

# GARDENERS' GAB



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

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**E-mail:** [scmga.email@gmail.com](mailto:scmga.email@gmail.com)

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

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

The Holiday season is well upon us. I have heard that the Christmas Meeting is one of the favorites among our group. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting ready to play Dirty Gardener (Santa) with a \$15 - \$20 gift, and your contribution to the Soup/chili lunch fixings. It was recommended that wrapping using a bag makes things go faster, but whatever you decide will be fine. Grinch's are welcome in what gift you bring or stealing the available ones so bring your good spirits and know it is all in fun.

Our short business meeting will be the installation of officers. Dues & membership forms will be accepted. Thank you for all you do.

*Cindy*

## **SCMGA will meet FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM at the Extension Center in Columbiana**

- We plan to have our traditional "Dirty Gardener" meeting on December 9 at ACES. Bring a gardening-related gift valued at \$15-\$20 to swap. The game is played like "Dirty Santa" with one person selecting the gift which can then be stolen twice.
- We will have a soup/chili lunch with all the fixings.

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



Beginning Balance	\$5,478.61
Deposits:	
Dues	154.00
Checks:	
K. Vogel	<u>(36.75)</u>
Ending Balance	\$5,595.86

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



**Cards sent by Martha Grantham on behalf of SCMGA during November**

**Birthday Cards:**

Jessica Josllin  
Carol Beard  
Lydia Carpenter

**Sympathy:**

Joy Morris

**Get Well:**

**SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' IMPORTANT DATES**

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"**

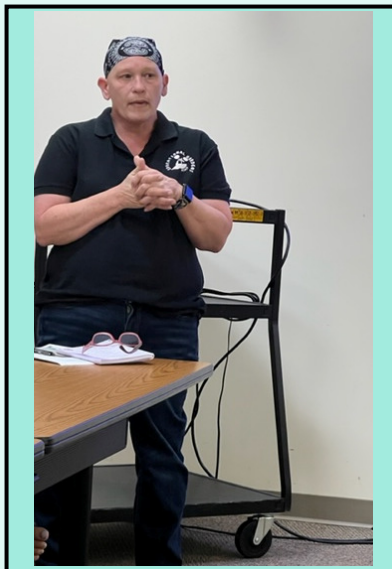


This **private** group was formed to help communicate with our members. Please check it out and ask to join if you are on Facebook.



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



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## 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](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:**

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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.

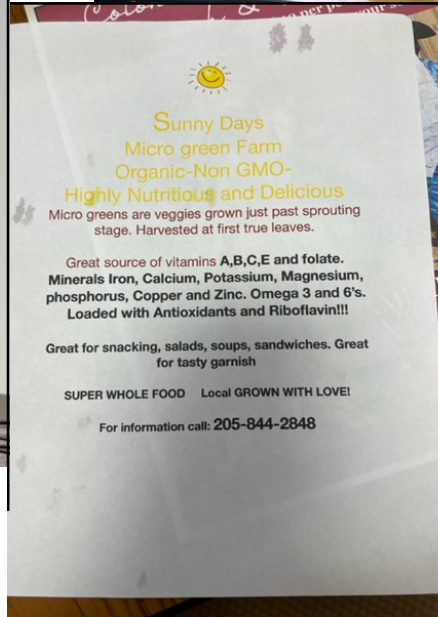
All Master Gardeners are invited to attend!  
(Cancelled when the last Monday falls on a holiday)

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# Scenes from our November meeting



Kim Joiner is District Administrative Coordinator at the Shelby County District.



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



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7—Connie Griffin  
12—Joy Doering  
15—Chris Ellis



## Shelby County Master Gardeners 2022 Volunteer Hours

- Jan 14 SCMGA Meeting (ACES Columbiana) Buchart Gardens (1 hr. volunteer + 1 hr. CEU)
- Feb 11 SCMGA Meeting (ACES Columbiana) Gibbs Gardens (1 hr. volunteer + 1 hr. CEU)
- Mar 5 Seed-to-Table Montevallo Community Garden workday (2 hours volunteer)
- Mar 11 SCMGA Meeting Montevallo Seed-to-Table Community Garden workday (2 hrs. volunteer)
- Apr 8 SCMGA Meeting (ACES Columbiana) Sue Webb Planting for the Planet (1 hr. volunteer + 1 hr. CEU)
- May 13 SCMGA Meeting (ACES Columbiana) Project Hope (1 hr. volunteer + 1 hr. CEU)
- June 10 SCMGA Meeting & Member Garden Tour (**cancelled** due to weather)
- July 8 SCMGA Meeting RSVP, Ice Cream Social and Plant Swap (2 hours volunteer)
- Aug 12 SCMGA Meeting (ACES Columbiana) Jason Kirby BBG (1 hr. volunteer + 1 hr. CEU)
- Sep 9 SCMGA Meeting (ACES Columbiana) Rip Weaver Aldridge Gardens (1 hr. volunteer + 1 hr. CEU)
- Oct 14 SCMGA Meeting (ACES Columbiana) Elizabeth York Fall Planting (1 hr. volunteer + 1 hr. CEU)
- Nov 11 SCMGA Meeting (ACES Columbiana) & Officer Election, Kim Joiner Shelby County Soil & Water Conservation (1 hr. volunteer + 1 hr. CEU)
- Dec 9 SCMGA Meeting & Officer Installation Dirty Gardener (2 hours volunteer)

**\*\*\*Make sure to get your hours entered BEFORE the end of December.**

## Shelby County Master Gardeners Association Meeting 11 November 2022 Minutes

- Present was President Cindy Hearn, Vice President Kate Vogel, Treasurer Barbara Williams. Absent was Secretary Sylvia Sheffield.
- The Association meeting was called to order by President Cindy Hearn at 10:00 am at the Shelby County Extension Office, in Columbiana, AL
- Pledge of Allegiance was spoken, and Vice President Kate Vogel introduced our Guest speaker, Kim Joiner.
- Kim Joiner is District Administrative Coordinator at the Shelby County Soil and Water Conservation District. They are a non-profit funded by the State and County. They provide education. On the Government side of conservation, they work with farmers for soil erosion, cattle, grass, and farm management practices. Examples are cost sharing for wells for water irrigation and plasticulture (plastic row covers for crops). Outside the extension office are their raised bed gardens. These were developed to educate the community. They are planning to build a new structure for seed starts and adding a shade cover, 20' x 40', this spring. They also host the Water Festival every year to educate 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the Shelby County area. They teach about water filtration, aquifers, and the water cycle. This is a volunteer opportunity for the SCMGA. It is two days, December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the University of Montevallo. A volunteer form needs to be filled out and sent to Kim. Lisa Wade will post the form on the SCMGA Facebook page. Another Volunteer opportunity is to help Kim in the Raised bed gardens at the extension office. You can contact her directly on her cell at 205-365-4643 or text to the same number.
- **Minutes** from October's Association Meeting as published in the *Gardener's Gab*, had no corrections and stand as published.
- **Treasurer's Report** for the month ending in October was an ending balance of \$5478.61 as also published in the GAB.
- **Committee Reports**
  - ◊ Karen Mims discussed the Alabaster Senior Center. She mentioned that they meet once a month and she helps to plan programs for the community. She is putting together a list for 2023 topics and would like members of the Association to volunteer. November's topic is on spring and summer bulbs.
  - ◊ Dennis Stanek gave an update from the Pelham Garden Club. Dennis did a presentation last month on Raised Bed Gardens. There has been a change in leadership with the Pelham Parks and Recreation. A Volunteer opportunity is on two workdays, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. They will be identifying invasives and removing them from the trails. November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, Sue Webb will be present to make planting advice for natives. They need a speaker for December. There had been a request for a monetary donation to the Garden. Since this is not a Master Gardener project and is funded by the City of Pelham Parks and Recreation, the board denied this request.
- **Old Business** discussed was the Updated Bylaws as published in the *Gardener's Gab*. A motion from Barbara Williams to accept the updated bylaws as published was made. Kate Vogel seconded the motion. A vote from the Association resulted in the positive, with none opposed. The motion was passed.
- The Nominating Committee presented the Election of Officers for 2023.
  - ◊ President, Cindy Hearn
  - ◊ Vice President, Elizabeth York,
  - ◊ Secretary, Sylvia Sheffield
  - ◊ Treasurer, Lisa Wade.There were no more nominations from the floor. Kate Vogel made the nomination to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations and Dennis Stanek seconded the motion. A vote from the Association resulted in the positive, with none opposed. The motion was passed. The Association Board recommended that Kate Vogel be the SCMGA Advisory Council liaison, and that Barbara Williams, out going Treasurer, be accepted to the Association Board. Elizabeth York made the motion to accept, and Karen Mims seconded. A vote from the Association resulted in the positive, with none opposed. The motion was passed.
- **New Business**
  - ◊ The 21-acre Transformation Garden at Auburn University was discussed. The State AMGA asked the Associations to discuss amongst their members the opportunity to donate to the educational garden. Discussion ensued and Karen Jensen made the motion that the SCMGA make a \$500 donation per year for the next 5 years, for a total donation of \$2,500.00. Elizabeth York seconded the motion. A vote from the Association resulted in the positive, with none opposed. The motion passed.
  - ◊ Kate Vogel brought a volunteer hours handout from the Advisory Council Meeting. It was put together as a reference for inputting volunteer hours on the website. It can be found on the AlabamaMGA.org website under internal. There is a new speakers bureau listing which can also be found on the state website.
- Our December meeting will be our Christmas Dirty Santa Party. A wrapped gift, \$15-\$20 and garden themed. We will be having Soup, salad, and dessert. A signup sheet was passed around.
- Cindy Hearn Adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am
- Members Attending—15, Interns Attending—1, Guests—1

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth York for Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary

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## ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

**FRUITS AND NUTS**—Plant young pecan and other deciduous fruit trees and grapes. Select bud wood. Start dormant pruning of established fruits. Protect all young trees from rabbit damage by placing wire around the base of the tree. Apply dormant oil sprays for scale.

**LAWNS**—Control wild garlic, chickweed, *Poa annua*, and other weeds. Read label on each package of weed killer used.

**ROSES**—Add plants to rose garden. Mulch all plantings.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Plant hardy annual seed without delay. Have you tried violas?

**BULBS**—Continue spring bulb planting.

**SHRUBS**—Planting is still the main activity but delay in case of freezing weather.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Shrubs, trees, and indoor plants make excellent gifts.



### Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2022



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

	<b>Local Dues</b>	<b>State Dues</b>
<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 Lisa Wade  
2 South Forty Road  
Alabaster, AL 35007**