

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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Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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

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The President Ponders...

Members,

Please fill out the membership form at the end of the Gab and send it to Treasurer Barbara Williams with your check. We must fill out one every year. Remember to **log in your volunteer hours** before Christmas so Past President Myra Healy can send them to ACES before the end of the year. <https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/>

I think it goes without saying that we will not be meeting in December. Our "Dirty Gardener" gift swap has always been the most fun meeting of the year. Fun seems to be a word we've dropped from our vocabulary.

If things continue as they are, we will probably have no chance of meeting before spring when we may be able to meet outside again.

Several of you have mentioned Zoom meetings. If anyone is willing to take this on, let me know. I have Zoom fatigue myself.

ACES has many great classes online and will be starting a new master gardener class February 4, 2021. Certified master gardeners can sign up to attend any classes of interest.

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



TREASURER'S REPORT as of November 18, 2020

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Checks/Deposits

Beginning Balance

Deposits/Checks

Ending Balance

Balance

\$5,460.23

90.00

\$5,550.23

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

Birthdays:

- Lydia Carpenter
- Jessica Joslin
- Rose Levine-Arestizabel

Sympathy:

- Kay Arnold death of father (who was also Heidee Vansant's brother-in-law)
- Laverne Martin death of husband Carl



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

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>

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.



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



BOUBON CHOCOLATE PECAN PIE

from the kitchen of Barbara Williams, Master Gardener

Cook time: 1 Hr. **Prep time:** 10 Min **Serves:** 8-10

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 pkg. refrigerated pie crust (15 oz.)
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 6 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp. bourbon
- 1 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels



DIRECTIONS

1. Fit pie crust into a 9-inch pie plate according to package directions. Fold edges under and crimp.
2. Whisk together eggs, light corn syrup, and next 6 ingredients in a large bowl until mixture is smooth; stir in chopped pecans and morsels.
3. Pour into the pie crust.
4. Bake on the lowest oven rack at 350° F for 1 hour or until set. Makes 1 (9-inch) pie.

***Just leave out Bourbon if you don't like the taste although when cooking with alcohol, all that's left is flavor, no alcohol. After all, vanilla is made in alcohol.



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



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:

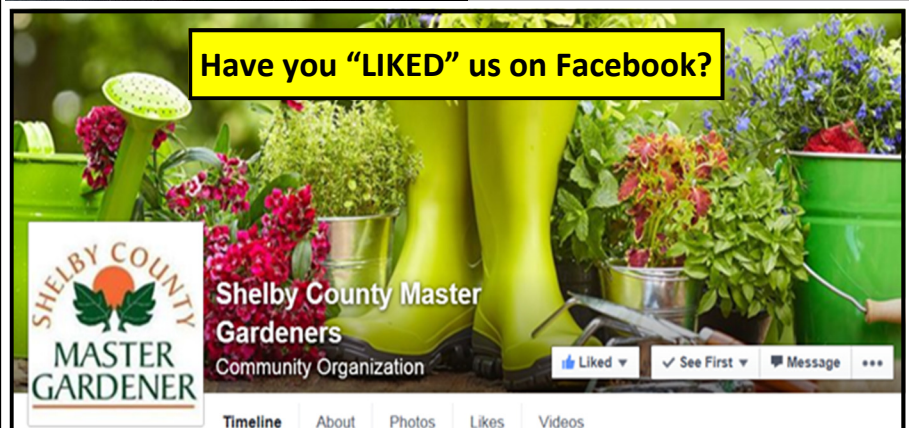
Email: Doggymamacj@gmail.com
Phone: 205-663-8977



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10—Susan Seng
- 12—Joy Doering
- 13—Colleen Bourne
- 20—Sunny Gilliam & Susan Moore
- 21—Nita Limdi

Have you "LIKED" us on Facebook?



Spring 2021 (Thursdays) All Virtual Schedule Auburn University Zoom Alabama Master Gardener Course

***Please Note: Topics are subject to change.**

February 2 (Tuesday)	10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Introduction to the Alabama Master Gardener Program & Program Features/ Requirements	
February 4	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Welcome to the Garden FUN!!!! Introduction to Canvas and Zoom Features	Alabama Extension Agent Introductions & Kerry Smith
Moderator: Dani Carroll	10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	Gardening Basics for Planting Success	Lucy Edwards
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Composting with Q&A	Nelson Wynn
February 11	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Welcome & Grab your Morning Joe!	Alabama Extension Agents
Moderator: Rhonda Britton	10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	Entomology (Ch. 5)	Dr. Katelyn Kesheimer
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Pruning Techniques and Tools (Ch. 9) <i>*Make sure you have submitted your soil sample!</i>	David Koon
February 18	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome Back! Review of Test & Volunteer Garden Project Highlight	Alabama Extension Agents
Moderator: David Koon	9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. (*Note the Time Change)	Vegetable Gardening (Ch.12)	Dani Carroll
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Techniques	Rudy Yates
February 25	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome & Grab your Morning Muffin!	Alabama Extension Agents
Moderator: Nelson Wynn	9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	Soils & Plant Nutrition (Ch. 2)	Dr. Audrey Gamble
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Plant Selection of Trees, Shrubs and Vines	Jack LeCroy

<p>March 4</p> <p>Moderator: Lucy Edwards</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Welcome...Who cooks the Best Garden Omelet?</p> <p>Plant Physiology (Ch. 3) <i>*Make sure you print your soil test results!</i></p> <p>GMGM Video "Understanding your Soil Results" Q&A for Soil Reports</p>	<p>Alabama Extension Agents</p> <p>Dr. Rudy Pacumbaba</p> <p>Dr. Charles Mitchell</p>
<p>March 11</p> <p>Moderator: Mallory Kelley</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Welcome & Grab your Morning Joe!</p> <p>Turf & Lawn Care (Ch. 6 & Ch. 11) Go Click Some Pics & Post on the Discussion Board!</p> <p>Weed Identification & Management in the Lawn</p>	<p>Alabama Extension Agents</p> <p>Rhonda Britton</p> <p>Tim Crow</p>
<p>March 18</p> <p>Moderator: Megan Jones</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Welcome Back!!!!</p> <p>Landscape Design (Ch. 16)</p> <p>Edible Landscaping & Growing Herbs</p>	<p>Alabama Extension Agents</p> <p>Bethany O' Rear</p> <p>Hannah Dykes</p>
<p>March 25</p> <p>Moderator: Tim Crow</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Welcome & Grab your Biscuit or Bagel!</p> <p>Plant Diseases & Disorders (Ch. 5)</p> <p>Pesticide Safety~ Understanding the Label & How to Calculate a Sprayer?</p>	<p>Alabama Extension Agents</p> <p>Dr. James Jacobi</p> <p>Sonja Thomas</p>
<p>April 1</p> <p>Moderator: Rudy Yates</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Welcome & Roll Call!!!</p> <p>Plant Propagation (Ch. 7)</p> <p>Controlling Indoor Pest</p>	<p>Alabama Extension Agents</p> <p>Mallory Kelley</p> <p>Dr. Fudd Graham</p>

April 8 Moderator: Hannah Dykes	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome Back!!!	Alabama Extension Agents
	9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	Native Trees and Shrubs	Tony Glover
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Invasive Plants	Nancy Lowenstein
April 15 Moderator: Bethany O’Rear	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome & Grab your Hot Tea!	Alabama Extension Agents
	9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	Annuals and Perennials (Ch. 14)	Allyson Shabel
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Drip Irrigation	Tim Crow
April 22 Moderator: Jack LeCroy	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome & Roll Call!!!	Alabama Extension Agents
	9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	“Fruit Culture” (Ch. 13)	Doug Chapman
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Hummingbirds	Fred Bassett
April 29 Moderator: Tim Crow	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Final Course Day~ Use the day at your own discretion *Take your post class test and survey	Local Extension Agent

Here is a reminder of this year’s meetings to help you record volunteer hours.

- 1/11/2020—Planning for 2020 (LOL) and installation of officers (2 vol hrs.)
- 2/14/2020— Making Dish Gardens for Your Valentine (1 vol & 1 CEU)
- 3/13/2020—Gardening and Sustainability (1 vol & 1 CEU)
- 10/9/2020—Agriculture and COVID (1 vol & 1 CEU)

This is the page that tells you how to count hours:

<http://mg.aces.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/11/consistent-counting-hours-merged-guides-updated-3-22-17.pdf>



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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR DECEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS—Plant young pecan and other deciduous fruit trees and grapes. Select bud wood. Start dormant pruning of established fruits. Protect all young trees from rabbit damage by placing wire around the base of the tree. Apply dormant oil sprays for scale.

LAWNS—Control wild garlic, chickweed, *Poa annua*, dandelion, and other weeds. Read label on each package of weed killer used.

ROSES—Add plants to rose garden. Mulch all plantings.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annual seed without delay. Have you tried violas?

BULBS—Continue spring bulb planting.

SHRUBS—Planting is still the main activity but delay in case of freezing weather.

MISCELLANEOUS—Shrubs, trees, and indoor plants make excellent gifts.

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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: \$ _____

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Wilsonville, AL 35186**