

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby 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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Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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The President Ponders...

This season brings us to transition, plantings, weather, holidays, and our association. We have several items for consideration:

1. The Nominating Committee will present at the October meeting, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor, and we will be requesting a vote.
2. A committee is preparing to apply for the 501c3 IRS tax status. Research has indicated that we will need to make a few adjustments to the by-laws. This process requires we get these presented to the membership for review and discussion to entertain a vote at the November meeting. Please watch for these in your email separately from the *Gardeners' Gab* before October 14th.
3. The Alabama MG Association wants dues in January. We have been sending the required form attached to the *Gardeners' Gab* and printed at meetings. We set our deadlines for the end of November so we can follow up with a few members and get those to the state in a timely manner. Please get that done.
4. MG Volunteer Hours for 2022 need to be entered by end of year to also report timely. If you need help please ask; Trisha Williams is great resource and keeps us consistent with "approved" volunteer and CEU hours. YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE, this item remains confusing. Requirements are on page 8 in the MG handbook (or close to that).

Thank you for all you do.

Cindy

**SCMGA will meet FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th, at 10 AM
at the Extension Center in Columbiana**

- SCMGA member Elizabeth York will speak on Fall Gardening.
- Members who attended the AMGA Fall Seminar in Auburn will recap the highlights of the meeting.

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TREASURER'S REPORT as of September 20, 2022
Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



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| Beginning Balance | \$5,457.60 |
| Deposits: | |
| Checks: | |
| Aldrich Gardens | (50.00) |
| B. Williams | (46.99) |
| Ending Balance | \$5,360.61 |

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

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Birthday Cards:

Gina Dodson
Luisa Eroles
Wayne Gainey
Sandra Hixson
Diane Pigg
Kate Vogel
Elizabeth York

Sympathy:

Get Well:

Kian Fisher

SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 5 SCMGA Board Meeting

Oct 6 AMGA Fall Seminar 8:30am-4:30pm, Auburn

Oct 10-17 Colors of New England Tour
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1058663>

Oct 13 Pelham Garden Club Meeting, 10am
Pelham Public Library, Dr. Sue Webb,
Native Plants

Oct 14 SCMGA Meeting, 10am, Elizabeth York,
Fall Gardening

Oct 26 Hydrangea Society Meeting, 1pm
Aldridge Gardens new Education Building

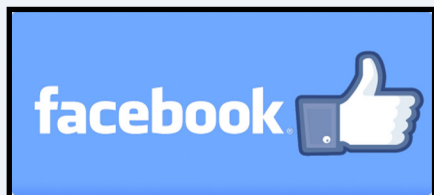
Nov 1 AMGA Advisory Council Meeting 10am—2pm
Petals From the Past

Nov 11 SCMGA Meeting, 10am

Dec 9 SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener
Gift Exchange, 10am

Apr 3-5 AMGA Annual Conference,
Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa

We have a Facebook group called
"Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Active Members"

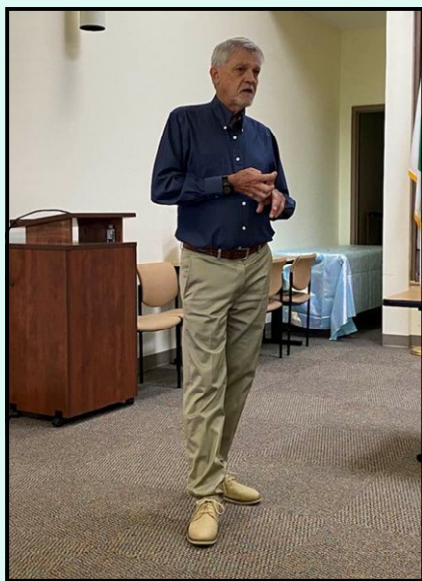


This **private** group was formed to help communicate with our members. Please check it out and ask to join if you are on Facebook.

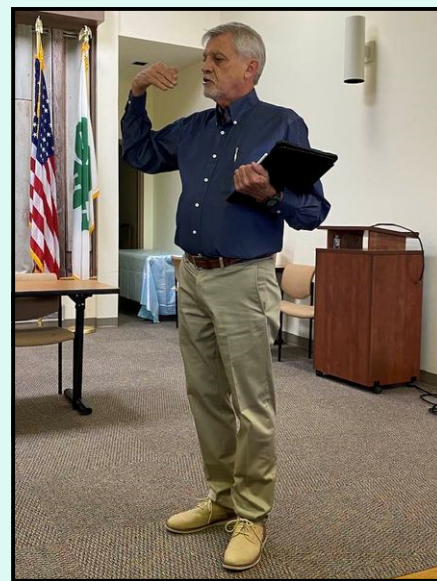


Cindy Hearn is spearheading **Grow More, Give More** for SCMGA. Please let her know what you are doing.

cindy_hearn@att.net or 205-531-0616



In September, Rip Weaver, Executive Director of Aldridge Gardens in Hoover, spoke on the history of the gardens, new projects, and the continuing need for volunteers. Especially interesting was how the gardens must adapt to climate changes by replacing old favorites that are no longer viable with new plants.



International Master Gardener Conference



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! 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
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 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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Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Business Meeting—9 September 2022

- President Cindy Hearn opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Rip Weaver from Aldridge Gardens presented a program on the history and operations of Aldridge Gardens.
- Secretary Sylvia Sheffield asked for corrections to the August minutes which are printed in the Gab. Hearing none, the minutes stand as written.
- Treasurer Barbara Williams gave the treasurer's report.
- Projects Coordinator, Dennis Stanek, updated us on projects.
- Karen Mims - provided an update on the Alabaster Senior Center Gardening Class. She asked for volunteers to lead hands-on 45 minute classes on a gardening topic of their choice.
- President Hearn noted that she lets Master Gardener interns know about volunteer opportunities as she receives this information.
- President Hearn reported that two Master Gardener volunteers will consult with the Shelby Baptist Association about growing veggies in their raised garden bed project.
- Those interested in serving on the Nominating Committee should notify President Hearn.
- Barbara Williams announced that work continues on establishing our 501(c)(3) tax-free status.
- Remember to register for the AMGA Fall Seminar in Auburn.
- Be sure to pay your SCMGA dues by the end of November. The membership form, to be submitted with dues, is in the GAB.
- The meeting was adjourned by the president.

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**



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/4—Kian Fisher
10/8—DeAnne Benedict



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Attention All Gardeners!

The Pelham Public Library is partnering with local Shelby County Master Gardeners to sponsor the Pelham Garden Club! The club will kick off October 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the library.

The club is open to adults interested in all areas of gardening—men and women, Pelham residence is not required, and there is no cost. Meetings are held monthly on the second Thursdays at 10:00 am at the library.

The club will identify community projects in addition to monthly programs. The October 13th kickoff program will feature Dr. Sue Webb, a Master Gardener and a native plant specialist at Petals From the Past, who will inform participants about native plants for our area, some limited explanation about invasive plants, and some recommendations for native plants projects.

Come join us to learn, to share, and to be involved in community projects!

Submitted by: Teresa Riddle
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**For complete details on the Fall Seminar,
go to**

<https://alabamamga.org/amga2022fallseminar/>

October 6, 2022 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

A Garden Transforming

**Alabama Master Gardener Association 2022
Fall Seminar**

Auburn University



For More Information Call:

Renee Thompson
Andrea Ramey
Auburn Extension Office
334-844-3041

FLOWERS

by: Edwin Curran (1892-????)

They grow around the homes of all the land
Silent music! Daffodils, roses that stand
Like pink sweet girls—music to see
The growing of beautiful melody!
Flowers are the music of the ground
From earth's lips spoken without sound;
Flowers are as music, silent, deep
Oxlyps, marigolds, music men keep
In pots and vases, beds and jars
Music as though they were bundles of
stars!

Some guard the sick beds where men lie
And breathe to them the summer sky
Breathe back the springtime, when life
seems
But sorrow, pain, and darkened dreams.
When in the dreary chamber, they
Can make the shadows bright as day;
Blow in the wind and fields, and run
The little flowers, fresh with sun.

In glittering restaurants they gleam,
Buttercups, violets, beam with beam;
And though the dancing sounds and thrills,
The sweeter songs are daffodils.
And where are spangles, laughter, light,
They make a joy the summer night.

Some grace the tables where we dine—
Our sweetest cups of dewy wine,
The sunlight burning in their bowls
The starlight trickling from their souls,
To add a zest to drink and food,
So splendid, beautiful and good.

So go the flowers place to place
The sweetest friends of the human race;
Then finally the last place of all
Upon men's graves they gladly fall,
And lie there dreaming with their friends
Flowers with flowers, as the long day ends.

Submitted by: Jeannie Bubbett



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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Fruits and Nuts—Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama. Clean up orchard area. Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

Shrubs—Shrub plantings can be made. Water when needed. Note varieties of camellias in bloom. Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

Lawns—Continue to mow lawns until no new growth is noticeable.

Roses—Continue insect and disease control practices. New rose catalogs will be coming in. Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

Annuals and Perennials—Visit flower shows and gardens. List desirable varieties of mums. Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost.

Bulbs—Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculus's. Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

Miscellaneous—Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds. Loosen mulches that have packed down. Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc. Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds. Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

Vegetable Seed—Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.



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**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, 2023. 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. **DUE ON OR BEFORE: November 30, 2022.**

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)

| | Local Dues | State Dues |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Active Member | \$12.00 | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Member (Interns) | No fee | No fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member | \$240.00 | \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (Extension Employee) | No fee | No fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member | No fee | No fee |

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
c/o Barbara Williams
825 Mountain View Dr.
Wilsonville, AL 35186**