

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

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## ***The President Ponders...***

Members,

It sounds like a broken record but with the rise in COVID-19 cases in Alabama and the fact that all in-person Extension events through August 8 are canceled due to coronavirus concerns, SCMGA will not have a meeting in July. Past-president Myra Healy reminded me that we did not have summer meetings for the first few years we were an association so members could concentrate on their gardens which we have certainly been able to do this year.

I have communicated with several members about an open-air meeting but there isn't much air outside in Alabama in July even in the shade. Let me know what you think at [kvogelashfield@aol.com](mailto:kvogelashfield@aol.com).

As I said last month you can still observe social distancing and accrue volunteer hours by working in the SCMGA beds in Montevallo's Seed-to-Table Community Garden. We have planted seven beds with produce to go to Shelby Emergency Assistance. I have already taken them fifteen (15) pounds of squash, cucumbers and tomatoes. Corn should be ready this week.

Join the Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Active Members Facebook page to keep up with what is going on and especially for online education opportunities for CEU's. I like the Southern Exposure Seed Exchange [www.gardens@southernexposure.com](http://www.gardens@southernexposure.com), the Old Farmer's Almanac [www.almanac.com](http://www.almanac.com) and [www.joegardener.com](http://www.joegardener.com) sites also.

Keep Well,

*Kate*

**ALABAMA EXTENSION CONTINUES TO SERVE DURING CORONAVIRUS**

<https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/home-family/alabama-extension-continues-to-serve-during-coronavirus/>

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**SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOC.  
MEETING MINUTES—12 June 2020**

No meeting took place due to COVID-19 social distancing. Therefore, no minutes were recorded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT as of June 19, 2020**  
Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer

<b>Checks/Deposits</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Beginning Balance	\$5,292.23
Deposits/Checks	0.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$5,292.23</b>

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



**Cards sent by Martha Grantham on behalf of SCMGA during June:**

**Birthdays:**  
Ernette Dawson  
Karen Jensen

**Get Well:**  
Wayne Gainey—broken hip & surgery

We have a private Facebook group called  
***"Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Active Members"***



This closed group was formed to help communicate with our members. Please check it out and ask to join if you are on Facebook.



**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/eventsataldridge.html>  
<https://bbgardens.org/#events>  
<http://events.hooverlibrary.org/events>  
<https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/>  
<https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/events>



**SUBJECT: ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES ZOOM CONNECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is the Advisory Council Zoom Meeting held 5/5. Share recording with viewers:

[https://auburn.zoom.us/rec/share/6tArdbHzzGdJHo2K4W3iXrwHAq\\_CX6a80CUc8vcLxEqseA1AsWIEiYqHE4sAvBxS](https://auburn.zoom.us/rec/share/6tArdbHzzGdJHo2K4W3iXrwHAq_CX6a80CUc8vcLxEqseA1AsWIEiYqHE4sAvBxS)

Hello local MGA presidents and Advisory Council Rep's,

As mentioned in the AC meeting today, we need your help getting this program off the ground. Attached is an invitation from Bethany O'Rear, Regional Agent, to join our effort.

- Use the logo anywhere you would like. If you need a vertical layout, we have that too.
- Use this program name in your own veggie garden programs
- The grand launch is this Friday, 5/8/2020, but we will continue to add content all year
- All content will be listed here for quick find, already populating materials today – <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/products-programs-lawn-garden/grow-more-give-more/>
- Share, share, share! Anytime you see "Grow More, Give More," please share it. Create your own social media posts and tag us or help us with local print publicity.
- Last request – We want/need pictures of gardeners sharing their harvest. Please email me or Bethany if your garden project, or an individual MG, is donating produce. We would like to have photos of MG's donating!

We hope it is obvious – we are extremely excited about this new program. It started with an MG/Agent spark of an idea just 7 short weeks ago. Please contact us with any questions or comments – Bethany and Kerry.



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## ROASTED PEACH PRESERVES

from the kitchen of Kate Vogel, Master Gardener

*This is a good recipe to use up peaches that are getting overripe*

3 pounds of peaches  
Sugar as needed  
Zest & juice of 1 lemon

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Slice peaches in half but do not peel.
3. If they are freestone, remove the seed. If not, leave the seed in.
4. Place peel side down on a cookie sheet.
5. Roast at 350°F for 30 minutes.
6. Remove the peels and seeds and mash with a fork or potato masher on the cookie sheet.
7. Continue roasting at 250°F for 2-3 hours.
8. Stir occasionally after an hour.
9. Add lemon.
10. Taste for sweetness and add sugar as desired. It's really sweet with very little sugar.
11. Can as usual.



If you have not canned before go to:

<https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/cottage-food-law/alabama-cottage-food-law-making-jams-and-jellies-video-iii/>



**SCMG's please remember, we need recipe contributions from all of YOU. Please send recipes to: [scmga.email@gmail.com](mailto:scmga.email@gmail.com)**

**Disappointing, but not completely unexpected news from Nelson Wynn: We will **not** have a Master Gardener course this year.**



**Please send Martha Grantham, Sunshine Committee 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. Martha 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 Martha:**

**Email: [Doggymamacj@gmail.com](mailto:Doggymamacj@gmail.com)  
Phone: 205-663-8977**



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

9—Tommie Harrison  
10—Rebecca Poskey  
12—Beth Glasgow  
16—Gretchen Boling  
20—Cindy Sapp  
21—Barbara Williams  
30—Betty Daigle

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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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