

# 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...***

We welcome you back for the New Year and look forward to all the new and exciting things coming. I want to introduce you to the two new Executive Board Members. Elizabeth York is your Vice President. She is an accomplished gardener with deep family roots in trading plants, heirlooms passed through generations and full of new ideas. Lisa Wade is your Treasurer. She is skilled in accounting and experience with the family business. She is very capable to guide us into the changes coming with the 501c3 not for profit tax status. I am very excited to welcome these fresh faces and enthusiastic people into our leadership group.

Our Extension Agent Nelson Wynn is retiring at the end of January. He has worked with Master Gardeners' classes and been a huge help to our organization. Our Association will be hosting a Retirement Reception for Nelson and his family in the Extension Office Auditorium on January 31, 2023, from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. What an exciting life transition. We will all have to recruit him into our group.

Please record hours into the current year (2023) in the Volunteer hours system. You will still get the credit for your volunteer time. Last years record was closed on December 31, 2022. You may make an entry January 1, 2023, for the lump sum of prior year volunteer and CEU hours and place a note saying they are prior year. Please always keep documentation of where you participated.

I look forward to seeing each of you on January 13, 2023, in the auditorium of the Extension Office. We are preparing a survey so think about what you would like to offer about meetings and programs.

Thank you for all you do.

*Cindy*



## **SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION**

**JANUARY 2023 MEETING—Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**at the Extension Center auditorium**

**The topic for our meeting is a Grow More Give More presentation.**

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Please print this page, fill it out and bring it to our meeting on  
Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

**Shelby County MGA 2023 Survey**

What topics or speakers would you like to hear at our meetings?

What do you like about our association? What's working? What's Not?

What community projects would you like to Start? Stop? Or Continue?

What type of fundraisers would you be willing to participate in?



## TREASURER'S REPORT as of December 22, 2022

Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Checks/Deposits	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$5,595.86
Deposits (Dues)	320.00
Checks (K.Vogel)	(16.57)
Ending Balance	<u>\$5,899.29</u>

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

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



#### Birthday Cards:

Carol Beard  
Lydia Carpenter  
Jessica Joslin

#### Sympathy:

Joy Morris

### SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' 2023 DATES

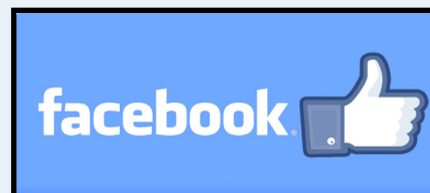
Jan 13	Deadline for Early Bird registration	Mar 10	SCMGA Meeting
	2023 AMGA Conference (\$160)	Apr 3-5	AMGA State Conference, Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa
Jan 14	SCMGA Meeting		
Jan 31	AMGA Awards deadline	Apr 8	SCMGA Meeting
Jan 31	Nelson Wynn's <b>surprise</b> Retirement Party 2-4 pm Extension Auditorium	Apr 16	Celebration of Life for George & Pat Hare 1-3 pm Aldridge Gardens
Feb 2-May 11	New Intern Class to be held in Chilton County (we only have 3)	May 12	SCMGA Meeting
Feb 7	AMGA Advisory Meeting, 10 am, Petals from the Past	Jun 9	SCMGA Meeting
Feb 10	SCMGA Meeting	Jul 14	SCMGA Meeting
Feb 28	Deadline for Regular Registration postmarked for AMGA Conference (\$170)	Aug 11	SCMGA Meeting
		Sep 8	SCMGA Meeting
Mar 1	Late Registration (Mar 1-15) Postmarked for AMGA Conference	Oct 13	SCMGA Meeting
		Nov 10	SCMGA Meeting
		Dec 8	SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange

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 Minutes 9 December 2022—Business Meeting**

- Officers present were Pres—Cindy Hearn, VP—Kate Vogel, Treasurer—Barbara Williams, Secretary—Sylvia Sheffield.
- President Cindy Hearn opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- President Cindy Hearn asked for corrections to the November minutes which are printed in the Gardeners' Gab. Hearing none, the minutes stand as written.
- Treasurer Barbara Williams gave the treasurer's report.
- New Business: Barbara Williams reported on a member who had passed away last month – Mr. Walter Jerry Raley, Sr. Cindy—reported that Bynae Turner wanted to donate to SCMGA and asked if anyone knew Mr. Raley.
- Cindy asked if all had paid dues with the end of year deadline approaching.
- Cindy asked for announcements from committee chairs.
- Barbara Williams announced that she hasn't received RSVP forms yet so RSVP members should go online to add your hours.
- Kate reminded members to fill in their MG hours by the end of December.
- William Adair announced that CEU hours are available in videos online from Ralston Arbor in NC – NC State University and that both BBG and Aldridge Gardens are looking for volunteers.
- Cindy Hearn announced that William Adair had completed hours requirements for MG Certificate. The certificate and nametag were awarded
- Kate Vogel led the installation of officers for 2023.
  - ◊ President – Cindy Hearn
  - ◊ Vice President – Elizabeth York
  - ◊ Treasurer – Lisa Wade
  - ◊ Secretary – Sylvia Sheffield
- Dirty Gardener was the program.
- The meeting was adjourned by the president.

Submitted by  
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary

Hello Heidee,

I'm the son of Patricia Hare and George Hare who were members of SCMGA. George passed away in 2019 and Pat passed away in mid-November. SCMGA was a major part of Mom and Dad's life and they had many dear friends in the group. Unfortunately, we didn't have a service or celebration of life for George, but we are now planning an event on April 16, 2023, at Aldridge's Gardens in Hoover from 1—3 PM. We'd love for anyone who remembers Pat and George to join us. No RSVP is required as it will be an unstructured, informal gathering.

Please share with the group.  
Walt

## ORANGE CRANBERRY POUNDCAKE

From the Kitchen of: Trisha Williams, Shelby County Master Gardener

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup butter
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 8 oz. cream cheese
- 5 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 2 tsp. grated orange peel
- 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup dried chopped cranberries
- 1-1/2 cups toasted chopped pecans

### GLAZE:

- 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
- About 2 Tbls. fresh orange juice



### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter and flour a Bundt or 10-inch tube pan.
  2. Toast pecans and coarsely chop. Coarsely chop dried cranberries, set both aside.
  3. Beat sugar, softened cream cheese, and softened butter until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, then beat in orange juice, orange zest, and vanilla extract.
  4. Sift flour and salt together in separate bowl.
  5. Mix dry ingredients into egg mixture with large spoon until just combined. Fold in pecans & cranberries.
  6. Pour batter into prepared pan, tapping pan on counter to release any air bubbles.
  7. Bake 65-75 minutes, test with toothpick to see if done. Cool in pan ten minutes, turn out onto wire rack or paper towels to completely cool.
  8. For Glaze: Mix powdered sugar and orange juice, drizzle all over cake.
- Cook's Note: Use an ice pick to punch a few holes in top of cake so glaze can go down into the cake.

**SCMG's please remember, we need recipe contributions from all of YOU. Please send recipes to: [scmqg.email@gmail.com](mailto:scmqg.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**



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Julie Baumgartner
- 7—Larry Riddle
- 10—Jan Rogers
- 10—Phyllis Weaver
- 11—Mary Mattingly
- 12—Heidee Vansant
- 17—Jennifer Gregory

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Community Organization

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It's time to make plans to attend the **2023 AMGA Annual Conference in Tuscaloosa** on April 3-5, 2023! We have a great mix of speakers lined up! Keynote speakers will be Dr. Doug Phillips of the Emmy Award-winning television series "Discovering Alabama" and Felder Rushing—who has published several garden-related books. Other speakers will address topics from Col. (Ret.) Duane Lamb (landscape design at the University), Vince Wallace (advantages of honey bees), Dr. Andy Coleman (Urban Turtle Project), Dr. Larry Davenport (botany), Dr. R. Scot Duncan (Alabama's biodiversity), native azaleas, and more!

This may be a little earlier than usual for the Annual Conference, but we were able to arrange much more affordable lodging rates and better availability of rooms than any other date. Details of lodging discount rates will follow. Early Bird registration opens very soon—stay tuned! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

The 2023 AMGA Conference registration information is now on the AMGA website <https://alabamamga.org/2023-amga-conference-registration/>. The preferred registration method is online. There is no hotel information as of this date. The Tuscaloosa committee is working with their Chamber of Commerce to get discounted rates for the conference. That information should be released by January 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be forwarded to the associations upon receipt.

## SCENES FROM OUR DECEMBER MEETING



William Adair was awarded his MG Certificate and nametag.



Lots of fabulous gifts!



2023 Officers



Lots of fabulous food!



Agent Nelson Wynn will retire at the end of January.





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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

**FRUITS & NUTS**—Set out apples, peaches, pears, and grapes. Start grafting pecans. Prune dormant trees.

**SHRUBS**—Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrow-leaf, and deciduous. Graft camellias in South Alabama. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.

**LAWNS**—Soil test before setting up fertility program.

**ROSES**—Visit nurseries and garden centers to select varieties. Start planting.

**ANNUALS & PERENNIALS**—Plant hardy annuals.

**BULBS**—Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Prune winter-damaged limbs. Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely. Cut them back lightly and keep in a temperature of 55 to 60°.

**VEGETABLE SEED**—Plant hardy vegetables, root crops, roots, and tubers in southern-most areas. Plant lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli in cold-frames.

### Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2023

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**Please Note:** A new membership form must be completed each year and returned even if you don't owe dues.



**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.

Association Name: **Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s:  
Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
24 South Forty Road  
Alabaster, AL 35007**