

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m.  
Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, Alabama

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## ***The President Ponders...***

Members,

*"The farmer has to be an optimist, or he wouldn't still be a farmer." — Will Rogers*

Usually gardeners spend June and July worrying about too little rain. This year we have spent them worrying about too much rain but, on the bright side, SCMGA has had plenty of zucchini from our beds in the Montevallo Community Garden to share with clients of Shelby Emergency Assistance.

Optimistically, our next SCMGA meeting will be Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the rising COVID numbers will not cause us to change or cancel our plans. The last time we had a meeting on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> was March 2020, the day before the country shut down.

Traditionally the August meeting is when we send a special invitation to this year's interns to join us for our monthly meeting and potluck lunch. This year we have groups of interns from the two previous state-wide ZOOM classes.

Interns Teresa and Larry Riddle will speak to us on spearheading the proposed Pelham Community Garden. We have permission from ACES to have box lunches rather than a potluck as we ease back into in-person meetings.

Alabama Master Gardeners will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a ZOOM meeting from Auburn University on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend if you can. You will find the details at <https://auburn.zoom.us/j/93566762516>

A tour of the renovations at the 4-H Center is planned for our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/4h/alabama-extension-dedicates-8-4-million-expansion-at-state-4-h-center/>

Finally, please be thinking of members (including yourself) who would be good officers and committee chairs for the next two years.

Hope to see you soon,

*Kate*

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### THIS MONTH'S MEETING

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**We need a count for the caterer so please let me know if you want a box lunch ASAP at [kvogelashfield@aol.com](mailto:kvogelashfield@aol.com) .**

Kate

- \* Chicken salad on croissant
- \* Fruit salad with dressing
- \* Brownies
- \* Chips, individual bag Lay's
- \* Tea or water

**\$10.00 per person**



## SHELBY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION 9 JULY 2021 MINUTES

SCMGA met at 10:00 a.m. at the Extension Building in Columbiana. President Kate Vogel welcomed nine members and interns and two guests.

### New Business:

She asked members to be thinking of recommendations for new officers including president since VP Jim Sherbrook has gone back to work and will not be able to take over as president.

Beth Glascox will check on box lunches for the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Since this is our annual meeting to welcome interns, SCMGA will pay for interns' lunches.

Kate will check on a tour of the \$8.4 million renovation of the 4-H Center for our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Announcements:

Myra Healy's husband and Jan Roger's husband are having health problems.

### Program:

The Program was on the 2015 project to update on the Outdoor Learning Center (behind John Jones building, Extension Office). Former member Michelle Hill, who spearheaded the project, spoke on the history, work, and participants on the project. Guest Judy Jones spoke on the involvement of her son and herself. Beth Glasgow spoke about writing the AMGA grant proposal with Barbara Williams.

Nelson Wynn introduced new Extension director April Stone and passed out activities/opportunities for members and asked members to promote the new AMGA intern class that begins 8/12/2021.

Kate asked members for comments on anything new they have learned about gardening this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

### 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 July 21, 2021

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



#### Checks/Deposits

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

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



#### Cards sent by Martha Grantham on behalf of SCMGA during May:

##### Birthday Cards:

Gretchen Boling  
Betty Daigle  
Beth Glasgow

##### Thinking of you Cards:

Tommie Harrison  
Barbra Williams



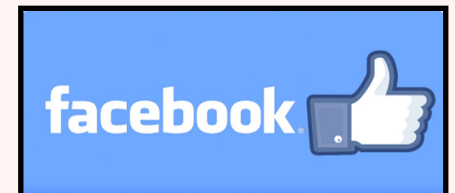
**THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA. Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending** (may be rescheduled or cancelled due to COVID-19):

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

## BLUEBERRY UPSIDE-DOWN PUDDING

From the Kitchen of: Laurel, wife of Dennis Stanek, Master Gardener

- 1-pint blueberries
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup shortening
- 1 egg
- 1 cup flour
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. baking soda
- $\frac{1}{8}$  tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk



Pour washed blueberries into buttered casserole ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  quart size) and sprinkle with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar. Cream shortening,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar and egg together. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add this to creamed mixture alternately with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk. Pour batter over blueberries. Bake at 375°F for 45 minutes. Spoon out while hot and serve with cream, whipped cream, ice cream or milk.

SCMG's please remember, we need recipe contributions from **all** of YOU. Please send recipes to: [scmga.email@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

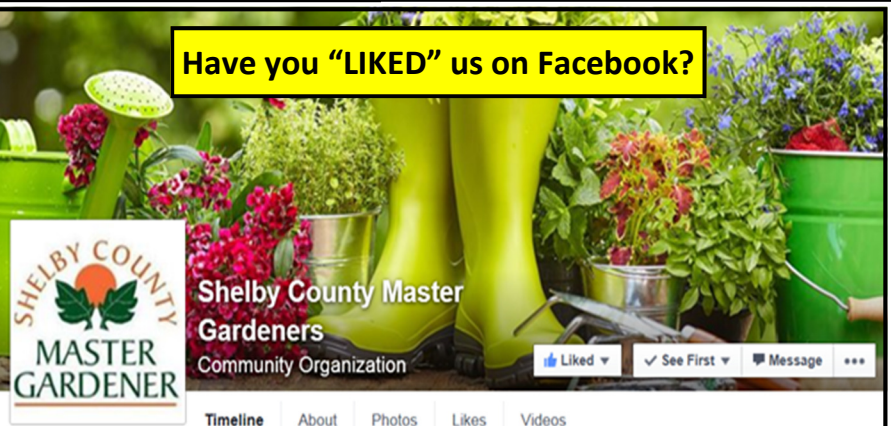
Email: [Doggymamacj@gmail.com](mailto:Doggymamacj@gmail.com)  
Phone: 205-663-8977



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

11—Deborah Elliott  
11—Beth Glasgow  
13—Cathie (Mary) Long  
14 Joy Dearing  
25—Karen Mims

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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

**FRUITS AND NUTS**—Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes. Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

**SHRUBS**—Layer branches of hydrangea.

**LAWNS**—Watch for diseases. Mow regularly, water as needed.

**ROSES**—Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Hybrid teas and floribundas may need slight pruning to prevent scraggly appearance.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials.

**BULBS**—Divide old iris plantings and add new.

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

**VEGETABLE SEED**—Plant turnips, rutabagas, beans, and peas in South Alabama.

**VEGETABLE PLANTS**—Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and celery.

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