

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
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AMG Online Store: <http://www.victorydesigns.com/amg/>

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The President Ponders...

Greetings SCMG!

Boy are we ever having a drought here in Shelby County. I thought it was dry last month, but now it is much worse. The trees are losing their leaves because they are so parched. The grass is brown and forget the garden plants. They are shriveling up! This is a tough time for us gardeners. Heat and drought are bad combinations. Fall cannot come soon enough for me!

We had a very successful Intern Lunch at our last meeting. Thank you to all our members who showed up to feed, welcome and encourage our new intern class. As usual, I heard lots of compliments and appreciation expressed for the food we provided. Delicious as always! It is such a fun way to get together and get our new class off to a great start. We have a big class this year - 22 interns. They all are very interested and excited about gardening and plants. I hope they all will decide to join our association so that we can mentor them, and they can continue their education after they complete the course. We always have much to learn from each other.

I have a very important schedule change for September. **We will be having our regular meeting at 10:00 am on September 13th at the Extension Center.** Previously, we had announced that we would have our Harvest Dinner night meeting on that date. We have now decided to postpone the Harvest Dinner until October 11th at 6:00 pm. This change was necessary because we need extra time to get things organized, as things weren't coming together as quickly as we'd hoped. It has been a busy and crazy summer this year. With the State Conference, Garden Tour and then Intern Welcome Lunch, we have managed to have a regular meeting only once the whole summer. Postponing the Harvest Dinner until October will allow us another regular meeting to get the word out and get things lined up for a successful night. We will be having a delicious dinner, entertaining speaker, door prizes and new this year, a silent auction. Please mark this on your calendars. We want you all to be there!

See you all soon!

Myra

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This Month's Meeting
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th at 10:00a.m.
 Shelby County Extension Office Auditorium



Taylor Hatchett of Boozer Farms in Thorsby will speak to us about the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) movement.
<https://boozerfarms.wordpress.com/>

Please bring a Covered Dish to share.

Next Month's Meeting

We have changed the date and location of our Harvest Reunion Dinner meeting to 6:00 pm on Friday, October 11th at the Shelby County Airport. If you have already made your reservation by sending a check to Barbara Williams, nothing has changed except the date and location.



We are pleased to have renowned storyteller, Dolores Hydock as our guest speaker. You will not want to miss her sharing entertaining gardening stories with us! Look her up at www.storypower.org.

If you have not made your reservation, please mail your check to Barbara ASAP or pay her at the September meeting. Please make plans to attend! **Also available for purchase will be tickets for our Silent Auction. You may purchase them ahead of time, or these may be purchased at the dinner. Ticket prices are as follows:** 1 ticket \$1, 6 tickets \$5, 12 tickets \$10, 25 tickets \$20

PLEASE NOTE: YOU CAN WRITE ONE CHECK FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS AND TICKETS, JUST ENCLOSE A NOTE TO LET US KNOW HOW TO DESIGNATE YOUR FUNDS.

You will bid on Silent Auction items using tickets rather than money. Tickets will be drawn, and winner selected by the name on the ticket. You may use your tickets to bid on one item (to give yourself a higher chance of winning) or spread them out and bid on several items. Also, you may purchase as many tickets as you like. Ticket purchaser must be present to win.

If you would like to donate door prizes and/or Silent Auction items (preferably new) or if you have any questions, contact me at myhealy42@gmail.com.

This is always a fun event so get your money in quickly to reserve your spot! *Myra*

We have a new Facebook page called **Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Active Members**. This is a closed group for our members to help with communication, so if you are on Facebook check it out and ask to join.



THERE ARE NO AUGUST 2019 MINUTES AS THERE WAS NO REGULAR MEETING. INSTEAD, WE WELCOMED OUR NEW MASTER GARDENER INTERNS WITH LUNCH.

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

Check/Deposit	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$1,791.08
Checks	-125.00
Ending Balance	\$1,666.08

NOTEWORTHY ITEMS:

SCMGA 2019 paid Membership is 57.

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://petalsfromthepast.com/events.html>
<https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/events>

Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMG during August:

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Birthdays:
Deb Elliott
Cathy Long
Joy Dearing

Thank You:
None

Thinking of You/Sympathy:
Jennie Lucas
Jean Pleckler

ALL ALABAMA MASTER GARDENERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS, June 2020 offers us a great opportunity to see the beautiful Pacific Coast and parts of the Canadian Rockies! Rocky Mountaineer has created an itinerary for us to see some of the most spectacular sites. You will receive the entire information package by email soon! In the meantime, please watch the sneak peek at:

<https://rockymountaineer.zoom.us/recording/share/GhVB5z7ceX9XpkIjL1hyHFMcm7rBy7iVKcNhhImx3OywIumekTziMw>

Call for
NOMINATIONS
and **VOLUNTEERS**



Nominations are being accepted for our upcoming election in December for the 2020 year. Presently we will be electing a new President, Vice-President and Parliamentarian, as our current Officers' terms will be up.

We have one nomination for President, and we are accepting more, but we need someone to step up and accept a nomination for Vice-President and Parliamentarian. If you are interested in serving as one of these officers or would like to suggest or nominate someone for the job, please let me know. No experience necessary! I just want to remind everyone this is our association and it is what we make it. I know we have lots of good leaders in our association. Let me hear from you! ~Myra

I am inviting each of you to come help plant/landscape our school garden project on September 28th, at 9:00 a.m. Thompson Intermediate School is in Alabaster at 1509 Kent Dairy Rd. This is the road that turns off Hwy. 119 across from the Starbucks near Publix. Turn between Central State Bank and Walgreens, then stay on the far right for 2/10 miles to enter the school grounds. The Thompson Home replica is located between the buildings.

Summary: So far, we only have 7 nice Boxwoods and I just bought 150 daffodils. So, please search your gardens for any small/medium perennials, other bulbs, especially ones native to Alabama. Also, seeds for sowing would be awesome—Black-Eyed Susan's, Purple Coneflowers, Lantana, etc. Our goal is to create a garden that would have been around a home in the early 1900's i.e. a cottage garden. I am still working on donations for soil, mulch, and maybe a few more plants. Our budget of \$125.00 has been spent. I keep receipts.

Please bring your own tools, shovel, hoe, etc. **and** water! Thanks for your support and help.

~Tommie Harrison, SCMG



SCENES from our 2019 MG Interns' First Day



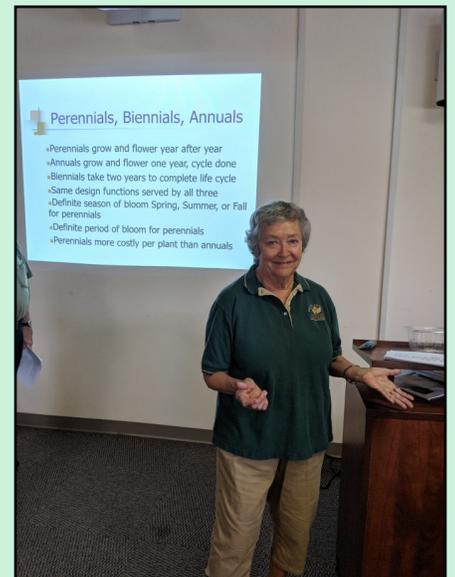
WELCOME 2019 MASTER GARDENER INTERNS!



Shelby Co. Master Gardeners
Kate Vogel and Barbara
Williams welcome interns at
the registration table.



Regional Agent Nelson Wynn
speaks with one of the interns.



SCMG Carol Beard taught
the class on Perennials,
Biennials, & Annuals.



Interns excited to receive pass-a-long (free) plants! Aren't we all?



Mmm!



Mmm!



Good!



Sylvia Sheffield and Karen Jensen were on hand to meet & greet new interns.



Our new interns toured the Chilton County Master Gardeners' Demonstration Garden



The new interns toured the Chilton Regional Research & Extension Center.



Nelson Wynn, Regional Agent; Dr. Edgar Vinson, Alabama Extension Commercial Horticulture Specialist & Dennis Stanek, Shelby Co. MG



MISSISSIPPI MUD

from the kitchen of Lisa Wade, Master Gardener

BATTER:

2 sticks butter
 1/2 cup cocoa
 2 cups sugar
 3 eggs, slightly beaten
 1-1/2 cups flour
 1 tsp. vanilla
 Pinch of salt
 4 cups Miniature marshmallows

ICING:

1 lb. box powdered sugar
 1/3 cup cocoa
 1/2 cup milk
 1/2 stick butter, softened
 *Before you start, let the 1/2 stick butter for the icing sit out so it can soften.

DIRECTIONS:

Melt butter and cocoa together on stovetop. When melted, transfer to a mixing bowl and stir in sugar and eggs. Add flour, vanilla, and salt. Mix well. Spread batter in a greased and floured square pan. Bake in preheated

350° F oven for 35 minutes. When done, remove from oven and immediately sprinkle with marshmallows then drizzle with icing. Try to cover all marshmallows with the icing so no white is showing; that way it looks like mud.

NOTE: This recipe was given to me by a good friend and I've been making it since 1985.



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
 Phone: 205-663-7146



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6—Betty Elder
 8—Rex Anderson
 11—Wayne Gainey
 20—Sandy Hixon
 24—Elizabeth York
 29—Kate Vogel





***Space is still available for all remaining Legacy Workshops and Events
Register Today!***

[Native & Invasive Plants
of Alabama Workshop](#)



Legacy has partnered with the **Birmingham Botanical Gardens** for this workshop.

Calling all educators!

Don't miss your chance to take part in a new workshop, developed in partnership with the **Birmingham Botanical Gardens** and **Legacy, Partners in Environmental Education**.

We will cover Native and Invasive plant species found throughout Alabama. The workshop will take place at the beautiful Birmingham Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, Alabama. We will discuss various Alabama plant species, how they are related to each other, their diverse habitats, and their ecological relationships with other Alabama species in both the built and natural environment. We will also cover the identification, management, and ecological impacts of Alabama's invasive plants.

Registration deadline is October 5, 2019

[CLICK HERE FOR LEGACY WORKSHOPS](#)

Other Workshops & Excursions offered in 2019

The Legacy office has been busy as we prepare for an action packed 2019! Legacy has seven (7) workshops & excursions available for registration now!

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the workshops!

Legacy is overflowing with exciting options for PD (Professional Development) hours in 2019!

We are thrilled to offer workshops in unique locations throughout the state of Alabama including:

- Dauphin Island Sea Lab
- Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- Alabama Museum of Natural History
- McDowell Environmental Center - at Camp McDowell
- Cheaha State Park
- Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center
- Turtle Point Science Center
- MORE TO COME...

<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

Contact Information

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Email: sherilynosborne@bellsouth.net

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 GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS – New catalogs will be arriving soon. Start plans for future selection and plantings. Take soil test for new planting areas. Fertilize established strawberry plantings.

SHRUBS – Study landscape to determine plant needs. Check early varieties of camellias. You may want to replace those damaged in spring by late freezes. After fall growth is completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.

LAWNS – Plant seed of winter grasses where situation prevents planting permanent grasses. Winter seeds will appear soon. Stop fertilization three weeks before frost.

ROSES – Protect fall crops of blossoms from aphids and thrips. Keep plants healthy.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS – Last chance for planting perennials and biennials. Old clumps of perennials may be divided. Plant peonies.

BULBS – Spring-flowering bulbs may be planted late this month in North Alabama. Delay planting in South Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS – Clean up infestations of insects on azaleas, camellias, boxwoods, gardenias, hollies, etc. If oil spray is needed, don't use in freezing weather. Build compost bin or box; leaves will be falling soon. Move houseplants indoors.

VEGETABLE SEED – Plant hardy vegetables and root crops.

VEGETABLE PLANTS – Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, celery, Brussels sprouts, and onion sets.

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