

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 Shelby County Master Gardeners,

We had a very informative meeting in January to kick off our new year of Master Gardening. Lots of good programs and speakers are lined up for this year, so we can look forward to that! Plus, we also recognized our Officers and Board Chairpeople to thank them and let them know how much we appreciate their time and work in keeping our association going. Good people! 2019 is going to be a good year. Now, if I can just remember to write 2019 down for the year instead of 2018. It takes me a while.

It has come to my attention that many of our members do not quite understand how our State Master Gardener Association works. I want to take the time to explain a few things about it, so we all are clear on how things work. First, officers and board members are MG members from associations all over the State. Anybody who is a member in good standing is eligible to run for an office and be part of the State Board. Their purpose is to connect us and give some cohesion to all our county associations. We have State by-laws which help us organize our meetings and membership. They work with Auburn, advise our associations, maintain our membership and dues website, scholarship fund, publish a State Newsletter and meet monthly to discuss problems, make plans and generally keep the Master Gardeners of our state running smoothly. They also maintain a fund where local associations can get grants to help with projects. It is important to have a State Association, as our membership continues to grow every year. I urge every one of you to support our AMGA and pay your membership dues yearly. They are only \$10 and are put to good use!

As you know, we are co-hosting, along with Chilton and Autauga Counties, the AMGA State Conference May 8-10. This conference serves as the annual members' meeting. Each year elections are held and awards are given out at the State meeting. In the same way we have speakers at our monthly meetings, the State Conference has speakers and seminars to make the meetings more fun for everyone, so it will be worthwhile for people from all over the State to travel to one location for the meeting. It is a lot of fun and it gives us all an opportunity to meet MG's from other associations. The best part is that conferences are held in different locations around the State each year, so we get to explore different parts of the State and their Gardens and Nurseries in the area. Also, since the speakers are paid (hence the fees), we are able to attract keynote speakers who are well known in their field—celebrities in the Gardening World. For instance, this year's keynote speaker is Joe Lamp'1 from the gardening show *Growing a Greener World* on PBS TV.

Different Associations volunteer to host the State Conference each year. Normally this is done by the larger associations who have more members. Of course, this is because they can provide more volunteers to work/help at the conference to make it a success. This year, Chilton County stepped forward and asked to Host the State Conference. Realizing they are a smaller rural association and wouldn't be able to do it alone, they asked us and Autauga County to co-host with them. We (SCMGA) voted and committed to co-host the conference. These conferences are planned two years out because there is so much involved. The State has guidelines for planning the conference we must follow as much as possible, but planning is done by the Host MG Counties. All funds raised by fees and advertising are to cover the cost of the conference. Therefore, we are all being asked to sell ads and ask for donations. Any profit made from the conference goes to the Hosting Associations. It will be split 3 ways between us, Chilton and Autauga Counties. So, we have the potential to make money from the conference which is why we are working so hard to get Business ads and Sponsor donations from each of our counties to support this. Also, I believe this is the reason we are asked to pay the full fees when we are volunteering. We do get to participate in the conference and hear all the speakers etc., so it is not like we are just paying to work at the conference. Hosting the conference is something we have volunteered to do, so it is like a project we have taken on. We do get extra volunteer hours because we will be working as well. The State puts up the initial money for the conference and it is up to the Hosts to successfully plan conferences, work hard to earn a profit and not lose money. I appreciate so much all of you from Shelby County who have volunteered to work and represent us at the conference. Y'all are the best!

Maybe this will help some of you understand how the AMGA works with us, and why it is important. I hope that all of you who can, will plan to attend the AMGA conference in May!

Myra

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

Sandra Reaves of WBRC's *Ask the Gardener* will be our speaker.
She will have herbal salves, master tonic, fruity fire cider, and other tiny farm
products for sale. <http://josiegladysgardens.blogspot.com/>

Please bring a covered dish for lunch.

**TREASURER'S REPORT as of 01/25/2018
Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer**

Check/Deposit	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$2,044.93
Deposits (3)	+198.00
Checks (1)	-25.00
Ending Balance	\$2,217.93

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

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association— January 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- President Myra Healy called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the December 2018 meeting as written and published in the January GAB were approved. Treasurer's report as published in the January GAB was approved as submitted and filed for audit
- **Program:** Renee Thompson, outreach coordinator with Harvest for Health, introduced our own Deb Elliot who in turn introduced Diane Riley, Deb's Harvest for Health partner. Deb and Diane told their story of working together and the fun and enjoyment both received from their participation in the program. Following their inspiring talk, Renee passed around the sign up sheet for volunteers for the upcoming season.
- **Business Session:** The primary business was the installation of the 2019 officers. Myra recognized Rita Forrest who asked all new officers to stand as she read an Oath of Installation. All new officers verbally agreed to the pledge with an "I do" in unison. The officers installed for 2019 are as follows: Myra Healy, President Barbara William, Treasurer Kate Vogel, Vice-President Merle Schukoske, Parliamentarian Teresa Boody, Secretary
- Myra also recognized the 2018 Executive Board Members who helped so much during their year of service in 2018.
- **Old Business**
 - 1) The SCMGGA Executive Board met on Wednesday, January 9 to discuss plans, projects, and programs for 2019
 - 2) Our major focus for the first part of this year is the state conference in Chilton County on May 8-10.
 - *All volunteer responsibilities have not yet been assigned but will be soon. *Myra encouraged all to be involved in
 - the Conference as there are volunteer opportunities for almost all areas of interest
 - *In particular, our association is in charge of publicity. Tricia Williams said she is still looking for vendors for the
 - conference as well as items for door prizes and the silent auction.
- **New Business**
 - 1) The State Advisory Council will meet on February 12 at Petals from the Past; Dennis Stanek will be our representative.
 - 2) Weldon Edwards, Intern Class of 2018 has completed requirements for certification.
 - 3) Following a brief discussion, it was determined interns should notify either Myra Healy or Nelson Wynn when they complete their requirements for certification.
- **Announcements**
 - 1) Kate Vogel reviewed this month's agenda which included a partial list of programs and activities for 2019
 - 2) Dianne McKinnon gave a health update on Wendy Patton.
 - 3) The Southern Garden History Society will hold it's annual conference in Birmingham this year. For anyone interested the link is: southerngardenhistory.org.
- Meeting adjourned followed by lunch. The next meeting will be Friday, February 8, at 10:00 at the County Services Building.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Boody, Secretary

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SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, March 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:

SWEET POTATO DUMPLINGS from the kitchen of Beth Glasgow

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 (8-count) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 2 sticks of butter, melted
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. cinnamon or to taste
- 1 can (12oz) 7-Up (or Mountain Dew)
- 1 pkg frozen sweet potato patties

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. Cut 8 sweet potato patties in half.
3. Unwrap the crescent rolls and separate the triangles.
4. Place a piece of sweet potato on each triangle of dough (on wide end) and roll it into a crescent.
5. Place in buttered 9" x 13" baking dish.
6. In a separate bowl, combine the butter, cinnamon, sugar and vanilla. Mix well until there are no lumps, then pour over the rolls.
7. Pour soda (7-Up or Mountain Dew) between rolls (but not over) and bake for 35 to 45 minutes, or until they become golden brown.
8. Serve immediately with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Mmmmm ... Ah-mazing!



Please send
Tommie Harrison,
Sunshine Comm.
Chair, information
about members
(or their relatives)
who are ill, 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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

6—Sydney Ellis
19—Teresa Boody
21—Myra Healy
23—Pat Hare
26—Merle Schukoske



Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMGA during December

Birthdays:

LaVerne Martin
Jan Rogers
Heidee Vansant

Thank You:

none

Thinking of You/Get Well:

Teresa Boody
Myra Healy

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



REQUEST FOR 2019 AMGA CONFERENCE

The 2019 AMGA Conference Silent Auction and Door Prize 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, art work, turned wood, garden books, jewelry, yard art, garden tools. Items do not have to be garden related.

We need donations by the end of February, you can bring items to our February meeting, leave in the MG room at the Extension office or call me to arrange pick up. If you leave anything at the Extension Office, please let me know.

Trisha Williams 205-410-5074 trisha325@gmail.com

SCENES from our JANUARY MEETING



2019 SCMGA officers, L-R: Teresa Boody, Secretary; Barbara Williams, Treasurer; Kate Vogel, Vice-President; Myra Healy, President & Merle Schukoske, Parliamentarian



Jim Strickland chats with Sylvia Sheffield & intern Rebecca Poskey, who donated her Angel Wing Begonia as a door prize.



Harvest for Health team MG Deb Elliott & Diane Riley rave about the positive effects from helping cancer survivors grow healthy veggies along with program speaker Renee Thompson!



Sylvia Sheffield, Rebecca Poskey and Merle Schukoske

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

My granddaughter, Mary Molly Strickland, was looking for some help with Community Service projects, so I got her to help me pot two dozen variegated ivy containers for the Aldridge Gardens Plant Sale later this spring. We are going to try and pot some Creeping Jenny next... it is taking over all my containers!
~Jim Strickland





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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

FRUITS & NUTS—Planting season continues for dormant trees. Fertilize fruit trees. Apply half of the fertilizer recommended for grapes now; apply the other half soon after fruit sets. Continue dormant pruning and grafting. Start strawberry plantings.

SHRUBS—Planting season continues. Visit camellia shows to learn of hardy varieties in your area. Graft camellias in Central and South Alabama. Spray all shrubs with a fungicide before new growth starts. Good time to prune all shrubs before new growth starts. Don't prune early blooming species because flower buds will be removed.

ROSES—Prune hybrid tea roses in South Alabama; delay pruning for a few weeks in North Alabama. Continue planting.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Replant early plantings of hardy annuals. Prepare beds for summer annuals.

BULBS—Plant cannas, amaryllis, gladiolus, and zephyranthes in South Alabama; delay planting for a few weeks in North Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS—Houseplants are beginning to show signs of activity. Fertilize with liquid or soluble fertilizer according to manufacturer's directions. Remember Valentine's Day – why not send roses or a potted plant?

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant some vegetables listed for January in Central Alabama plus collards, salsify, and Swiss chard. Add tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts to cold frames.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts.

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

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 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'l

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

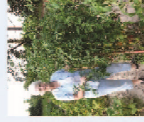
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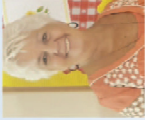


Jason Powell and his wife Shelley own Petals From the Past, a nursery in Jemison, Alabama. Jason earned degrees in horticulture and landscape design from Auburn University and Texas A&M University. The nursery specializes in antique roses, heirloom shrubs, cottage perennials and herbs as well as classical 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: "Manning 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"

Leita 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. Leita is known for wit and gardening wisdom; her talks are filled with personal anecdotes, storytelling and science. Audiences leave entertained, inspired and informed.