

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,

Well, it is official. Fall is here! I thought I saw a few leaves falling in my yard, so maybe, just maybe, cooler weather will not be far behind. Aren't we all just tired of the intense heat? I know I am.

Speaking of fall, we had a great turnout for our Fall Harvest Dinner and meeting last month. I heard from a lot of members that they really enjoyed the fun and fellowship. We had a very interesting speaker and delicious food, door prizes and a short meeting. Perfect! The best part was spending time with other Master Gardeners. It is so nice to talk to others who are interested in and get excited about the same things we do. Hopefully, we can do more of these fun events where we can share and network with each other and other people. Think about ideas for projects and ways we can share with others our vast knowledge about plants and gardening. We are masters after all!

Good news - our 2018 Intern Class carried on our tradition and won 1st Place at the Shelby County Fair. We are so proud of them! It is a great class with a lot of enthusiastic members, so we are looking forward to having them join our association after they complete the class. Four of them attended our Dinner/Meeting, so I hope you all got a chance to talk to and recruit them to our association.

I do have to close with my usual blurb about volunteering. Whether you are mentoring someone in our Harvest for Health program, sweating in our community garden, serving as an officer, heading or serving on a committee or just pitching in to help in your community and/or at our meetings or classes, you are making a difference! This month, I want to give a special shout out to several volunteers who worked very hard on the Fall Harvest Dinner. Beth Glasgow and Janice Faulkner did a wonderful job with the decorating and set up. Karen Jensen, Trisha Williams and Joy Dearing washed dishes and cleaned up after. So many others, showed up early and pitched in, or stayed late to make sure cleanup was done. Thank you, thank you! You are awesome!

Happy Fall Y'all!

Myra

This Month's Meeting—Friday, October 12th @ 10 a.m. Shelby County Extension Center

Our speaker will be Cameron Strouss, Clinical Herbalist and owner of Deep Roots Apotheke & Clinic in Montevallo. You don't want to miss this program on healing plants and their use as medicine.

Please bring a potluck dish to share.



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**TREASURER'S REPORT as of 09/20/2018
Submitted by Jim Strickland, Treasurer**

| Check/Deposit | Balance |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$1,690.64 |
| Deposits (6) | +645.00 |
| Checks (5) | -725.88 |
| Ending Balance | \$1,609.76 |

**SCMGA
Membership
remains at
60**

We are still taking nominations for Secretary of our association next year! Rita Forrest is head of our nominating committee, so talk to her if you are interested!

**SCMGA Harvest Banquet and meeting, September 14, 2018
6 PM—Columbiana Senior Center**

- Meeting was called to order by President Myra Healy. Invocation and thanks given by Wayne Gainey.
- A delicious dinner from Home Plate Foods, Helena, followed.
- After dinner, Stefanie Francisco, Conservation Alabama gave a verbal and video presentation concerning their organization's efforts to influence and promote various conservation policies in Alabama. She gave contact information identifying various officials who were active in conservation politics, specifically Senator Cam Ward, Alabaster. Q&A session followed Stefanie's presentation.
- Myra then opened our business meeting.
- There were no minutes from prior meeting since our August meeting was SCMGA hosting 2018 interns @Extension center.
- Financial report issued in GAB. Kate reminded everyone concerning our planned October meeting 12 October 2018 @Extension center.
- SCMGA's fall garden was planted last Saturday, September 8, at Montevallo. Watering only will be necessary over next several weeks .
- Library project continues at Extension center. New shelves and organization are underway. New books have been received. All this important work is being led by Merle Schukoske, Beth Glasgow, and Kate Vogel. When complete, Myra has asked Rita to publish all books available to check out.
- Myra then pointed out announcements regarding several conferences available in next few weeks. Regarding 2019 AMGA Spring conference to be held in Clanton; we are still needing photos for program; more volunteers are needed to help raise funds for 2019 Conference. Jim Strickland has volunteered to be photographer for the 2019 conference.
- The 2018 interns won the 1st Place Blue Ribbon, at recent Shelby County Fair to continue the winning tradition for SCMGA.
- 2017 interns receiving their certificates and badges for completing all their volunteer hours Wendy Patton and Jeannie Lucas. Myra presented the badges & certificates.
- Myra urged everyone to begin now to pay 2019 dues, the earlier the better. All dues should be paid by 31 December 2018.
- Myra also recognized Rita Forrest, Tricia Williams, Elizabeth York and herself for serving on the steering committee, 2019 Spring Conference.
- Myra recognized Beth Glasgow and Janice Faulkner for our decorations tonight; Rita Forrest for the book marks.
- Rita Forrest, nominating committee chair, asked for volunteers to assume Secretary position for 2019; Wayne has served 2 years and steps down at year's end.
- Approximately 48 members & guests were present.
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Gainey, Secretary



SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, November 9



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

Best Banana Pudding Poke Cake from the kitchen of Heidee Vansant

Ingredients:

- 1 box yellow cake mix, plus ingredients needed to make cake (eggs, oil or butter & water)
- 2 (3.4 oz.) packages *instant* banana pudding
- 4 cups milk
- 1 (8 oz.) tub frozen whipped topping (Cool Whip®), thawed
- 20 vanilla wafers, crushed
- Bananas

Directions:

Prepare pan and cake mix according to package directions for a 9×13 cake. Once cake comes out of the oven, allow it to cool for just a couple of minutes. Then, with a wooden spoon handle or some other similarly-sized object, begin poking holes in the cake. You want the holes to be fairly big so the pudding has plenty of room to get down in there. Be sure to poke right down to the bottom of the cake. In a bowl, whisk together instant pudding with 4 cups milk. Stir until all the lumps are gone. Let pudding sit for about 2 minutes so it has just slightly begun to thicken but not fully set; it should still be easily pourable. Pour pudding over cake. Taking care to get it into the holes as much as possible. Spread it all out and using the back of the spoon gently push pudding down into the holes. Put the pudding into the fridge to set and cool. Once your cake has completely cooled, spread on whipped topping. Put your vanilla wafers in a zip-top bag and crush them with a rolling pin. Leave some of the pieces big. It's nice to have a bit of a crunch when you eat the cake. Spread crushed wafers onto the top of the cake. You can do this part immediately before serving the cake if you like. This will ensure the wafers are crunchy when you serve it. This cake gets more delicious over time. It's even better the next day so it's a great dessert to make ahead of time. Serve with freshly sliced bananas. Keep refrigerated.



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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6—Carl Martin
- 17—Dolores Davis
- 19—Jim Strickland
- 20—Karen Kendall
- 22—Beth Heerten



Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMGA during September

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Birthdays:

Rex Anderson
Sue Brasher
Wayne Gainey

Kate Vogel
Elizabeth York

Thank You:

none

Thinking of You/Get Well:

Diane McKinnon

Attention Members: It's time to start paying dues for the 2019 year. Remember to submit a membership form with your check, even if there are no changes in your information. Checks and forms should be submitted to our treasurer, Jim Strickland, P. O. Box 500, Columbiana, AL 35051. All dues should be submitted prior to 12/31/2018.

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.

2018 FALL AMGA SEMINAR

We had a good turnout representing Shelby County at the 2018 Fall AMGA Seminar in Montgomery last month. "Your Sanctuary Garden" was the theme. Members shown are: Edith Johnson, Myra Healy, Rita Forrest, Trisha Williams, Sheila Sztanyo, Karen Jensen, Beth Heerten and Sylvia Sheffield.



Trisha Williams was the big prize winner!

Congratulations are extended to our 2018 Master Gardener interns for continuing the tradition of designing and building a booth space worthy of earning the coveted First Place Ribbon at the Shelby County Fair!
YOU ROCK!!



Good job...
Thumbs UP



2018



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September Meeting/Dinner



Our Speaker—Stefanie Francisco of Conservation Alabama.



Delicious catered dinner.



Beautiful table settings with keepsake bookmarks made by Rita.



Dessert Table—Yummy!



Door Prizes



Heidee Vansant won the Peace Lily.



Sheila Stztanyo won a great garden hat. Her husband, Dick, also attended.



Four of our current interns joined us!
L-R: Lisa Wade, Mary Mattingly, Rebecca Poskey and Sandy Hixson



Karen Jensen (L) and Jeannie Lucas (R) admire the bookmarks crafted by Rita Forrest .

Certified Master Gardeners are welcome to attend 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 (meet @ Experiment Station) 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 (soil samples due) | 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 (meet @ Petals) Plant Propagation (@ Petals) | 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 |

GARDENING SIMPLY DOES NOT ALLOW ONE TO BE MENTALLY OLD, BECAUSE TOO MANY HOPES AND DREAMS ARE YET TO BE REALIZED.

— ALLAN ARMITAGE



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Fruits and Nuts—Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama. Clean up orchard area. Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

Shrubs—Shrub plantings can be made. Water when needed. Note varieties of camellias in bloom. Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

Lawns—Continue to mow lawns until no new growth is noticeable.

Roses—Continue insect and disease control practices. New rose catalogs will be coming in. Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

Annuals and Perennials—Visit flower shows and gardens. List desirable varieties of mums. Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost.

Bulbs—Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculus's. Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

Miscellaneous—Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds. Loosen mulches that have packed down. Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc. Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds. Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

Vegetable Seed—Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.

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

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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, 2019. 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 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 Training: _____

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: \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
c/o Jim Strickland
PO Box 500
Columbiana, AL 35051**

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
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

