

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

E-mail: SCMGA.email@gmail.com

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

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The President Ponders...

Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle.
~Luther Burbank

I am really counting on that miracle for 2022 in our gardens and in our lives. We started planning for next year at our November meeting. I hope we can all be more involved in SCMGA in the coming year, so the answer is "Yes" when our new president calls on you.

If you feel comfortable in doing so, please plan to attend our end-of-year meeting December 10th. Our "Dirty Gardener" Christmas present swap has always been so much fun, and we all need a good laugh.

The soup lunch at our last AMGA Advisory Council meeting was such a success, I thought we would try it at our meeting. Heidee has reserved her church dining room for us so we will have much more room and our servers will be masked and gloved.

If I don't see you there, have a Merry Christmas and a miraculous New Year!

Kate

LATEST FROM MYRA HEALY: We have a contract on the house. We are supposed to close on Dec 15th so I am happy about that. I do miss my home, friends and community. It is hard to start all over again at my age. But, it is such a blessing living close to my children and grandchildren. This move has been good for John. His health has improved a lot. He'll never be well, but he has managed to stay out of the hospital and is stable.

**Shelby County Master Gardeners Assoc.
November 12, 2021**

Opening

President Kate Vogel called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. There were eleven present. President Vogel announced that due to technical difficulties today's program will not take place.

Old Business

1. As today's program was not available, we took the time for each member present to describe their backgrounds and what brought them to gardening and to becoming a Master Gardener.
2. There was a discussion of decreased attendance and suggestions of ways to increase it.
3. There were no committee reports.
4. President Vogel reported that there is still a need for a vice president and treasurer. Other officer positions have been filled. Thanks to those volunteers!

New Business

1. Barbara Williams gave the Treasurer's Report.
2. The December 10th meeting will be our Dirty Gardener party. There was discussion of where to hold it and what food to serve. It was suggested that we have a soup lunch. President Vogel will explore location and food options.
3. President Vogel suggested that we cancel the January and February meetings due to cold/flu season and a potential upsurge of Covid after the holidays. This was followed by a discussion of possible programs and outings. Incoming President Cindy Hearn will make final decisions.
4. President Vogel announced a change in our state AMGA website address. It is now alabamamga.org.
5. Please remember to send photos, recipes, and news for publication in the *Gardeners' Gab*. These are due by the 20th of each month. Email to: scmga.email@gmail.com. If you have a great winter recipe, please send it ASAP.

Important Upcoming Dates

- December 10 - SCMGA Dirty Gardener Party and Officer elections.
- It is time to pay your dues! Application in the GAB.
- December 19 - Last day of early bird AMGA intern registration fee of \$150, after the 19th the fee is \$200.
- January 23 - Spring AMGA intern registration closes.
- February 3 - Spring Master Gardener intern classes begin.
- May 2 - 4 The State Master Gardener Conference will be held in Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Sheffield, Acting Secretary

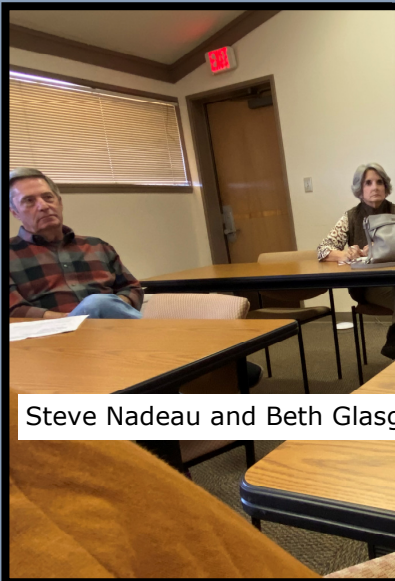
**November 12
SCMGA
MEETING**



Barbara Williams, Cindy Hearn, Trisha Williams & Sylvia Sheffield



President Kate Vogel



Steve Nadeau and Beth Glasgow



Dennis Stanek, Deb Elliott, Martha Grantham, Barbara Williams. & Cindy Hearn

Photographer—Lisa Wade

SCMGA PROGRAMS 2021 (for CEUs and Volunteer hours)
<https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/>

Jan 8	SCMGA ZOOM meeting, Planning for 2021	1 VOL
Feb 12	SCMGA meeting CANCELLED	
Mar 12	SCMGA outdoor meeting Seed-to-Table Community Garden	2 VOL
Apr 9	SCMGA outdoor meeting Ebenezer Swamp CANCELLED (weather)	
Apr 21	AMGA Annual Business Meeting via "ZOOM" @ ACES	1 VOL
May 14	SCMGA outdoor meeting Ebenezer Swamp	1 CEU 1 VOL
Jun 11	SCMGA Member Garden tour CANCELLED (weather)	
Jul 9	SCMGA meeting ACES Outdoor Learning Center	1 CEU 1 VOL
Aug 13	New Intern Box Lunch and member recruitment, ACES	1 CEU 1 VOL
Sep 10	SCMGA meeting @ 4-H Center	1 CEU 1 VOL
Oct 8	SCMGA Member (Dennis Stanek) Garden Tour & Plant Swap	1 VOL
Nov 12	SCMGA discussion and planning meeting ACES	1 VOL
Dec 10	SCMGA meeting Dirty Santa & Dues/Officer Elections	1 VOL



TREASURER'S REPORT as of November 20, 2021
 Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer

Checks/Deposits

Balance

Beginning Balance	\$5,664.18
Ending Balance	\$5,664.18

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

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Birthday Cards:

Carol Beard
 Lydia Carpenter
 Jessica Joslin
 Rose Levine

Sympathy:

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.



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



Pumpkin Pie Bars

From the Kitchen of: Kate Vogel, Shelby County Master Gardener

- 1 can (29 ounces) pumpkin
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 package yellow or butter recipe golden cake mix
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup chopped pecans (optional)



1. Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large bowl, combine the first 5 ingredients; beat on medium speed until smooth. Pour into an ungreased 13x9-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with dry cake mix. Drizzle butter over top; sprinkle with pecans.
2. Bake 50 - 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 1 hour on a wire rack.
3. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Remove from refrigerator 15 minutes before serving. Cut into bars.

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



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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12—Joy Doering
20—Sunny Gilliam





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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS—Plant young pecan and other deciduous fruit trees and grapes. Select bud wood. Start dormant pruning of established fruits. Protect all young trees from rabbit damage by placing wire around the base of the tree. Apply dormant oil sprays for scale.

LAWNS—Control wild garlic, chickweed, Poa annua, dandelion, and other weeds. Read label on each package of weed killer used.

ROSES—Add plants to rose garden. Mulch all plantings.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annual seed without delay. Have you tried violas?

BULBS—Continue spring bulb planting.

SHRUBS—Planting is still the main activity but delay in case of freezing weather.

MISCELLANEOUS—Shrubs, trees, and indoor plants make excellent gifts.

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)

	Local Dues	State Dues
<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**