

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,

"And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days." James Russell Lowell

Traditionally we visit a member's garden in June. I had hoped to have you visit the Vogel farm in Brierfield to pick blueberries or to just sit in the shade and visit. It is a very Zen experience. I think Blueberry Yoga would be a great idea. www.facebook.com/The-Vogel-Farm-LLC-210921272274461

Since we have had no perfect days so far in June, it is awfully wet with more rain forecast. What is worse, there has been little sun to sweeten the berries as they ripen.

There will be no SCMGA meeting, but you are still welcome to come. I would recommend you wait until after we have had several days of sun. It just makes you feel so bad for all those farmers whose fields are underwater.

It was a lovely day for our May meeting at Ebenezer Swamp. Jecca Shumate, UM's Environmental Education Program Director, led our tour. The Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Preserve is home to a variety of plant and animal species and host to a number of biology and environmental science classes at the University of Montevallo.

We will plan a meeting in Columbiana for July 9th.

Hope to see you there,

Kate

We have two new graduates with BIG plans! Teresa and Larry Riddle graduated at the end of April and to gain their volunteer hours, they immediately began discussing plans with Nelson Wynn to explore the possibility of developing a community garden in Pelham. The Riddles scheduled a meeting last month with D. Tyrell McGirt, the Parks and Rec director for the city of Pelham, and he is excited about the potential. He says the National Parks and Rec standards include community gardens and he would like to see Pelham have one. Dennis Stanek and Steve Nadeau have agreed to join them on the planning team and they will meet with D. Tyrell McGirt later this month. It will be a good yearlong project in the least. The Riddles are asking other SCMG's to assist with this project, especially those who live in Pelham and surrounding areas.

They also have partnered with the City of Pelham Library for a "Master Gardener Series" of presentations. The first one will be next week, June 17 at 2:00 pm at the Pelham Library. Larry and Teresa are presenting Dr. Loewenstein's "Invasive Plants" information. They have the following scheduled for the first Saturday mornings at 10:00 am of the following months:

- August 7: Native Plants for Pelham—Zone 8b
- October 2: Fall Landscaping Projects—to Ready for Spring!
- December 4: Hummingbirds—Making Pelham a Winter Stop!
- February 5: Raised Garden Beds—Not Just for Small Yards!
- April 2: Insect and Pest Management (IPM)—Conquering Yard and Garden Pests

They would love to have others willing to present these but have agreed to do them all (except the February one—they have a trip) if not.

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A FREE webinar series hosted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. In partnership with the Alabamense Chapter of the Azalea Society of America and the Davis Arboretum at Auburn University.

March 25, 2021	April 22, 2021	May 20, 2021	June 10, 2021
Introduction to Evergreen Azaleas Introduction to Native Azaleas	Planting Azaleas Care & Maintenance of Azaleas	Propagating Evergreen Azaleas Propagating Native Azaleas	Insects, Diseases, and Disorders Azalea Society Opportunities



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via Zoom @ 6 p.m. CST

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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!

- https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaSmartYardsAlabamaExtension/videos/?ref=page_internal
- https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaExtensionAAMU/videos/?ref=page_internal
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TREASURER'S REPORT as of May 19, 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 May:

Birthdays Cards:

Jeannie Bubbett Welton Edwards
James Busbin, Jr. Paula Mangum
Ben Crunk
Marilyn Donoho

Thinking of you Cards:



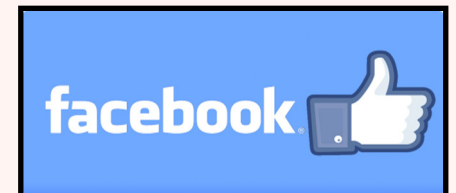
THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA. Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending (may be rescheduled or cancelled due to COVID-19):

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 205-531-0616



Cup Cobbler

from Sweet Grown Alabama



Ingredients:

- Frozen or fresh berries
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar (for berries)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 to 1 stick butter



Preparation:

I prefer to cook this in a cast iron Dutch oven, but it can be done in a regular 9" x 13" baking dish. Butter sides and bottom of baking dish. Pour enough berries in bottom of pan to cover well. Sprinkle 1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar over berries. Let sit for about 15 minutes. Mix 1 cup sugar, self-rising flour and milk (does not have to be mixed smooth). Pour over fruit. Dot with butter. Place in 350°F oven for about 45 minutes. The crust should be light golden brown. Serve as is or with ice cream. Great winter dessert to use frozen fruit!

We hope you enjoy **Cup Cobbler**! This recipe and more from farmers around the state are also available in Extension Publication FSC-2112, Fresh from the Farm Alabama Recipes, a great place to find new ways to use an abundance of fresh produce. The most important thing to remember when trying these recipes, which are farmer favorites, is to buy fresh and buy local. Support our farmers and support our communities.

David and Margaret (Maggie) Cox
Maggie Valley Berry Ranch, Marshall County

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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:

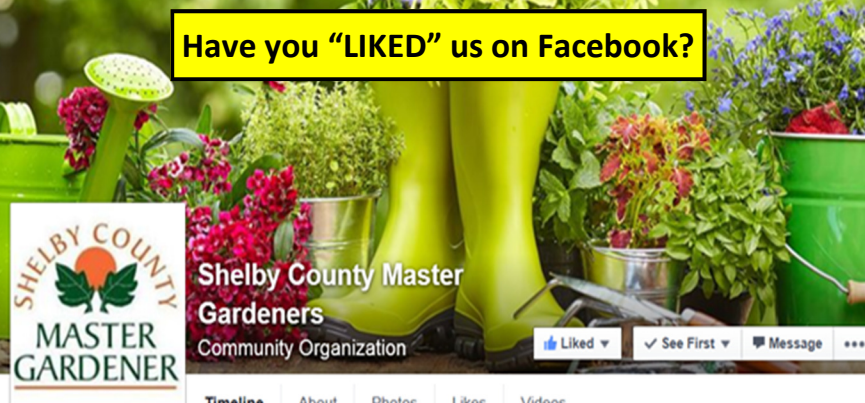
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5—Ernette Dawson
 15—Jonathan Payne
 27—Karen Jensen

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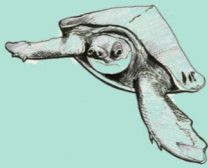
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May 14th EBENEZER SWAMP TOUR



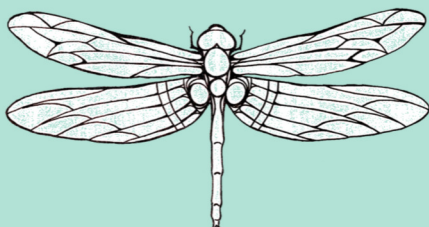
Rules and regulations; got to have them!



Dennis Stanek, UM Director Jecca Shumate, Lisa Wade, President Kate Vogel, Cindy Sapp, Deb Elliott, and Cindy Hearn



Very interesting and appropriate UM metal sculpture.



Cindy Hearn, Cindy Sapp, UM Director Jecca Shumate, Deb Elliott and Steve Nadeau





Dennis Stanek and Cindy Hearn



Cindy Hearn, Dennis Stanek, Joy Morris, Deb Elliott, and Steve Nadeau



A friendly VA Master Gardener approached Karen Jensen at Aldi's (she was wearing a MG t-shirt). He recently moved to Calera from Virginia and Karen invited him to our June meeting. He hopes to come & pick blueberries with us. He had been looking for a Shelby County MG group and hadn't found us yet.





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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JUNE

FRUITS AND NUTS—Layer grapes and continue spray programs. If they are too thick, thin apples and peaches.

SHRUBS—Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs. Water them as needed. Fertilize now. Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips. June is a good time to take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

LAWNS—Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering. Lawns should be mowed weekly. Planting may continue if soil is moist. Continue weed spraying if necessary.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if they are not already in. For compact mums, keep tips pinched out. Watch for insects and diseases.

BULBS—Remove foliage from spring bulbs if it is yellow and becoming dry. Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

MISCELLANEOUS—If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils. Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water. If desired, air layer houseplants.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant beans, field peas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potato vine cuttings.

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