

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
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The President Ponders...

Members,

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."
—Edwin Way Teale

All things do seem possible—even getting back to in-person SCMGA meetings. We are hoping to meet outside in May and June (weather permitting) and get back inside by July when it is too hot to meet outside.

Six members of the SCMGA Board met April 21st at the Extension Center in Columbiana to ZOOM the AMGA's Annual Business Meeting. In addition to business, Dr. Desmond Layne discussed plans for the Transformation Garden at Auburn University. Go to <https://agriculture.auburn.edu/news/new-transformation-garden-to-reflect-all-of-plant-based-agriculture/> and/or <https://agriculture.auburn.edu/research/hort/transformation-garden/>

to learn more about what will become the largest classroom on campus.

While our April meeting was rained out, we will meet at Ebenezer Swamp May 14th. While not specifically about gardening, it is about those things gardeners are interested in—ecology, native plants, water.

<https://www.facebook.com/Ebenezer-Swamp-164667406337>

Hope to see you there,

Kate

SCMGA MEETING—Friday, May 14th at 10 a.m.

SCMGA will meet at the Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Preserve this Friday, May 14th at 10 a.m. So far, the weather forecast for Friday looks great. It is expected to be sunny and in the 60's, so light layers are suggested. If you have already filled out the waiver, you do not need to fill it out again. Here is the directions and info:

The following is from Jessica Shumate, Director:

There is no physical address for Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Preserve, but you can use google maps for directions: [Ebenezer Swamp](#). It is located on the corner of County Road 24 and Stage Coach Rd. If you are driving from I-65N: You will take the Shelby County Airport Exit and take a left at the light. Then take a right at the next light onto Smokey Rd. About a mile down the road, you'll see the County Road 24 sign and take that left. Less than half a mile, the Preserve is located on the right side. Stage Coach Rd is a dirt road, but you can park alongside the road and walk past the gate. I will meet everyone at the picnic tables and there are restrooms available on-site. I suggest bringing water, mask, a light snack, and sunscreen. We will be walking along a boardwalk, but it is always a good idea to wear shoes with a good grip and that might get dirty. Participants will need to sign a waiver - here is a link to fill it out electronically or I can print some to fill out in person. [Participant Waiver](#) (you will fill it out as the "student")

Thank you so much!

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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!

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TREASURER'S REPORT as of April 22, 2021

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer

Checks/Deposits

Balance

Beginning Balance	\$5,784.88
Checks/Deposits	0.00
Ending Balance	\$5,784.88

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

Birthday Cards:

Judy Cook
Diane McKinnon
Steve Nadeau
Lisa Wade

Thinking of you Cards:



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):

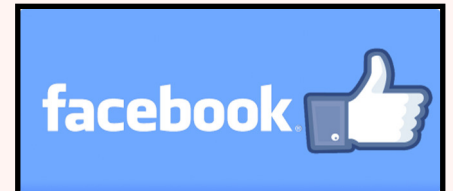
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SHELBY CO. MASTER GARDENERS	https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/events

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

The Best Crack Cake

from the kitchen of Heidee Vansant, Master Gardener

INGREDIENTS:

FOR THE CAKE:

- 1 box Duncan Hines yellow cake mix
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 1 box vanilla pudding instant mix
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 4 eggs
- ¾ cup water
- ¾ cup oil
- ½ cup white wine (really any kind, but I always use my go-to pinot grigio)

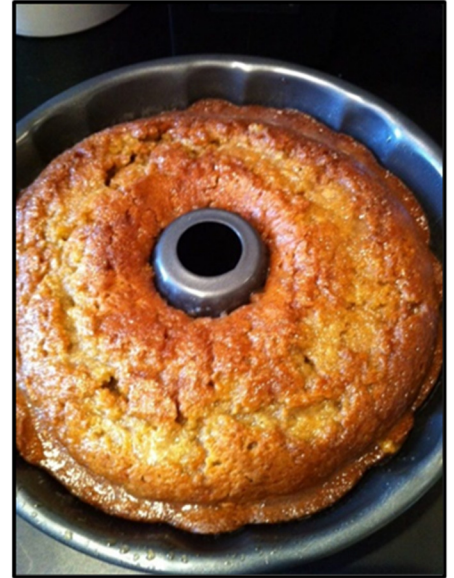
FOR THE GLAZE:

- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup white wine

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Mix the above ingredients by hand or hand mixer.
3. Grease a Bundt pan VERY well. (I use butter or Pam Baking Spray)
4. Pour into pan and bake for 1 hour, or until a knife comes out clean.
5. When cake comes out of the oven...
6. Melt 1 stick butter into 1 cup sugar and ¼ cup wine.
7. Pour over hot cake. (I poke holes in the cake to help it soak in)
8. Cool.
9. Flip out of pan onto plate and serve (loosened the cake with a flexible spatula and shake-shake-shake and bang it to help loosen it out in one piece!)

Enjoy!



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



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16—James Busbin, Jr.
22—Marilyn Donoho
26—Paula Mangum
26—Ben Crunk
27—Jeannie Bubbett



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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR MAY

FRUITS AND NUTS—Continue spray program. Keep grass from around trees & strawberries. Peaches & apples can still be budded.

SHRUBS—Newly planted shrubs need extra care now and in coming weeks. Don't spray with oil emulsions when temperature is above 85°F.

LAWNS—Now is the best time to start lawns from seed. Water new lawns as needed to prevent drying. Keep established lawns actively growing by watering, fertilizing, and mowing. Spray weeds in lawns with proper herbicide.

ROSES—Spray or dust for insects and diseases. Fertilize monthly with complete fertilizer or Rose special. Container-grown plants in flower may be planted. Prune climbing roses after the first big flush of flowering.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Late plantings of bedding plants still have time to produce. Watch for insects on day lilies.

BULBS—Summer bulbs started in containers may still be planted. Do not remove foliage from spring flowering bulbs. Do not let seed heads form on tulips and other spring flowering bulbs.

MISCELLANEOUS—Mulch new shrub plantings if not already done. Avoid drying out new shrub, tree, and lawn plantings.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant heat-loving and tender vegetables. Start cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery in cold-frame for fall garden.

VEGETABLES—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potatoes.

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