

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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Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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

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The President Ponders...

Greetings SCMG's,

Where did all our rain go? Even when the weatherman forecasts rain these days, it seems like it only lasts a few minutes and then moves on through. Frustrating, because at least the rain tends to cool things off for a bit when it lasts, but now it just causes steam! According to PlantMaps.com, Shelby County is experiencing moderate drought conditions right now. Let's pray that the rain will continue to come throughout the hot summer, even if it is for just a few minutes at a time!

I hope all of you enjoyed the Garden Tour of Deb Elliot's garden. If you couldn't make it, be sure to enjoy the beautiful pictures that members have shared with us of her impressive garden and informative guided tour. I am so impressed by the talented landscapers and gardeners that we have in our association! It is a joy to see all the different ideas and designs people put in their gardens. We all have our own style and that is what makes it fun. Our Master Gardeners are gifted in so many other ways in addition to gardening. Did you know that we have a published author in our association? Rhonda Cowan shared her book *Those Raisins of Wrath, Alabama* with me. It is a work of fiction, a mystery, that is full of plant references and descriptions of our Southern plants and towns. It was a delightful read and I found myself laughing out loud over some of her characters and their dialogue. Very Impressive! I plan to donate my copy to our SCMG Library so the rest of you can enjoy reading it too. We also have many artists in our group. All of you are familiar with Tommie Harrison's beautiful cards that she, as our Sunshine Chairman, sends out. They are lovely! Diane McKinnon teaches cardmaking and makes beautiful ones as well. Pat Hare is also a published author and makes beautiful cards and art too! Beth Glasgow is a talented seamstress, and I know many others are seamstresses and quilters as well. So many of you are crafty and can make neat garden items and decorations like Kate's garden chairs. Teachers, leaders, photographers, decorators and good cooks that all

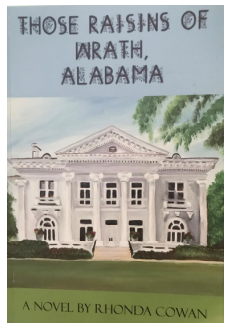


make wonderful contributions to our association. We are so blessed to have so much talent in Shelby County Master Gardeners!

It's time for our new intern class! The class will begin on Wednesday, August 14th. Be prepared to welcome our new class with a covered dish dinner on that day. Traditionally, we have the welcome lunch in lieu of our August meeting. It is always a lot of fun! Be sure to encourage your friends and any prospective gardeners to sign up and join our class to become a Master Gardener.

Stay Cool everyone!

Myra





This Month's Meeting—July 12th @ 10am
Shelby County Extension Office

Our secretary, Teresa Boody, will present a program entitled "Interesting, Uncommon, and Overlooked Hydrangeas".

Please bring a covered dish for lunch.

Next Month's "Meeting"

WEDNESDAY, Friday, August 14th, Noon until 1:00 pm

Shelby County Extension Office Auditorium

Please bring a Covered Dish to

Welcome Our New Class of Master Gardener Interns

(There will be NO regularly scheduled meeting for August)



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

Check/Deposit	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$1,769.08
Checks (none)	
Deposits (none)	
Ending Balance	\$1,769.08

Noteworthy Items:

SCMGA 2019 paid Membership is now 57.

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
Minutes—June 2019**

No minutes. June meeting was annual member garden tour at Deb Elliott's.

Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMGA during June:

Birthdays:

Karen Jensen
Deborah Kattus

Thank You:

Deb Elliott

Thinking of You/Get Well:

Myra Healy
Elizabeth York

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

Our community garden in Montevallo is going strong.

This project has an ongoing need for volunteers.



Shelby Co. Master Gardener, Sandy Hixon, standing on top of a trailer load of goat pellets (poop) that will be going into her garden. That's dedication! Sandy usually plants a vegetable garden every year, but this year she's just prepping the soil. This trailer load of goat poop, along with all the fall leaves and old pine straw from her flower beds is going into the vegetable garden she'll be planting next spring. This is some good stuff because the lady she got it from has chickens that kept turning it over by scratching through it.

Sandy thought we would enjoy this funny picture because most folks wouldn't stand on a pile of poop! Gardeners, however, think of it as pure gold!



BLUEBERRY ZUCCHINI BREAD (or muffins)

from the kitchen of Kate Vogel, Master Gardener

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 tsps. Vanilla extract
- 2 cups granulated white sugar
- 3 cups shredded zucchini
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. baking soda
- 1 Tbls. ground cinnamon
- 1 pint fresh blueberries



cinnamon. Gently fold in the blueberries. Transfer to the prepared pans.

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350° F. Lightly grease 2 regular loaf pans or 4 mini-loaf pans.

1. In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, oil, vanilla, and sugar. Fold in the zucchini. Beat in the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, and

2. Bake 50 minutes (less for mini-loaves or muffins) in the preheated oven, or until a knife inserted in the center of a loaf comes out clean.

3. Cool 20 minutes in pans, then turn out onto wire racks to cool completely.



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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 9—Tommie Harrison
- 12—Rhonda Cowen
- 12—Beth Glasgow
- 16—Gretchen Boling
- 20—Cindy Sapp
- 21—Barbara Williams
- 30—Betty Daigle
- 30—Michele Stinson



Scenes from Our Annual Member Garden Tour at Deb Elliott's



Thank you, Deb, for sharing your garden.



Additional Scenes from Our Annual Member Garden Tour



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and even more...



Photos taken by Sandy Hixon, Jim Strickland & Heidee Vansant

<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**

Farmers



Market

Authority



SFMNP – Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Alabaster Farmers Market

1953 Municipal Way
(Behind Senior Community Center)
Alabaster, AL 35007
Saturdays, 8Am-12Pm, June 9-August 4
Contact:
Facebook: [offices.aces.com/shelby](https://www.facebook.com/offices.aces.com/shelby)

Helena Market Days

4151 Helena Road
Helena, AL 35080
Saturdays, 8Am-12Pm, June - August
Contact: Scot Newman 313-377-9078
Email: helenamarketday@gmail.com
Website: www.helenamarketdays.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/the.helena.market.days

Marketplace at Lee Branch

611 Doug Baker Blvd
Birmingham, AL 35242
Saturdays, May 4-September 28, 7:30Am-12 Noon
Contact: Renee Betz 770-862-7401 or 205-208-9259
Email: renee@themarketplaceatleebranch.com;
reneeбетz@gmail.com
Website: www.marketplaceatleebranch.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/themarketplaceatleebranch

Montevallo Farmers Market

660 Main St (Behind First Baptist Church)
Montevallo, AL 35115
Mondays, 3Pm-6Pm, June 4-August 20
Contact: Steve Gilbert 205-665-1519 or 205-960-8587
Email: montevallochamber@gmail.com
Website: montevallofarmersmarket.blogspot.com/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/montevallofarmersmarket

Mount Laurel Farmers Market

38 Manning Place
Birmingham, AL 35242
Saturdays, 8Am-12Pm, June- October
Contact: Julianna Vance 205-408-8983
Email: jvance@ebSCO.com
Website: mtlaurel.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/mtlaurelfarmersmarket

Valleydale Farmers Market

4601 Valleydale Road
Birmingham, AL 35242
Saturdays, 8Am-12Pm, May-September
Contact: Felder Davis 205-383-6629
Email: valleydalefarmersmarket@gmail.com
Website: www.valleydalefarmersmarket.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/valleydalefarmersmarket

For more information, go to: <http://www.fma.alabama.gov/VoucherPrograms.aspx>

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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

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REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

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ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER:

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SHERILYN OSBORNE AT P.O. BOX 13, LOCUST FORK, AL, 35097



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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JULY

FRUITS & NUTS—Protect figs and other ripening fruit from birds.

SHRUBS—Continue to root shrub cuttings until late in the month and mulch to keep soil moist. Remove faded blooms promptly from crape myrtle and other summer-blooming plants.

LAWNS—Watch for diseases. Mow regularly. Water as needed.

ROSES—Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Apply fertilizer. Wash off foliage to prevent burning if any fertilizer falls on plants.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Water as needed to keep plants active.

BULBS—Iris and spider lilies may be planted late this month.

MISCELLANEOUS—Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task this month. This demands close observation for insects and diseases. Water regularly.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant beans, field peas, rutabagas, squash, New Zealand spinach, and Irish potatoes. Plant cabbage, collards, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery for the fall crop.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant tomatoes in Central and North Alabama.

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