

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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E-mail: [SCMGA.email@gmail.com](mailto:SCMGA.email@gmail.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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## The President Ponders...

What a great turnout we had at our meeting last month! Thank you to everyone who came and brought food to share with our new intern class. From the comments I heard, they really enjoyed the food and camaraderie. Good job! I think we all enjoyed seeing each other as well. There were several of our members present that haven't been able to attend our monthly meetings for a while, so we had some catching up to do. From the roar of voices coming from the foyer where everyone congregated, everyone was having a good time.

Speaking of good times, don't forget our September meeting/dinner is coming up on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. We like to call this our reunion, so be sure to invite members who have stopped coming to our meetings for various reasons. We want to see them again and bring them back into the fold! Spouses and friends are welcome, so bring them as well. Details about reservations are listed further down in this newsletter.

This year's new intern class has gotten off to a good start! All seem anxious to learn and get involved. They are working on their plans for the booth at the Shelby County Fair. Remember as SCMGA members, you are welcome to visit and audit any or all the classes. Sometimes we all need to brush up on our studies, especially if it has been many years since we took the course. I appreciate all of you who have offered to help with the classes as well.

I can't let a month go by without talking about volunteering! Thank you to all the generous volunteers who have stepped up to help with our projects and events so far this year. I know some of you have offered to help with multiple things. Y'all are awesome! If you are not involved like you want to be, we will find a spot for you or if you have ideas for projects you would like for us to pursue, let us know about that. Just so you know, we are looking for a new Secretary for 2019 for our association. Wayne Gainey will be retiring after this year. This could be you! Let Rita Forrest, our Nominating Chairperson, know if you are interested.

Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces at our dinner this month. Fun times!

*Myra*

## This Month's Meeting—Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

Stefanie Francisco of Conservation Alabama will be our speaker. Conservation Alabama "works to ensure that decisions made by local, state, and national elected officials *protect the people and places you love*. By listening to and sharing in your values and priorities, we help turn your love for Alabama and its people into laws that will protect our state's families and communities. We also empower you with the knowledge, ability, and power to engage easily and effectively in the political process by providing summaries of state bills, tracking how elected officials voted on important issues, and providing an online action center that enables you to reach out to your elected officials about critical conservation issues." [www.conservationalabama.org](http://www.conservationalabama.org) **See page 5 for details.**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT as of 08/20/2018**  
**Submitted by Jim Strickland, Treasurer**

Check/Deposit	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,690.64</b>
Deposits (none)	
Checks (none)	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,690.64</b>

**SCMGA**  
**Membership**  
**remains at**  
**60**

**2018 SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER INTERNS**



**Back Row L to R**—James Sherbrooke, Marilyn Handley, Nita Limdi, DeAnn Benedict, Brian Glover, Christine Meyer, Rebecca Poskey, Mary Mattingly  
**Front Row L to R**—Shauna Brown, Donna Shubert, Lisa Wade, Jill Black, Sue Dowdy, and Sandy Hixson  
 Not pictured—Randy Glenn and Ernette Dawson



Nelson Wynn addresses the new class of interns.



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

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



**Birthdays:**

Angie Ballew      Joy Dearing  
Deborah Elliott    Jean Plecker  
Mary Long

**Thank You:**

none

**Thinking of You/Get Well:**

Elizabeth York  
Joy Dearing

**YOU'RE INVITED:**

Two longtime Shelby County Master Gardeners, Murry and Wayne Williamson have invited SCMGA members to come by for a garden tour and visit. Murry 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**. Murry 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, Murry is looking for a dependable person to work a couple of days per week in his gardens. Call him if you are interested.



Murry Williamson loads up some plants from a visit to his garden!



Merle Schukoske enjoying Murry's Garden bench during a recent visit.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Next Month's Meeting—Friday, October 12



### 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)

### Pineapple, Coconut, Pecan Poke Cake from the kitchen of Trisha Williams

#### Cake

2 c. all-purpose flour  
 2 c. sugar  
 1 tsp. baking soda  
 2 large eggs  
 1 tsp. vanilla extract  
 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, juice included

#### Topping

1/2 c. butter  
 1 c. sugar  
 2/3 c. evaporated milk  
 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
 1 c. chopped pecans or walnuts  
 1 c. sweetened coconut flakes

Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a 9"x13" baking pan with butter. Mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, eggs, vanilla, and crushed pineapple (this is a thin batter). Pour into pan and bake 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Poke holes in the cake about an inch apart with the handle of a wooden spoon.

In a medium sized pan, heat butter, sugar, evaporated milk, and vanilla until it reaches a boil. Mix in nuts and coconut and continue cooking for 5 minutes on medium heat, stirring constantly. Pour topping evenly 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](mailto:torumo74@gmail.com)  
 Phone: 205-663-7146



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8—Rex Anderson  
 11—Wayne Gainey  
 17—Sue Brasher  
 24—Elizabeth York  
 29—Kate Vogel





## ATTENTION MASTER GARDENERS...

**This is a reminder about our upcoming Harvest Reunion Dinner Meeting.** We decided to have it during September this year to take advantage of the longer daylight hours. We will have a speaker and a catered dinner. **Everyone needs to send in their money early, so we will have a headcount and know how much food to order.** You are welcome to invite your spouse or friend, particularly Master Gardeners who have not been able to attend our daytime meetings. Y'all Come!

- WHEN: Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- WHERE: Columbiana Senior Center
- COST: \$15 per person for dinner
- GUEST SPEAKER: Stefanie Francisco from Conservation Alabama.

**Please make your reservation ASAP!**  
**Make your check payable to S.C.M.G.A. and mail to:**  
Jim Strickland, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 500  
Columbiana, AL 35051



## 69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHELBY COUNTY FAIR September 4—8, 2018 Shelby County Exhibition Center Columbiana, AL

**Theme: "Making Memories Since 1949"**

**Admission: \$12 each at Gate**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT IS SENIOR ADULT NIGHT (Age 55+)**  
**WITH \$6 TICKETS FOR SR. ADULTS**  
[www.alshelbycountyfair.com](http://www.alshelbycountyfair.com)

Everyone Over 36" Must Purchase A Ticket  
Gates Open at 5:30pm Nightly—Rides Start At 6pm  
Gates and Rides Open at 3pm on Saturday

Proudly presented by  
Kiwanis Club of Columbiana



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

**SHELBY COUNTY 2018 REGIONAL MASTER GARDENER COURSE SCHEDULE**  
**Nelson D. Wynn, Regional Extension Agent**

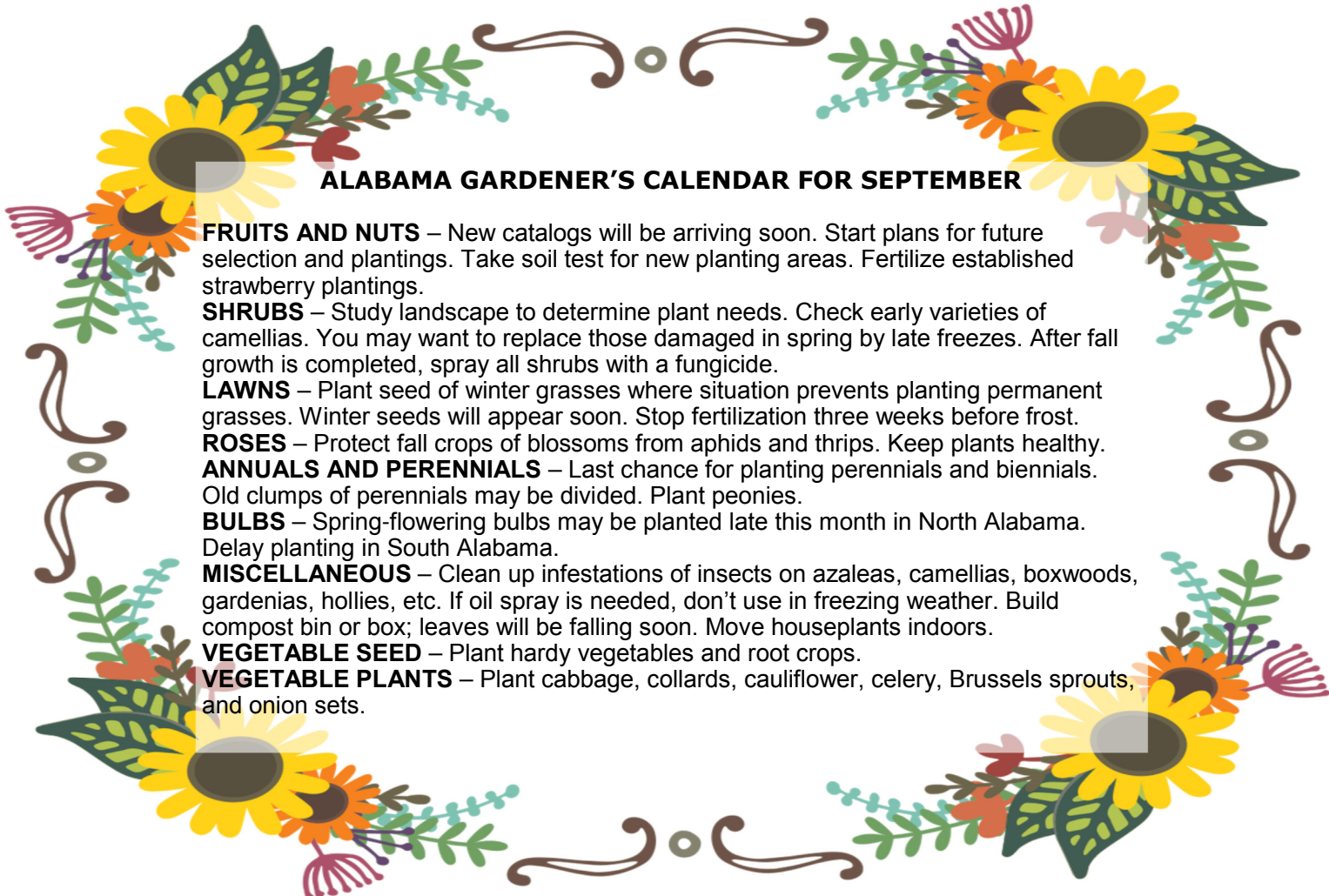
SUBJECT	DATE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Orientation Soil Sampling Lunch (provided by SCMGA) Annuals, Perennials, & Bulbs	08/15/18	9:00 - 12:00 12:00 - 1:00 1:00 - 3:00	SCMGA Nelson D. Wynn SCMGA Carol Beard
Fruits ( <b>meet @ Experiment Station</b> ) Tour Chilton Reg. Res. & Ext. Center	08/22/18	9:30 - 12:00 1:00 - 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

*Compared to gardeners, I think it is generally agreed that others understand very little about anything of consequence. ~Henry Mitchell*





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**ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER**

- FRUITS AND NUTS** – New catalogs will be arriving soon. Start plans for future selection and plantings. Take soil test for new planting areas. Fertilize established strawberry plantings.
- SHRUBS** – Study landscape to determine plant needs. Check early varieties of camellias. You may want to replace those damaged in spring by late freezes. After fall growth is completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.
- LAWNS** – Plant seed of winter grasses where situation prevents planting permanent grasses. Winter seeds will appear soon. Stop fertilization three weeks before frost.
- ROSES** – Protect fall crops of blossoms from aphids and thrips. Keep plants healthy.
- ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS** – Last chance for planting perennials and biennials. Old clumps of perennials may be divided. Plant peonies.
- BULBS** – Spring-flowering bulbs may be planted late this month in North Alabama. Delay planting in South Alabama.
- MISCELLANEOUS** – Clean up infestations of insects on azaleas, camellias, boxwoods, gardenias, hollies, etc. If oil spray is needed, don't use in freezing weather. Build compost bin or box; leaves will be falling soon. Move houseplants indoors.
- VEGETABLE SEED** – Plant hardy vegetables and root crops.
- VEGETABLE PLANTS** – Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, celery, Brussels sprouts, and onion sets.

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association  
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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)

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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



## Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost of the conference is \$35.00 due by October 20, 2018 and must accompany this registration.

Send registration to:  
Tuscaloosa County Master Gardener  
2513 7th Street  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

For questions email –  
[tcmastergardener@gmail.com](mailto:tcmastergardener@gmail.com)  
or call – (205) 349-4630

**Directions:** The Fall conference will be in the Tuscaloosa County Extension Office Auditorium in the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex at 2513 7th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Park in the 8th Street side lot and enter the building thru the Courtyard side doors.



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2018 TCMGA  
**Fall Conference**  
October 27, 2018







**Darryl Patton**, known as the Southern Herbalist, has been hunting, gathering and working with medicinal herbs for over thirty years. He is a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and has been called a walking encyclopedia of herbal folklore. For twelve years, he studied under the late A.L. "Tommie" Bass, one of the last old mountain herb doctors. Mr. Patton is the author of *Mountain Medicine, The Herbal Remedies of Tommie Bass*, and *Medicinal Plants of the South: Volume 1*. He is an adjunct faculty member of Clayton College of Natural Health. He publishes *The Southern Herbalist and Stalking the Wild*. He will be bringing plants to help us learn to identify wild plants for food and healing. Check out his website at <http://thesouthernherbalist.com>.



**Dr. Gary M. Bachman** is currently Extension/Research Professor of Horticulture at the Coastal Research & Extension

Center at Mississippi State University. He is the host of the MSU Extension Service's Southern Gardening, TV, radio and newspaper columns. He earned his BS and MS degrees from Clemson University and his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Dr. Bachman will be taking us through the garden and the landscape thru the view of a horticulturist. He and his wife live in Ocean Springs, MS where they operate *Heritage Cottage*, a year-round demonstration urban farm growing specialty vegetables and produce.



**Linda Askey** is a lifelong gardener and journalist who was Garden Editor at *Southern Living* for twenty-one years.

She earned her BA degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Clemson University and her MA in Horticulture from North Carolina State University. Her plant collection is vast. She is known for the funk and whimsy she likes to incorporate into her garden. She has spoken to AMGA about *What is Your Gardening Style* and *How to Bring a Little Wow to Your Garden*. She will be sharing her knowledge of container gardening. She resides in Birmingham with her three great loves: her husband, her gardens and her dogs.

## Agenda

October 27, 2018

- 8:00 Open—Registration
- 8:15-9:00 Breakfast Potluck
- 9:00-10:00 Darryl Patton,  
The Southern Herbalist
- 10:00-10:30 Questions and Answers  
with Mr. Patton
- 10:30-11:30 Dr. Gary Bachman  
Changing the Garden  
Paradigm
- 11:30-12:00 Questions and Answers  
with Dr. Bachman
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch  
Buffet from Hoo's Q
- 1:00-2:00 Linda Askey  
Container Gardening
- 2:00-2:30 Questions and Answers  
with Ms. Askey
- 2:30 Closing Remarks

