

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

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## The President Ponders...

Greetings SCMG,

May is a very busy time of year for all of us gardeners. So many plant sales, gardening classes, conferences and of course planting our own gardens. In fact, so much is going on, it is hard to keep up! We had a wonderful meeting last month with Captain Compost as our speaker. He is such an entertaining speaker, and we always learn new things about composting. Also, I hope everyone got some new plants from our plant swap to add to your gardens.

Finally, our AMGA State conference is coming up this month on May 8-10. This has been in the works for two years. I hope you all are planning to go! Remember there is no regular meeting this month. As co-hosts of the conference we are busy helping prepare for and run the conference. We have a lot of our members working as volunteers. They are doing a great job representing SCMGA. I'm so proud of all of them!

Stay busy and get those gardens planted!

See you at the conference!

*Nyra*



There will be **NO MAY MEETING.**  
Enjoy State Conference May 8-10



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Our June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting** is the annual member garden tour at Deb Elliott's in Helena [debsgarden.squarespace.com](http://debsgarden.squarespace.com). Bring a lawn chair and a sack lunch if you plan to eat. Deb will provide cookies and some drinks but needs an ice chest with water like regular meetings. Carpool if possible. Pull all the way to parking area behind house. Do not randomly park. Someone will direct parking to accommodate the greatest number. Address is 1025 Bridle Lane at the very dead end of Bridle Lane, just off Hwy 95 in Helena. Contact [delliott@charter.net](mailto:delliott@charter.net) or 612-4073

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**TREASURER'S REPORT as of April 20, 2019**  
**Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer**

Check/Deposit	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$1,782.93
Deposits (1)	86.00
Checks (2)	
B. Williams	(16.42)
D. McKinnon	(39.65)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u>\$1,812.86</u>

**Noteworthy Items:**

SCMGA 2019 paid  
Membership is now 56.

**Shelby County Master Gardeners Association**  
**Minutes—April 12, 2019**

- President Myra Healy opened the meeting and welcomed all members in attendance and guest, Gretchen Boling, a Master Gardener from Nebraska who has recently moved to Calera. Myra then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Myra called the meeting into business session and called attention to the March 8, 2019, minutes and the March Treasurer's Report as printed in the April *Gardeners' Gab*. There being no comments, corrections, or additions to either, both were approved as printed and will be filed.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Projects:** Dennis Stanek informed there are four beds in the community garden at University Baptist Church in Montevallo; volunteers are needed to plant and maintain through the summer. Contact Dennis. Shelby Emergency Assistance will oversee.
- **Old Business:**
  1. Volunteers needed to stuff bags for the Conference; Friday, April 26, 9:00-3:00
  2. 10 state conference volunteers with various jobs: Deb Elliott, Beth Glasgow, Rebecca Poskey, Myra Healy, Beth Heerten, Cindy Sapp, Merle Schukoske, Dennis Stanek, Kate Vogel, Barbara Williams
  3. Trisha needs all door prizes and silent auction items as soon as possible so she can prepare the bid sheets, etc.
  4. Conference dates: May 8—10
- **New Business and Announcements:**
  1. We have been asked to have a MG booth at Stone Hollow Day; Myra Healy, Kate Vogel, and Rebecca Poskey volunteered for this project
  2. We have enough volunteers for the 4H judging on April 16
  3. 4H may host a class similar to Junior MG; a list was passed around for people interested in volunteering to assist to teach a class once a month
  4. Tommie Harrison announced a local teacher (Thompson H.S.) has received a grant to reproduce a scale model of the old Thompson House and Plantation and there may be a need for help with landscaping
  5. Dianne McKinnon announced the annual "Gone Fishing Not Just Wishing" this year falls on the same three days as the state conference; however there is still a need for volunteers for this event; 8:30-12:00; wide variety of jobs for volunteers; lunch provided
  6. Thanks to Beth Glasgow for stepping up to be our webmaster
  7. Still need breast cancer survivors to sign up for Harvest for Health
  8. Kate Vogel needs help on Thursday mornings with 4 year old gardeners
  9. We mourn the passing of George Hare. There was no formal service, but a celebration of life was held among family and friends. There is a request for volunteers to help Pat with weeding, dividing plants, and other gardening chores.
  10. We also mourn the departure, by way of relocation, of Rita Forrest who has moved to Florida to be near family.
  11. There will be no meeting in May due to the state conference. The June meeting will be a tour of Deb Elliot's garden.

Myra introduced our speaker, William E. Cureton, II otherwise known as Captain Compost. Following the program, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Boody, Secretary



## MORNING GLORY MUFFINS from the kitchen of Myra Healy, Master Gardener

### Ingredients:

1/2 cup oil  
 1/3 cup raisins  
 3/4 cup walnut pieces  
 1/2 cup unsweetened shredded coconut  
 1-3/4 cups flour (can use 1 cup whole wheat flour plus 3/4 all-purpose flour)  
 1-1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon  
 1 tsp. baking powder  
 1 tsp. baking soda  
 1/2 tsp. kosher salt  
 1/4 tsp. ground ginger  
 3/4 cup light brown sugar  
 2 large eggs  
 1 8 oz. can crushed pineapple with juice (1 cup)  
 2 medium carrots, peeled and shredded (1 cup)  
 1/2 cup peeled, shredded green/tart apple  
 1 tsp. vanilla extract



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Brush the wells of a regular muffin pan with oil.

Place raisins in a small bowl and pour hot water over them to cover. Allow them to soak.

Arrange walnuts and coconut on a baking sheet and lightly toast them for about 4 minutes. Cool.

Whisk together flour, cinnamon, baking powder, soda, salt and ginger in a medium bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together 1/2 cup of oil, brown sugar and eggs until creamy and well combined. Stir in pineapple and its juice. Drain the raisins, discarding the liquid. Add to mixture, then stir in carrot, apple, vanilla and the toasted coconut and walnuts. Add the flour mixture, stirring gently to blend.

Divide batter evenly among the wells of the muffin pan. Bake for 20 minutes at 350°F. Cool for 5 minutes. These muffins freeze well.



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](mailto:torumo74@gmail.com)  
Phone: 205-663-7146



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

16—James Busbin

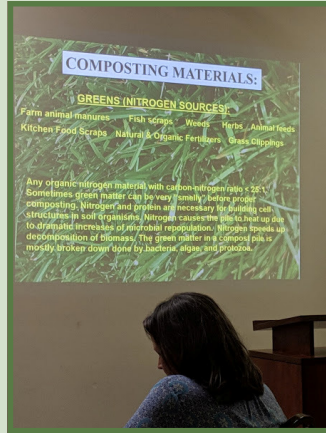
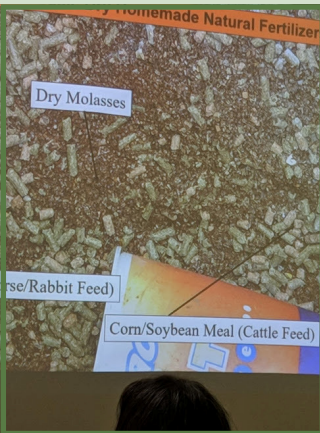
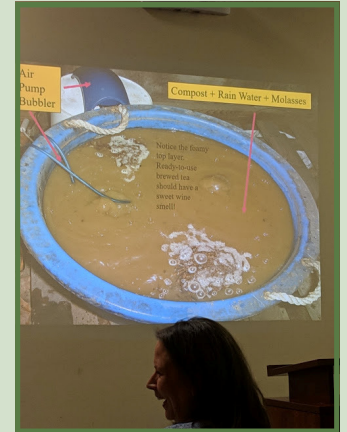
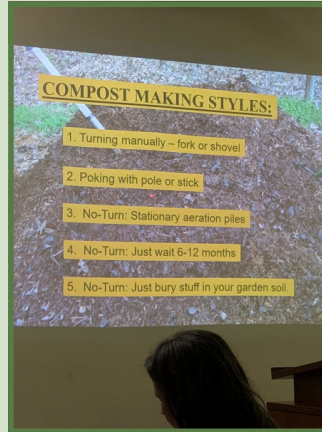
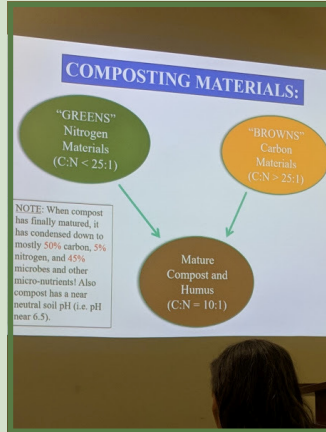
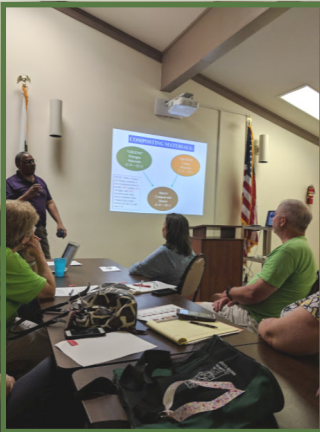
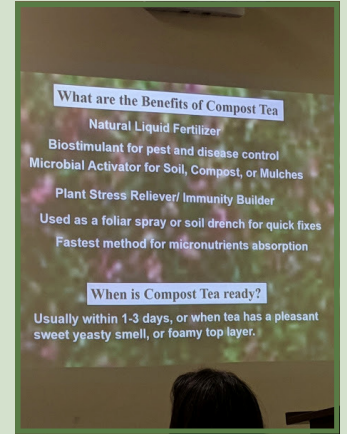
17—Rita Forrest





# SCENES FROM OUR APRIL MEETING—Featuring William E. Cureton, II, aka Captain Compost, and our Spring Plant Swap

## CAPTAIN COMPOST



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Many thanks to all of our volunteers who showed up to stuff the AMGA Conference registration bags. Over 300 bags were completed in about an hour. **Great job everyone!**



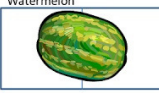




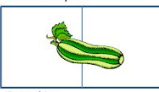









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## IT IS PLANTED...

Thanks to Dennis, our Community vegetable garden has been planted! Now we need volunteers to help with watering, maintenance and future harvesting. These are raised beds and do not require a lot of labor. If you are willing to volunteer your help with our project,

**contact Dennis Stanek**, our Projects Chairman at **205-789-0341** or email **dennis.stanek@att.net**.

XL 1 plant per 2 square feet	L 1 plant	M 4 plants	S 9 plants	XS 16 plants
Watermelon 	Tomato 	Lettuce 	Bush bean 	Radish 
Zucchini squash 	Eggplant 	Basil 	Beet 	Carrot 
Pumpkin 	Broccoli 	Marigold 	Spinach 	Onions 

### Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMGA during April

#### Birthdays:

Judy Cook  
Edith Johnson  
Diane McKinnon  
Sybil O'Brien

#### Thank You:

Captain Compost—  
William & Peggy Cureton

#### Thinking of You/Get Well:

Pat Hare  
Myra Healy

**Belated Birthday:** Sandra Harris

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



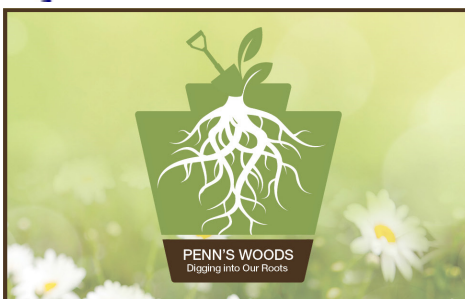
### THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA!

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**  
**SHELBY CO. MASTER GARDENERS**

<https://aldrigegardens.com/education/events/>  
[https://bbgardens.org/#](https://bbgardens.org/#events.hooverlibrary.org/events?v=grid)  
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<https://georgiamastergardeners.org/2019register/>



**INTERNATIONAL  
MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE**  
June 17–21, 2019  
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

**Early registration closes April 14.** For all the details, go to:

<http://www.cvent.com/events/2019-international-master-gardener-conference/event-summary-fe0b3d2168e346a5a98792b2ece1fc18.aspx>

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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR MAY

**FRUITS AND NUTS**—Continue spray program. Keep grass from around trees & strawberries. Peaches & apples can still be budded.

**SHRUBS**—Newly planted shrubs need extra care now and in coming weeks. Don't spray with oil emulsions when temperature is above 85°F.

**LAWNS**—Now is the best time to start lawns from seed. Water new lawns as needed to prevent drying. Keep established lawns actively growing by watering, fertilizing, and mowing. Spray weeds in lawns with proper herbicide.

**ROSES**—Spray or dust for insects and diseases. Fertilize monthly with complete fertilizer or Rose special. Container-grown plants in flower may be planted. Prune climbing roses after the first big flush of flowering.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Late plantings of bedding plants still have time to produce. Watch for insects on daylilies.

**BULBS**—Summer bulbs started in containers may still be planted. Do not remove foliage from spring flowering bulbs. Do not let seed heads form on tulips and other spring flowering bulbs.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Mulch new shrub plantings if not already done. Avoid drying out new shrub, tree, and lawn plantings.

**VEGETABLE SEED**—Plant heat-loving and tender vegetables. Start cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery in cold-frame for fall garden.

**VEGETABLES**—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potatoes.

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