

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

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## The President Ponders...

Greetings SCMGA!

What a fun meeting we had last month! Sallie Lee is such a dynamic speaker and I loved learning about some of the beneficial insects in my garden. The best part is I no longer have to be so horrified when I walk into one of those webs the spiders have spun overnight. It seems most all the spiders are pretty harmless to us. Good to know when I am trying to get all of that icky web off of me as fast as possible!



We covered a lot of information about things going on in Shelby County right now. First of all, on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the new Shelby County Intern Class will begin. For our August meeting, we will bring a covered dish lunch to wow the new class with our cooking! Please plan to come. All are welcome to stay and audit any or all the classes as well.

Our Seed to Table Community Garden has been very successful this year. We have already donated approximately 60 pounds of fresh produce to Shelby Emergency Service. Plans are being made to plant our fall garden, so if you would like to join us and volunteer to help with this project, contact Dennis Stanek. We can always use more help!

Our September meeting will be an evening meeting/dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for fun and fellowship at this event. While we have had this in the month of October in the past, we decided to try having it in September this year to take advantage of longer days. If you would like to help with the planning and preparation for this dinner/meeting, contact me.

Remember, we are co-hosting the AMGA 2018 State Conference with Chilton and Autauga Counties and are actively involved in the groundwork and planning. Several of you told me you are willing to help and more are welcome to volunteer.

These are just a few of the ways to volunteer in SCMGA. I urge you all to participate and make our association a success. Thanks to all of you who have helped and volunteered so far!

Stay cool and happy harvesting!

*Myra*

**This Month's Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.**

For our August meeting we will bring a covered dish lunch to welcome the new class of Master Gardener interns.  
Please plan to come.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT as of 07/20/2018  
Submitted by Jim Strickland, Treasurer**

**Check/Deposit**

**Balance**

**Beginning Balance**

**\$1,690.64**

Deposits (none)

Checks (none)

**Ending Balance**

**\$1,690.64**

**SCMGA  
Membership  
remains at  
60**

**SCMGA MEETING MINUTES—13 July 2018**

- SCMGA meeting was held 13 July 2018, 10:00 AM @ Shelby County Extension office.
- Meeting called to order by President Myra Healy; Kate Vogel led Pledge of Allegiance to U S Flag.
- Minutes of June 2018 meeting were approved as submitted. Financial report of June 2018 accepted and filed for auditors.
- August 2018 meeting, SCMGA will be held 15 August, 11:00 AM, Extension office at opening of new intern class. SCMGA will provide a covered dish lunch for interns, presenters.
- Heidee was not present, no report. Myra again asked that members submit photos of their gardens (garden only, no pets, no people) for possible inclusion in State 2019 spring conference program and/or power point presentation.
- Dennis Stanek presented update on Community Garden project; our plot consists of 4 raised beds; thus far over 50 lbs. of harvest has been delivered to Shelby Emergency Assistance. The spring garden is about finished; harvest almost complete. Plans have begun on a fall garden project and everyone was invited to participate. Dennis suggested that for those who were unable to work outdoors to be seed starters; start seeds now for late August, early September planting. If you plan to help in any way, please contact Dennis. Myra asked that more people consider participating in the Community Garden project.
- Tommie Harrison reported cards are still being made, sent out as appropriate.
- Diane McKinnon reported all is well on historical committee and she was getting excellent help on various projects that are underway.
- Rita Forrest needs someone to "step-up" to serve as Secretary and another needed for Treasurer; please contact her as Chair of nominating committee. Rita again mentioned that any member contact her for possible upgrades/improvements on our website. She has recently added a section for recipes thanks to a suggestion from Diane McKinnon. Rita shared that our longtime member, Ms. Edith Johnson was about to undergo 2 procedures for her health needs; a pacemaker install and a very serious operation to relieve, drain fluid from her brain.
- Myra recognized 2 visitors at today's meeting, Sandy Hixson and her daughter Rachel; Sandy will be in new intern class and was invited by Diane McKinnon.
- Myra again informed us that we are welcome to contact Murray & Wayne Williamson for garden visit(s), please visit in AM only.
- Announcements for upcoming events:
  1. SCMGA intern classes will begin Wednesday, Aug. 15 (previously listed)
  2. 2019 conference planning committee meeting Aug. 23 @ 10 AM, Extension office, downtown Clanton
  3. Reminder, August SCMGA meeting @ 11 AM, Shelby Extension office. Bring covered dish for luncheon.
  4. AMGA Fall Conference, September 27, 2018, @ Montgomery
  5. AMGA Fall seminar, October 4, 2018 @ Oneonta
  6. 2019 AMGA Spring Conference, May 8-10, 2019 @ Clanton
- Our September meeting will be our annual evening meeting with dinner, guest speaker, September 14, 2018; venue, menu, speaker TBA. Spouses are also invited. A prepaid headcount is very important for this meeting.
- Myra had an excellent meeting w/Dr. Marvin Copes who is Director, Shelby County RSVP. Marvin volunteered their bus to SCMGA if needed for out of town meetings, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Myra asked for volunteers for Committees for now, 2019 and for various events planned for near and long-term.
- Myra informed us of a thank-you received from Jefferson Co. MGA for our contribution to silent auction at recent 2018 AMGA conference.
- Elizabeth York and Tricia Williams who are dual members of SCMGA and CCMGA and are serving on committees for 2019 AMGA conference informed us volunteers are needed to help solicit donations for next year's conference. Donations are needed for sponsorships, silent auction items, program ads, door prizes and various levels of donations for the conference. Both Elizabeth and Tricia have necessary info for tax deductions required by donors when making contributions, either in cash, product/items or in-kind services.
- Meeting adjourned; 24 members and 2 guests were present.
- Kate introduced Sallie Lee who presented an informative, enlightening and fun program on Beneficial Insects. Afterwards Kate explained how to build an insect hotel for beneficial insects. Door prizes awarded. Thanksgiving prayer and lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Gainey

**Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMGA during July**

**Birthdays:**

Beth Glasgow  
Cindy Sapp

Barbara Williams  
Betty Daigle  
Michele Stinson

**Thank You:**

none

**Thinking of You/Get Well:**

none

Edith Johnson is having surgery on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers.

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



**YOU'RE INVITED:**

Two longtime Shelby County Master Gardeners, Murray and Wayne Williamson have invited SCMGA 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 morning visit *Monday thru Saturday*. Please call before you come to make sure it is a good time for them **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.

**Saturday, August 4, 2018, 10:30am  
Butterflies of Alabama Up Close and Personal—Paulette Ogard**



Our state is filled with butterflies! Learn how to identify some of the most common species and gain insights into their fascinating life histories. Find out when they fly and what they eat. Discover what plants will attract and sustain them in your yards. We will also take a quick online tour of the Alabama Butterfly Atlas, an informational website that brings all these things together. Join us as we delve into the world of Alabama butterflies!

Paulette Haywood Ogard has spent more than 20 years researching the life histories of southeastern butterflies. She and Sara Bright co-authored *Butterflies of Alabama: Glimpses into Their Lives*. Her current field research focuses on adding life history information to the online Alabama Butterfly Atlas, where she serves on the board of directors.

Stop by the retail shop before this program for refreshments.

July Specials are: 50% off Encore Azaleas, 50% off 3 gallon or larger trees, buy 2-4" perennials and get the third free, 20% off miniature garden plants and 20% off cover pots.

Jason Powell

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# SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Activity—**Evening** meeting/dinner September 14



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



**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)

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

## Lazy Man's Salsa

From the kitchen of Myra Healy  
Prep Time: 15 mins

### Ingredients:

- 1 (28 to 29-ounce) can petite diced tomatoes, drained \*\*\*
- 1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1 medium white onion diced
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 2 to 3 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- juice of 1/2 a lime
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar



### Instructions:

Combine the ingredients in a medium-sized bowl. Refrigerate to allow the flavors to develop.

### Recipe Notes:

Alternate method: Pop the ingredients in a blender and blend until your desired consistency.

\*\*\*You can exchange fresh tomatoes for the canned ones.

Find this recipe at <https://southernbite.com/lazy-mans-salsa/>



Sending  
Sunshine  
and Smiles!

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](mailto:torumo74@gmail.com)  
Phone: 205-663-7146



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6—Angie Ballew
- 11—Deborah Elliott
- 13—Mary Long
- 14—Joy Dearing
- 26—Jean Plecker





Sallie Lee, Regional Extension Agent, delivered the July Program. She spoke about Beneficial Insects—Who they are, What they do, & What they need.

**Shelby County Master Gardeners, we need your help for the 2019 State Conference. We are looking for potential sponsors or people to take out ads, people to donate for door prizes or silent auction items as well as vendor spaces. Here is a list of potential people and places. All must be from Shelby County.**

Academy Sports stores in Shelby County  
Publix Supermarkets in Pelham, Alabaster, Hoover, Calera and Chelsea  
Piggly Wiggly supermarkets  
Winn Dixie supermarkets  
Shelby County Bryant Banks  
Cedar Creek Nursery  
Myers Nursery  
Won Bon Propane  
Coosa Valley Milling  
Shelby County Dentist offices  
Shelby Drugstore chains like Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aids and other small town local pharmacies  
Shelby County eye doctors  
Fred's discount stores and pharmacy  
Dollar General  
Grandview Mushroom Farm, <http://montevallomushrooms.blogspot.com/>  
Shelby County Home Depot stores  
Shelby County Lowes  
Shelby County Realtors  
Shelby County restaurants  
Shelby County Tractor Supply stores  
Shelby County Veterinarians  
Vincent Gardens  
Shelby County Walmart stores  
Shelby County wineries

**Contact Elizabeth York at 205-616-7648 or email at [e.york24@yahoo.com](mailto:e.york24@yahoo.com). She is putting together a group to assist in soliciting sponsorship or donations. She will have a meeting on August 15 after the SCMGA meeting to go over the paperwork and divide businesses. We have until the end of February to finalize this. Let's show Chilton and Autauga counties our SCMGA teamwork to help make this the best State Conference ever.**

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## ***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](mailto: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](http://www.aces.edu/mg)

## SHELBY COUNTY 2018 REGIONAL MASTER GARDENER COURSE SCHEDULE

**Nelson D. Wynn, Regional Extension Agent**

SUBJECT	DATE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Orientation Soil Sampling Lunch (provided by SCMGA) Annuals, Perennials, & Bulbs	08/15/18	9:00 - 12:00 12:00 - 1:00 1:00 - 3:00	SCMGA Nelson D. Wynn SCMGA Carol Beard
<b>Fruits (meet @ Experiment Station)</b> Tour Chilton Reg. Res. & Ext. Center	08/22/18	9:30 - 12:00 1:00 - 3:00	Dr. E. Vinson
Plant Physiology	08/29/18	9:30 - 3:00	Dr. Dan Jones
Weed Science Pesticide Safety	09/05/18	9:30 - 3:00	John Nabors
Entomology ( <b>soil samples due</b> )	09/12/18	9:30 - 3:00	Dr. S. Thomas
House Plants Vegetable Gardening	09/19/18	9:30 - 12:00 1:00 - 3:00	Trisha Williams Phillip Inman
Plant Pathology ( <b>meet @ Petals</b> ) Plant Propagation ( <b>@ Petals</b> )	09/26/18	9:30 - 12:00 1:00 - 3:00	Dr. A. Hagan Dr. Arlie Powell
Landscape Design	10/03/18	9:30 - 3:00	Dr. D. Williams
Soils & Nutrition	10/10/18	9:30 - 3:00	Dr. C. Mitchell
Home Lawn	10/17/18	9:30 - 3:00	Dr. David Han
Woody Ornamentals & Invasive Plants	10/24/18	9:30 - 3:00	Sallie Lee
Pruning, Plant Care & Management The World of Roses Honey Bees	10/31/18	9:30 - 12:00 1:00 - 2:00 2:00 - 3:00	Bethany O'Rear Paul Saeger Don Driggers
Tree Selection, and Planting Graduation	11/07/2018	10:00 - 11:30 11:30 - 12:30	Jim Paramore SCMGA

**AUGUST MEETING** – Let's do our best job ever providing a first day welcome and fabulous POTLUCK lunch for our new Interns! This will "count" as our August SCMGA meeting. Let's have a great first day on August 15<sup>th</sup> from noon 'til 1 pm.



Alabama Master Gardener Association 2018 Fall Seminar

## *My Garden Sanctuary*

*Thursday, September 27, 2018*

- 8:30 - 9:15 Registration  
9:15 - 9:30 Welcome  
9:30 - 10:30 "Your Sanctuary Garden:  
Ideas and Inspiration"  
*Peggy Hill*
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break  
10:45 - 11:45 "Color and Edibles  
for Your Garden Sanctuary"  
*Mary Beth Shaddix*
- 11:45 - 12:30 Lunch  
12:30 - 1:30 "Sanctuary  
for Your Wildlife Friends"  
*Tyson Farmer*
- 1:30 - 1:45 Break  
1:45 - 2:45 "Water Features for Your  
Garden Sanctuary"  
*Brian Dable*
- 2:45 - 3:00 Wrap-up



**Location:**

Taylor Road Baptist Church  
1685 Taylor Rd  
Montgomery, AL 36117

**\$30 - includes lunch**

For more information, go to

[alabamamg.org](http://alabamamg.org) or

[capcitymqa.org](http://capcitymqa.org)

*Hosted by Capital City  
Master Gardener Association*



## **My Garden Sanctuary - Registration Form**

*AMGA Fall Seminar, September 27, 2018*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee: \$30, Includes box lunch**

Lunch choice:

\_\_\_ Turkey

\_\_\_ Ham

\_\_\_ Vegetarian

**Make check payable to CCMGA. Deadline - 9/21/18**

Mail check and registration form to

Margaret Cully

3300 Evergreen Hill

Montgomery, AL 36106





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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.

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

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