

# GARDENERS' GAB



## **Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.**

**Website:** <https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/>

**E-mail:** [SCMGA.email@gmail.com](mailto:SCMGA.email@gmail.com)

**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...***

Happy Fall Y'all! At least it is officially fall now, but you would never know it by the weather. Still in the nineties and our drought just keeps getting worse. I just read where October is typically the driest month of the year, so we probably won't get any relief soon. Now, there is a danger of wildfires. There have been nine in Shelby County already. Be careful out there everyone!

I'm really looking forward to our Harvest Reunion Dinner this month. Hopefully, you all are making plans to come on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The planning committee has been working hard to organize a fun event. We have a very entertaining speaker and a great meal planned, along with a silent auction with lots of garden items. Let's face it, we all love new gardening stuff! Don't miss this opportunity to get new stuff and to have fun and fellowship with your fellow Master Gardeners!

The new Intern class is progressing well. I'm really pleased that some of our interns have already begun attending our meetings. To date, the class has more than halfway completed their training classes. It is always inspiring to see their excitement and interest in gardening! There are lots of smart and talented gardeners in the class.

Speaking of smart and talented, we are still looking for a Vice President for next year! I know we have a lot of good leaders in our association who will do a wonderful job. I urge you to step up and volunteer to be an officer or a Committee Chairperson. The office of Vice President involves setting up the speakers for each meeting, and if necessary, to fill in for the President if he or she must miss a meeting. Kate has done an excellent job as Vice President this year. She and I and all the other officers and members are there to help. Elections will be coming up soon, so let me hear from you! Remember, this is our association and it is what we make it. Nominate someone today!

See you all soon!

*Myra*

## This Month's Meeting

### SCMGA HARVEST REUNION DINNER



**DATE:** October 11, 2019

**TIME:** 6-8 PM

**PLACE:** Shelby County Airport

265 Weather Vane Road, Calera, AL

After you pull into Airport, turn right to the gate, someone will be at the gate to let you in.

**TICKET PRICE:** \$15 per person

**SPEAKER:** Dolores Hydock

As you know, our next meeting is our annual dinner/night meeting. This is a fun night! We will have a delicious catered meal, an interesting speaker, and new this year, a Silent Auction of new Garden items. The best part is the fun and fellowship with your gardening friends! Hope to see you all there!

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

## NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

We will meet on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Speaker/subject to be announced. Please bring a covered dish to share.

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

Check/Deposit	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$1,666.08
Deposits (Dinner Tickets)	555.00
Checks (Sunshine Committee)	-7.75
Ending Balance	\$2,233.13

### NOTEWORTHY ITEMS:

\$110 in cash payments not deposited so we can use it for change on the night of the dinner for auction tickets.

### Cards sent by Tommie Harrison on behalf of SCMGA during September:

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!

#### Birthdays:

Rex Anderson  
Wayne Gainey  
Sandy Hixon  
Elizabeth York

#### Thank You:

Speaker,  
Taylor Hatchett  
of Boozer Farms

#### Thinking of You/Sympathy:

Family of Wendy Patton



We have a new Facebook group 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 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/#>  
[events.hooverlibrary.org/events?v=grid](https://events.hooverlibrary.org/events?v=grid)  
<https://petalsfromthepast.com/events.html>  
<https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/events>

**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/GhVB5z7ceX9XpkIjL1hyHFMcm7rBy7iVKcNhhlmx3OywIumekTziMw>

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



**70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHELBY COUNTY FAIR**  
**November 4—9, 2019**  
**Shelby County Exhibition Center**  
**Columbiana, AL**

**Theme: *Hats Off to 70 Years***  
***It's a Family Tradition***

**Admission: \$12 each at Gate**

**THURSDAY NIGHT IS SENIOR ADULT NIGHT (Age 55+)**  
**WITH \$6 TICKETS FOR SR. ADULTS**

[www.alshelbycountyfair.com](http://www.alshelbycountyfair.com)

Everyone Over 36" Must Purchase A Ticket  
Gates Open at 5:30 pm Nightly—Rides Start At 6:00 pm  
Gates and Rides Open at 3:00 pm on Saturday

The proceeds of the Shelby County Fair fund the Service projects of the Kiwanis Club of Columbiana, including local Boy Scouts, school libraries, SCHS Key Club Scholarship, and other local beneficiaries.

Proudly presented by  
Kiwanis Club of Columbiana



**A FAMILY TRADITION!**

## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association

Minutes—September 13, 2019

**Opening:** Vice President Kate Vogel opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests, including three current MG interns. Kate led all in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the business meeting to order. There were no minutes from August. Members were thanked for providing a wonderful meal for the 2019 Master Gardener Intern Class in the place of a meeting. The Treasurer's report as printed in the *Gardeners' Gab* was approved and will be filed for audit.

### Committee Reports

- Bylaws: No report
- Communications: No report
- History/Archives: Sandy Hixson asked for garden related pictures of Wendy Patton who recently passed away.
- Projects:
  - 1) Kate reported the Community Garden in Montevallo is ongoing. Contact person is Dennis Stanek.
  - 2) Tommie Harrison reported on the Thompson Intermediate School project. She has purchased boxwoods and asked for donations of perennials and seeds of plants that will be appropriate for a 1900's garden. She has receipts for purchases made with SCMGA donation. Lowe's and Home Depot have promised donations of \$50 to \$100 in plants or gift cards. A former student donated mulch and the city of Alabaster will dig holes. A planning meeting is set for Sept 19 and the workday for the project is Sept. 28 at 9 am.
- Sunshine: no report

### Old Business

Our evening meeting has been changed to October 11 and will be held at the Poskey's hanger at the Shelby County Airport (directions will be sent by email) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Our speaker will be Delores Hydock, a well-known storyteller who will share her wonderful gardening stories. The cost for each meal is \$15 and Silent Auction tickets are 1/\$1, 6/\$5, 12/\$10, 25/\$20. The deadline for payment for your dinner is Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Checks are payable to SCMGA; mail to Barbara Williams, 825 Mt. View Drive, Wilsonville, AL 35186. Tickets for Silent Auction may be purchased in advance or at the dinner--let Barbara know what amount is for tickets. Donations for the Silent Auction were requested and let Myra Healy know what you plan to donate.

### New Business

1. Kate requested nominations or suggestions for a Vice President and Parliamentarian.
2. The AMGA Fall Seminar is Oct. 3 in Locust Fork--registration form in GAB, but space may not be available.
3. There will be a planning meeting for the SCMG Evening Meeting at the Shelby County Extension Office on September 25 at 1:15.
4. Kate asked if the group is interested in going to Mentone for our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. She will investigate details.
5. Our Christmas Party will be December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will play Dirty Santa, or as we call it Dirty Gardener. Please bring a gift of \$15--\$20 value and a holiday covered dish to share.

### Speaker/Program

Kate introduced Taylor Hatchett from Boozer Farms, a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm, which is in Thorsby. Taylor told us how she and her father, Bobby Boozer started the farm. They provide boxes of seasonal produce to their subscribers; sell at farmers markets and a few restaurants. They also sell turf grass. They currently have 40 acres of turf grass and 10 acres in vegetable production. The first year they had 25 customer subscriptions and this year there were 138. This is a small farm where everyone "wears" multiple hats and learns to do what needs to be done. Following the program, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trisha Williams

**Attention Members: It's time to start paying dues for the 2020 year. Remember to submit a membership form (last page of this *Gab*) with your check, even if there are no changes to your information. Checks (made out to SCMGA) and forms should be submitted to our treasurer, Barbara Williams, 825 Mountain View Drive, Wilsonville, AL 35186. All dues and forms must be submitted prior to 12/31/2019.**





## OLD FASHIONED DONUT MUFFINS

from the kitchen of Heidee Vansant, Master Gardener

Author: Carole Jones



Yield: 12 muffins (I made 60+ Mini-Muffins)

If you love an Old Fashioned Donut, you will adore these muffins. This recipe turns out perfectly dense and rich every time and is an easy breakfast muffin recipe.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 C butter, room temperature
- 1/3 C vegetable oil
- 1/2 C white sugar
- 1/3 C brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1-1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 3/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 2/3 C flour
- 1 C milk

### GLAZE

- 2 Tbls butter, melted
- 1 C powdered sugar
- 3/4 tsp vanilla
- 2 Tbls hot water

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 425°F and line 12 muffin cups with liners. In a large bowl, beat with a wooden spoon the butter, oil and both sugars until smooth. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add the baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, cinnamon, salt and vanilla.
2. Switch to a rubber spatula and stir in 1 C of flour just until combined. Add 1/2 C of milk and stir just until combined. Add another 1C of flour and stir just until combined. Add the remaining 1/2 C of milk and stir just until combined. Add remaining 2/3 C of flour and stir just until combined. Do NOT over mix any of these steps. Under mixing is better than over mixing!!! If you over mix, your muffins will not dome well and will be tough.
3. Divide the batter evenly between the 12 muffin cups. They will be quite full. Bake for 15-17 minutes (8-10 for mini-muffins) until the tops are springy to the touch. Allow them to cool for a few minutes before removing them from the pan. Cool for 10 minutes on a rack before glazing.
4. Beat together all the ingredients for the glaze, then dip the top of each muffin in the glaze, allowing the excess to drip back into the bowl. Allow the first glaze layer to harden, then dip them once more.



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



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

8—DeAnne Benedict  
19—Jim Strickland  
21—Rebecca Poskey  
22—Beth Heerten

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Gardeners  
Community Organization

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Gwendolyn "Wendy" Brooks Patton, age 61, of Alabaster, slipped peacefully out of this world and into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, September 7, 2019. She was preceded in death by her father, Roland Brooks. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Randy Patton; daughter Emily Patton; son Ryan Patton (Lydia); grandchildren Reid, Sam, and Emma Patton; mother Barbara Brooks; brother Jeff Brooks (Susan); nieces, nephews, and extended family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association.



### GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around his garden  
And He found an empty place  
And then He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,  
And hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.



Intern Class on Propagation



Interns, Cindy Hearn and Martha Grantham, propagating crocosmia for the Aldridge Gardens spring sale.





# PHOTOS OF THE HARVEST REUNION DINNER PLANNING COMMITTEE



The Harvest Reunion Dinner workshop takes off!

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***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**



## **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](mailto:helenamarketday@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.helenamarketdays.com](http://www.helenamarketdays.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/the.helena.market.days](https://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](mailto:renee@themarketplaceatleebranch.com);  
[reneeбетz@gmail.com](mailto:reneeбетz@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.marketplaceatleebranch.com](http://www.marketplaceatleebranch.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/themarketplaceatleebranch](https://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](mailto:montevallochamber@gmail.com)  
Website: [montevallofarmersmarket.blogspot.com/](http://montevallofarmersmarket.blogspot.com/)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/montevallofarmersmarket](https://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](mailto:jvance@ebSCO.com)  
Website: [mtlaurel.com](http://mtlaurel.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/mtlaurelfarmersmarket](https://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](mailto:valleydalefarmersmarket@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.valleydalefarmersmarket.com](http://www.valleydalefarmersmarket.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/valleydalefarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/valleydalefarmersmarket)

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

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## ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

**Fruits and Nuts**—Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama. Clean up orchard area. Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

**Shrubs**—Shrub plantings can be made. Water when needed. Note varieties of camellias in bloom. Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

**Lawns**—Continue to mow lawns until no new growth is noticeable.

**Roses**—Continue insect and disease control practices. New rose catalogs will be coming in. Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

**Annuals and Perennials**—Visit flower shows and gardens. List desirable varieties of mums. Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost.

**Bulbs**—Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculus's. Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

**Miscellaneous**—Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds. Loosen mulches that have packed down. Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc. Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds. Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

**Vegetable Seed**—Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.

### Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2019

President	Myra Healy	665-4554	myhealy42@gmail.com
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Sunshine Committee	Tommie Harrison	663-7146	torumo74@gmail.com
Webmaster	Beth Glasgow	669-7981	bethglasgow@bellsouth.net

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**Please Note:** A new membership form must be completed each year and returned with your dues.

## **ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

### **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Dear Master Gardener,

The Alabama Master Gardener Association (AMGA) Board of Directors has set \$10.00 as the annual membership dues for January 1—December 31, 2020. Members are very important to this Association, and we hope that you will join or renew your membership. To remain on the state membership list and to continue to receive Garden Pathways newsletter, please complete this application and give it, along with your dues, to your local association Treasurer ASAP.

Association Name: **Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State and Local Newsletters will be delivered online. County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Information: County of Training: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Training: \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### **TYPE of MEMBERSHIP** (Check one)

\_\_\_\_ Active Member

\_\_\_\_ Provisional Member (Interns)

\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Member

\_\_\_\_ Associate Member (Extension Employee)

\_\_\_\_ Honorary Member

#### **Local Dues**

\$12.00

No fee

\$240.00

No fee

No fee

#### **State Dues**

\$10.00

No fee

\$100.00

No fee

No fee

**Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:**

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association  
c/o Barbara Williams  
825 Mountain View Dr.  
Wilsonville, AL 35186**