

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 SCMG's,

Well it is late in the summer. It's hot, humid and our plants are under stress, so here come the pests! Most Master Gardeners are nature lovers at heart and so we enjoy and often tolerate a lot of the various pests and critters that we share our gardens with. Who cares if the birds eat most of your strawberries and blueberries before you have a chance to pick them? Right? We just learn to plant extras to share with them because birds are beautiful and eat bugs and who doesn't love to hear the birds singing? And, what about those pesky squirrels that take a big bite out of your tomatoes and then don't even bother finishing the whole thing? That's a bit more irritating, but at least they don't eat your whole crop and squirrels are cute and do funny things to amuse us. What about the beautiful butterflies and moths that visit our plants? We love them so much that we even plant special plants to attract them. But there is a dark side to these butterflies and moths, and they are called caterpillars! Most are very tolerable and just quietly nibble on a few leaves on your plants. Some invite their family and friends to come and join them to feast on your plants and do much more damage. Then, some are just voracious eaters and often consume all the leaves on your plants leaving you with nothing but sticks. If you grow tomatoes and vegetables, you are quite familiar with the worst of the worst caterpillar to find on your plant... the tomato hornworm! It is an awesome caterpillar. It's a beautiful shade of green that camouflages it so well that even though you know it (and its friends and family) are there, you have a really hard time finding it. It is both beautiful and scary looking with stripes and patterns and that pointed horn looking appendage on its back. That's a fake stinger, by the way. It had me fooled for years! The neatest thing about the Hornworm is that it turns into the awesome Hummingbird or Sphinx Moth. Wow! Those are fascinating! The reason you rarely see the Hummingbird Moths is because we just can't tolerate the Hornworm! He is a destroyer of all your leaves in just a day! Even if you let him eat one plant, he moves on to all your other plants and eats them the second day. So, even though you try to be nice, on the second day he's a goner. Into a bucket of soapy water, he goes! I would love to see more Hummingbird Moths, but it will not be happening this year and it is not looking good for next year either!

Enough ranting. I want to remind everyone that our new Intern Class will be beginning on Wednesday, August 14th. We welcome our certified members to come and help with the classes and/or audit classes to refresh your knowledge. Of course, on the 14th, everyone needs to bring a covered dish for our Interns' welcome lunch. Have your dish there by 11:00 am. I look forward to seeing you all then.

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer and managing to stay cool and pest free!

Nyra

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This Month's "Meeting"
WEDNESDAY, August 14th, Noon until 1:00 pm
Shelby County Extension Office Auditorium
Please bring a Covered Dish (arrive by 11am) to
Welcome Our New Class of Master Gardener Interns
(There will be NO regularly scheduled meeting for August)

Next Month's Meeting

The September meeting will be our annual evening meeting/dinner. It will be held at the Columbiana Senior Center. Additional details to be announced at a later date.



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

Check/Deposit	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$1,769.08
Checks (Edwards)	-4.00
Deposits (Edwards)	26.00
Ending Balance	\$1,791.08

Noteworthy Items:

SCMGA 2019 paid
Membership is now 57.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Minutes—July 12, 2019

Opening: President Myra Healy opened the meeting and welcomed all members in attendance and guests Rebecca Rowley, a Master Gardener transferring into Shelby County and Martha Grantham, guest of Barbara Williams who will be in the Master Gardener class that begins in August. Myra then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Myra called the meeting into business session and noted there were no minutes taken at the June meeting since it was a garden tour. The Treasurer's Report, printed in the July GAB, was approved on a voice vote and will be filed for audit. Myra also thanked Deb Elliot for graciously welcoming us to her lovely and charming garden for our annual June garden tour.

Committee Reports:

- Bylaws: no report
- Communications: Julie Hobaugh volunteered to assume this role -members should not respond directly to her but rather to Myra who will in turn communicate with Julie
- History/Archives: Myra recognized Sandy Hixon as our new Historian -taking the place of Sandra Harris -she will be taking care of the scrapbook with assistance from Lisa Wade -all pictures should be sent to her (as well as to the Gardeners' Gab)
- Projects: the ongoing project is the community garden in Montevallo -volunteer recruitment is ongoing; see Dennis Stanek if interested -currently harvesting tomatoes, cucumbers, and corn
- Sunshine: thanks to Tommie Harrison for her continued outstanding work in honoring members on special occasions with her beautiful cards

Old Business:

1. State conference is behind us and all agree it was a great success.
2. The next MG class will begin Wednesday, August 14 -our August meeting will be on this date with the new class members; covered dish lunch -Myra and Dennis will work together on the logistics of the class -schedule is available and weekly volunteers are welcome.

New Business and Announcements:

1. We have been asked to help at the annual Dahlia Day at Stone Hollow Farm in Harpersville.
2. Officer slate for 2020 is almost complete; however, we need a vice president (in charge of program).
3. The September meeting will be our annual evening meeting/dinner.
4. October 3rd Fall Seminar at Locust Fork in Blount County; registration form in the Gardeners' Gab.
5. Tommie Harrison presented a proposal for a MG project at Thompson Intermediate School -will help a teacher who received a grant from the Bicentennial Commission to build a small scale replica of the old Thompson Home in Alabaster -our part will be to help with landscaping; need plants that will tolerate neglect! -Barbara Williams moved that the SCMGA donate \$100.00 for this project and Merle Schukoske offered the second; approved on a voice vote.

Speaker/Program: Myra introduced Teresa Boody, SCMGA member, who presented a program on "Interesting, Uncommon, and Overlooked Hydrangeas". Following the program, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Boody, Secretary

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/#](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>

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

Birthdays:

Ronda Cowan, Betty Daigle,
Beth Glasgow, Cindy Sapp,
Michele Stinson,
Barbara Williams

Thank You:

Deb Elliott

Thinking of You/Get Well:

Donna Shubert
Trisha Williams

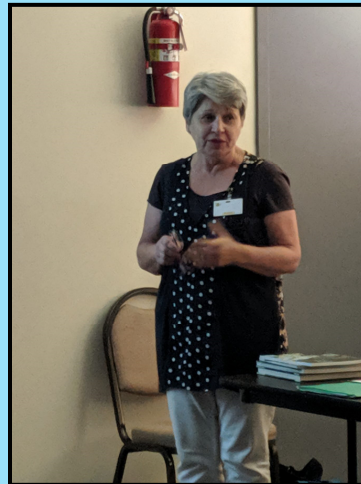
Help Spread
The Sunshine!



SCENES from the JULY MEETING



SCMGA Secretary, Teresa Boody, was our July speaker. Her program was "Interesting, Uncommon, and Overlooked Hydrangeas".



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BLUEBERRY COOKIE BARS

from the kitchen of Trisha Williams, Master Gardener

Ingredients:

½ c. canola oil
 ¼ c. butter, softened
 2 cups sugar
 4 eggs
 2 t. vanilla
 3 c. all-purpose flour
 ¼ t. baking soda
 3 c. blueberries, fresh or frozen (don't thaw)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F and spray large 10½ x 15" jelly roll pan or rimmed cookie sheet with nonstick spray.

In large bowl, cream together canola oil, butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla and beat well. Add flour and baking soda and stir just until the batter comes together.



Spread 2/3 of the batter in the bottom of the pan. Sprinkle with berries, then drop the remaining dough by the spoonful—it will spread as it bakes, and you don't need to cover it all.

Bake for 30-40 minutes, until golden and springy to the touch.



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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

11—Deb Elliott
 13—Mary Long
 14—Joy Dearing



<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)

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 AUGUST

FRUITS & NUTS—Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting & then fertilize & cultivate for replacement canes. Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

SHRUBS—Layer branches of hydrangea.

LAWNS—Watch for diseases. Mow regularly, water as needed.

ROSES—Keep roses healthy & actively growing. Hybrid teas & floribundas may need slight pruning to prevent scraggly appearance.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Water as needed. Plant perennials & biennials.

BULBS—Divide old iris plantings & add new.

MISCELLANEOUS—Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, & lawns healthy is the major task during this month. This means close observation for insects & diseases. Water.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant turnips, rutabagas, beans, & peas in South Alabama.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, & celery.

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