

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
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The President Ponders...

The Alabama Extension received a grant from the Association of RC&D Councils, and donations from Sungro Horticulture to provide for a statewide Grow More Give More Pop-up Garden project. One of these gardens was provided to the Alabaster Senior Center. Shelby County Seniors and Master Gardeners along with the Shelby County Extension office staff and senior center staff assembled, planted, and attached drip irrigation to the garden. The location provides access to fresh produce for seniors and a great amount of joy in tending the garden. John V. built a stand for the grow buckets that include tomatoes, peppers and beans, grow bags were planted with squash, and the aluminum raised bed will provide cucumbers. The existing bed was reclaimed, improved with the drip watering, and planted with peppers, herbs, and flowers. The weather was beautiful, the seniors were excited, and the project was completed. Please make it a point to go by and visit.

King's Ranch requested and scheduled a MG visit to discuss ways we can help this Shelby County Charity as well. We will report at the May Meeting on May 12th where our program will be provided by Bethany O'Rear on container gardening. Thanks for all you do.

Cindy

SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



**Meeting—Friday, May 12th, 10:00 a.m. at the
Extension Center Auditorium**

May's meeting is "Container Gardening" by Bethany O'Rear, Jefferson County Extension Agent

Elizabeth York (205) 616-7648.

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TREASURER'S REPORT March 2023
Lisa Wade, Treasurer



Deposits

Dues	\$	44.00
Dues	\$	22.00
Total Deposits	\$	66.00

Checks

Pay.gov (505(c)(3) filing	\$	(275.00)
Total Checks	\$	(275.00)

Beginning Balance

Deposits	\$	5,352.25
Deposits	\$	66.00
Checks	\$	(275.00)
Ending Balance	\$	5,143.25

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Steve Nadeau
Lisa Wade

International Master
Gardener Conference



June 18 – 22, 2023
Overland Park, Kansas

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Early Registration ends March 1 Saving \$62
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FOR DETAILS GO TO:
<https://imgc2023.com/>

Questions?
Call us at
913-715-7034
Monday-Friday,
9am–5pm CST
or email us

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)**

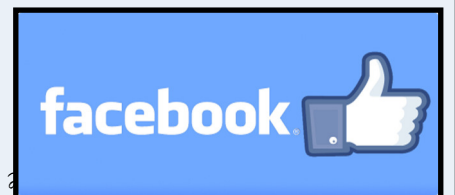
- 12 Tours
- 11 Workshops
- 3 Evening Featured Speakers
- Tour of Private Gardens
- Self-driving Tour (Drive Yourself)

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

May 2	Advisory Council meeting, 10am @ Petals from the Past	Jul 14	SCMGA Meeting
May 12	SCMGA Meeting—Bring plants to the extension center for Seed to Table Garden, Montevallo	Aug 11	SCMGA Meeting
May 13	Planting day at Seed to Table Garden, Montevallo	Sep 8	SCMGA Meeting
May 20	Cahaba Lily Festival	Oct 12	Blount Co. MG Fall Conference
Jun 9	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 Business Meeting—April 14, 2023

- President Cindy Hearn opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., she introduced Regina Varvoutis who is a past president of the SCMGA, welcomed all in attendance, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Cindy asked for corrections to the March minutes which are printed in the *Gardeners' Gab*. Hearing none, the minutes stand as written.
- Lisa Wade gave the treasurer's report; it stands as read and as posted in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- Cindy announced an opportunity to volunteer at King's Home. We will find out what is needed and get back to the group.
- Seed to Table - Kate Vogel provided an update and reported that a sorority from the University of Montevallo volunteered to help in the gardens. She announced that Shelby Emergency Assistance has a new executive director, Brooke McKinley. The next workday is Thursday 4/20 at 4:30. Kate also described the children's garden, and she related it to the book: *O'Leary's Garden*.
- Karen Mims provided an update on the Alabaster Senior Center garden class. Cindy reported that Extension Agent Bethany O'Rear received grant money to establish pop-up gardens. One will be established at the Alabaster Senior Center which will be a vegetable garden with soil being donated. A workday is scheduled for April 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m. to assemble the raised beds.
- Cindy reported that our 501(c)(3) application has been submitted.
- Elizabeth York gave an update on the 2023 AMGA State Conference. She described the various workshops. Next year the conference will be held on April 22, 2024, in Daphne which is in Baldwin County.
- On the third Saturday in May Bibb County will hold the Cahaba Lily Festival. The Cahaba Lilies bloom from Mothers' Day to Fathers' Day and can only grow in moving water. Cindy reported that there is a walking trail near the waterfall in Helena where there are Cahaba Lilies growing.
- The program was a plant swap and potluck lunch.
- The meeting was adjourned by the president at 10:46 a.m.

Submitted by,
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary



Lady and Sons Okra and Tomatoes by Paula Deen
 From the Kitchen of: Heidee Vansant, Shelby County Master Gardener

INGREDIENTS:


- 4 slices bacon, diced into small pieces
- 1 small onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 (15 oz.) cans diced tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon chicken base
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 3 cups fresh okra, cut into 1-inch pieces (may use frozen, if fresh not available)
- Fresh black pepper, to taste



DIRECTIONS:

Cook bacon slightly. Sauté onion and garlic with bacon until tender. Add tomatoes, chicken base, sugar and pepper. Stir well and let simmer for about 20 minutes. Adjust seasoning if needed. Meanwhile wash okra and remove fuzz if using fresh and cut into pieces. Add the okra and simmer until okra is done, about 20 more minutes (less if using frozen okra.)

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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Carolyn Hudson
- 8—Walton Edwards
- 16—Jim Busbin
- 22—Marilynn Donoho
- 26—Ben Crunk
- 27—Jeannie Bubbett



Seniors, Master Gardeners, and Extension Staff set-up and plant a Grow More Give More Pop-Up Garden at Alabaster Senior Center



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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR MAY

FRUITS AND NUTS—Continue spray program. Keep grass from around trees & strawberries. Peaches & apples can still be budded.

SHRUBS—Newly planted shrubs need extra care now and in coming weeks. Don't spray with oil emulsions when temperature is above 85°F.

LAWNS—Now is the best time to start lawns from seed. Water new lawns as needed to prevent drying. Keep established lawns actively growing by watering, fertilizing, and mowing. Spray weeds in lawns with proper herbicide.

ROSES—Spray or dust for insects and diseases. Fertilize monthly with complete fertilizer or Rose special. Container-grown plants in flower may be planted. Prune climbing roses after the first big flush of flowering.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Late plantings of bedding plants still have time to produce. Watch for insects on daylilies.

BULBS—Summer bulbs started in containers may still be planted. Do not remove foliage from spring flowering bulbs. Do not let seed heads form on tulips and other spring flowering bulbs.

MISCELLANEOUS—Mulch new shrub plantings if not already done. Avoid drying out new shrub, tree, and lawn plantings.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant heat-loving and tender vegetables. Start cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery in cold-frame for fall garden.

VEGETABLES—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potatoes.

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