

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
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The President Ponders...

Greetings SCMG!

Where did the spring weather go? I tell you I am not enjoying the 90-degree weather this time of year. May was way too hot and I usually don't have to start complaining about the miserable heat until late in June! Thank goodness we have at least gotten a little rain to hydrate and cool our plants off a bit and thank goodness for air conditioning!

I hope everyone enjoyed our May meeting in very beautiful and very rural Bibb County. I especially hope that afterwards, all of you were able to find the Cahaba Lilies and see them blooming. I missed a turn and never saw them (or anyone else for that matter). There was no cell phone service, the roads weren't marked with any direction signs and I saw no one except a few loggers, so I just headed back to Shelby County and looked at pictures of the lilies from the comfort and safety of my home. Note to self, next time caravan with someone!

Next month, we will be visiting our Seed to Table community garden project in Montevallo, so everyone can see the results of our labors so far. Those gardens are looking good! Plus, we will also have a speaker from Shelby Emergency Assistance, the organization which will be receiving the harvest from our vegetable garden. Hope to see everyone there!

Remember, while everything is blooming, I want to remind everyone to take pictures of your gardens and submit them to our email address scmga.email@gmail.com. We are collecting them for a slideshow to be presented at the 2019 State Conference in Chilton County. Also, we need a few more volunteers to help us with conference duties. Let me know if you want to be added to the volunteer list. There are lots of volunteer opportunities in other areas as well, so get involved!

See you at the garden and next meeting!

Myra

This Month's Meeting—Friday, June 8 @ 10:00 am

Karen Pendleton, Director of Shelby Emergency Assistance, will speak on Hunger in Shelby County. She will talk about new services SEA will provide in their new office, especially related to helping people have better nutrition and improving their health. They will receive fresh produce from the UM Organic Garden and SCMGA through Seed to Table Organic Garden to use in cooking and nutrition classes in order to encourage people to increase fresh fruits and vegetables in their diets and become less reliant on fast foods and highly processed food.

SEA and Seed to Table are located on the campus of University Baptist Church in Montevallo. We will meet in the UBC dining room at 10 am. Lunch will be provided for a nominal fee (less than \$5). If you have fresh salad veggies from your garden, bring them and we will toss them all together or if you have a great homemade salad dressing, bring it.

Directions: Coming into Montevallo on Hwy119, turn left at the first light (Overland Rd is to the left and Nabors St to the right). Proceed two blocks and turn right onto Shoshone. UBC is on your left at 160 Shoshone.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT as of 05/22/2018
Submitted by Jim Strickland, Treasurer**

**PAID
MEMBERSHIP
60**

Check/Deposit	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$1,976.64
Deposits (2)	172.00
Checks (1)	-303.00
Ending Balance	\$1,845.64

SCMGA MEETING MINUTES—8 May 2018

The SCMGA May meeting was held at Living River conference/dining center on Friday, 8 May 2018 @10:00 AM.

President Myra Healy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including many guests. Minutes and financial reports were approved as previously submitted in the *Gab*. Myra thanked the 16 SCMGA members who attended the recent State MGA conference in Birmingham. Myra also reminded everyone of the 2019 State MGA conference to be hosted by Chilton County MGA w/co-hosts, SCMGA and Autauga MGA in May 2019 at Clanton. Everyone was reminded volunteers are still needed to help w/SCMGA at State conference.

Following Jan Roger's resignation as Communications chair, Heidee Vansant volunteered and assumed Chair of communications committee. Rita as Chair of nominating committee asked for volunteers to work with her on this committee. Merle Schukoske is chairing the library committee.

Dennis Stanek, Projects Chairman reported the raised bed garden at Seed to Table Community Garden in Montevallo was prepared on 7 April and planted on 18 April 2018. The beds are mulched and growing. If you would like to volunteer to help with watering and upkeep of the garden, contact Dennis.

Myra announced several members from our association are volunteering with Harvest For Health, a joint venture between UAB and Master Gardeners throughout the state. Some other projects will be upcoming this year, so there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Photos from recent State MGA conference appear somewhat blurred. Rita will attempt to improve photo quality. Myra reminded everyone to take photos of their gardens...flowers, vegetables etc. to be used at the State MGA 2019 conference. Photos must be just of plants, NO persons in photos. Please email your photos to SCMGA.email@gmail.com. Murray Williamson continues to ask members to call beforehand and visit, view their gardens.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kate Vogel informed attendees the June SCMGA meeting will be held at University Baptist Church, community garden center to view the raised bed gardens and presentation from Shelby Emergency Assistance that receives the food from the community garden center to help alleviate hunger in Shelby County; the meeting is scheduled for Friday, 8 June, 2018 @10 AM. Kate gave verbal directions to the location in Montevallo. Hopefully, at the July meeting we will have presentation on pollinators.

Meeting adjourned.

For the program portion, Justin Kimmler of Living River organization gave a brief history of establishment of the Living River Foundation and subsequent purchase of land along Cahaba River and construction of buildings, roads etc. The foundation is an entity of Sheppards & Lapsley Presbytery of central Ala PCUSA. Mrs. Betty Wilson was key philanthropist who in her will donated \$2.5 MM to make the Living River a reality and functioning summer camp used every summer. Justin is program director for the summer camps.

Lauren Allred, Cahaba Environmental Center, then presented a brief overview of the Cahaba River biodiversity program. At CEC, students throughout school year spend 3-5 days at CEC center and along the noted Cahaba River to study the biodiverse areas. The CEC sessions are not religious based.

Living River is composed of 440 acres surrounded by Cahaba River including shoals growing shoal lilies known locally as Cahaba lilies. The Betty Wilson garden here is being stocked with species native to this area.

Following presentations, prayer was given and lunch followed.

Following lunch many attendees drove to River Trace to view the Shoal, aka Cahaba, lilies.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Gainey, Secretary



SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, July 13



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

ORANGE BUNDT CAKE *from the kitchen of Trisha Williams*

Cake:

- 1 package orange cake mix
- 1 package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 c. orange juice, fresh or from carton
- 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 4 eggs, room temperature

Glaze:

- 1 c. confectioners' sugar
- 2 to 3 T. orange juice, fresh or from carton
- 1 tsp. fresh orange zest, optional

Place rack in center of oven and preheat to 350° F. Grease and flour or spray Bundt pan. Combine cake ingredients in mixing bowl and blend on low for 1 minute. Scrape down sides of bowl and beat for 2 minutes on medium speed. Pour into prepared pan and bake about 45 minutes until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven and allow to cool on wire rack for 20 minutes. Run a knife around the edge of cake and invert on cake plate. Allow to cool completely.

To prepare glaze, whisk together confectioners' sugar and 2 T. orange juice, adding more juice as needed so you can drizzle it over cake.



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



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

17—Deb Kattus
 27—Karen Jensen



Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMGGA during May:

Birthdays:

Rita Forrest

Thank You:

none

Thinking of You/Get Well:

George Hare

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



YOU'RE INVITED:

Two longtime Shelby County Master Gardeners, Murray and Wayne Williamson have invited SCMGGA members to come by for a garden tour and visit. Murray says they don't get around like they used to, so it is easier if people can drop in for a visit *Monday thru Saturday*. Please call before you come to make sure it is a good time for your visit **205-678-8443**. Murray and Wayne have beautiful gardens and very generously share their knowledge and enjoyment of plants. Plus, you never go home empty handed! They always share plants with visitors.

Also, Murray is looking for a dependable person to work a couple of days per week in his gardens. Call him if you are interested.

Shelby and Jefferson County Master Gardeners worked together to provide a great Spring Sale at ALDRIDGE Gardens.

Leadership team Linda Systrom (JCMG, signage), Deb Kattus (SCMG, Natives), Teresa Boody (SCMG, Hydrangeas), Jan Rogers (SCMG, Pass Alongs and Chair) and Robin Mansfield (JCMG, Companion plants).

We even worked through the pouring rains!



Karen & Chuck Jensen, Karen Kendall, Dennis Stanek, & Jim Williams enjoyed a side trip to Railroad Park during AMGA State Conference.

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2018 AMGA State Conference Attendees:

Cindy Sapp, Jeanon Massien, Myra Healy, Carol Beard, Deb Elliott, Karen Jensen, Trisha Williams, Dennis Stanek, Elizabeth York, Merle Schukoske, Jim Williams, Sylvia Sheffield, Rita Forrest, Beth Hearnton, Betty Daigel, Karen Kendall



President Myra Healy perusing auction items at state conference.



Shelby County Master Gardeners Welton Edwards & Wayne Gainey volunteer with 4-H at the Special Needs Fishing Event at Oak Mountain. Also volunteering were Beth Glasgow & Barbara Williams.



CAHABA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

at Living River



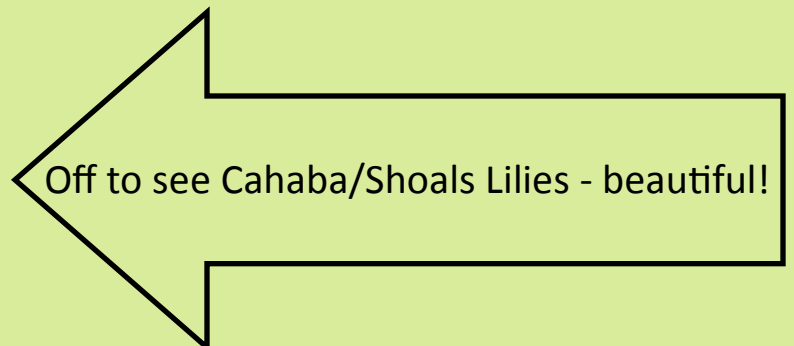
Cahaba Environmental Center Director Lauren Allred greets Dennis Stanek & V.P. Kate Vogel.



Wayne Gainey chats with Living Waters Camp Director/our host Justin Kimmler & Trish Williams.



Tommie Harrison, the Daigles and Jim Williams enjoy lunch.



28 May 2018—I did some weeding, tomato training and a little thinning of the cucumbers today at the raised beds in Montevallo. Lots of little tomatoes, cucumber, squash and bean flowers. Looking good, and I suspect we can pass on watering for a while thanks to Alberto. Nice block of sweet corn there! ~Dennis Stanek





Shelby County Master Gardener Course begins August 15, 2018

Where: Shelby County Extension Office
56 Kelley Lane
Columbiana, AL 35051

When: August 15 - November 7

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

Class Limit: 25

Certification Requirements:

Complete Master Gardener Course (same year)

Volunteer 50 hours of service to community through approved projects

Course topics include:

Soils and Plant Nutrition, Plant Physiology, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Care of Landscape Plants, Landscape Design, Plant Selection, Lawn Care, Weed Identification, Houseplants, Vegetable Gardening, Home Orchards and Plant Propagation.

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



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR JUNE

FRUITS AND NUTS—Layer grapes and continue spray programs. If they are too thick, thin apples and peaches.

SHRUBS—Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs. Water them as needed. Fertilize now. Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips. June is a good time to take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

LAWNS—Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering. Lawns should be mowed weekly. Planting may continue if soil is moist. Continue weed spraying if necessary.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if they are not already in. For compact mums, keep tips pinched out. Watch for insects and diseases.

BULBS—Remove foliage from spring bulbs if it yellow and becoming dry. Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

MISCELLANEOUS—If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils. Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water. If desired, air layer houseplants.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant beans, field peas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potato vine cuttings.

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