

# GARDENERS' GAB



## **Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.**

**Website:** <https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/>

**E-mail:** [SCMGA.email@gmail.com](mailto:SCMGA.email@gmail.com)

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

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**Alabama MGA:** [www.alabamamga.org](http://www.alabamamga.org)

**Alabama MG Program:** [www.aces.edu/mg](http://www.aces.edu/mg)

**AMG Online Store:** <http://www.victorydesigns.com/amg/>

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

For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad. ~Edwin Way Teale

I love spring but autumn is my favorite season. It may be the sunrises and sunsets. It is probably the turnip greens—my favorite food. My son planted two pounds of seed this year. That means we have lots to give away—which may be the best thing about gardening.

I have had a hard time pinning down a speaker for November. The two possibilities I mentioned at the last meeting could not do it and a third did not have a speaker available.

Because we meet the day after Veterans Day, I googled farmers and veterans and found a Calera farmer named Patrick Johnson from the Veterans Farming Initiative. After talking with him, I think he will be great. He will ZOOM with us at the Extension Center in Columbiana November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

Here is the article about Patrick Johnson:

[www.shelbycountyreporter.com/2020/09/02/calera-farmer-helps-fellow-veterans-in-need/](http://www.shelbycountyreporter.com/2020/09/02/calera-farmer-helps-fellow-veterans-in-need/)

and on Facebook at:

[business.facebook.com/VeteransFarmingInitiativeAL/?\\_xts\\_\\_\[0\]=68](https://business.facebook.com/VeteransFarmingInitiativeAL/?_xts__[0]=68)

Let me know ([kvogelashfield@aol.com](mailto:kvogelashfield@aol.com)) if you feel comfortable participating in our traditional "Dirty Gardener" aka "Dirty Santa" Christmas meeting December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring your membership form and check to the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting or mail it to Treasurer Barbara Williams.

Also, we still need members to step up to be president and vice-president.

Hope to see you soon,

*Kate*

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**OCTOBER GARDEN TOUR and LUNCH PROVIDED BY DENNIS STANEK**



For our October meeting, Master Gardeners and their guests enjoyed a tour of Dennis Stanek's garden in Pelham. Dennis provided home-brewed beer with the hops he grows and brats for lunch.



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**OCTOBER GARDEN TOUR and LUNCH PROVIDED BY DENNIS STANEK**

These pumpkins greeted us—we ate on breezy screen porch, socially distanced!



Karen Jensen and Steve Nadeau sample homemade fig beer—tasty success!



Karen Jensen said, "My brat is loaded with sauerkraut—I felt like I was in Germany! Master Gardeners are great cooks (unlike me!). Heidee Vansant made German potato salad."



Dennis grows hops for his IPA beer on rope pulleys—we are not in a hops growing area so he orders that ingredient usually.



Host Dennis served grilled brats! Delicious!



SCMG Beth Glasgow made these fabulous quilt blocks for the Quilts4Kids booth at the county fair.

### 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 October 20, 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 October:

#### Birthday Cards:

DeAnne Benedict  
Jim Strickland

#### Sympathy:



**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/>

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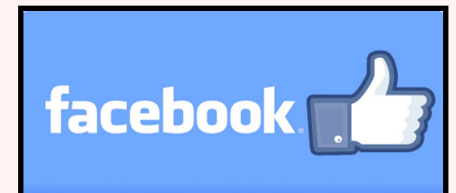
<https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/events>

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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MORE  
GIVE MORE**

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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



# CONNIE'S GOURMET HOT CHOCOLATE

From the Kitchen of: Barbara Williams, Shelby County Master Gardener

- (1) 20 to 28 oz. can of store brand Hot Cocoa Mix (do not buy the good stuff)
- (1) small box of Chocolate or Chocolate Fudge Instant Pudding Mix (large box if you are a chocoholic)

Pour the hot cocoa mix into a large bowl. Add the pudding and mix well. The pudding just slightly thickens the hot cocoa and brings out more chocolate flavor. Measure according to the directions on hot cocoa can.



## Looking for a variation that is a HUGE hit in my house? Try this! CHOCOLATE-COVERED CHERRY HOT CHOCOLATE

- (1) 20 to 28 oz can of store brand Hot Cocoa Mix (do not buy the good stuff)
- (1) small box of Chocolate or Chocolate Fudge Instant Pudding Mix (large box if you are a chocoholic)
- (1) packet Cherry Kool-Aid
- 1/2 cup sugar

In a large bowl, mix the sugar, Kool-Aid, and pudding; mix well. Add the can of hot cocoa mix and mix again. Measure according to the directions on hot cocoa can. You can use any flavor of Kool-Aid—Orange and Strawberry are good too! If you want more "cherry" flavor, double the sugar and use 2 packages of Kool-Aid.

The best part about this recipe is that you can make a big batch for under \$3.00 and trust me when I tell you... your friends will think this is Godiva Hot chocolate! It is that rich and that good!

Oh, and on another note... I tried this with Swiss Miss No Sugar Added. Fabulous! You can use sugar-free pudding too!

**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**



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12—Jessica Joslin  
16—Carol Beard  
17—Rose Levine  
21—Lydia Carpenter





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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

**FRUITS AND NUTS** – Select sites for plantings. Start mulching strawberries, blackberries, and grapes.

**SHRUBS** – Plant trees, shrubs and vines.

**LAWNS** – Some homeowners like lawn paints. Have you thought about having a green lawn this winter? Use proper herbicide to kill germinating winter weeds.

**ROSES** – Get rose planting underway. Use a soil test as a basis for fertilization. Look for new varieties.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS** – Plant hardy annuals such as larkspur, poppies, pansies, anchusa and candytuft. Get sweet peas into the ground.

**BULBS** – Continue spring bulb planting. Put lilies of the valley in a shady place.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Plant screen plantings for privacy on the patio.

**VEGETABLE SEED** – Plant cabbage and lettuce in the cold frame.

### Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2021

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**Please Note:** A new membership form must be completed each year and returned even if you don't owe dues.

**ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Dear Master Gardener,  
The Alabama Master Gardener Association (AMGA) Board of Directors has set \$10.00 as the annual membership dues for January 1—December 31, 2022. Members are very important to this Association, and we hope that you will join or renew your membership. To remain on the state membership list and to continue to receive Garden Pathways newsletter, please complete this application and give it, along with your dues, to your local association Treasurer ASAP.

Association Name: **Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip

Phone #'s:  
Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State and Local Newsletters will be delivered online. County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Information: County of Training: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Training: \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE of MEMBERSHIP** (Check one)

	<b>Local Dues</b>	<b>State Dues</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Member	\$12.00	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Member (Interns)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member	\$240.00	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (Extension Employee)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member	No fee	No fee

**Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:**

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association  
c/o Barbara Williams  
825 Mountain View Dr.  
Wilsonville, AL 35186**