

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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E-mail: SCMGA.email@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, Alabama

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The President Ponders...

It definitely feels like fall! Finally, a break in the heat and drought. It's still very dry, but better. The leaves are turning beautiful colors and I can almost hear the trees sighing with relief!

We had a wonderful turnout for our annual Harvest Reunion Dinner Meeting in October. Almost 60 people attended! Wasn't it a fun time? We had a great venue at the Shelby County Airport. Plenty of room for everyone to be comfortable, a great sound system so everyone could hear, an entertaining speaker, good food and good friends! And, did I mention the silent auction items? There were so many of them, that everyone who participated left with something. Many people left with a lot of somethings! Many thanks to our Harvest Dinner committee for doing such a great job planning this fun event. It was a big success!

Our new intern class has completed their studies and are graduating on the 6th of November. We had a large class of 21 members this year. They are all smart, accomplished and enthusiastic gardeners. Congratulations to all of them! Several of them came to our dinner and have been attending our meetings as well. I hope all will join our association and continue their education by being mentored by each of you. All our Shelby County Master Gardeners are generous people who love to share their knowledge, experiences and plants with others. Y'all rock!

Be sure to support the Master Gardener Booth at the Shelby County Fair November 4—9. The Interns have been working hard to carry on our tradition of a winning booth at the fair. I can't wait to see it!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on the 8th! Our speaker will be talking about Japanese Maples - one of my favorites!

See you all soon!

Myra

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This Month's Meeting Friday, November 8th @ 10am Shelby County Extension Center Auditorium

David Doggett on "Japanese Maples: The Aristocrat of Trees"

This program presents PowerPoint slides of many different cultivars of Japanese maples and discusses how best to grow them. It also includes a discussion of grafting and why this is the most popular method of propagating Japanese maples. Handouts describe proper placement and care of Japanese maples.

David Doggett spent his career in Birmingham as a computer programmer. He lives in Irondale where his yard once received the Irondale Beautification Award. He has been a Jefferson County Master Gardener since 2010. David has become a collector of over 70 varieties of Japanese maples and propagates these trees through grafting. In the last two years, David has donated and planted over 45 different Japanese maple cultivars at Aldridge Gardens and created their new Japanese Maple Trail.

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

We will meet on Friday, December 13th at 10:00 am.
Our annual "Dirty Gardener" Christmas Party/Meeting
is a not-to-be missed event!

Please bring a \$15-\$20 garden-related gift for the
game and your favorite holiday dish to share.



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

Check/Deposit	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$2,213.33
Deposits	4,475.90
Checks	(1,381.73)
Ending Balance	\$5,307.50

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

Help Spread
The Sunshine!

Birthdays:

Deanna Benedict
Beth Heerton
Karen Kendall
Rebecca Poskey
Jim Strickland

Thank You:

Speaker, Delores Hydock

Thinking of You/Sympathy:

N/A



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://aldridgegardens.com/education/events/>
<https://bbgardens.org/#>
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



70th 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

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!

Attention Members: It's time to start paying dues for the 2020 year. Remember, you must submit a new 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.

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
Minutes—11 October 2019**

- President Myra Healy welcomed all members and guests to our annual Harvest Festival and offered special recognition and thanks to Butch and Rebecca Poskey for welcoming us to their spacious and entertaining hangar. All enjoyed a hearty buffet dinner and delicious desserts. Following dinner, Dolores Hydock, actress and story performer, thoroughly entertained all with a funny and engaging story of "Becoming Mrs. Nash". All gardeners present were able to relate to the trials and joys of becoming a seasoned gardener, sometimes without even knowing it!
- Following dinner and entertainment, President Healy called to order a brief business meeting. She called attention to the minutes and Treasurer's Report, both printed in the October *Gardeners' Gab*. Members approved both reports as printed.
- **Old Business**
 1. The Nominating Committee has been hard at work and will have a slate of officers ready for presentation and vote in December. There is still a need for a Vice President, Parliamentarian, and several committee chairpersons.
 2. Our fundraiser/service project for this year was the state conference in May that we cohosted in cooperation with the Chilton and Autauga County associations. We have recently received a check for \$3,500.00 for our part of this project.
 3. Myra expressed gratitude for all who participated in the Thompson Middle School project.
- **New Business and Announcements**
 1. It is now time to pay our annual dues. Everyone must fill out a new form every year; forms are available in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
 2. President Healy gave special recognition to the current intern class who sat together for the evening's festivities.
 3. President Healy presented the following gardeners with their Master Gardener Certificates:
Jim Busbin: Class of 2017
Ernette Dawson: Class of 2018
Donna Schubert: Class of 2018
 4. Our next meeting will be Friday, November 8th, at 10 am in the County Extension Office auditorium; program to be announced.
- Following the dinner and business meeting, members and guests enjoyed the silent auction and door prizes.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Boody, Secretary

Representing Shelby County
at the AMGA Fall Seminar in
Locust Fork, AL hosted by
Blount County MG's:

From Front to Back, L to R:
Teresa Boody, Beth Heerten,
Sylvia Sheffield, Myra Healy,
Karen Jensen and
Jerry Goodall (Intern)



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 Gonzales

11:30 AM // LUNCH

12:30 PM // THE GIFT OF COLOR
hosted by Harvy Cotten

1:30 PM // THE PATH TO A

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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"SOUPER" VEGETABLE SOUP

from the kitchen of Heidee Vansant, Master Gardener

- 2 quarts vegetable juice (such as V-8)
- 2 cups sliced carrot (about 5 medium)
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1 cup chopped onion (about 1 medium)
- 4 peeled, cubed baking potatoes (about 2½ pounds)
- 2 (14.5-oz.) cans no-salt-added diced tomatoes
- 1 (16-oz.) package frozen black-eyed peas
- 1 (16-oz.) package frozen cut okra
- 1 (16-oz.) package frozen corn
- 1 (16-oz.) package frozen green beans
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1½ teaspoons pepper



Combine first 8 ingredients in a large Dutch oven; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 1½ hours or until vegetables are tender. Add corn and remaining ingredients; cover and simmer 10 minutes or until thoroughly heated.

NOTES:

1. I don't cook the okra as long as the recipe says because it turns to mush and practical disappears. I add it about 10 minutes before the corn and remaining ingredients.
2. We like this soup 100% vegetarian, but occasionally start with browned ground turkey or beef if we want more protein.
3. The recipe makes a lot for just two people, but freezes very well.

Yield: 25 (1-cup) servings

Per Serving: Calories 120 Protein 4.5g Fat 0.4g Carbohydrate 26.3g Fiber 2.4g Cholesterol 0mg Sodium 443mg

Exchanges: 1 Starch, 2 Vegetables



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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12—Jessica Joslin
16—Carol Beard
16—Margot Glenboski



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I want to give a shout out to all of our Dinner Planning Committee members! They did a great job getting everything organized and ready for our dinner. We are especially grateful to Butch and Rebecca Poskey for providing the venue for our dinner. It was perfect!

The Planning Committee Members:

Myra Healy
Kate Vogel
Rebecca Poskey

Sandy Hixson
Heidee Vansant
Judy Cook

Lisa Wade
Karen Jensen
Barbara Williams

Merle Schukoske
Jennie Lucas

Thank you for all your hard work! Also, thanks to everyone who donated Silent Auction items. We appreciate your generosity! And, thanks to everybody who pitched in at the dinner to help and cleanup. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Myra



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SCENES FROM OUR HARVEST REUNION DINNER



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MORE SCENES FROM OUR HARVEST REUNION DINNER



Dolores Hydock—our very entertaining speaker.



President Myra Healy presented Jim Busbin, Class of 2017, with his Alabama Master Gardener Certificate and official name tag.



President Myra Healy presented Ernette Dawson (L) & Donna Schubert (R), Class of 2018, with their Alabama Master Gardener Certificates and official name tags.





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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS—Select sites for plantings. Start mulching strawberries, blackberries, and grapes.

SHRUBS—Plant trees, shrubs and vines.

LAWNS—Some homeowners like lawn paints. Have you thought about having a green lawn this winter? Use proper herbicide to kill germinating winter weeds.

ROSES—Get rose planting underway. Use a soil test as a basis for fertilization. Look for new varieties.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annuals such as larkspur, poppies, pansies, anchusa and candytuft. Get sweet peas into the ground.

BULBS—Continue spring bulb planting. Put lilies of the valley in a shady place.

MISCELLANEOUS—Plant screen plantings for privacy on the patio.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant cabbage and lettuce in the cold frame.

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

President	Myra Healy	665-4554	myhealy42@gmail.com
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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**