

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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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 MGA: www.alabamamg.org

Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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

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The President Ponders...

Members,

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. – Audrey Hepburn

On that note, we are going to believe in tomorrow and plan for it. We will have a ZOOM meeting January 8th. We will plan, as well as we can, for 2021. Kerry Smith, State Program Coordinator for Extension Master Gardeners, will be with us to answer questions you have about AMGA.

Please send me any ideas that you have for programs. I doubt that field trips will be in the picture this year. Also send me any questions you have for Kerry so I can forward them to her beforehand.

We will see how that goes and perhaps have another ZOOM meeting in February. In March we may be able to switch to outdoor meetings throughout the spring and summer. Please send me any ideas that you have for outdoor venues you love around the county. The Shelby County website lists fifty parks at <https://www.shelbyal.com/823/Parks>.

I've been going through the 2020 Gardener's Gabs for our annual report. You may want to look through them again at mg.aces.edu/shelby/newsletters/. They provide lots of information and, for a year with only four meetings, we did accomplish a good deal.

ACES has many great classes online and will be starting a new master gardener class February 4, 2021. Certified master gardeners can sign up for any classes of interest as long as there is room. Classes and dates were listed in the December Gab.

Keep believing!

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 December 18, 2020

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Checks/Deposits

Beginning Balance
Deposits
Checks

Ending Balance

Balance

\$5,550.23
154.00
-17.35
\$5,686.88

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

Birthdays:

- Colleen Bourne
- Joy Doering
- Sunny Gilliam
- Nita Limdi
- Susan Moore
- Susan Seng



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



CRACKER BARREL MEATLOAF RECIPE

from the kitchen of Heidee Vansant, Master Gardener

This Cracker Barrel Meatloaf Recipe brings the taste of Cracker Barrel right into your kitchen. It's classic comfort food at its best. Juicy, tender meatloaf with a sweet, savory glaze on top!

Serves: 8

Prep Time: 15 Minutes

Cooking Time: 1 Hour 10 Minutes

Nutrition facts: 378 calories 20 grams fat

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 small finely diced onion
- 1/2 cup finely diced bell pepper (optional)
- 1 1/2 sleeves of crushed Ritz® crackers
- 4 oz. shredded sharp cheddar or Colby cheese
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper

For the topping:

- 1/2–3/4 cup ketchup
- 2 Tbls. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. mustard



Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. In a small bowl, combine the ketchup, brown sugar, and mustard. Place to the side. This will be used later as the topping.
3. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, crushed Ritz® crackers, cheese, milk, salt, and black pepper. Mix well.
4. Add in the ground beef. Mix just to combine. Do not over mix.
5. Form into a loaf and place inside a baking pan or on baking sheet lined with foil or parchment paper.
6. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes.
7. Remove from the oven and spread the topping over the meatloaf.
8. Bake for an additional 30 to 40 minutes or until the center is 160°F.
9. Let it cool for 15 minutes before serving.
10. Enjoy!



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**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Julie Baumgartner
- 10—Jan Rodgers
- 10—Phyllis Weaver
- 11 - Mary Mattingly
- 12—Heidee Vansant
- 17—Jennifer Gregory
- 24—Heidi Mueninghoff
- 25—Jim Sherbrook





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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR JANUARY

FRUITS & NUTS—Set out apples, peaches, pears, and grapes. Start grafting pecans. Prune dormant trees.

SHRUBS—Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrow-leaf, and deciduous. Graft camellias in South Alabama. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.

LAWNS—Soil test before setting up fertility program.

ROSES—Visit nurseries and garden centers to select varieties. Start planting.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annuals.

BULBS—Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.

MISCELLANEOUS—Prune winter-damaged limbs. Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely. Cut them back lightly and keep in a temperature of 55° to 60° F.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant hardy vegetables, root crops, roots, and tubers in southern-most areas. Plant lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli in cold-frames.

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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

PAST DUE

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: _____

City

Zip

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