

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

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The President Ponders...

*O suns and skies and clouds of June,
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather.*

~Helen Hunt Jackson

Members,

Our tradition has been to visit a member's garden in June, but we were rained out this year. Projects Chair Dennis Stanek has invited us into his garden in Pelham for our October 8th meeting. Please plan to attend if you feel comfortable in doing so.

It could not have been a more beautiful day September 10th when SCMGA met at the 4-H Center. The weather was perfect, and we learned a lot about the 218-acre campus on Lay Lake. I think one member even decided to have a family reunion there.

I visited with Past President Myra Healy who was back from Georgia to finish preparations to sell her home and presented her with an Alabama Master Gardeners 40th anniversary t-shirt as a parting gift from SCMGA. Nothing can compensate her for all the hours she has given to SCMGA from the beginning. Her new address is 5702 Tubman Road, Attling, GA 30802.

Please be thinking of members (including yourself) who would be good officers and committee chairs for the next two years. Thanks to Cindy Hearn for agreeing to be our treasurer. The nominating committee will meet in October to present the slate at the November meeting. Email me at kvogelashfield@aol.com.

Hope to see you soon,

Kate

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- THIS MONTH'S MEETING -

- Dennis Stanek has agreed to host our annual member garden tour, which was rained out in June, in his garden on October 8th at 10 AM.
- We need a head count, so **if you plan to attend, let Kate know immediately kvogelashfield@aol.com.**



- Dennis will get whatever food is necessary and we'll ask a nominal fee like \$5. October Picnic Fare menu: brats on the grill (with kraut, mustard, etc.), potato salad, baked beans, a dessert, and beer (of course).
- Dennis will provide a tour of his garden, how he grows blackberries, blueberries, figs, muscadines, persimmons, hops, satsumas, etc. on a small lot.
- His address is 717 Creekview Dr., Pelham, 35124.
- You can reach Dennis by phone 205-789-0341 or email at dennis.stanek@att.net if you have questions.

**SHELBY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION
10 SEPTEMBER 2021—MINUTES**

SCMGA met at the 4-H Center on Lay Lake near Columbiana. Nine members, one guest and extension agent Nelson Wynn were present.

During a short business meeting, intern Steve Nadeau was presented with his certificate and name badge by President Kate Vogel.

Treasurer Barbara Williams reported a balance of \$5,664.18.

New Business:

1. Until 2020, when the Shelby County Fair was not held due to COVID, the Shelby County interns would have a booth at the fair. Under the supervision of SCMGA members, the interns chose a theme, planned the booth, gathered materials, set up and manned the booth during the five days of the fair. This year the fair is October 19-23. President Vogel has emailed the present ZOOM interns and those from the first two ZOOM classes to assess interest. Members Beth Glasgow and Barbara Williams have volunteered to supervise.
2. Volunteer judges are needed for the 4-H winter competitions January 21, 2022, and spring competitions May 6, 2022. MG's earn volunteer hours for participating. Contact Julie Yocom, 4-H Foundation Regional Extension Agent, at jsy0007@auburn.edu.
3. The next meeting will be our annual member's garden tour October 8th at the home of Projects Chair Dennis Stanek in Pelham.

4-H Center Administrative Support Assistant Rachel Martin led members on a walking tour of the campus explaining its history and the recent renovations. Lunch was served in the newly renovated dining room.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Vogel (substitute secretary)

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 September 23, 2021

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Checks/Deposits

Balance

Beginning Balance

\$5,664.18

Ending Balance

\$5,664.18

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

Birthday Cards:

Gina Dodson
Wayne Gaaney
Diane Pigg

Kate Vogel
Elizabeth York

Sympathy:

Jan Rogers



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 Facebook group called

"Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Active Members"



This **private** 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



BLUEBERRY BREAD

From the Kitchen of: Phyllis Weaver, Shelby County Master Gardener

- 3 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 Tbls. cinnamon
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 1¼ cups salad oil
- 2 pints blueberries
- 1¼ cups chopped pecans



Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine flour, salt, soda, cinnamon, and sugar. Make a well in center of dry ingredients. Add eggs and oil, stir only until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in blueberries and pecans. Spoon batter into two lightly-greased 8" x 4" loaf pans. Bake for 60—75 minutes. Let stand overnight before slicing.

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.

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

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

8—De Anne Benedict
19—Jim Strickland

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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Fruits and Nuts—Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama. Clean up orchard area. Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

Shrubs—Shrub plantings can be made. Water when needed. Note varieties of camellias in bloom. Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

Lawns—Continue to mow lawns until no new growth is noticeable.

Roses—Continue insect and disease control practices. New rose catalogs will be coming in. Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

Annuals and Perennials—Visit flower shows and gardens. List desirable varieties of mums. Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost.

Bulbs—Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculus's. Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

Miscellaneous—Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds. Loosen mulches that have packed down. Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc. Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds. Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

Vegetable Seed—Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.

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