

# GARDENERS' GAB



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

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

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

Spring, oh what a wonderful alive time of year. Our early warm weather allowed us two wonderful project days in March. Mission accomplished as so many from our Association gathered to build the new beds, weed, and replenish the soil for seven of the raised beds for the Seed to Table Community Garden in Montevallo. Three of the beds are used by the preschool children to learn about gardening. Four of these beds provide fresh produce for the Shelby Emergency Assistance. This is one of ten identified food resources for residents in Shelby County. As the Grow More Give More program is evolving, we are recording the resources that accept fresh produce, providing Master Gardeners with volunteer opportunities, pointing gardeners to the educational materials, and recording produce distributed. Master Gardeners have the information so many people in our communities are grateful to find that helps put food on their tables. SCMGA has established a program to teach gardening classes at the Alabaster Senior Center. This is a perfect way to extend the Grow More Give More program and demonstrate the MG mission. We can provide the signs, cards, and banners for you to give to those who sell vegetables. Garden Centers are glad to tell people how to get to the website instructions on the information. Please join in the fun and learning, we have such an enjoyable time.

I look forward to seeing you at the Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the First Baptist Church in Columbiana.

*Cindy*

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**CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION:  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 208 N. Main Street, Columbiana**

Our April 8<sup>th</sup> speaker will be Sue Webb, PhD and Chilton Co. Master Gardener

The current climate crisis is leading to extreme weather patterns, floods, more powerful hurricanes, more intense wildfires, and longer & more frequent droughts. Wildlife, including birds and butterflies and pollinators like bees, are experiencing severe declines reflecting not only these climate changes but also loss of habitat. These challenges can seem overwhelming. And yet, we gardeners are in a powerful position to make a real difference! Join Sue as she talks about the many benefits of planting more native plants. We will focus on plants particularly well adapted to solve particular problems such as water run-off, drought, escalating temperatures, wildlife habitat and food, as well as the best native trees for carbon capture—all while making our gardens even more beautiful and sustainable.

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association  
Minutes 11 March 2022—Business/Working Meeting**

President Cindy Hearn opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Those attending introduced themselves. There were 15 members present.

As this is a working meeting, taking place in the Montevallo Community Garden, no business was discussed. Work accomplished in the garden included: Building two new beds, weeding the garden, and replenishing the soil in all seven refurbished beds.

The next meeting will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Extension Center in Columbiana.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Hearn, President

**Extension-Master Gardener Monthly Update**

A monthly Extension-MG Update webinar is the last Monday of every month, at 1 PM  
<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)

**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.

You may have to go out of the page and log back in to see that the photo has been added. If you wish to replace your photo, you may need to clear your browser cache and history before you start.



## TREASURER'S REPORT as of March 20, 2022

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



### Checks/Deposits

	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$5,894.91
Deposit: Dues	+135.00
Checks: State Dues	-20.00
Montevallo Garden Beds	-1,075.69
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,934.22</b>

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



### Cards sent by Martha Grantham on behalf of SCMGA during March:

#### Birthday Cards:

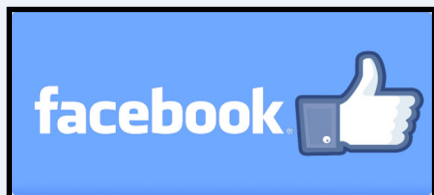
Carolyn Key  
Teresa Riddle  
Sylvia Sheffield  
Dennis Stanek  
Trisha Williams

#### Sympathy:

### SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' 2022 DATES

Apr 8	SCMGA Meeting	Nov 1	AMGA Advisory Council Meeting
Apr 13	Composting Workshop @ Extension Center 11 AM -12 PM. To register call 205-669-6763 by April 6 before 4 PM.	Nov 11	SCMGA Meeting
		Dec 9	SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange
May 2-4	AMGA State Conference, Montgomery		
May 13	SCMGA Meeting		
Jun 10	SCMGA Member Garden Tour		
Jul 8	SCMGA Meeting		
Aug 2	AMGA Advisory Council Meeting		
Aug 12	SCMGA Meeting		
Sep 9	SCMGA Meeting		
Oct 14	SCMGA Meeting		

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.

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## Best Blueberry Pound Cake

From the Kitchen of, Heidee Vansant , Shelby County Master Gardener

Incredibly dense and moist. Now this is what an old-fashioned pound cake should be! Just like the ones I remember at all the bake sales and at Grandmother's. Use fresh blueberries and the zest and juice of a lemon.

### Ingredients:

½ cup butter  
3 eggs  
3½ cups all-purpose flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
¼ tsp. salt  
2 cups sugar  
4 cups fresh blueberries  
1 cup milk



### How to make it:

Allow butter and eggs to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, grease a 10-inch tube pan; set aside. In a large bowl sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt; set aside. In a large mixing bowl beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer on medium speed until mixture is well combined. Beat in eggs. Stir blueberries into flour mixture. By hand, stir blueberry mixture into butter mixture. Stir in milk just until combined. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake in a 325°F oven for 60 to 75 minutes or until a wooden skewer inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 15 minutes. Loosen cake from edge of pan with a narrow metal spatula. Remove cake from pan, cool completely on wire rack.

**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)**



**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](mailto:Doggymamacj@gmail.com)  
Phone: 205-663-8977**



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

12—Edith Johnston  
15—Lisa Wade  
19—Diane McKinnon  
27—Steve Nadeau







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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR APRIL

**FRUITS & NUTS**—Season for strawberry planting continues. Start spray program for all fruits. Plant raspberries and blackberries and continue budding apples and peaches.

**SHRUBS**—Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowering. Fertilize azaleas and camellias. When new growth is half completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.

**LAWNS**—Planting continues. New lawns may need supplementary watering. Also, fertilize at 3- to 6-week intervals. Keep ryegrass cut low, particularly if over planted on Bermuda lawns.

**ROSES**—Watch for insects and diseases. Keep old flower heads removed. Plant container-grown plants from nurseries or garden centers.

**ANNUALS & PERENNIALS**—Plant early started annuals or bedding plants from nurseries or garden centers. Divide mums or root cuttings. Dig and divide dahlias.

**BULBS**—Plant gladiolus, fancy-leaved caladiums, milk and wine lilies, and ginger and gloriosa lilies. Feed bearded iris with super-phosphate and spray for borers. Avoid cutting foliage of narcissus or other bulbs until it has turned brown naturally.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Spray camellias, hollies, etc., for scale insects. Carefully water newly planted shrubs and trees. Pinch out tips of new shoots to promote more compact shrubs.

**VEGETABLE SEED**—Plant tender vegetables such as beans, corn, squash, melons, and cucumbers. Plant heat-loving vegetables in lower South Alabama.

**VEGETABLE PLANTS**—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, sweet potatoes, and parsley.

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# Alabama Master Gardener State Conference

May 2 – 4, 2022

## *Behind the Garden Gate*

Who is going?  
Send an email to  
let us know.  
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Regular Registration  
ended 3/31. Late  
Registration from 4/1  
through 4/20 will be an  
additional \$10

**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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