

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
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The President Ponders...

How wonderful to see so many members at our February association meeting. It worked out well that we were notified of the award from the Alabama Master Gardener Association of \$1,000 to use toward our project of revamping the community gardens in Montevallo the night before the meeting. This made it possible for the group to decide to move forward with two workdays in March so the planting can be done this year. Sixteen volunteers signed up to help with the work. We will be having a workday on Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 AM and our March meeting at the Montevallo Community Garden at 9:00 AM on Friday, March 11th.

We certainly used our meeting to maximum capacity with lively discussions, awards, Members Moment, and program. Thank you so much to Lisa Wade for the winter sowing information and Deb Elliott for the presentation on Gibbs Gardens in north Georgia.

I do want you to know we will be having a brief meeting in Montevallo before the work time on the raised beds. Please come for the meeting and to support our association's participation in this community even if you are not physically able to work. The food from our bed is donated to families in need. Gardening classes, vegetable gardening expertise, guidance to resources and volunteering in vegetable gardens are the number one request from our association right now. If vegetable gardening or teaching vegetable gardening is your area of expertise or interest, please let us know. *Grow More Give More* is tracking the pounds of vegetables, time and/or seeds to supporting gardening in Alabama. This information can be entered on our volunteer hours report in time and pounds. Harvest for Health is working with good nutrition for cancer patients. Thanks for all you do.

Cindy

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PLEASE ADD YOUR PHOTO TO DIRECTORY

We encourage everyone to add their photo to our Volunteer Service Report Directory. A portrait style photo is preferred so we can learn faces and names. To add your photo, log in to the service report at: <https://www.acesagmg.site/login.php> and click on the My Page tab. Look for upload or edit my photo. Check the requirements, then click upload and choose your file. Enter the validation code shown in a grey box and then click upload.

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Extension-Master Gardener Monthly Update

A monthly Extension-MG Update webinar is the last Monday of every month, at 1:00 p.m.
<https://auburn.zoom.us/j/93566762516> Meeting ID: 935.6676.2516.
All Master Gardeners are invited to attend! (Cancelled when the last Monday falls on a holiday)

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association 11 February 2022 Business Meeting

- President Cindy Hearn opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Those attending introduced themselves. All were encouraged to serve as an officer or join a committee. We were reminded to enter all volunteer hours in the database, including meeting attendance. If you need assistance, contact a board member.
- There was one change to the January minutes concerning who would present the March Member Moment. The minutes stand as corrected.
- Treasurer Barbara Williams gave the financial report and said that we now have 43 paid members.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Membership** - Sylvia Sheffield reported that she will be working on organizing the names of members and finding those who may not be getting information.
 - **Projects** - Dennis Stanek reported that we received \$1,000 from the AMGA Funding Committee for replacement of beds in the Montevallo Community Garden. This was half of our request. There was a discussion about how to modify the use of these funds. President Hearn announced that the final decision would be made at the board meeting. A work committee signup sheet was passed around. It was decided that we would meet in Montevallo on Saturday, March 5th at 9 AM to work on the garden and on Friday, March 11th at 9 AM for our meeting and then work in the garden afterwards. There was a discussion about resources for plants for this garden.
- There is a program on native plants at Petals from the Past on March 12th.
- We are invited to the Alabama Wildflower Society's 50th anniversary party on March 19th at the Arboretum at the University of Alabama.
- President Hearn announced that several board members attended the State Advisory Committee meeting on February 1st. We received information on membership, dues payment, and volunteer hours.
- There was a motion to send even those who have not paid dues the *Gardeners' Gab*. The motion was seconded and voted upon favorably.
- President Hearn announced that we have received a request from the Alabaster Senior Center for someone to conduct a gardening class at the center. Karen Mims volunteered to coordinate the effort and a signup sheet was passed around. Teresa Riddle said there is a gardening class at the Pelham Library and that Parks and Recreation is involved in starting a community garden in Pelham.
- Several members mentioned volunteer opportunities, they will send information to President Hearn. The AMGA needs assistance with their Helpline.
- Martha Grantham reported she is sending out birthday cards to members.
- Lisa Wade presented a Member Moment on Winter Sowing.
- Deb Elliott treated us to a program on Gibbs Garden in Georgia.
- Tricia Williams presented the annual Star Awards to the following members:
 - **Bronze:** DeAnn Benedict, Chris Cooley, Benjamin Crunk, Welton Edwards, Martha Grantham, Cindy Hearn, Sandra Hixson, Paula Mangum, Mary Mattingly, Rose Levine-Arestizabal, Steve Nadeau, James Sherbrook, and Lisa Wade
 - **Silver:** Beth Glasgow, Karen Mims, Sylvia Sheffield, Dennis Stanek
 - **Gold:** Deborah Elliott, Joy Morris, Kate Vogel, Barbara Williams
 - **Ruby:** Karen Jensen - This advanced award will be presented at the AMGA State Conference. Please review the details of these awards in the February *Gardeners' Gab*.
- Kate Vogel called numbers for door prizes.
- President Hearn adjourned the meeting at noon.

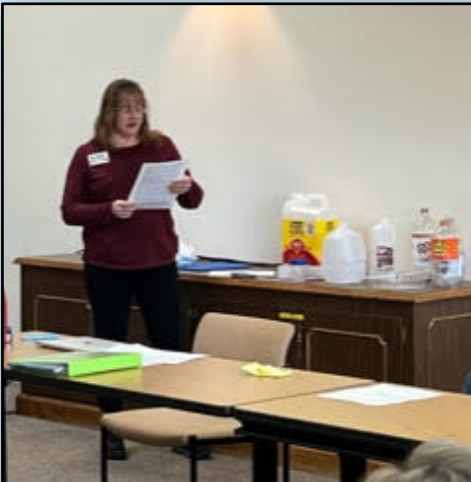
Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary

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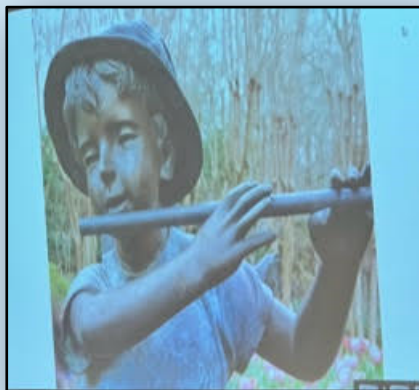
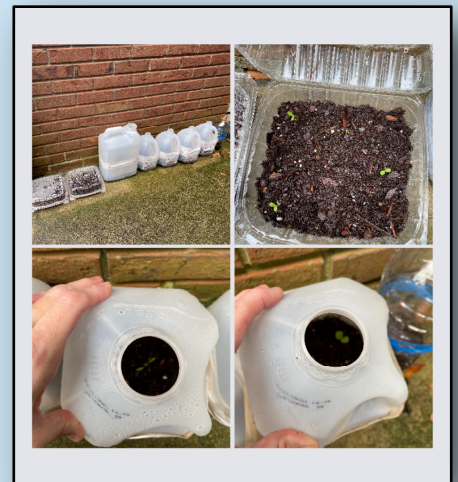
Glimpses of our February 11th Meeting



February's meeting was well attended.



Lisa Wade brought the Member's Moment and taught us how to do Winter Seed Sowing.



Scenes from Deb Elliott's presentation on Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground, Georgia.

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STAR AWARD RECIPIENTS



RUBY STAR:
Karen Jensen

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GOLD STAR:
Joy Morris,
Barbara Williams,
Kate Vogel, and
Deborah Elliott



SILVER STAR:
Sylvia Sheffield,
Beth Glasgow,
Dennis Stanek,
and Karen Mims



BRONZE STAR:
Chris Cooley,
Steve Nadeau,
Cindy Hearn,
DeAnn Benedict,
Sandra Hixson,
Lisa Wade, and
Martha Grantham

Not pictured:
Benjamin Crunk,
Welton Edwards,
Rose Levine-Arestizabal,
Paula Mangum,
Mary Mattingly, and
James Sherbrook





TREASURER'S REPORT as of February 20, 2022

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Checks/Deposits

	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$6,333.90
Deposit Dues	+22.00
Checks State Dues	-400.00
Check Reorder	-60.99
Ending Balance	\$5,894.91

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

Birthday Cards:

Sidney Ellis
Joy Morris
Teresa Boody
Myra Healy
Chris Cooley

Pat Hare
Sue Owens
Merle Schukoske

Sympathy:

Edith Johnston (son passed away)

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

Mar 5	9AM Work at Community Garden in Montevallo	Jul 8	SCMGA Meeting
Mar 11	9AM SCMGA Meeting & Work at Community Garden in Montevallo	Aug 2	AMGA Advisory Council Meeting
Mar 12	Native Plants Program at Petals from the Past	Aug 12	SCMGA Meeting
Apr 8	SCMGA Meeting	Sep 9	SCMGA Meeting
Apr 13	Composting Workshop @ Extension Center 11 AM -12 PM. To register call 205-669-6763 by April 6 before 4 PM.	Oct 14	SCMGA Meeting
May 2-4	AMGA State Conference, Montgomery	Nov 1	AMGA Advisory Council Meeting
May 13	SCMGA Meeting	Nov 11	SCMGA Meeting
Jun 10	SCMGA Meeting & Member Garden Tour	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.



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

Pig Pickin' Cake

From the Kitchen of, Joy Dearing, Shelby County Master Gardener

Southern Living Magazine says, "the Pig Pickin' Cake pays homage to the traditional Southern Pig Pickin', a hog roast that's essentially an early version of the barbecue. This light, fruity cake undoubtedly pairs well with a heavy, meaty meal."

CAKE INGREDIENTS:

- 1—box yellow cake mix
- 4—eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1—11 oz. can Mandarin oranges, drained

FROSTING INGREDIENTS:

- 1—15 oz. can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 3 oz. box vanilla instant pudding
- 1—12 oz. container Cool Whip®
- ½ cup chopped pecans

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Beat first 3 ingredients in a large bowl at medium speed with an electric mixer until blended. Stir in oranges. Pour batter into two greased and floured 9" cake pans.
3. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.
4. Cool layers in pans on wire racks 10 minutes; remove layers from pan, and let cool completely on wire racks. Split each cake to make four layers.
5. Stir together crushed pineapple and next 3 ingredients. Spread pineapple mixture evenly between layers and on sides.
6. Chill cake 3 to 4 hours. Store cake in refrigerator.



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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

13—Dennis Stanek
25—Trisha Williams
28—Teresa Riddle
29—Sylvia Sheffield
30—Carolyn Key

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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR MARCH

FRUITS & NUTS—Continue strawberry & grape plantings. Bud apples and peaches. Start planting blackberries. Remember, if weather conditions prevent prompt planting, heel the plants in by placing the root system in a trench & covering the soil.

SHRUBS—Fertilize shrubs (except azaleas and camellias) according to a soil test. Late plantings may be made, particularly if they are container-grown. Watch shrubs for harmful insects.

LAWNS—Plant Bermuda, Zoysia, & Centipede in South Alabama. Seed bluegrass & grass mixtures in North Alabama. Fertilize established lawns.

ROSES—Watch new growth for aphids. Begin a spray or dust program. Begin fertilizing.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Tender annuals may be planted in South Alabama. Check garden centers for bedding plants.

BULBS—Plant gladiolus every two or three weeks if a long blooming season is desired. Plant tuberous begonias in pots. Plant dahlias.

MISCELLANEOUS—Check & repair sprayers, dusters, and lawn mowers. Control lawn weeds with chemicals. Delay pruning of fruiting shrubs such as cotoneasters, pyracanthas, & hollies until after flowering.

VEGETABLE SEEDS—Plant hardy crops recommended for January & February. After danger of frost is past, plant tender vegetables.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, & Brussels sprouts in North Alabama; plant tomatoes & peppers in lower South Alabama.

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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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