

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

E-mail: SCMGA.email@gmail.com

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

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Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

AMG Online Store: <http://www.victorydesigns.com/amg/>

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The President Ponders...

Members,

"Stay calm and plant something." I recently read this on *The Old Farmer's Almanac* website.

Gardening and walking certainly help me stay calm. I'm an early riser so I try to walk into the sunrise every morning. After coming home and taking care of my chickens, I'm in the garden or yard until the heat gets to me. There's something very soothing about this routine.

Thanks for sending in your questions and concerns before the recent SCMGA Board meeting. Thanks to Heidee for getting permission for us to use her church's Family Life Center where we were able to social distance in air-conditioned comfort. We were all so glad to see each other that we were almost giddy.

Most questions were about accruing volunteer hours and CEU's. I contacted Kerry Smith at ACES who wrote:

- Certified MG's need 35 total hours (normally = 25 volunteer hours, and 10 CEU's) each year – this year just count a total of 35 hours and don't fret over the amount per each – example, a MG earns 5 volunteer hours and 30 CEU's = 35 total hours.
- For Intern MG's, there is no time requirement – we might recommend they complete all 50 hours within a 12-month span, but it is NOT required.

We will not be able to have our scheduled September or October meetings at ACES in Columbiana. We are investigating having Zoom meetings or perhaps outside meetings when the weather cools off. Let me know what you think.

We have to submit a new membership form every year so please print out the one at the end of the Gab and send it to Barbara with your dues.

Be sure to read Secretary Teresa Boody's minutes from the board meeting in this issue of the Gab.

Stay well and keep calm,

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—14 August 2020**

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

TREASURER'S REPORT as of August 20, 2020

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer

Checks/Deposits

Beginning Balance
Checks/Deposits
Ending Balance

Balance

\$5,292.23
12.00
\$5,304.23

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Cards sent by Martha Grantham on behalf of SCMGA during August:

Birthdays:

Deborah Elliott
Cindy Hearn
Cathie Long

Joy Dearing
Jerry Goodall
Karen Mims

Get Well:

Cindy Hearn (surgery)



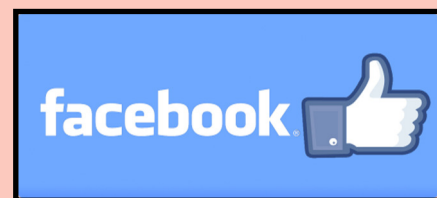
THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA. Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending (may be rescheduled or cancelled due to COVID-19):

ALDRIDGE GARDENS <https://aldridgegardens.com/education/events/eventsataldridge.html>
BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS <https://bbgardens.org/#events>
HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY <http://events.hooverlibrary.org/events>
PETALS FROM THE PAST <https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/>
SHELBY CO. MASTER GARDENERS <https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/events>

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.



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Cindy Hearn is spearheading **Grow More, Give More** for SCMGA. Please let her know what you are doing.

cindy_hearn@att.net or 205-424-6352

**Shelby County Master Gardeners
Executive Committee
August 14, 2020**

Present: Kate Vogel, President; Teresa Boody, Martha Grantham, Myra Healy, Jim Sherbrook, Heidee Vansant, Barbara Williams, Trisha Williams

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Election of Officers for 2021:

- a. Officer terms are for two years; we are still in the first year of terms, except Barbara Williams, Treasurer and Teresa Boody, Secretary who are in the second year of their terms.
- b. Agreed all officers will continue in their positions for 2021, since 2020 has been so affected by the COVID-19 shut down.

2. Dues:

- a. Should be paid **before** December 2020.
- b. Send to Barbara Williams; address to be published in GAB.
- c. Interns who have earned certification will pay only \$12.00 local dues for this year since we are not paying state dues this year.

3. Meetings during pandemic shut down:

- a. We would like to set up some sort of meeting so members may interact with each other.
- b. Zoom may be a good option; Kate will contact Beth Glasgow, our Web Master, about this.

4. CEU's:

- a. Intern Master Gardeners: recommended completion of fifty hours of volunteer service hours within a twelve-month span.
- b. There are many resources available through ACES, Auburn University, other internet resources to pick up hours.
- c. Hours can be earned for making face masks; Barbara will send directions to Heidee for publication in the GAB.

5. Recognition of interns who have earned certification:

- a. Possible Zoom meeting in October; interns may enter room one at a time and receive badges and certificates.
- b. Alternate suggestion: have some sort of outdoor event where members can socially distance.

6. Articles and cartoons in the *Gardeners' Gab*:

- a. None will be printed that have come from an outside source due to copyright
- b. Members may submit their own cartoons or share their own gardening stories.

7. Master Gardener Classes:

- a. Will be held through the ACES website.
- b. Online classes begin in late August.
- c. Not locally sponsored. Will be one statewide program.

There being no further business, Kate closed the meeting. No date set yet for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Boody
SCMGA Secretary

BARBARA WILLIAMS ON SEWING FACE MASKS: "There are so many different patterns and sizes. The best thing is to go to YouTube.com and search for "face mask". You will get visual instructions and a pattern to print out in several sizes and shapes."



BROCCOLI DRIZZLE SAUCE

from the kitchen of Lisa Taylor Wade, Master Gardener

Fabulous easy sauce to drizzle on cooked broccoli. My kids love this.

Melt 1/3 cup butter in microwave. Once melted, stir in 1/3 cup mayonnaise until blended. Drizzle on broccoli.



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

GOOD NEWS! There **will** be a Master Gardener course this year (live webinar). It will be held August 26—November 18, 2020 (Schedule is subject to change). For additional details on this and other events, go to <https://mailchi.mp/0ca0626ab9ff/shelby-county-highlights-june-4732558?e=894b0325ac>



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
Phone: 205-663-8977



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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





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ALABAMA GARDENERS' 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.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2020

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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, 2021. 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**