

# 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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**Alabama MG Program:** [www.aces.edu/mg](http://www.aces.edu/mg)

**AMG Online Store:** <http://www.victorydesigns.com/amg/>

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

The Association enters an exciting time in August as the new Master Gardener Class begins. The class will be an integrated curriculum that uses the Canvas Online Class, Zoom question and answer sessions, and firsthand assignments. College and High School classes have been taught in this manner since long before COVID. Research shows that there is little difference in quality and learning the material between online and classroom educations. ACES has worked to incorporate all concerns and interests from the county associations. They are providing us a venue for creative in-class activities, and I have reserved the extension office every Friday for the duration of the class. Nelson and I are working together designing the first Friday exercise on August 12<sup>th</sup>. This happens to be our August meeting as well. The class members are invited to stay. Members will be asked to volunteer with the Friday class, think about what you enjoy and can contribute.

Thanks to all the volunteers signed up to work in the Montevallo community garden, reports from these first weeks indicate that a workday group effort with a plan going into fall crops is needed to keep this project on track. If you need directions, please give someone a call, it is easy to find and an enjoyable activity. I cannot wait to see you on August 12<sup>th</sup> in Columbiana.

*Cindy*

### **SCMGA will meet FRIDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM at the Extension Center in Columbiana.**

- Jefferson County Master Gardener Jason Kirby will be our speaker. He works for the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens as Archivist for The Library at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. He created the Archives and Rare Book Room where he oversees more than 300 rare books, Japanese Tea Ceremony artifacts, scrapbooks, antique seed catalogs and garden manuals, plant fossils, botanical prints, photographs, and other horticultural and botanical ephemera.
- His presentation, *From Kitchen Gardens to Flora of the Civil War*, covers the different types of southern historic gardens with a focus on kitchen garden flora from herbs to common cure-alls, to sweet herbs for hearth and health, to teas and vinegars.



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TREASURER'S REPORT as of July 19, 2022  
Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Checks/Deposits	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$5,584.25
Deposits:	
Dues	22.00
Checks:	
AMGA Dues	(10.00)
C. Hearn	(41.56)
Ending Balance	\$5,554.69

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



**Cards sent by Martha Grantham on behalf of SCMGA during July:**

**Birthday Cards:**

Gretchen Boling  
Beth Glasgow  
Linda McCullough  
Barbara Williams

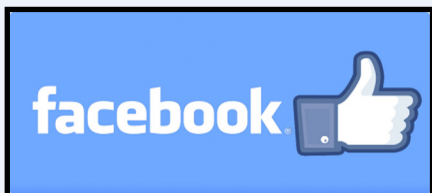
**Sympathy:**

Beth Glasgow

**SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' 2022 DATES**

Aug 12 SCMGA Meeting, 10am	Oct 6 AMGA Fall Seminar 8:30am-4:30pm, Auburn
Aug 20 Registration DEADLINE for ALNLA Fall Garden Seminar, Athens, \$35 <a href="https://alnla.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mcform&amp;view=ngforms&amp;id=2134777#!/">https://alnla.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mcform&amp;view=ngforms&amp;id=2134777#!/</a>	Oct 10-17 Colors of New England Tour <a href="https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1058663">https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1058663</a>
Aug 27 ALNLA Fall Garden Seminar, 8:30am-1:30pm, Athens	Oct 14 SCMGA Meeting, 10am
Sep 9 SCMGA Meeting, 10am	Nov 1 AMGA Advisory Council Meeting
Sep 19 Registration DEADLINE for AMGA Fall Seminar, \$35 <a href="https://aub.ie/AMGA2022FallSeminar">https://aub.ie/AMGA2022FallSeminar</a>	Nov 11 SCMGA Meeting, 10am
	Dec 9 SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange, 10am

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

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association  
Business Meeting—8 July 2022

- President Cindy Hearn opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Secretary Sylvia Sheffield reported a correction to the May 13, 2022, minutes. The SCMGA established a library housed at the Extension office in Columbiana years ago. These books are taking up valuable space and not being used. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to donate these books to the Columbiana branch of the Shelby County Library. The president failed to ask for a vote at the May meeting. The secretary noted this as a correction in the May minutes. The vote was taken at the July meeting and passed. There were no other corrections to the May minutes which stand as corrected.
- Treasurer Barbara Williams made the treasurer's report.
- Teresa Riddle reported on progress in the Pelham Community Garden project. The first phase will include establishing a Library Garden Club which will meet monthly at the Pelham Library. Their first focus area will be on replacing invasive plants with native plants and wildflowers along the walking trail behind the Pelham Recreation Center. Teresa asked the association if there was a possibility of funding to help get this project going.
- The program was presented by Pamela Raines from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). This program provides volunteer opportunities for persons over 55 along with several volunteer recognition events. Ms. Raines requested that the SCMGA members join RSVP and submit their volunteer hours to RSVP to be included in their services. She provided information on the Yellow Dot Program.
- Barbara Williams reported that the association is considering securing a bus to take the group to the AMGA Fall Seminar on October 6, 2022. Watch for future updates.
- President Cindy Hearn:
  1. Provided an update on the Master Gardening Classes format. Classes will begin on August 14<sup>th</sup> and continue for three months. Master Gardeners have been asked to provide three hands-on classes during this time.
  2. Asked for interest in having a night dinner meeting in September, there was little interest expressed.
  3. Reminded us that our membership dues are required to be paid in November.
  4. Noted that a nominating committee will need to be established as election of officers will be held in November. She asked for volunteers for this committee.
- Joy Morris provided an update on volunteers working in the Montevallo Community Garden Project. She passed around a sign-up sheet to give members the opportunity to volunteer for specific days so that she can create a work schedule. She suggested that there be a scheduled workday for the SCMGA membership every three months.
- Joy Morris provided our Member's Moment during which she demonstrated how to make plant pots by folding newspaper.
- Martha Grantham reported that she had contact with an employee of the Chelsea Park Elementary School who asked if we could help with the school garden. She will submit a written report of the request explaining the details of this opportunity.
- Cindy Hearn presented Chris Ellis his Master Gardener certification and name tag upon his completion of the required fifty volunteer hours and welcomed him to the SCMG Association.
- The meeting was followed by an ice cream social and a plant swap.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Sheffield



**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**



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2—Tully Lightsey  
8/7—Sandy Zahradka  
8/11—Deborah Elliott  
8/11—Cindy Hearn  
8/24—Jerry Goodall  
8/25—Karen Mims



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## SCENES FROM OUR JULY MEETING



Joy Morris shows us how to make origami newspaper germination pots.



President Cindy Hearn presents the Master Gardener certificate and name tag to Chris Ellis.



Barbara Williams & Cindy Hearn chat with RSVP Coordinator Pamela Raines, in center.



Secretary Sylvia Sheffield shows "String of Jade" succulent to President Cindy Hearn.



Martha Grantham wins Vincent hibiscus plant *briefly*.



Karen Jensen wins Kate Vogel's mandavilla/moon vine planter!



Karen Jensen loves her banana split!



## August

Dorothy Parker - 1893-1967

When my eyes are weeds,  
And my lips are petals, spinning  
Down the wind that has beginning  
Where the crumpled beeches start  
In a fringe of salty reeds;  
When my arms are elder-bushes,  
And the rangy lilac pushes  
Upward, upward through my heart;

Summer, do your worst!  
Light your tinsel moon, and call on  
Your performing stars to fall on  
Headlong through your paper sky;  
Nevermore shall I be cursed  
By a flushes and amorous slattern,  
With her dusty laces' pattern  
Trailing, as she straggles by.

## International Master Gardener Conference



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June 18 – 22, 2023  
Overland Park, Kansas

Registration opens **November 2022**

<https://imgc2023.com/registration>

### **Alabama Garden Chat**

Alabama Garden Chat is back! If you have questions about your gardens and landscapes, feel free to email us at [alabamagardenchat@gmail.com](mailto:alabamagardenchat@gmail.com)! We will go through questions every Wednesday at 2pm, right after the Alabama Smart Yards webinar. Join our Alabama Garden Chat webinar at <http://www.aces.edu/go/asywebinars>. Alabama Garden Chat will run April–August.

#### **Contact:**

Jack LeCroy  
[jml0003@auburn.edu](mailto:jml0003@auburn.edu)  
251-288-2874

Join the Alabama Extension home grounds team for the ***Get Outside with Alabama Smart Yards*** webinar series. This online series provides common gardening and landscaping information for gardeners. **Tune in Wednesdays.**

**When:** Wednesdays at 1pm CT

**Where:** The webinars are presented through Zoom, an online video presentation format

**Registration is required** to attend this webinar series. The Zoom meeting number and link will be provided upon completion of the online registration. Visit [www.aces.edu/go/asywebinars](http://www.aces.edu/go/asywebinars) to register.

New to Zoom? [Visit the Zoom website](#) to watch a video that will help you prepare to attend.

### **Extension-Master Gardener Monthly Update**

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

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# FARMERS' MARKETS IN SHELBY COUNTY

## ALABASTER FARMERS MARKET

1953 Municipal Way (Behind Senior Community Center)  
Alabaster, AL 35007  
Saturdays, 8am—12 Noon, June 5—August 15  
Covered Facility: NO  
Contact: Brian Binzer, John Aaron 205-664-6823  
or 205-685-8383  
Email: [bbinzer@cityofalabaster.com](mailto:bbinzer@cityofalabaster.com);  
[johnaaron@aaronlawfirm.com](mailto:johnaaron@aaronlawfirm.com)  
Website: [www.cityofalabaster.com](http://www.cityofalabaster.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AlabasterFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/AlabasterFarmersMarket)

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## COLUMBIANA FARMERS MARKET

202 West College Street  
Columbiana, AL 35051  
Saturdays: 8am—12 Noon, June—Aug  
Covered Facility: NO  
Contact: Mark Brady 205-669-3969  
Email: [mainstreet@cityofcolumbiana.com](mailto:mainstreet@cityofcolumbiana.com)

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## HELENA MARKET DAYS

4151 Helena Road  
Helena, AL 35080  
Saturdays, 8am—12 Noon, June—August  
Covered Facility: NO  
Contact: Kim Ford 205-902-1555  
Email: [helenamarketday@gmail.com](mailto:helenamarketday@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.helenamarketdays.com](http://www.helenamarketdays.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/The.Helena.Market.Days/?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/The.Helena.Market.Days/?fref=ts)

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## MARKETPLACE AT LEE BRANCH

611 Doug Baker Blvd  
Birmingham, AL 35242  
Saturdays, 7:30am—12 Noon, May 7—August 27  
Covered Facility: NO  
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or 205-208-9259  
Email: [renee@themarketplaceatleebranch.com](mailto:renee@themarketplaceatleebranch.com);  
[reneebetz@gmail.com](mailto:reneebetz@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.marketplaceatleebranch.com](http://www.marketplaceatleebranch.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/themarketplaceatleebranch/?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/themarketplaceatleebranch/?fref=ts)

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## MONTEVALLO FARMERS MARKET

660 Main St (Behind First Baptist Church)  
Montevallo, AL 35115  
Mondays, 3pm—6pm, June 6—August 15  
Covered Facility: NO  
Contact: Adele Nelson 205-665-1519  
or 205-381-0197  
Email: [montevallochamber@gmail.com](mailto:montevallochamber@gmail.com)  
Website: [montevallofarmersmarket.blogspot.com/](http://montevallofarmersmarket.blogspot.com/)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/montevallofarmersmarket/?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/montevallofarmersmarket/?fref=ts)

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## MOUNT LAUREL FARMERS MARKET

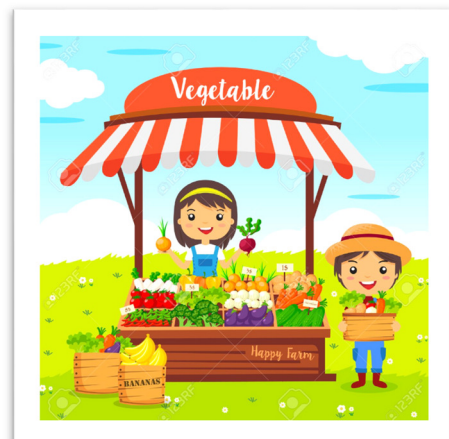
38 Manning Place  
Birmingham, AL 35242  
Saturdays, 8am—12 Noon, June—October  
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## VALLEYDALE FARMERS MARKET

4601 Valleydale Road  
Birmingham, AL 35242  
Saturdays, 8am—12 Noon, May—September  
Covered Facility: NO  
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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

**FRUITS AND NUTS**—Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes. Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

**SHRUBS**—Layer branches of hydrangea.

**LAWNS**—Watch for diseases. Mow regularly, water as needed.

**ROSES**—Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Hybrid teas and floribundas may need slight pruning to prevent scraggly appearance.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials.

**BULBS**—Divide old iris plantings and add new.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task during this month. This means close observation for insects and diseases. Water.

**VEGETABLE SEED**—Plant turnips, rutabagas, beans, and peas in South Alabama.

**VEGETABLE PLANTS**—Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and celery.



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