

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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E-mail: SCMGA.email@gmail.com

Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, Alabama

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The President Ponders...

The reception for Nelson Wynn was a great time of fellowship and well wishes. It was fun to visit with people from around the state, look back at the old pictures and awards he received and just celebrate a great working career. We wish him wonderful times ahead. Thanks to all who helped pull this together.

It is hard to believe that we are very close to spring, a little concerning for those of us who have lived in Alabama long enough to see snow in April. The Association meeting in April will include a plant swap and potluck lunch so start thinking about both. A sign-up sheet will go around at the next meeting for the lunch.

We have March workdays scheduled for the Seed to Table Garden in Montevallo on Saturday March 11th and Thursday March 15th, both are from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. It will be great to get the gardens set up for a good year.

Enjoy watching your own gardens come to life. See you on March 10th for our workshop on Pruning.

Cindy

SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION





Meeting—Friday, March 10th
10:00 a.m. at the Extension Center auditorium
The our own Deb Elliott will speak to us on pruning.





Meeting—Friday, April 14th
10:00 a.m. at the Extension Center auditorium
Doing a recap of the State AMGA meeting, potluck and plant swap.
Start digging up plants you want to swap and decide what food you want to bring for the potluck.

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We will be changing the monthly treasury report to reflect the entire calendar month instead of from the 20th of each month. Therefore, here is December's partial month to get us on a new schedule and then January's full month. ~Lisa Wade, SCMGA Treasurer

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| <div>  TREASURER'S REPORT December 20, 2022—December 31, 2022  </div> <div>Submitted by Lisa Wade, Treasurer</div> | |
| Deposits | |
| Donation | \$ 100.00 |
| Total Deposits | \$ 100.00 |
| Checks | |
| AMGA Dues | \$ (280.00) |
| Total Checks | \$ (280.00) |
| Beginning Balance | \$ 5,899.29 |
| Deposits | \$ 100.00 |
| Checks | \$ (280.00) |
| Ending Balance | \$ 5,719.29 |

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| <div>  TREASURER'S REPORT January 2023  </div> <div>Submitted by Lisa Wade, Treasurer</div> | |
| Deposits | |
| Dues | \$ 22.00 |
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| Total Deposits | \$ 88.00 |
| Checks | |
| Reach for the Stars | \$ (27.00) |
| Gift Card for Nelson's Retirement | \$ (304.00) |
| Partial refund for duplicate dues payment | \$ (10.00) |
| Total Checks | \$ (341.00) |
| Beginning Balance | \$ 5,719.29 |
| Deposits | \$ 88.00 |
| Checks | \$ (341.00) |
| Ending Balance | \$ 5,466.29 |

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

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Birthday Cards:

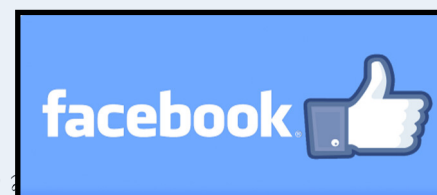
Sydney Ellis
Marth Grantham
Joy Morris

Sue Owens
Merle Schukoske

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.



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SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' 2023 DATES

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| Feb 28 | Deadline for Regular Registration \$170 postmarked for AMGA Confer. | Apr 16 | Celebration of Life for George & Pat Hare 1—3 pm Aldridge Gardens |
| Mar 1 | Late Registration (Mar 1-15) \$180 Postmarked for AMGA Conference | May 12 | SCMGA Meeting |
| Mar 10 | SCMGA Meeting—Pruning | Jun 9 | SCMGA Meeting |
| Mar 11 | Workday—Seed to Table Garden in Montevallo, 10am—Noon | Jul 14 | SCMGA Meeting |
| Mar 15 | Workday—Seed to Table Garden in Montevallo, 10am—Noon | Aug 11 | SCMGA Meeting |
| Apr 3-5 | AMGA State Conference, Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa | Sep 8 | SCMGA Meeting |
| Apr 14 | SCMGA Meeting | Oct 13 | SCMGA Meeting |
| | | Nov 10 | SCMGA Meeting |
| | | Nov 30 | Deadline to pay 2024 Dues |
| | | Dec 8 | SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange |

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Minutes 10 February 2023—Business Meeting

- President Cindy Hearn opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. introduced guests, welcomed all in attendance, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Cindy asked for corrections to the January minutes which are printed in the *Gardeners' Gab*. Hearing none, the minutes stand as written.
- Kate Vogel introduced the speaker, Jason Kirby, Archivist of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens who presented a program on the Gardens of Emily Dickinson.
- Treasurer Lisa Wade gave the treasurer's report which was accepted as read and published in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- Dennis Stanek—gave an overview of ongoing projects and volunteer opportunities.
- Cindy announced that Julie Baumgartner is not able to continue to be our Hospitality Chair. Please let Cindy know if you are available to serve in this capacity.
- The Audit Committee submitted the audit report for 2020—2022 to the board and it was accepted.
- Kate Vogel reported on the meeting of the State Advisory Council. Pledge cards for donations to Auburn's Transformational Garden are available.
 - * The International convention will take place September 2023 in Kansas City, MO.
 - * In Tacoma, WA there will be a celebration of the 50th year of the Master Gardener program which began in Tacoma.
 - * Early registration for the Alabama State Conference registration is past but you can still register.
 - * Master Gardener classes will begin in June and August.
 - * If you would like to serve on the State Speakers Bureau please let Kate know.
 - * There are fourteen applications for state funding with limited funds available.
 - * Kate reported that a volunteer hour, when recorded on the website, is worth a \$30 value in federal funds. These are value credits that support Auburn University.
- Cindy thanked everyone for making Nelson's retirement reception successful.
- Karen Mims provided an update on the Alabaster Senior Center gardening classes. She requested seeds for use in this program. In May a garden will be planted. Cindy suggested a work day schedule be established.
- Trisha Williams provided an update on the Water Fest in Chilton County which is for 4th graders to learn about the water cycle. There is a need for volunteer tour guides on March 17th for this event.
- Cindy asked for any additional announcements or committee reports.

Old Business

- Our donation to Auburn's Transformational Garden will be made.
- The conflict of interest policies for board members have been signed. This is part of the requirements for our 501(c)(3) status.
- A discussion took place about our Seed to Table project, the Association's only sanctioned project. Kate reported the man who cuts the grass for the church which owns the land, University Baptist, will mow the garden area for \$35 per mow. Kate is working on a rotating schedule for volunteers to keep this garden viable. Produce from the garden is distributed by the Shelby Emergency program. There will be a meeting for volunteers on Friday, February 17th at the garden site. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Cindy provided a summary of the survey printed in the *Gardeners' Gab* which was received at our January meeting. Some of the suggestions included:
 - ◇ Limit program to 20-30 minutes.
 - ◇ Start on time.
 - ◇ Limit lengthy conversations in meetings.
 - ◇ Bring back the pot luck lunch.
 - ◇ Seed to Table is the project with the most support.
 - ◇ Suggestions for projects.
- Fundraising activities are on hold until our non-profit is established.
- Please let Elizabeth York know if you have a topic you would like to share with the membership by providing a program.
- Our meeting on April 14th will be a plant swap with a pot luck lunch.
- Barbara Williams created a suggestion box which will be available for ideas for our meetings and activities.
- The meeting was adjourned by the president at 11:28 a.m.

Submitted by
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary

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ITALIAN PASTA SALAD

From the Kitchen of: Shauna Brown, Shelby County Master Gardener

Salad Ingredients:

1 lb. Penne pasta or similar
3 slices Genoa Salami cut into 1/2" thick pieces
1 cup mild banana peppers
1 cup halved black olives
8 oz. mozzarella, cubed
1/2 cup julienne cut sun dried tomatoes
1/2 cup chopped red onions
1/2 cup freshly chopped basil
2 Tbls. grated Parmesan Cheese
Pinch red pepper flakes, optional

I went back a few years and pulled this recipe out of the archives.



Pasta Salad:

Cook pasta according to directions. Drain under cold water. Set aside to cool. Once pasta has cooled, add pasta to a large bowl along with remaining salad ingredients. If not serving the salad right away, chill until ready to serve.

Dressing:

1/2 cup red wine vinegar
2 Tbls. grated Parmesan cheese
1 Tbls. Italian seasoning
2 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 tsp. celery seed
3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Dressing:

Add all dressing ingredients, except for the olive oil in a blender or food processor. While machine is still running, slowly stream in olive oil. Continue to blend until combined. Season with salt and pepper. When ready to serve, toss pasta salad with dressing. Season with additional salt and pepper, if necessary.

Keep refrigerated.

SCMG's please remember, we need recipe contributions from all of YOU. Please send recipes to: scmga.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
Phone: 205-663-8977**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

13—Dennis Stanek
25—Trisha Williams
28—Teresa Riddle
29—Sylvia Sheffield
30—Carolyn Key

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Shelby County Master Gardeners
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!

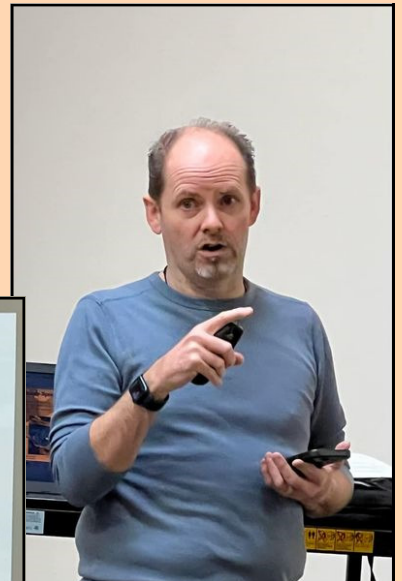
This may be a little earlier than usual for the Annual Conference, but we were able to arrange much more affordable lodging rates and better availability of rooms than any other date. Details of lodging discount rates will follow. Early Bird registration opens very soon—stay tuned! We are looking forward 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 15th. It will be forwarded to the associations upon receipt.

SCENES FROM OUR FEBRUARY MEETING



Jason Kirby, Archivist of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens presented a program on the Gardens of Emily Dickinson



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Gardening

Word Search Puzzle



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| COMPOST | SEEDS | TILLER |
| FLOWERS | SHEARS | TROWEL |
| GARDEN HOSE | SHOVEL | VEGETABLES |
| GLOVES | SNAILS | WATER |
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International Master
Gardener Conference



June 18 – 22, 2023
Overland Park, Kansas

Come be Inspired

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Enjoy heartland hospitality June 18-22, 2023, when you come to Overland Park, Kansas, a suburb of the Kansas City Metro area, to **Celebrate, Educate** and **Grow** with Extension Master Gardeners from around the world.

Early Registration ends March 1 Saving \$62

FOR DETAILS GO TO:
<https://imgc2023.com/>

Questions?
Call us at
913-715-7034
Monday-Friday,
9am-5pm CST
or email us at
registration@imgc2023.com

Registration Rates

| EARLY BIRD | REGULAR |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Nov. 8, 2022 until March 1, 2023 | After March 1, 2023 |
| \$397 | \$459 |

Includes

- ✓ 6 Catered Meals
- ✓ 49 Concurrent Sessions
- ✓ 5 Keynote Presenters
- ✓ Garden Thyme Marketplace Trade Show

Add-on Events (Additional Fees)

12 Tours
11 Workshops
3 Evening Featured Speakers
Tour of Private Gardens
Self-driving Tour (Drive Yourself)

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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR MARCH

FRUITS & NUTS—Continue strawberry & grape plantings. Bud apples and peaches. Start planting blackberries. Remember, if weather conditions prevent prompt planting, heel the plants in by placing the root system in a trench & covering the soil.

SHRUBS—Fertilize shrubs (except azaleas and camellias) according to a soil test. Late plantings may be made, particularly if they are container-grown. Watch shrubs for harmful insects.

LAWNS—Plant Bermuda, Zoysia, & Centipede in South Alabama. Seed bluegrass & grass mixtures in North Alabama. Fertilize established lawns.

ROSES—Watch new growth for aphids. Begin a spray or dust program. Begin fertilizing.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Tender annuals may be planted in South Alabama. Check garden centers for bedding plants.

BULBS—Plant gladiolus every two or three weeks if a long Blooming season is desired. Plant tuberous begonias in pots. Plant dahlias.

MISCELLANEOUS—Check & repair sprayers, dusters, and lawn mowers. Control lawn weeds with chemicals. Delay pruning of fruiting shrubs such as cotoneasters, pyracanthas, & hollies until after flowering.

VEGETABLE SEEDS—Plant hardy crops recommended for January & February. After danger of frost is past, plant tender vegetables.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, & Brussels sprouts in North Alabama; plant tomatoes & peppers in lower South Alabama.

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: _____

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 Lisa Wade
24 South Forty Road
Alabaster, AL 35007**