

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

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

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The President Ponders...

Members,

They call it COVID Fatigue. As gardeners, I hope we feel it to a lesser extent as we get outside in this beautiful fall weather. I once read that research shows the season of our birth tends to be our favorite and that is certainly true of me and fall.

ACES will not open before November 30th so we will not be able to meet there. The weather may be warm and beautiful enough for an outdoor meeting on our next scheduled date but it's Friday the 13th so I hate to chance it. Our last Friday 13th meeting was in March, the day before the world shut down.

Fifteen of us braved the rain and met at the pavilion at Montevallo's Shoal Creek Park on October 9th. After a week of beautiful weather, the rain held off long enough for us to get in our meeting. Karen Jensen videoed a snippet that you can watch at the Shelby County Master Gardener Active Members Facebook page. Extension Coordinator Ricky Colquitt talked with us about the effect of COVID on agriculture in Alabama. This may have been our last chance to meet with Ricky as he plans to retire at the end of the year.

Please fill out the membership form at the end of the Gab and send it to Treasurer Barbara Williams with your check. We must submit one every year.

Remember to log your volunteer hours so Past President Myra Healy can send them to ACES before the end of the year. This is a lot of work for Myra and I am so thankful she has taken on this responsibility.

Stay well,

Kate

Looking for Volunteer Hours?

Spread the word! We still hear Alabama's MG's asking, "How can I get my hours this year?" Here's your friendly reminder.... Watch our Extension webinars and get your fill of CEU's. If your volunteer hours are on the shy side this year, then have no fear. A grand total of 25 reported hours, regardless of being Volunteer activities or CEU's, will fulfill your commitment for 2020. Maybe you've been watching these webinars already. Did you count them in your Volunteer Report? Tell everyone!

- https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaSmartYardsAlabamaExtension/videos/?ref=page_internal
 - https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaExtensionAAMU/videos/?ref=page_internal
 - https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceCountyextension/videos/?ref=page_internal
- https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaExtensionCommercialHorticulture/videos/?ref=page_internal
 - https://www.facebook.com/acesfoodsafety/videos/?ref=page_internal

SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOC. MEETING MINUTES—9 October 2020

Fifteen members and one guest braved the weather and met at the pavilion at Montevallo's Shoal Creek Park (www.shoalcreekparkfoundation.com) at 10 a.m. between rain showers. This was the first meeting since March.

President Kate Vogel discussed the history of Shoal Creek Park and invited members to walk the trails after the meeting.

Retiring Extension Coordinator Ricky Colquitt lead a discussion on the pandemic's effect on agriculture including livestock, bees, and row crops.

Ben Crunk updated the group on the landscaping project at Shoal Creek Park. Beds had been planted around the pavilion with perennials to be added.

Dennis Stanek reported that SCMGA's four raised beds were cleaned and fall crops were planted in Montevallo's Seed-to-Table Community Garden.

Myra Healy awarded certificates to Ben Crunk, Lydia Carpenter and Joy Doering.

President Kate Vogel stated this would probably be the last meeting for 2020 since it would be difficult to plan outdoor meetings for November and December. Members were invited to drive into Montevallo to have lunch at local restaurants. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Teresa Boody, was absent from meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Vogel, President



This is the SCMGA group that worked on the project at Shoal Creek Park (discussed in the Minutes).

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Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
 Lengthen night and shorten day!
 Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
 Fluttering from the autumn tree...
 ~Emily Brontë

TREASURER'S REPORT as October, 2020

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer

Checks/Deposits

	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$5,304.23
Checks	0.00
Deposits	156.00
Ending Balance	\$5,460.23

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

Birthdays:

DeAnne Benedict
 Beth Heerten

Rebecca Poskey
 Jim Strickland



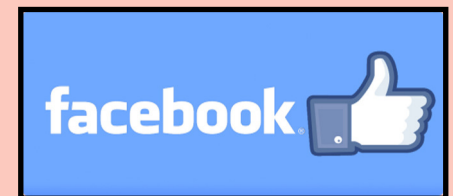
THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA. Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending (may be rescheduled or cancelled due to COVID-19):

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



PUMPKIN SPICE SNACK MIX RECIPE

from the kitchen of Barbara Williams, Master Gardener

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups any Flakes Cereal
- 2 cups Gorilla Munch Cereal
- 1 cup Pumpkin Seeds
- 2 cups Pretzels
- 1-2 tablespoons Pumpkin Spice - to taste
- 1/4 cup Coconut Oil Melted
- 1/2 cup Dried Cranberries
- 1/2 cup Dried Apple Rings
- 1/2 cup Dried Diced Apricots
- 1/2 cup Dark Chocolate Covered Puffed Quinoa (Or another favorite small, chocolate treat like semi sweet mini chocolate chips.)




INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 275°F.
2. In a large bowl, combine Amazon Flakes, Gorilla Munch, pumpkin seeds, and pretzels.
3. Sprinkle pumpkin spice on top then gently mix ingredients together.
4. Drizzle melted coconut oil on top of cereal mix. Fold gently until ingredients are coated in coconut oil.
5. Transfer cereal mix to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in oven for 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes.
6. While your cereal mix is browning in the oven, use a pair of kitchen shears to cut your apple rings into small, bite sized pieces. Mix them together with your dried cranberries and dried apricots in a bowl.
7. After your cereal mix has baked for 30 minutes and is lightly browned, gently stir in your dried fruit. Return to oven to cook for a further 5 minutes.
8. Remove cereal mix from oven. Allow to cool. Once cool, add dark chocolate quinoa puffs and mix. Your Pumpkin Spice Fall Snack Mix is ready to serve. Store leftovers in an airtight container.



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



Sending Sunshine and Smiles!

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12—Jessica Joslin
 21—Lydia Carpenter
 27—Rose Levine-Arestizabel

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ALABAMA GARDENERS' 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 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)

	Local Dues	State Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Member	\$12.00	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Member (Interns)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member	\$240.00	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (Extension Employee)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member	No fee	No fee

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:

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c/o Barbara Williams
825 Mountain View Dr.
Wilsonville, AL 35186**