remember it's our annual Dirty Santa party, we'll view the slideshow Jan's committee prepared, and introduce your nominations for next year's board - a great group of people that are giving their time to make our organization better and better.

It's also time to pay dues and make sure all your volunteer hours are entered before the end of the year. Go to: <http://scmastergardeners.com/> If anyone needs help, please ask.

Two more interns received their certificate and badge: Laura Jones from the Class of 2016 and Tully Lightsey from the Class of 2017.

I want to **Thank** everyone for all the help and support over the past 2 years, I'm looking forward to next year and new leadership.

I hope to see everyone soon!

Your President,

Rita Forrest



This Month's Meeting **Friday, December 8 @ 10:00 am**

This is our annual "Dirty Santa" game and potluck party with a possible visit from Santa himself. For all you "newbies" and those of us who forget from year to year, here's the scoop on Dirty Santa gifts:



- Choose a gift with a value of \$15 – \$20
- Choose a gift someone will love so much they are willing to STEAL it from their friend!
- Gifts can be of the garden variety or holiday décor of your choice

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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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7—Paul Saeger

10—Susan Seng



Cards sent by Pat Hare during November:

Birthdays:

Ruby Duncan
Jessica Joslin
Margot Glenboski
Barbara Clotfelter

Thank You:

none

Get Well:

Julie Hobaugh's
Husband, Jim

Sympathy:

Diane McKinnon's
Family

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



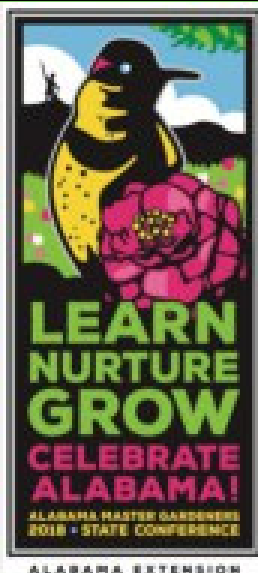
THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA!



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



Alabama Master Gardeners 2018 Conference

May 3 to May 5, 2018
Birmingham

Come Enjoy the Magic City

SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, January 12



ATTENTION!! In order for us to submit our information to the AMGA by December 31, we encourage members to renew their membership now! Please use the membership form provided on the last page of this newsletter and mail your dues to Myra Healy or hand-deliver no later than our December 8 meeting. Thank you!

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 11/20/2017 Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer

| Check/Deposit | For | Balance |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Beginning Balance | \$1,664 |
| | No Deposits | |
| | No Disbursements | |
| | Ending Balance | \$1,664 |

Shelby County MG Jennifer Gregory (back row R) and other members of the Hoover Arbor Day Celebration Committee



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Jennifer Gregory with City Council members, Mayor and Co-Chair of the City of Hoover Beautification Board Arbor Day Celebration.

L to R - Derrick Murphy, John Lyda, Jennifer Gregory, Mayor Frank Brocato, Judy McDaniels and Gene Smith presenting the Tree City USA Proclamation to the Mayor of Hoover

Jennifer Gregory speaking on the history of Arbor Day at Aldridge Gardens



Jennifer Gregory with Arbor Day Essay Winner reading her winning essay at the 2017 City of Hoover Arbor Day Celebration.



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS—Plant young pecan and other deciduous fruit trees and grapes. Select bud wood. Start dormant pruning of established fruits. Protect all young trees from rabbit damage by placing wire around the base of the tree. Apply dormant oil sprays for scale.

LAWNS—Control wild garlic, chickweed, Poa annua, dandelion, and other weeds. Read label on each package of weed killer used.

ROSES—Add plants to rose garden. Mulch all plantings.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annual seed without delay. Have you tried violas?

BULBS—Continue spring bulb planting.

SHRUBS—Planting is still the main activity but delay in case of freezing weather.

MISCELLANEOUS—Shrubs, trees, and indoor plants make excellent gifts.

Annual elections will take place during the December 8, 2017 meeting. The Slate of Officers for 2018 proposed by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President: Myra Healy
Vice President: Kate Vogel
Secretary: Wayne Gainey
Treasurer: Jim Strickland
Parliamentarian: Merle Schukoski

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

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| President | Rita Forrest | 620-1167 | ritabe@bellsouth.net |
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| Projects Coordinator | YOUR NAME COULD BE HERE! | | |
| 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 you 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, 2018. 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 by December 8, 2017.

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:

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% Myra Healy
2674 Spring Creek Rd
Montevallo, AL 35115