

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 finally looks and feels like fall out there! Good thing too, since it is already November. Leaves have slowly started to change colors and fall. We can all breathe a sigh of relief after making it through another hot, humid summer.

One of the best things happening this month is our new intern class will graduate on the 7th. I really look forward to having them join our association. They are a very smart and enthusiastic class, and all are looking forward to volunteering and completing their hours. I hope you will all welcome and mentor them as they become certified as Master Gardeners.

Do you remember what it was like when you were an intern? Remember how excited you were to meet people who were as interested in plants and gardening as you are? I have had the privilege of reliving that with our class this year. It has been fun spending time with and getting to know them. Their enthusiasm is catching! It is so exciting to get to know new people who are *my* people! They love talking endlessly about plants and gardening (without anyone's eyes glazing over) and they are eager to learn about gardening and share their plants and ideas about gardening with each other.

I remember, that for me, one of the best parts about joining the association, after completing the course was discovering how kind and generous other gardeners were. I continued to learn from the members who mentored me by graciously sharing their expertise and experiences and continue to do so today. Since Thanksgiving is this month, I want to express my gratitude to each one of you who have blessed me by sharing yourselves with me, whether you have shared plants and seeds, volunteered with me, shared your knowledge and service, your food at our covered dish lunches, or best of all your friendship! Thank you so much for richly blessing my life. I am so thankful for you all - my people!

Thanksgiving blessings to you!

Myra

This Month's Meeting—Friday, November 9th @ 10 a.m. Shelby County Extension Center

Our program will be *Gifts from the Garden* to get ready for Dirty Santa. We would like everyone to tell us about and bring things they have made from the garden, for the garden and/or gardening items they've discovered like great plants, tools, etc. Also bring ideas for programs in 2019.

Please bring a potluck dish to share.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT as of 10/20/2018
Submitted by Jim Strickland, Treasurer**

Check/Deposit	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$1,609.76
Deposits (2)	+312.00
Checks (0)	-0.00
Ending Balance	\$1,921.76

We are now accepting 2019 dues and they must be paid before the end of December.

Please make your check out to S.C.M.G.A. and mail along with your Annual Membership Form to Treasurer Jim Strickland, PO Box 500, Columbiana, AL 35051
Local dues are \$12 & State dues are \$10. Both can be included in one check for \$22. 2019 dues can be paid at the upcoming monthly meeting on November 9.

**Hi All,
I am still waiting on a member to let me know they want to be our SCMGA Secretary for 2019! Time is running out, we will need someone to step up for this position before our November 9th meeting. Let me know if you have questions about this board position and let me know you want to help by accepting.**

**Thanks,
Rita Forrest**

Contact me at: ritabe@bellsouth.net OR (205)620-1167

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc. Minutes
12 October 2018**

- President Myra Healy called meeting to order at 10 AM. She led in Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.
- Myra then introduced Ms. Cameron Strouss, certified, registered Herbalist to present our program, "Herbal Medicine". Cameron owns, operates an herbal medicine shop in Montevallo, Deep Roots. Cameron then presented a lively, informative, interesting program regarding herbal medicine with accompanying digital presentation. We learned terms such as Bitters, Nervines, Sedatives, Alternatives, Astringents, Vulnerary, Lymphatics, etc. Cameron presented several weeds that yield great herbal ingredients including dandelions, ground ivy, plantain, yellow dock, goldenrod, cleavers, chickweeds, henbits, etc. Cameron views herbal medicine not as alternative medicine but collaborative medicine and enjoys working with a person's regular MD for prevention, treatment of various diseases. Cameron then responded to several questions, comments.
- Following presentation on Herbal Medicine, Myra called our business meeting to order @11 AM. Myra apologized for late publication of Sept GAB...Heidee could use some help with all her communications responsibilities. Minutes of September meeting approved as submitted by Sec, Wayne Gainey. Financial report submitted by Treasurer Jim Strickland, accepted, filed for auditors. Myra then urged all members to pay 2019 dues early beginning today...she stressed importance of all dues being paid by 31 December 2018.
- Dennis Stanek updated everyone the fall community garden was doing well at Montevallo location. Myra told of 2018 class interns working on developing a landscape project for the newly occupied Shelby Emergency Assistance offices in Montevallo. Merle Schukoske reported SCMGA library project was progressing and needed book donations. New shelving and file cabinets have been installed. When complete, all library resources will be posted on our website. Tommie Harrison reported she is enjoying serving and working on Sunshine committee! Rita again pleaded with our association for someone to "step-up", agree to serve as Secretary, beginning January 2019. Nominations must be finalized by end of meeting, November 9th. Kate reported the November program will be "gifts from the garden".
- Under old business, the next 2019 state conference committee meeting will be held, 10/25/18 @10 AM, downtown Clanton extension office. Elizabeth York reminded everyone that any gifts, vendor booths reservations, donations, items for silent auction etc. for the 2019 State MGA meeting was due, must be submitted by end of meeting, February 2019. Applications, information, contacts of businesses must be "cleared" w/Elizabeth prior to solicitation...contacts, solicitations etc. are now to be considered "urgent".
- Announcements were made concerning fall conference at Tuscaloosa to be held 10/27/18. Reminder again the 2019 State MGA conference to be held May 8-10, 2019, Clanton, jointly hosted by Chilton, Shelby and Autauga MGA's.
- Question was asked concerning plans for fall graduation for class of 2018 intern. Further info will be announced later.
- There were approximately 18 members present, 4 interns and 1 guest present for our meeting.
- Meeting adjourned. Door prizes awarded. Prayer by Wayne Gainey, followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Gainey, Secretary



SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, December 14



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

Seven-Layer Salad from the kitchen of Jan Gainey (Wayne Gainey's wife)

Ingredients:

- Lettuce (prefer either green leaf or romaine, thoroughly washed, trimmed)
- ½ cup bell pepper (prefer red & green)
- 8-10 slices bacon, cooked crispy, crumbled
- ½ cup celery, chopped
- 1 can English peas
- Mayonnaise
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- ½ cup onion (prefer green onions, but regular onions are OK)
- 8 oz Shredded cheese (prefer cheddar, but mixture acceptable)
- 1 fresh tomato (optional)



Directions:

Hand tear lettuce to fill large bowl up to ½ of bowl. Sprinkle chopped pepper, chopped onions and chopped celery over lettuce in layers. Drain peas; sprinkle over layers. Spread mayonnaise carefully, covering top. Sprinkle sugar over top. If desired, chop fresh tomato and add on top. Sprinkle cheese on top. Lastly, sprinkle bacon on top for final layer. ENJOY!



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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12—Jessica Joslin
- 16—Carol Beard
- 16—Margot Glenboski



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

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Birthdays:

Carl Martin
Deloris Davis
Jim Strickland

Karen Kendall
Beth Heeten

Thank You:

none

Thinking of You/Get Well:

none

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, PO Box 500, Columbiana, AL 35051. All dues should be submitted prior to 12/31/2018.



Cameron Strouss of Deep Roots Apotheké spoke to us about Medicinal Herbs.



The 2018 intern class will celebrate their graduation on Wednesday, November 7th at 12:00 pm with lunch at Zapopan Mexican Restaurant in Calera. All MG's are welcome to come celebrate with them!



Please pray for Wendy Patton, one of our Master Gardener members. She has just been diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. Her family has requested prayers for both Wendy and her Doctors as they consider treatment options for her. Love and prayers go out to Wendy and her family.



Edith Johnston looks like Thumbelina standing under the gigantic leaves of her Elephant Ear plant.

I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze. The sweet chill of pumpkin and crisp sunburnt leaves.

~Author unknown



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS—Select sites for plantings. Start mulching strawberries, blackberries, and grapes.

SHRUBS—Plant trees, shrubs and vines.

LAWNS—Some homeowners like lawn paints. Have you thought about having a green lawn this winter? Use proper herbicide to kill germinating winter weeds.

ROSES—Get rose planting underway. Use a soil test as a basis for fertilization. Look for new varieties.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annuals such as larkspur, poppies, pansies, anchusa and candytuft. Get sweet peas into the ground.

BULBS—Continue spring bulb planting. Put lilies of the valley in a shady place.

MISCELLANEOUS—Plant screen plantings for privacy on the patio.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant cabbage and lettuce in the cold frame.

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

President	Myra Healy	665-4554	myhealy42@gmail.com
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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**