

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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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...***

Members,

I've delayed sending my monthly message to the *Gab* to see what the latest updates are. The governor has extended the shelter-in-place order into November so I thought October 9<sup>th</sup> might be our only hope for a meeting outside before it gets too cold.

Last week the long-range forecast looked great but this week not so much. Some of the forecasts say rain will move in Friday morning. Others say Friday afternoon. I'm sure this will change as the week progresses.

Let's go ahead and plan to meet at the pavilion at Shoal Creek Park on Hwy 119 just past the American Village and National Cemetery on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. If we are rained out, let's plan on October 16<sup>th</sup> which looks good at this point. **I will let you know by Thursday.**

Bring a sandwich and we will provide bottled water.

You may want to stroll among the wildflowers after the meeting and even shop next door at Cedar Creek Nursery. I was at the park this week and it was beautiful. There are picnic tables at the pavilion, but please bring a chair if you prefer more social distance.

Bring any plants you would like to give away or donate for planting in the Seed-to-Table Community Garden.

Stay well,

*Kate*

<https://shoalcreekpark.com/betty-mahler-trail-future-construction-and-present-fall-wildflowers/> is a link to a post on [Shoalcreekpark.com](http://Shoalcreekpark.com) which presents wildflowers along and adjacent to the trail. Now is a great time to walk this trail to see the fall wildflowers.

**SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOC.  
MEETING MINUTES—11 September 2020**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT as of September 21, 2020**

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer

**Checks/Deposits**

Beginning Balance  
Checks/Deposits  
**Ending Balance**

**Balance**

\$5,304.23  
0.00  
\$5,304.23

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



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

**Birthdays:**

Rex Anderson  
Betty Elder  
Wayne Gainey  
Sandy Hixon

Diane Pigg  
Kate Vogel  
Elizabeth  
York



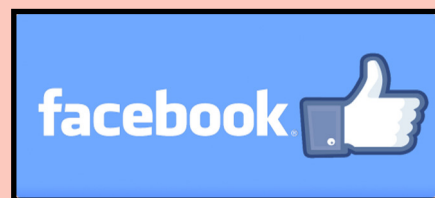
**THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA. Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending** (may be rescheduled or cancelled due to COVID-19):

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.



**GROW  
MORE  
GIVE MORE**

Extension



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



## SWAMP SOUP

from the kitchen of Heidee Vansant, Master Gardener

PREP: 25 minutes

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 (10 oz. pkg.) fresh, chopped turnip greens, or: one 27 oz. can "Margaret Holmes" turnip greens
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- 1 pkg. DRY Knorr® Vegetable Soup mix
- 1 15 oz. can northern beans
- 1 15 oz. can navy beans
- 5 cups low sodium chicken broth (the boxed kind)
- 1 lb. pkg. smoked sausage sliced thin and cut into quarters (I use Polish kielbasa) it tastes better if you brown in a skillet - but you don't have to.
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco® sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- Black pepper to taste
- Do NOT add salt



### DIRECTIONS:

Cook onions in a non-stick 5 pt. pot until transparent and tender. Add the quartered polish sausage to the pan and cook just a little bit, stirring occasionally. Add the rest of the ingredients, stir, and bring to a boil—reduce heat & simmer until heated through and the green peas in the dry Knorr you added are done. Substituting turkey or chicken sausage works fine. With the low sodium chicken broth and turkey or chicken sausage—it's healthy and good!



**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)**

**GOOD NEWS!** There is 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](mailto:Doggymamacj@gmail.com)  
Phone: 205-663-8977



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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







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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' 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.

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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:**

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825 Mountain View Dr.  
Wilsonville, AL 35186**