

# 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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Alabama MG Program: [www.aces.edu/mg](http://www.aces.edu/mg)

AMG Online Store: <http://www.victorydesigns.com/amg/>

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## The President Ponders...

Greetings SCMG,

Happy gardening everyone! I hope you all have gotten everything planted during the last couple of months because summer heat is here to stay. It is already in the nineties! As usual, our spring was short lived. I hope not having our monthly meeting allowed everyone extra time to get things done. Did you know that when we originally started having our Shelby County Master Gardener meetings, we always took the summer off? We no longer do that, but I think you all agree that it is a very busy time for us all and there is never enough time to get everything done in our gardens. We had a very successful AMGA State Conference this year. I am so proud of all our crew from Shelby County that worked so hard and did so well. I have heard that this was one of the best conferences ever! Unfortunately, I didn't get to attend. After two years of planning meetings and work, organizing publicity and things for the conference, I ended up having knee surgery the day before the conference started. It was disappointing, but everyone stepped up and carried on like the rock stars they are. To all our Shelby conference volunteers - Dennis Stanek, Beth Heerten, Beth Glasgow, Barbara Williams, Kate Vogel, Deb Elliott, Cindy Sapp, Merle Schukoske and Rebecca Poskey, thank you. Y'all are the best! I guess most of you know about some of the difficult things that have happened to me since our last meeting. My Mother unexpectedly passed away, and the next day I fell down the stairs, badly injured my knee and had to have surgery. I've had a tough time lately, but I have been so encouraged by the many cards, emails, visits, food and especially the prayers you have shared with me. Thank you all so much for your kindness and concern. I'm truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful group of people! I'm trying hard to stay optimistic about not being able to garden just yet. Fortunately, I have lots of houseplants to make me feel better, and there will be Farmers' Markets soon. Right now, I just must take time to "stop and smell the roses".

Hope to see you all soon! *Myra*



**The June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting** is our annual member garden tour. We'll meet at Deb Elliott's in Helena [debsgarden.squarespace.com](http://debsgarden.squarespace.com) at 10am. 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



**SAVE THE DATE**—Next Month's Meeting  
Friday, July 12 @ 10am Shelby County Extension Office  
Bring a Covered Dish to Share  
Speaker: To Be Announced



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

**Check/Deposit**

**Balance**

**Beginning Balance**

\$1,812.86

Checks (1)

S. Hixon

(43.78)

**Ending Balance**

\$1,769.08

**Noteworthy Items:**

SCMGA 2019 paid  
Membership is now 56.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association  
Minutes—May 2019

No minutes. May meeting was cancelled due to conflict with AMGA State conference.

*Thank You*

*THANK YOU, Shelby County Master Gardeners for the 2019 AMGA Conference Silent Auction items. Kate Vogel's chair planter was a popular Silent Auction item and the crate of garden items Myra Healy put together also did very well. We also want to thank all the Shelby County Master Gardeners who provided door prizes which added a very fun element to our conference.*

*2019 AMGA Silent Auction/Door Prize Chairs,  
Trisha Williams and Audrey Giles*



**Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMGA during May**

**Birthdays:**

**Thank You:**

**Thinking of You/Get Well:**

James Busbin  
Rita Forrest

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



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## LITTLE MEATLOAVES IN SAUCE

from the kitchen of Merle Schukoske, Master Gardener

### Meatloaves:

1-½ lbs. ground chuck  
¾ cup oatmeal  
1 cup evaporated milk  
3 Tbls. chopped onion  
1-½ tsp. salt  
1-½ tsp. black pepper

### Sauce:

3 Tbls. Worcestershire sauce  
1 Tbls. sugar  
1 cup ketchup

### Directions:

Combine first ingredients and roll into large balls. Bake at 450°F until brown but not done. Drain any fat. Combine sauce ingredients and pour over meatballs. Bake at 350°F



approximately 30 minutes until done.

Note: I like to make a double recipe and freeze one recipe after the initial baking. It's so convenient to take out the meatballs later, mix up the sauce and finish baking.



Sending  
Sunshine  
and Smiles!

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



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

17—Deb Kattus

27—Karen Jensen





# Scenes Before and During the 2019 AMGA State Conference



## Conference Volunteers

Top Row (L-R)  
4-Myra Healy  
5-Tommie Harrison

Middle Row (L-R)  
1-Deb Elliott  
7-Beth Glasgow  
8-Trisha Williams  
9-Barbara Williams  
10-Kate Vogel  
11-Beth Heerton  
14-Cindy Sapp

Bottom Row (L-R)  
6-Rebecca Poskey  
9-Elizabeth York

*The best things are hard, but rewarding.*  
~Proverbs 25



## SCMGA Conference Volunteers

Chair: Myra Healy  
Co-Chair: Kate Vogel



Elizabeth York



Trisha Williams



Dennis Stanek



Merle Schukoske

Cindy Sapp



Deb Elliott

Beth Glasgow



Kate Vogel introduces speaker

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**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)  
[events.hooverlibrary.org/events?v=grid](https://petalsfromthepast.com/events.html)  
<https://petalsfromthepast.com/events.html>  
<https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/events>

<https://georgiamastergardeners.org/2019register/>



**THE 2019 GARDEN CONFERENCE  
PLANTS & PLANES: OUR HERITAGE, OUR FUTURE  
PRESENTED BY  
GEORGIA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER 19, 2019**

**MUSEUM OF AVIATION CENTURY OF FLIGHT BUILDING  
WARNER ROBINS, GA**



**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>

**GARDEN OF GOLD**

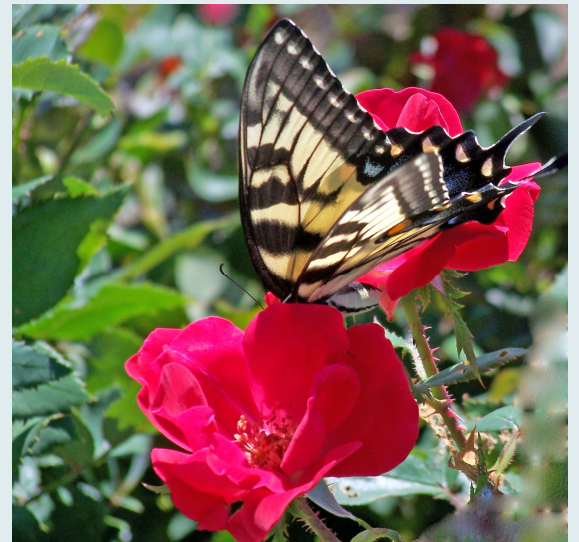
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I walk through the garden,  
On this warm summer's day,  
To smell the flowers,  
That grandma raised.

In the middle,  
Of this garden of gold,  
Stood this one,  
Single red stem rose,  
The rose means so many  
things,  
From the ones you receive on  
your wedding day,

To the one you get on  
Valentine's Day,  
But this single rose standing  
here today,  
Represents the love  
grandma gave.

From the love she gave,  
When she planted it  
that day,  
To the love she gave us,  
Each and every day,  
So when you pass this  
garden of gold,  
Remember the love that  
this rose holds.



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AMGA FALL SEMINAR / BLOUNT COUNTY FALL CONFERENCE

# GIFTS FROM THE GARDEN

OCTOBER 3RD, 2019

4 CEU's WILL BE EARNED



## Sessions

**9:00 AM // GIFTS OF COMPOST**

*hosted by Dani Carroll*

**10:15 AM // THE GARDEN GIFTS OF TURMERIC**

*hosted by Tia Gonzalas*

**11:30 AM // LUNCH**

**12:30 PM // THE GIFT OF COLOR**

*hosted by Harvy Cotten*

**1:30 PM // THE PATH TO A GARDEN**

*hosted by Linda Askey*

## General Information

Cost is \$30 and includes snacks, lunch, and all programming

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

Sessions are from 9 AM - 2:30 PM

## Location

Locust Fork Baptist Church  
30580 State Highway 79  
Locust Fork, AL 30597

## Contact Information

**Sherilyn Osborne**

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## REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER:

MAKE YOUR \$30 CHECKS PAYABLE TO BCMGA AND MAIL TO  
SHERILYN OSBORNE AT P.O. BOX 13, LOCUST FORK, AL, 35097





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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JUNE

**FRUITS AND NUTS**—Layer grapes and continue spray programs. If they are too thick, thin apples and peaches.

**SHRUBS**—Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs. Water them as needed. Fertilize now. Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips. June is a good time to take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

**LAWNS**—Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering. Lawns should be mowed weekly. Planting may continue if soil is moist. Continue weed spraying if necessary.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if they are not already in. For compact mums, keep tips pinched out. Watch for insects and diseases.

**BULBS**—Remove foliage from spring bulbs if it is yellow and becoming dry. Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils. Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water. If desired, air layer houseplants.

**VEGETABLE SEED**—Plant beans, field peas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

**VEGETABLE PLANTS**—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potato vine cuttings.

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