

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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The President Ponders...

Members,

ACES is open for meetings in the auditorium, with social distancing and masks recommended, so we will have our July 9th meeting there. We will **NOT** have our usual covered dish lunch at this first meeting.

VP Jim Sherbrook had proposed working outside on the ACES grounds as weather permits. Since it looks like rain and Jim will not be able to be there, outside work won't be possible but we will have our 10:00 meeting inside.

In 2015, SCMGA members took on the job of refurbishing the county -owned Outdoor Learning Center, behind the Extension Building. Michelle Hill, who spearheaded that project, will be our speaker.

Looking forward, August 13th will be our traditional meeting to welcome interns (two years' worth). Interns Teresa and Larry Riddle will speak to us on spearheading the proposed Pelham Community Garden.

Hope to see you there,

Kate

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

This is our traditional meeting to welcome interns (two years' worth). President Kate Vogel is considering boxed lunches if members are agreeable. Interns Teresa and Larry Riddle will speak to us on spearheading the proposed Pelham Community Garden.

Friday
Aug. 13

SCMG **Sundra Smith** (Left) shown in the online flyer for Birmingham Botanical Gardens' Spring Virtual Plant Sale.



Jim Strickland, Grand Marshall of Columbiana's 2021 Liberty Day Celebration

Jim started Liberty Day 35 years ago when he served as Mayor!

Jim's wife, Beth, is seated beside him, and Representative Corley Ellis is between them. Both Jim and Corley are Shelby County Master Gardeners.



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
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TREASURER'S REPORT as of June 21, 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:

Ernette Dawson
Karen Jensen
Jonathan Payne

Thinking of you Cards:



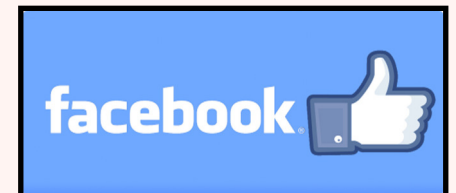
THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA. Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending (may be rescheduled or cancelled due to COVID-19):

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.



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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

Spinach Soufflé (Stouffer's Copycat)

From the Kitchen of: Heidee Vansant, Master Gardener

Put together a light and easy side with this Stouffer's-inspired spinach soufflé. This simple dish is baked with Parmesan, cream, and a blend of spices.

Preparation: **10 minutes**

Cooking: **30 minutes**

Total: **40 minutes**

Serves: **8 People**

Ingredients

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 large eggs
- 20 oz. frozen chopped spinach, thawed, and water squeezed out
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- ¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
- ⅛ tsp. cayenne pepper
- ½ tsp. kosher salt
- ¼ tsp. coarse ground black pepper



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350° F and spray an 8×8-inch baking dish with vegetable oil spray.
2. With a whisk or a hand mixer in a large bowl, beat the heavy cream and eggs for 2 to 3 minutes until foamy.
3. Add in the spinach, parmesan cheese, flour, nutmeg, cayenne pepper, salt, and pepper and whisk until well combined.
4. Add the mixture to the baking dish and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until it is set in the center and a toothpick comes out clean.

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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

9—Tommy Harrison
12—Beth Glasgow
16—Gretchen Boiling
21—Barbara Williams
30—Betty Daigle



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

August 12	10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Introduction to the Alabama Master Gardener Program & Program Features/Requirements	
August 19 Moderator: Dani Carroll	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
	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
August 26 Moderator: Rhonda Britton	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Welcome & Grab your Morning Joe!	Alabama Extension Agents
	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
Sept. 2 Moderator: David Koon	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome Back! Review of Test & Volunteer Garden Project High- light	Alabama Extension Agents
	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
Sept. 9 Moderator: Nelson Wynn	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome & Grab your Morning Muffin!	Alabama Extension Agents
	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
Sept. 16 Moderator: Lucy Ed- wards	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome...Who cooks the Best Garden Omelet?	Alabama Extension Agents
	9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Plant Physiology (Ch. 3) <i>*Make sure you print your soil test results!</i>	Dr. Rudy Pacumbaba
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	"Understanding your Soil Results and Q&A"	Dr. Charles Mitchell
Sept. 23 Moderator: Mallory Kelley	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome & Grab your Morning Joe!	Alabama Extension Agents
	9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	Turf & Lawn Care (Ch. 6 & Ch. 11)	Rhonda Britton
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Weed Identification & Management in the Lawn	Tim Crow
Sept. 30 Moderator: Megan Jones	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome Back!!!!	Alabama Extension Agents
	9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Landscape Design (Ch. 16)	Bethany O' Rear
	1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Edible Landscaping & Growing Herbs	Hannah Dykes

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October 7 Moderator: Tim Crow	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Welcome & Grab your Biscuit or Bagel! Plant Diseases & Disorders (Ch. 5) How to Calibrate a Sprayer?	Alabama Extension Agents Dr. James Jacobi Dr. Sonja Thomas
October 14 Moderator: Rudy Yates	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Welcome & Roll Call!!! Plant Propagation (Ch. 7) Controlling Indoor Pest	Alabama Extension Agents Mallory Kelley Dr. Fudd Graham
October 21 Moderator: Hannah Dykes	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Welcome Back!!! Native Trees and Shrubs Invasive Plants	Alabama Extension Agents Kerry Smith Dr. Nancy Loewenstein
October 28 Moderator: Bethany O’Rear	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Welcome & Grab your Hot Tea! Annuals and Perennials (Ch. 14) Drip Irrigation	Alabama Extension Agents Allyson Shabel Tim Crow
Nov. 4 Moderator: Jack LeCroy	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	Welcome & Roll Call!!! “Fruit Culture” (Ch. 13) Hummingbirds	Alabama Extension Agents Doug Chapman Fred Bassett
Nov. 11 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



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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JULY

FRUITS & NUTS—Protect figs and other ripening fruit from birds.

SHRUBS—Continue to root shrub cuttings until late in the month and mulch to keep soil moist. Remove faded blooms promptly from crape myrtle and other summer-blooming plants.

LAWNS—Watch for diseases. Mow regularly. Water as needed.

ROSES—Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Apply fertilizer. Wash off foliage to prevent burning if any fertilizer falls on plants.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Water as needed to keep plants active.

BULBS—Iris and spider lilies may be planted late this month.

MISCELLANEOUS—Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task this month. This demands close observation for insects and diseases. Water regularly.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant beans, field peas, rutabagas, squash, New Zealand spinach, and Irish potatoes. Plant cabbage, collards, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery for the fall crop.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant tomatoes in Central and North Alabama.

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