

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,

Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace. ~May Sarton

If this pandemic has taught us anything, it should be patience.

Luckily, gardening can be a socially distanced activity, but meeting together as a group is not. SCMGA will not meet in February.

Thanks to all of you who joined by ZOOM on January 8th **and thanks to Sylvia Sheffield for setting it up.** We will use your input in planning. All ideas for programs, projects and venues are still welcome.

Please fill out the Master Gardener Program Strategic Assessment Survey by Feb. 28. Follow this link to the Survey: <https://aub.ie/pLWbYQ> or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser: <https://aub.ie/pLWbYQ> .

Depending on the weather, we will plan to meet outdoors as a group March 12th, a week before the first day of spring.

Stay safe,

Kate

PLEASE NOTE: The AMGA Conference scheduled for April 20-22 in Anniston HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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 January 20, 2021

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Checks/Deposits

	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$5,686.88
Deposits	540.00
Checks	-22.00
Ending Balance	\$6,204.88

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

Birthday Cards:

Julie Baumgartner	Heidi Mueninghoff	Heidee Vansant
Jennifer Gregory	Jan Rogers	Phylliss Weaver
Mary Mattingly	Jim Sherbrook	



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):

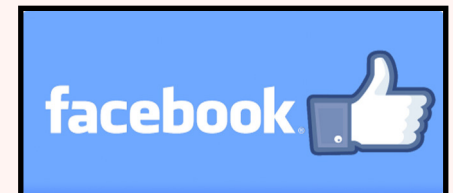
ALDRIDGE GARDENS	https://aldridgegardens.com/education/events/eventsataldridge.html
BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS	https://bbgardens.org/#events
HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY	http://events.hooverlibrary.org/events
PETALS FROM THE PAST	https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/
SHELBY CO. MASTER GARDENERS	https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/events

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.



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

TASTES ALMOST-FRESH GREEN BEANS

from the kitchen of Kate Vogel, Master Gardener

Ingredients:

- 2 (14.5 oz.) cans cut green beans
- 1 packet Goya ham (jamon) flavored concentrate



Directions:

1. Pour off the canning liquid. (I water my house plants with it.)
2. Add the flavoring packet and one can of fresh water.
3. Simmer as long as you like. I cook at least 30 minutes. I still like my green beans cooked all day like my grandmother, Mama Mamie, did. She also added a slab of fat back but the ham concentrate gives the same taste with no added calories, fat or salt.

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.

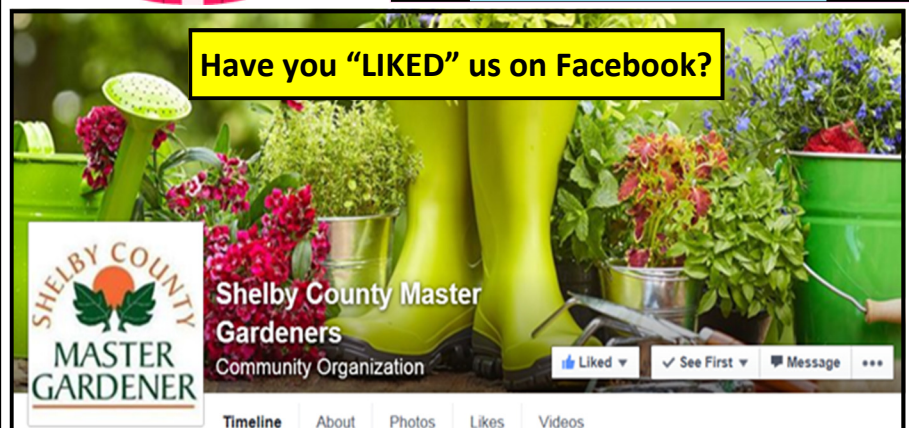
Here are two ways for you to get in touch with Martha:

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 6—Sydney Ellis
- 9—Joy Morris
- 19—Teresa Boody
- 19—Martha Grantham
- 21—Myra Healy
- 22—Chris Cooley
- 23—Pat Hare
- 26—Sue Owen
- 26—Merle Schukoske



Shelby County Master Gardeners 8 January 2021 Minutes

Opening

President Kate Vogel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone via Zoom. Kate welcomed Sue Owen, Phyllis Weaver and Gina Dodson as first-time visitors. Minutes and the Treasurer's Report were in the GAB which was sent out yesterday. 26 members were present. There are currently 52 active members.

Old Business

1. We were able to meet in January, February, and March 2020 but, due to COVID restrictions, not again until October 2020.
2. We have been able to work on and participate in several community activities including work in the Community Garden on the grounds of University Baptist Church in Montevallo and Montevallo's Arbor Day in February.
3. Dennis Stanek reported that new plants were added to the community garden a few months ago. He reported that some things may still be growing but most likely the hard frosts have nipped back most plants. Intern Jonathan Payne has worked there recently.
4. ACES Strategic Assessment Surveys: if unable to complete, check Spam folder.

New Business

1. Harvest for Health will continue this year and next but will end for research after 2022; still looking for volunteers.
2. Grow More Give More still in operation; contact: cindy_hearn@att.net or 205-424-6352.
3. Please remember to send photos, recipes, news, etc. for publication in the Gab; all are due on the 20th of each month. Note: when sending photos, make sure everyone in the photo is wearing a mask are socially distanced.
4. Nelson Wynn reported there are 6 applications for the next MG class; he needs 15 people enrolled by January 17th. Note: certified MG's may attend classes but do need to register with Nelson first.
5. February 5th is next AMGA Advisory Council meeting; Kate and Dennis have been attending via Zoom.
6. If held, the state conference will be in Anniston, April 20-22.

Program

Kerry Smith from ACES joined us via Zoom. She stressed the following:

1. At ACES, everyone was optimistic before Christmas but now there is overall concern with the current situation and they will most likely continue with current work procedure in line with CDC protocols.
2. In earning education hours, be careful that the YouTube videos, TV shows, etc. are educational and are of good reliable quality; some good websites include: Clemson University, Growing a Greener World (APT), Old Farmers' Almanac.
3. If someone is looking for specific information, enter "edu" after subject in the search bar; this will direct you to a university or collegial website.
4. Be sure to wear a mask when earning volunteer hours.

Closing Business

1. Next meeting scheduled for February 12th via Zoom.
2. Elizabeth York will contact the former Shelby County manager for information on using the Shelby County Exhibition Center for a meeting where we can safely socially distance.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Body

AMGA Membership,
During the December 2020 AMGA Board meeting, the Board increased the Lifetime dues to \$150. It was to go in effect January 1, 2021. However, I failed to communicate the increase to the membership. Therefore, the increase will become effective March 1, 2021. Also, I will communicate this at the upcoming Advisory Council. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Michael Thomason
AMGA President



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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Fruits and Nuts—Planting season continues for dormant trees. Fertilize fruit trees. Apply half of the fertilizer recommended for grapes now; apply the other half soon after fruit sets. Continue dormant pruning and grafting. Start strawberry plantings.

Shrubs—Planting season continues. Visit camellia shows to learn of hardy varieties in your area. Graft camellias in central and south Alabama. Spray all shrubs with a fungicide before new growth starts. Good time to prune all shrubs before new growth starts. Don't prune early-blooming species because flower buds will be removed.

Roses—Prune hybrid tea roses in south Alabama; delay pruning for a few weeks in north Alabama. Continue planting.

Annuals and Perennials—Replant early plantings of hardy annuals. Prepare beds for summer annuals.

Bulbs—Plant cannas, amaryllis, gladiolus, and zephyranthes in south Alabama; delay planting for a few weeks in north Alabama.

Miscellaneous—Houseplants are beginning to show signs of activity. Fertilize with liquid or soluble fertilizer according to manufacturer's directions. Remember Valentine's Day. Why not send roses or a potted plant?

Vegetable Seed—Plant some vegetables listed for January in central Alabama plus collards, salsify, and Swiss chard. Add tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts to cold frames.

Vegetable Plants—Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2021

President	Kate Vogel	665-5878	kvogelashfield@aol.com
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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)

	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:

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
c/o Barbara Williams
825 Mountain View Dr.
Wilsonville, AL 35186**