

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

Website: www.scmastergardeners.com

E-mail: SCMGA.email@gmail.com

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

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The President Ponders...

Greeting SCMG,

What a fun meeting/party we had in December! We all had a good time socializing and playing our Dirty Gardener gift exchange. I think everyone ended up with a nice gift, even if the one you really wanted was snatched from you by a "Dirty Gardener" friend! (Again) Also, I noticed during the game, how clever some MGs were about concealing their gifts, so they would not be stolen by others. Tricky, tricky. We will have to work on a solution to that. Perhaps we could attach flashing lights to each gift until they are retired? Hmm. We have until next December to think about that!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and New Year's holiday. Mine was wonderful, although it was tinged with sadness after my Dad passed away last month. I would like to apologize if I have been slow to contact you or answer some of your emails, texts or phone calls during this time. Hopefully, it didn't happen too often. And to those of you who offered such kind words and sympathy to me, I am so grateful. Thank you so much.

We have successfully elected officers for this year, and now have a new treasurer and a new Secretary. Plus, we filled a couple of new Committee Chairman positions as well. I am looking forward to working with all of them this year. I am happy that so many of you are volunteering in our association! There is still room for others to serve on committees or even a couple of other Committee Chairs open. Just say the word and we will find a place for you. Looking forward to a great 2019!

Nyra

This Month's Meeting—Friday, January 11th @ 10 a.m. **Shelby County Extension Center**

Officers will be installed during this meeting and Renee Thompson from Harvest for Health will be our speaker.

Please bring a covered dish for lunch.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 12/20/2018
Submitted by Jim Strickland, Treasurer

Check/Deposit

Balance

Beginning Balance

\$2,049.76

Deposits (2)

+220.00

Checks (2)

-224.83

Ending Balance

\$2,044.93

Note: Barbara Williams is the new Treasurer effective with the January meeting. Here is her contact information:
Barbara Williams, Treasurer
825 Mountain View Drive
Wilsonville, AL 35186
205-670-0191 (H)
205-902-1137 (C)
bwilliams1581@gmail.com

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc. Minutes

14 December 2018 SCMGA minutes

Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, AL

- Myra Healy, President, called meeting to order, 10:00 AM and led pledge of Allegiance to US Flag.
- Minutes of November 2018 meeting as submitted by Wayne Gainey and published in GAB, approved as submitted.
- Financial/Treasurer report as submitted by Jim Strickland and published in GAB, approved and filed for auditors.
- Myra asked that committee reports be dispensed with today due to length of meeting and "Dirty Gardener" gift exchange. Myra did announce that Diane McKinnon is retiring as SCMGA Historian at year-end and we need a volunteer to fill this opening.
- **Old Business:**

We are still collecting funds, gifts, etc. for 2019 Spring AMGA Spring Conference. If there are any questions regarding donations of any type, please contact Elizabeth York. Trisha Williams and Elizabeth reminded all volunteers working at the Spring Conference 2019, must attend all monthly planning committee meetings for January-April 2019. The January meeting will be held at Petals from Past, 31 January 2019 @10 AM.
- **New Business:**
 1. Julie Hobaugh, new intern from 2018 class completed all her volunteer hours, was certified and presented her badge. Everyone was reminded to submit all 2018 volunteer hours not later than 31 December 2018.
 2. Jim Strickland asked everyone to see him today for new photo for 2019 directory. Rhonda Cowan has asked SCMGA members to see her about a sitter for her father-in-law; needs are for 1-2 times/week with pay.
 3. Myra announced a 2019 board meeting will be held 9 January 2019, @10 AM, Extension office. The next meeting for SCMGA will be 11 January 2019 @10 AM, Extension office.
 4. Rita Forrest submitted slate of officers for 2019:

President—Myra Healy
Vice-President—Kate Vogel
Secretary—Teresa Boody
Treasurer—Barbara Williams
Parliamentarian—Merle Schukoske

Officers were elected unanimously by acclamation.
 5. Previously announced committee chairpersons for 2019:

By-laws - Trisha Williams
Communication - Heidee Vansant
Historian - open
Nominating - Rita Forrest
Projects - Dennis Stanek
Sunshine - Tommie Harrison
- Meeting adjourned, followed by lunch and "Dirty Gardener" gift exchange, w/most members behaving, though not all!!***##

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Gainey, Secretary



SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, February 8



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



ALDRIDGE GARDENS
BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS
HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
PETALS FROM THE PAST
SHELBY CO. MASTER GARDENERS

www.aldridgegardens.com/education/events/
www.bbgbgardens.org/all-events.php
www.hooverlibrary.org/events/calendar/
www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html
www.scmastergardeners.com/events/

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

CHRISTMAS SALAD from the kitchen of Heidee Vansant

INGREDIENTS

For the salad:

- 5-6 c. "Spring Mix" lettuce
- 1/2 c. mandarin oranges
- 1/3 c. dried cranberries
- 1/3 c. pomegranate seeds
- 1/3 c. Feta cheese
- 1/2 c. candied walnuts or pecans optional

For the Creamy Poppy Seed Dressing:

- 1/3 c. mayonnaise
- 1/3 c. Greek yogurt
- 4 Tbsp. sugar or to taste
- 2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tsp. poppy seeds

INSTRUCTIONS

- Place lettuce in a large bowl and top with remaining salad ingredients

For the Creamy Poppy Seed Dressing:

- Combine all ingredients in a small bowl and whisk until smooth.



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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2—LaVerne Martin
9—Jeanon Massien
10—Jan Rodgers
12—Heidee Vansant
17—Jennifer Gregory
24—Heidi Mueninghoff



Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMGA during December

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Birthdays:

Paul Saeger
Susan Seng
Jim Williams

George Harris
Sunny Gilliam

Thank You:

none

Thinking of You/Get Well:

Carol Beard
Sylvia Sheffield

REQUEST FOR 2019 AMGA CONFERENCE

The 2019 AMGA Conference Silent Auction and Door Prizes Committee is requesting donations from Master Gardeners. The recommended value for Silent Auction is around \$50 and Door Prizes in the \$10-\$20 range. We hope to combine some items into theme baskets or a group of related items.

We have seen all kinds of items in past Silent Auctions: unusual plants, crafts such as quilts turned wood, garden books, jewelry, arts and crafts, yard art, garden tools.

We need donations by the end of February, you can bring items to our meetings in January or February, leave in the MG room at the Extension office or call me for pick up.

Please save bubble wrap and foam wrapping for us too.

Trisha Williams 205-410-5074

SCENES FROM DECEMBER'S Meeting/"Dirty Gardener" Party

Interns Donna Schubert & DeAnne Benedict enjoy their first MG Christmas party!



Kate Vogel & Barbara Williams discovered lots of goodies in this gift bag!



Dennis Stanek in his "Ugly Christmas Sweater" plots his next move in the "Dirty Gardener" swap!



Intern Mary Mattingly shows off her "Ugly Christmas Sweater"!



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

FRUITS & NUTS—Set out apples, peaches, pears, and grapes. Start grafting pecans. Prune dormant trees.

SHRUBS—Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrow-leaf, and deciduous. Graft camellias in South Alabama. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.

LAWNS—Soil test before setting up fertility program.

ROSES—Visit nurseries and garden centers to select varieties. Start planting.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annuals.

BULBS—Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.

MISCELLANEOUS—Prune winter-damaged limbs. Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely. Cut them back lightly and keep in a temperature of 55 to 60 °.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant hardy vegetables, root crops, roots, and tubers in southern-most areas. Plant lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli in cold-frames.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2019

President	Myra Healy	665-4554	myhealy42@gmail.com
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Projects Coordinator	Dennis Stanek	789-0341	dennis.stanek@att.net
Sunshine Committee	Tommie Harrison	663-7146	torumo74@gmail.com
Webmaster	Rita Forrest	620-1167	ritabe@bellsouth.net

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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 Barbara Williams, Treasurer
825 Mountain View Drive
Wilsonville, AL 35186



Thursday, May 9 Biscuit Breakfast Welcome

Jane McCarthy

Planning a Garden Design:
"Creating A Party Ready Landscape"



AMGA Business Meeting

Lunch

Dr. Sue Webb

Using Native Plants in Our Landscapes:
"Natives Are Always Welcome at the Party"

Sharon Capps of Bonnie Plant Farms

One Hundred Years of Family,
Community and Innovative Plants and
Marketing: "Partying Everywhere"



Judy Groover

Hosts:
"Everyone's Favorite Party Guest"



*Meet and Greet
Italian Buffet*

Awards Ceremony and
Installation of New Officers

Joe Lamp'1

Favorites from Television Seasons:
"Best Parties"

Friday, May 10th

Hospitality

Vendors

Silent Auction Check Out and Pick Up

Conference Wrap-Up

Taylor Hatchett

Supporting Local Farms:

"Party Close to Home"

Lelia Scott Kelly

Dumb Things We Do to Our
Landscape: "Unwise Party Attire"

Conference Closing Remarks

Final Door Prize Drawing-You must be
present to win.

2020 Conference Invitation



Conference hosted by

Chilton, Autauga
and Shelby Counties

Party in the Garden



*Your
Invitation
To Party!*

May 8, 9 & 10

Clanton Performing Arts Center
Clanton, Alabama

2019

AMGA Spring Conference

The public is invited
Pre-registration is required

www.alabamamg.org

Party in the Garden

Convention details will be included in the schedule
provided in the registration packet, online and in the
convention booklet.

Wednesday, May 8

Pre Conference Activities



Registration

Hospitality

Vendors

Silent Auction

Tours (There is no cost, but advance registration is required)

Petals from the Past:

Orangery Tour "Party in the Tropics"

Permaculture Tour "Tried and True"

Chilton County Research and Extension Center:

North Tour

South Tour

Chilton County MGA Demonstration Garden

Self-Guided Tours

Joan McGriff

Workshop-Garden Whimsies:

"Party Decorations"

Mallory Kelley

Advanced Master Gardener Networking:

"Manning the Party Lines"

Dr. Neil Lamb

Updates of Research in Plant Genomics:

"Party Guest Diversity"

HOE DOWN Come as you are! Meet and greet
old and new acquaintances • Win game prizes •
Join the line dance • Have fun!



B&B meal

Jason Powell

The History of Petals from the Past:

"How Petals Started Its Party"



Speakers

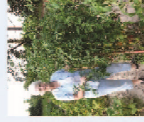
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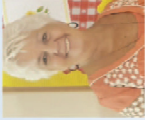


Jason Powell and his wife Shelley own Petals From the Past, a nursery in Jemison, Alabama. Jason earned degrees in horticulture and landscape design from Auburn University and Texas A&M University. The nursery specializes in antique roses, heirloom shrubs, cottage perennials and herbs as well as classical varieties of vegetables and fruits. Much of what is grown at the nursery is integrated into a garden setting. Petals from the Past approaches gardening from an educational standpoint and hosts lectures/workshops and guest speakers in its educational facility. Events such as "Antiques in the Garden" and the "Black and Blueberry Festival" are hosted at Petals from the Past annually.

Bonnie Plant Farms-One Hundred Years of Family, Community and Innovative Plants and Marketing: "Party Everywhere"



Sharon Capps is the Office Manager and Accounts Receivable Manager for Bonnie Plants, Inc. She has served in many positions over the 44 years that she has been employed by Bonnie Plants. She is the historian of the Chunnuggee Garden Club, which is the oldest garden club in the United States. Sharon grew up in a gardening family and enjoys getting her hands dirty working in her yard. Sharon's professional background is in business with a bachelor's degree in business management from Auburn University, Montgomery. She and her husband, Larry, live in Union Springs, Alabama.



Workshop-Garden Whimsies: "Party Decorations"

Joan McGriff retired after 35 years teaching fourth grade in the Chilton County School System and is now a part time employee with the Chilton County Cooperative Extension Office. At the Extension Office she works with 4-H Enrichment and conducts workshops and camps for children and adults. Joan shares her talents with others by teaching the art of using glass vases, plates, bowls and other interesting items to create whimsical yard decorations. Joan is very active at Walnut Creek UMC in Clanton, Alabama where she is Planist and Nurture Team Leader.



Planning a Garden Design:

"Creating a Party Ready Landscape"

Jane McCarthy became a Virginia Master Gardener in 1995 and an Alabama Master Gardener in 1998. She received her B.S. in Horticulture/Landscape Design from Auburn University in 2000 and completed an internship at Blount Cultural Park and Alabama Shakespeare Festival in the same year. She was employed as the Maxwell Air Force Base Horticulturalist from 2001-2016. Jane has been a member of the Old Alabama Town Herb Society since 2007. In 2013, she established the Monday Morning Master Gardener Group, which is responsible for reclaiming, maintaining and improving a period appropriate design at the Alabama Governor's Mansion.



Favorites from Television Seasons: "Best Parties"

Joe Lamp'l is one of the country's most recognized and trusted personalities in gardening and sustainability. His passion for teaching is evident to a nationwide audience that watches Joe in his current role as creator, Executive Producer and Host of the award-winning PBS series, Growing a Greener World®. Previously, he was host of Fresh from the Garden on DIY Network as well as on-air contributor to The Today Show, Good Morning America and The Weather Channel. Joe is also the founder and "Joe" behind joegardener.com.



Advanced Master Gardener Networking: "Nanning the Party Lines"

Mallory Kelley grew up in and currently resides in Selma, Alabama. She attended Auburn University and attained an undergraduate degree in Landscape Design Horticulture and a Master's Degree in Horticulture in 2009. Since that time, Mallory has been a Regional Extension Agent and Horticulturalist for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System; for over 9 years, she has served 6 counties in Central Alabama. Mallory and her husband Ron have two boys: Hudson, age 5 and Coleman, who is 3.



Using Native Plants in Our Landscapes:

"Natives are Always Welcome at the Party"

Sue Webb says that because of the reduction in natural areas in the United States, wildlife that depend on native habitat for food and shelter are declining at an alarming rate. Join Sue as she talks about planting and maintaining native plants which have seasonal beauty and are a valuable food source for wildlife. As a research scientist with a Ph.D. in Microbiology, Sue brings a problem-solving approach to the plight of our wildlife and plant. She is an Alabama Master Gardener, natural landscape designer and is employed at Petals from the Past nursery in Jemison.



Supporting Local Farms: "Party Close to Home"

Taylor Hatchett and her father Bobby own Boozer Farms in Thorsby, Alabama, where a variety of fruits and vegetables are grown rather than only one or two crops. Taylor earned degrees in agronomy and soils, and plant pathology from Auburn University. Produce is sold at the farm as well as at various farmers' markets in the area. Boozer Farms has "Community-Supported Agriculture" (CSA) plans; customer members who opt to participate, pay for produce before the season and in return receive a weekly box of in-season fruits and/or vegetables at harvest. A certain number of "shares" in the plan are offered each year.



Updates of Research in Plant Genomics: "Party Guest Diversity"

Neil Lamb, Ph.D., is faculty investigator and Vice President for Educational Outreach at the Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology. Keynote speaker of the 2017 AMGA Spring Conference, Dr. Lamb presented "Plant Genomics: From Ancient Crop Domestication to Modern Breeding and Selection". At the time of this presentation, he stated that results of research being conducted in this area would be available in two years; we are honored to welcome Dr. Lamb back as he presents an update of these research findings.



Hostas:

"Everyone's Favorite Party Guest"

Judy Groover started collecting hostas in 1999 and was soon growing many different varieties in her backyard nursery. She is a Master Gardener and former President of the Birmingham Fern Society; she served as President of the former Central Alabama Hosta Society for 5 years. She is a past Director of the Dixie Regional Hosta Society, a member of the American Hosta Growers Association, and served on the Executive Board of the American Hosta Society as Treasurer for five years. Judy is owner of Hostas on the Hill nursery located at her home in Dunnaway Valley near Birmingham.



Really Dumb Stuff We do to our Landscapes: "Unwise Party Attire"

Lelia Scott Kelly, a lifelong gardener, earned a Ph.D. and M.S. in Horticulture from Mississippi State University (MSU). She served for 17 years as Consumer Horticulture Specialist and was the State Master Gardener Coordinator at MSU. She is a Mississippi Licensed Landscape Designer, a magazine columnist and award-winning writer. Lelia is known for wit and gardening wisdom; her talks are filled with personal anecdotes, storytelling and science. Audiences leave entertained, inspired and informed.