

GARDENERS' GAB



SBodhelby 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...

Thank you for the words of encouragement and willingness to participate in the business of the Association as I launch into this new adventure. It has been a challenging time for the Association in every way. Gardeners are resilient and resourceful people. I have enjoyed seeing experienced members offer wisdom and experience from before Covid times and provide efforts and ideas for going forward. I have seen new MGs that are excited to get to know what opportunities are available to serve the Association and community. These newer members bring new energy and ideas into the group. If you are interested in working with the Committees let any board member know.

This GAB should be going to:

- Active members
- Provisional members (interns who have completed the class and not completed volunteer hours)
- Inactive members (previous members who have not renewed by deadlines during the last two years).

I am excited about the approximately forty people who have completed the application, kept up with their volunteer hours and paid dues for the 2022 year. This group includes people who have worked and believed in the value and purpose of the association for a long time, our treasure chest of experience. It also includes new residents, newly certified and returning members. Please note this number is half as many members as three or four years ago.

WE WANT YOU BACK, WE NEED YOU, WE MISS YOU

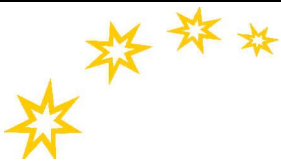
We are aware and realize that volunteer hours over the covid times along with life events have interrupted our participation and ability to get together. Please reach out and let us know of your interest in being involved.

I am looking forward to hearing Deb Elliott present her program on the Gibbs Garden in Georgia at the Extension Office in Columbiana at 10 am on February 11th. We have new certifications to award and planning for meetings, field trips and volunteer opportunities.

Just as a note, I found this interesting: Bill Finch wrote for AL.com & Birmingham News January 16, 2022, the article "Keep Winter Cool" where he explained the importance of mulch in Alabama to help regulate temperatures keeping our plants cool which makes a significant difference in spring flowers and fruit.

Cindy

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Stars awards will be presented at our February 11th meeting and we will be catching up on these. So if you earned a star in 2019, 2020 or 2021 plan on attending to receive your star.

- **Bronze:** DeAnn Benedict, Chris Cooley, Benjamin Crunk, Welton Edwards, Martha Grantham, Cindy Hearn, Sandra Hixson, Rose Levine-Arestizal, Paula Mangum, Mary Mattingly, Stephen Nadeau, James Sherbrook, Lisa Wade
- **Silver:** Beth Glasgow, Karen Mims, Sylvia Sheffield, Dennis Stanek
- **Gold:** Deborah Elliott, Joy Morris, Kate Vogel, Barbara Williams
- **Ruby:** Karen Jensen (advanced presented at AMGA conference)

REACH FOR THE STARS PROGRAM

Reach for the Stars is a volunteer service recognition program approved by the State Master Gardener Board of Directors in February 1999. Participation in the Reach for the Stars Program is an option for each local association, and all are encouraged to participate.

The purpose of the Program is two-fold:

1. To recognize Master Gardeners who have assisted Extension in educating and improving their communities.
2. To encourage Master Gardeners to keep records and report volunteer hours as requested by ACES. Recorded hours are utilized in justifying the resources expended by ACES to educate and train Master Gardeners.

The only hours that will count toward the Reach for the Stars program are those earned while the MG is a member in good standing of AMGA.

Master Gardeners will follow the Volunteer Hours Policies/Guidelines established by the Steering Committee in recording volunteer hours. This program is effective retroactive to the inception of the Master Gardener Program in 1981. Hours earned should comply with the Volunteer Hours Policies. The annual reporting period will be January 1-December 31. Star and badge requirements will be submitted to the AMGA Awards Chair by January 31.

Requirements for earning stars and badges are as follows:

- Bronze Star 100 – 299 hours
- Silver Star 300 – 499 hours
- Gold Star 500 – 999 hours
- Gold Name Badges 1,000 – 1,999 hours
- Platinum Badges 2,000 – 3,999 hours
- Silver Star Pin with ruby colored gemstone 4,000 – 5,999 hours
- Silver Star Pin with emerald colored gemstone 6,000 – 7,999 hours
- Silver Star Pin with diamond colored gemstone 8,000 – 9,999 hours
- New Badge with lifetime membership in AMGA – 10,000 + hours
- Silver Star Pin with amethyst colored gemstone 10,000-11,999 hours
- Silver Star Pin with navy blue colored gemstone 12,000-14,999 hours
- Silver Star Pin with garnet colored gemstone 15,000-16,999 hours
- Silver Star Pin with rainbow colored gemstone 17,000-19,999 hours
- Silver Star Pin with champagne colored gemstone 20,000 plus

Scenes from our January Meeting



Kate Vogel swore in Cindy Hearn as our new President.



Cindy Hearn awarded Kate Vogel a dozen roses for being our past President.



Cindy Hearn awarded Sylvia Sheffield a dozen roses for being our new Secretary.



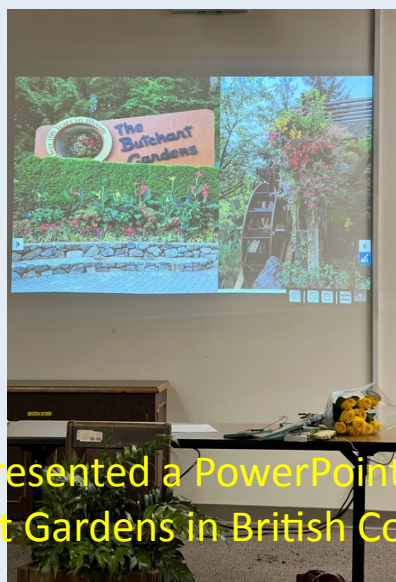
Barbara Williams was awarded a dozen roses for being our treasurer.



Cindy Hearn awarded Heidee Vansant a dozen roses for being our longtime newsletter editor.



Cindy Hearn presented a PowerPoint program on her trip to Butchart Gardens in British Columbia, Canada.



**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
Minutes - 14 January 2022**

- **Opening** - President Kate Vogel called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. There were thirteen members present.
- The treasurer's report and the minutes from the December meeting were approved as written in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- **Committee Reports** - There were no committee reports.
- **Old Business** - Joy Morris and Karen Jensen were recognized for the number of volunteer hours they accomplished.
- **New Business**
 - Out-going President Kate Vogel swore in the officers for 2022 -2023:
 - President - Cindy Hearn
 - Vice President - Kate Vogel (will fill in until a VP is recruited)
 - Secretary - Sylvia Sheffield
 - Treasurer - Barbara Williams (will fill in until a treasurer is recruited)
 - New President Cindy Hearn presented a bouquet of roses to each officer, to Kate Vogel as past president, and to Heidee Vansant for her work on the *Gardeners' Gab* newsletter.
 - **Please consider volunteering to be Vice President or Treasurer of the SCMGA. It is a fantastic way to support our gardeners in Shelby County and a wonderful learning experience. Dare to break out of your comfort zone!**
 - The deadline for registering for the Master Gardener class is January 23rd. Shelby and Bibb counties' will be virtual while the Chilton county class will be in-person. Classes begin on February 3, 2022.
 - As a reminder - you must be a certified Master Gardener to be a member of the SCMGA. Provisional members are interns who have completed the class but have not completed volunteer hours. They do not pay dues.
 - On behalf of the SCMGA, Dennis Stanek applied for \$2,000 funding from the AMGA Funding Committee to replace the raised garden beds in the Montevallo Community Garden. A motion was made and seconded to add \$200 from SCMGA funds to complete the project. The motion was approved.
 - Nelson Wynn distributed flyers on various classes from Alabama Extension.
 - It was moved and seconded that a garden chair from Kate Vogel and a \$50 plant plus \$50 cash would be donated to the State Conference for the silent auction. The motion was approved.
 - It was moved and seconded that the SCMGA dues deadline would be changed to November 30th of each year. The motion was approved.
 - There was a discussion of potential field trips and program topics and options for storage of SCMGA materials.
- **Member Moment**
 - Kate Vogel demonstrated how to make a Garden Chair.
 - Lisa Wade volunteered for the February Member Moment
 - Deb Elliott volunteered for the March Member Moment.
- **Program**
 - Cindy Hearn presented a power point program on her visit to Butchart Gardens in western Canada.
 - For our meeting on February 11th, Deb Elliott will present a program on Gibbs Garden in Georgia.
- President Cindy Hearn adjourned the meeting. Our next meeting will be on February 11th at 10:00 AM in the Extension Center auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary

***Please remember to send photos and news for publication in the *Gardeners' Gab*. If you have a great recipe, please send it for the *Gardeners' Gab*! The deadline is the 20th of each month. Please send to this email address: scmga.email@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT as of January 20, 2022

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Checks/Deposits

Balance

Beginning Balance		\$5,952.18
Deposit	Dues	+474.00
Checks	SCMGA meeting supplies	-17.86
	AMGA stars	-63.00
	File box	-11.42
Ending Balance		\$5,952.18

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

Birthday Cards:

Mary Mattingly	Jan Rogers
Jeanon Massien	Jim Sherbrook
Heidi Mueninghoff	Heidee Vansant
Larry Riddle	Phylliss Weaver

Sympathy:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Chilton County MGA works the Master Gardener Helpline one week each month and would welcome volunteers from SCMGA. The upcoming dates are February 14-18 and March 21-25 and the time is 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The office location: 501 First Ave N., Clanton, 35045. Pat Farmer will meet you to get started the first time. Call Pat to schedule (leave message) 205-955-3090

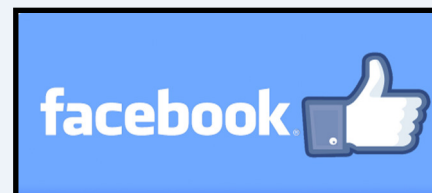
SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' 2022 DATES

Feb 1	AMGA Advisory Council Meeting	May 2-4	205-669-6763 by April 6 before 4 PM.
Feb 3	Spring AMGA intern classes begin Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. for 15 weeks	May 13	AMGA State Conference, Montgomery
Feb 11	SCMGA Meeting	Jun 10	SCMGA Meeting
Mar 1	Fruit pruning workshop @ Chilton Regional Research and Extension Center (outside). To register, call 205-669- 6763.	Jul 8	SCMGA Meeting & Member Garden Tour
Mar 11	SCMGA Meeting	Aug 2	SCMGA Meeting
Apr 8	SCMGA Meeting	Aug 12	AMGA Advisory Council Meeting
Apr 13	Composting Workshop @ Extension Center 11 AM –12 PM To register call	Sep 9	SCMGA Meeting
		Oct 14	SCMGA Meeting
		Nov 1	AMGA Advisory Council Meeting
		Nov 11	SCMGA Meeting
		Dec 9	SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange

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.



**GROW
MORE
GIVE MORE**

extension



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

MARINATED SLAW

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

- 1 medium cabbage, shredded (5-6 cups)
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- 1 bell pepper, green or red, chopped fine
- 3/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable or olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. celery seed



Combine vinegar, sugar, oil and bring to boil. Stir in salt, pepper, and celery seed. Pour over vegetables and mix gently to coat. Refrigerate overnight or several hours before serving.

Note: Slaw mix can be used but the purple cabbage does turn everything a little pink.

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.

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

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

6 Sidney Ellis
9 Joy Morris
19 Teresa Boody
21 Myra Healy
22 Chris Cooley
23 Pat Hare
26 Sue Owens
26 Merle Schukoske

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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

FRUITS & NUTS—Planting season continues for dormant trees. Fertilize fruit trees.

Apply half of the fertilizer recommended for grapes now; apply the other half soon after fruit sets. Continue dormant pruning and grafting. Start strawberry plantings.

SHRUBS—Planting season continues. Visit camellia shows to learn of hardy varieties in your area. Graft camellias in Central and South Alabama. Spray all shrubs with a fungicide before new growth starts. Good time to prune all shrubs before new growth starts. Don't prune early-blooming species because flower buds will be removed.

ROSES—Prune hybrid tea roses in South Alabama; delay pruning for a few weeks in North Alabama. Continue planting.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Replant early plantings of hardy annuals. Prepare beds for summer annuals.

BULBS—Plant cannas, amaryllis, gladiolus, and zephyranthes in South Alabama; delay planting for a few weeks in North Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS—Houseplants are beginning to show signs of activity. Fertilize with liquid or soluble fertilizer according to manufacturer's directions. Remember Valentine's Day – why not send roses or a potted plant?

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant some vegetables listed for January in Central Alabama plus collards, salsify, and Swiss chard. Add tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts to cold frames.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts.

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

President	Cindy Hearn	205-531-0616	cindy_hearn@att.net
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Alabama Master Gardener State Conference

May 2 – 4, 2022

Behind the Garden Gate



Date: May 2—4, 2022

Hosted by: Capital City Master Gardener Association
& Central Alabama Master Gardener Association

Location: Embassy Suites—300 Tallapoosa St., Montgomery, AL 36104

If you are planning to attend the 2022 Conference, please register at the hotel now. The Conference Committee needs a good idea of the number attending so they can get the best food prices for meals and other food items. As you have experienced, food prices have gone up, so conference food pricing has continued to rise. Here is the information and code for Embassy Suites by Hilton Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center Reservation Information.

Make your reservation soon for best room choice! Conference rates are: \$149 for 1—2 people and \$159 for 3—4 people. The reservation code is **GRD**, and attendees may call 334-269-5055 or use link below:

This link has been tried and it works properly:

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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)

- ☐ Active Member
- ☐ Provisional Member (Interns)
- ☐ Lifetime Member
- ☐ Associate Member (Extension Employee)
- ☐ Honorary Member

Local Dues

\$12.00
No fee
\$240.00
No fee
No fee

State Dues

\$10.00
No fee
\$150.00
No fee
No fee

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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825 MOUNTAIN VIEW DR
WILSONVILLE, AL 35186-9217**