

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

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The President Ponders...

Greetings SCMG,

Now that the election is over, we have hit the ground running getting things planned for the upcoming year. I am very excited to be your President this year! I am especially excited about our officers and our Board for the year. We have some familiar names and faces, who have served before, but we also have several new ones. All of them are on board with making some positive changes in our association. We still have some openings for Committee Chairpersons, so consider volunteering to serve.

As I said at the meeting, one of my goals for this year is to improve our communication with each other. That means I want to hear from you! If you have ideas about how to make things better, ideas about programs or speakers or just have things to share at the meeting or in our newsletter, I want to know about them. I am going to have an old-fashioned suggestion box at each meeting for this purpose. We also have a new email address for our association or you can email me directly, talk to me or just hand me a note at the meetings. All I ask is that you be kind! The bottom line is this is our association and we are the ones responsible for making it what we want it to be.

The January meeting was a great start. We all had lot of fun with our Dirty Snowman game. I heard a lot of positive comments from people about the meeting. The only sour note was when a certain man (name withheld, but you know who you are) stole the garden tool from me during the Dirty Snowman game. What nerve! I have my eye on you...

Looking forward to a great year!

Myra



This Month's Meeting **Friday, February 9 @ 10:00 am**



This will be our yearly business meeting.

We will discuss our plans for the year 2018. Also, back by popular demand—Kate Vogel will share her expertise on making Garden chairs with our group. Remember to bring a covered dish for lunch, so we can share food and fellowship with each other following the meeting.

We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces!

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RECIPES FROM OUR MASTER GARDENERS...

This section is a new addition to our newsletter. Each month we plan to share a recipe from one of our members, preferably dishes we have sampled at our Potluck Lunches each month! This month's recipe was a big hit and many of you asked for the recipe.

VIDALIA ONION PIE

from the kitchen of Kate Vogel

Ingredients:

6 Vidalia onions, thinly sliced
4 eggs, beaten
1 cup sour cream
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup unsalted butter
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 pinch paprika
1 tablespoons hot sauce
2 (9-inch) pie shells, baked
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese for topping



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. In a medium skillet, cook onions in butter for about 10 minutes, or until clear and soft; stir often. Reserve juices.
3. In a large bowl, mix onions with eggs and sour cream. Stir in onion juices, butter and cheese. Add salt and pepper and hot sauce to taste. Make sure all ingredients are well blended and then pour into the 2 pie shells.
4. Sprinkle grated cheese and paprika on top of pies. Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes. Lower temperature to 350°F and bake for an additional 30 to 40 minutes, or until lightly browned on top. Let cool for a few minutes to settle before slicing.



SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, March 9



SCMGA Meeting Minutes—12 January 2018

- Outgoing President Rita Forrest called meeting to order at 10am. Rita noted the Oct 2017 meeting was an evening banquet; November 2017 meeting scheduled for Friday November 10, 2017 had to be cancelled due to scheduling conflict at Extension office; December 8, 2017 scheduled meeting was cancelled due to snow 2017! Therefore no minutes for Oct-Dec meetings were made.
- Rita asked the nominating committee for their 2018 officer recommendations. They were:
 - President.....Myra Healy
 - Vice-President.....Kate Vogel
 - Secretary.....Wayne Gainey
 - Treasurer.....Jim Strickland
 - Parliamentarian.....Merle Schukoske
- Rita opened the floor for other nominations. Jim Strickland made motion to close nominations, motion seconded, vote for new officers was unanimous.
- Karen Jensen, nominating committee chair installed newly elected officers.
- Myra Healy made a few comments for 2018:
 - That all members wear ID badges to meetings
 - There will be several new committee chairs for 2018, for example, Tommie Harrison will be Sunshine Committee chair.
 - Myra will lead to more long-term planning. She will schedule a new leadership team meeting in February.
- Myra presented an appreciation gift to Rita Forrest for her past 2 years service as SCMGA President. All present expressed their appreciation to Rita.
- Jan Rogers, Communications Chair and Barbara Williams presented the proposed new directory for SCMGA for all present to edit as necessary. Jan ran the slide presentation that was submitted in the September 2017 work session.
- Door prizes were awarded. Dirty Snowman gift exchange was conducted with much mirth and enjoyment. Jim Strickland gave benediction and thanks for food. Meeting adjourned.
- There were approximately 25 members present.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Gainey

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Please send Tommie Harrison, Sunshine Comm. 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. Tommie 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 Tommie:

Email: torumo74@gmail.com
 Phone: 205-663-7146



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5—Sherry Hornbuckle
 9—Saundra Smith
 21—Myra Healy
 23—Pat Hare
 26—Merle Schukoske



Cards sent by Pat Hare during January:

Birthdays:

Jeanon Massien
 Jan Rogers
 Heidee Vansant
 Heidi Mueninghoff

Thank You:

none

Get Well:

Wendy Patton's
 Family member
 Sue Brasher
 Sunny Gilliam

Sympathy:

Merle Schukoske

Help Spread
 The Sunshine!



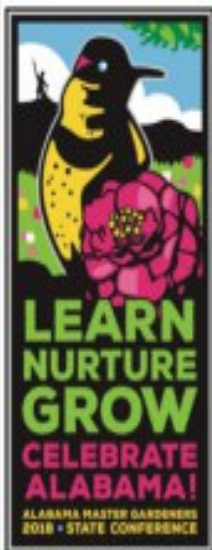
THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA!



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

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BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS
HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
PETALS FROM THE PAST

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www.bbgardens.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

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
 (postmarked on or before
 March 1 *qualifies attendee to
 enter drawing for refund of
 2018 conference fee*)

REGULAR REGISTRATION
 (postmarked March 2—April 1)
 \$145

LATE REGISTRATION
 (postmarked April 2-April 20)
 \$155

Register Online at
www.alabamamg.org

SCMGA Members and Interns,

We are very sorry to share the news that Al Schukoske, the **husband** of Merle Schukoske (a long time SCMGA member), has passed away after a brief illness. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Merle. Please remember her and her family in your thoughts and prayers, as they go through this difficult time.

Myra Healy
SCMGA President

Here is **Merle's address** in case you want to send a card:
Merle Schukoske
2870 HWY 49
Columbiana, AL 35051



Outgoing President
Rita Forrest
receives gift for a
job well done.

**CONGRATULATIONS
2018 S.C.M.G.A.
OFFICERS**
(Left to Right)

Merle Schukoske,
Parliamentarian
Jim Strickland, Treasurer
Wayne Gainey, Secretary
Kate Vogel, Vice President
Myra Healy, President



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January 2018 Meeting/Dirty Snowman Party



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

FRUITS & NUTS—Planting season continues for dormant trees. Fertilize fruit trees. Apply half of the fertilizer recommended for grapes now; apply the other half soon after fruit sets. Continue dormant pruning and grafting. Start strawberry plantings.

SHRUBS—Planting season continues. Visit camellia shows to learn of hardy varieties in your area. Graft camellias in Central and South Alabama. Spray all shrubs with a fungicide before new growth starts. Good time to prune all shrubs before new growth starts. Don't prune early-blooming species because flower buds will be removed.

ROSES—Prune hybrid tea roses in South Alabama; delay pruning for a few weeks in North Alabama. Continue planting.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Replant early plantings of hardy annuals. Prepare beds for summer annuals.

BULBS—Plant cannas, amaryllis, gladiolus, and zephyranthes in South Alabama; delay planting for a few weeks in North Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS—Houseplants are beginning to show signs of activity. Fertilize with liquid or soluble fertilizer according to manufacturer's directions. Remember Valentine's Day – why not send roses or a potted plant?

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant some vegetables listed for January in Central Alabama plus collards, salsify, and Swiss chard. Add tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts to cold frames.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts.

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2018**

President	Myra Healy	665-4554	myhealy42@gmail.com
Vice-President	Kate Vogel	665-5878	kvogelashfield@aol.com
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Parliamentarian	Merle Schukoske	669-0783	schukos@gmail.com
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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 your 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 ASAP.

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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% Jim Strickland
P.O. Box 500
Columbiana, AL 35051