

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...

The program on HOPE (Herbs Offering Personal Enrichment) by Cindy Vincent was inspiring and is impacting many high school students across the county. We enjoyed visiting with three of the new interns and the barbeque lunch was a fun time to visit with each other. The shared meeting with Chilton County potluck lunch and plant swap was a great outing. We shared plant information, made new friends, and visited with old friends. It reminded me of the educational value in a plant swap. Everyone has their own favorites, stealing is funny, and creativity abounds. I look forward to ours at the July meeting in Columbiana, we will play the dirty Santa game (plant) way.

Our June meeting at the Vogel Blueberry Farm for picking and hot dog roast should be a lot of fun as we start the harvesting season. See all the information and directions below. We did have an item motioned at the last meeting considering the library books at the Extension Office being used for door prizes, raffled, or donated to other causes. The motion was seconded but I did not ask for the vote. We will vote at June Meeting.

Alabama Master Gardener Association (AMGA) will open registration August 1st for the Fall Seminar to be held at Auburn on August 6, 2022.

SAVE THE DATE,

Cindy

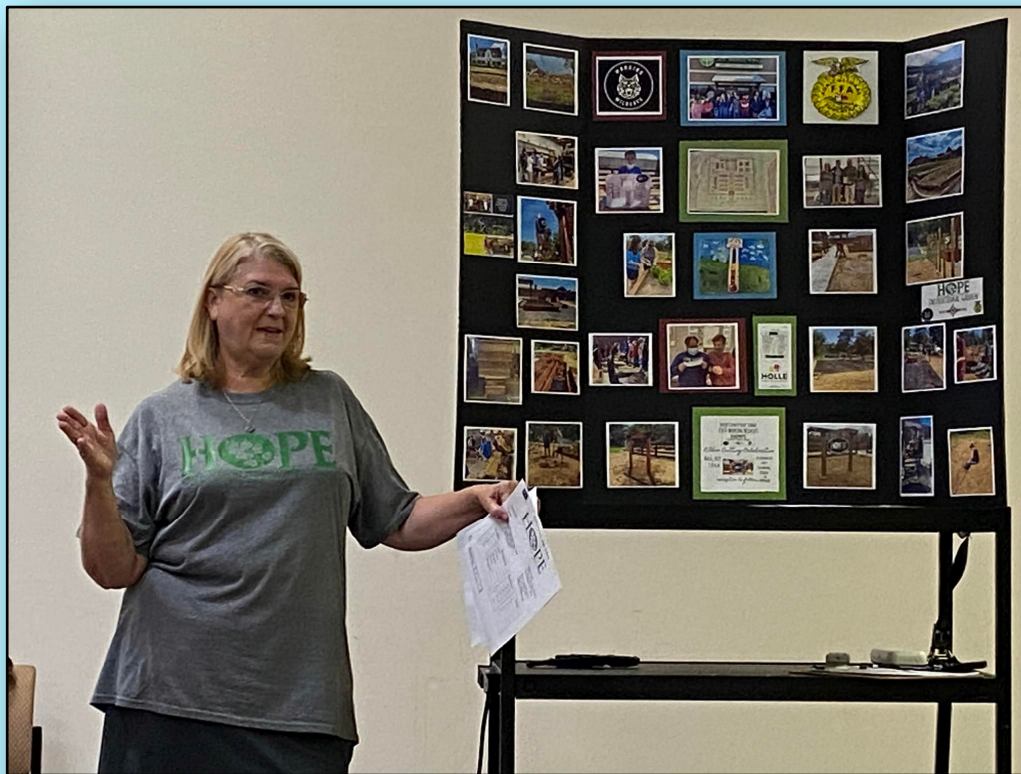
Friday, June 10th—SCMGA Meeting Blueberry Picking, Vogel Farm, Brierfield *

The blueberry field is open from daylight to dusk so come as early as you like to pick blueberries or just come for the SCMGA meeting which starts at 10:00. From Montevallo drive 3 miles south on Hwy. 25 S. Turn left onto Hwy. 139 at Stella Jones Lumber Company. Drive 3 miles and turn right onto CR 2 (West Ashby Rd). The blueberry field is the 4th drive on the right after you cross the railroad.

Kate will provide everything except the paper goods for the hotdog roast. Members can bring desserts (that do not need to be refrigerated) if they'd like to.

* GPS may send you 10 miles out of the way.

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Cindy Vincent brought us a program on HOPE (Herbs Offering Personal Enrichment).



Brian & Angela Smith received their Master Gardener certificates from President Cindy Hearn



Gina Dodson received her Master Gardener certificate from President Cindy Hearn

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association
13 May 2022—Meeting

- President Cindy Hearn opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Kate Vogel introduced the speaker, Cindy Vinson, who provided information on Project HOPE. There is a video about Project HOPE on the Taziki's Mediterranean Café website <https://www.wegrowhope.org/home>
- Secretary Sylvia Sheffield asked if there were any corrections to the April meeting minutes which were published in the GAB. There was one change, AMGA membership cards should have read AMGA rather than ACMG, the minutes were approved as corrected.
- Treasurer Barbara Williams made the Treasurer's Report.
- Committee Reports:
- Fundraising—Joy Morris announced that she is developing a plan for the distribution of the books that were donated to SCMGA. These books are now in storage at the Extension office and need to be removed from this space. Joy moved that we use the books, which were previously our library books, for fundraising. This item will be held over until our June meeting when a vote will be taken.
- Hospitality—Julie Baumgartner asked for assistance with hospitality.
- Membership—Sylvia Sheffield reported that we have fifty-five members plus six interns from the Master Gardening class that was recently completed. There are twenty-three members who have attended at least one meeting between January and April 2022. Which leaves thirty-two members who have not attended a meeting in 2022. These members will be contacted and invited to attend future meetings and outings.
- Programs and Field Trips—Kate Vogel announced that our June 10th meeting will be at her farm. You can be there as early as 6:00 a.m. to pick blueberries. The SCMGA business meeting will begin at 10:00 followed by a hot dog roast. ~~Bring food that goes with hot dogs~~ (see page 1). Kate reminded us that GPS won't work so be sure to follow the written instructions found in today's meeting agenda.
- Projects—Dennis Stanek reported that we received the check for \$1,000 from the State of AL grant for the Montevallo gardens. Our report will be submitted as required.
- Cindy Hearn asked for pictures of the Montevallo Gardens project in March. Kate Vogel asked for volunteers to help with watering the beds at Montevallo.
- Karen Mims - Gave an update on the Alabaster Senior Center gardening class. She asked for volunteers to assist with this project.
- Cindy Hearn presented Gina Dobson with her certificate for completing the 2020 Master Gardener class. Cindy welcomed Angela and Brian Smith who recently completed the 2022 Master Gardener class.
- Old Business
- Heidee Vansant and Dennis Stanek provided updates on the AMGA Conference.
- Teresa Riddle provided an update on the Pelham Community Garden. There will be a meeting on May 24th.
- New Business
- Cindy Hearn announced a Save the Date for the AMGA Fall Seminar which will be held on October 6th in Auburn. The option of getting a bus so more can attend will be explored.
- President Cindy Hearn adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT as of May 21, 2022
Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Checks/Deposits	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$4,956.22
Deposits	
AMGA Award	1,000.00
Checks:	
J. Baumgartner	(22.52)
K. Vogel	(31.45)
R. Williams	(330.00)
Ending Balance	\$5,572.25

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

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Birthday Cards:

Jeannie Bubbett Weldon Edwards
Jim Busbin, Jr.
Ben Crunk
Marilyn Donoho

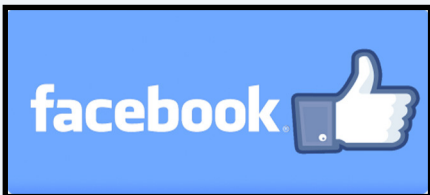
Get Well:

Deb Elliott
Wayne Gainey

SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' 2022 DATES

Jun 10	SCMGA Member Garden Tour (blueberry picking), 10 am	Aug 12	SCMGA Meeting, 10am
Jul 8	SCMGA Meeting (plant swap) 10 am	Sep 9	SCMGA Meeting, 10 am
Aug 2	AMGA Advisory Council Meeting, 10 am, Petals from the Past	Oct 14	SCMGA Meeting, 10 am
Aug 1	Registration opens for Fall Seminar	Nov 1	AMGA Advisory Council Meeting
Aug 6	Fall Seminar in Auburn	Nov 11	SCMGA Meeting, 10 am
		Dec 9	SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange, 10 am

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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International Master Gardener Conference



June 18 – 22, 2023
Overland Park, Kansas

Registration opens **November 2022**

<https://imgc2023.com/registration>

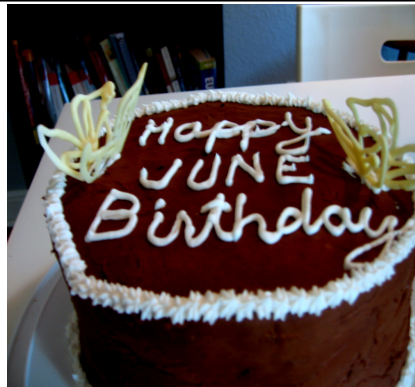


Please send Martha Grantham, Sunshine Committee Chair, information about members (or their relatives) who are

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.

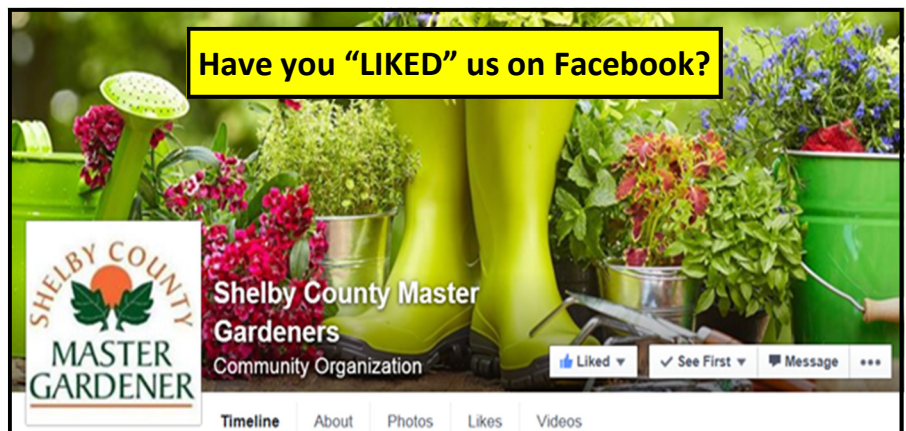
Here are two ways for you to get in touch with Martha:

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



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

27—Karen Jensen



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.

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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- FRUITS AND NUTS**—Layer grapes and continue spray programs. If they are too thick, thin apples and peaches.
- SHRUBS**—Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs. Water them as needed. Fertilize now. Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips. June is a good time to take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.
- LAWNS**—Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering. Lawns should be mowed weekly. Planting may continue if soil is moist. Continue weed spraying if necessary.
- ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if they are not already in. For compact mums, keep tips pinched out. Watch for insects and diseases.
- BULBS**—Remove foliage from spring bulbs if it yellow and becoming dry. Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.
- MISCELLANEOUS**—If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils. Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water. If desired, air layer houseplants.
- VEGETABLE SEED**—Plant beans, field peas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupes, and watermelons.
- VEGETABLE PLANTS**—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potato vine cuttings.

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