

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

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AMG Online Store: <http://www.victorydesigns.com/amg/>

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

A group of SCMGA's met with the new Shelby Emergency Assistance Executive Director Brook McKinley. She was receptive to both the needs of the Master Gardeners and the concerns over community participation. Lots of ideas were discussed to improve communication and processes. We will follow up later in the summer.

The SCMGA workday was a great success. Volunteers built the cucumber trellis, weeded the remaining two beds, completed the mowing, cleaned the work shed, planted, and watered. The groundhog bed had squash ready a few days later that Kate would let the children pick. The beds planted in April were growing well. Updates have been positive from the member volunteers and the mulch has reduced weed growth dramatically. Thanks to all who helped keep this going.

Barbara Williams has facilitated another pop-up garden to be put behind the Library in Wilsonville. This will be an exciting time and hopefully as fun and successful as the Alabaster Senior Center Garden which is already harvesting and recording for Grow More Give More. We will let everyone know when volunteers will be needed to help set up the Wilsonville garden and do the initial planting. The Library will oversee harvest and maintenance as a Wilsonville Community Garden concept.

*Cindy*

## SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION



**Meeting—Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the  
Extension Center Auditorium**

Our June meeting speaker will be Jason Powell from Petals of the Past speaking on Soil Management

Elizabeth York (205) 616-7648.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2023

Lisa Wade, Treasurer



## Deposits

Dues	\$	54.00
Total Deposits	\$	54.00

## Checks

AMGA Dues	\$	(50.00)
Total Checks	\$	(50.00)

## Beginning Balance

Deposits	\$	5,143.25
Checks	\$	(50.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$	<b>5,147.25</b>

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

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



### BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Jeannie Bubbett  
Jim Busbin  
Ben Crunk

Marilyn Donoho  
Welton Edwards  
Carolyn Hudson

International Master  
Gardener Conference



June 18 – 22, 2023  
Overland Park, Kansas

Early Registration ends March 1 Saving \$62  
COME BE INSPIRED

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](mailto:registration@imgc2023.com)

### Registration Rates

EARLY BIRD Nov. 8, 2022 until March 1, 2023	REGULAR 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**

Jun 9	SCMGA Meeting—Jason Powel	Aug 7-8	Leadership Webinar
Jun 8	Workday-Montevallo STT Garden	Aug 11	SCMGA Meeting
Jun 12	Workday-Montevallo STT Garden	Sep 8	SCMGA Meeting
Jun 15	Workday-Montevallo STT Garden	Oct 12	Blount Co. MG Fall Conference
Jun 18-22	International MG Conference	Oct 13	SCMGA Meeting
Jun 19	Workday-Montevallo STT Garden	Nov 10	SCMGA Meeting
Jun 22	Workday-Montevallo STT Garden	Nov 30	Deadline to pay 2024 Dues
Jun 26	Workday-Montevallo STT Garden	Dec 8	SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange
Jun 29	Workday-Montevallo STT Garden		
Jul 14	SCMGA Meeting—Ice Cream Social		

### **Shelby County Master Gardeners Association Business Meeting—May 12, 2023**

- President Cindy Hearn called the meeting to order at 10:00am and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She introduced guest Larry Kronk.
- Vice-President Elizabeth York introduced our speaker, REA Bethany O'Rear. Bethany presented a program on container gardening.
- President Hearn asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as posted in the *Gardeners' Gab*. There were no corrections so minutes stand as posted.
- Treasurer Lisa Wade gave the treasurer's report. It stands as reported.
- Barbara Williams is tracking Volunteer Opportunities. She passed out a list of on-going and current opportunities. She asks that information be emailed to her including time, location, and contact person with their phone number and email.
- A GMGM pop up garden will be installed next to the Wilsonville Library. Volunteers will be needed.
- The check for the AU Transformation Garden donation has been mailed.
- President Hearn announced that our 501(c)3 status has been granted.
- Kate Vogel and Elizabeth York reported on the Seed to Table Garden and announced a workday on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 am. Workdays will be every Monday and Thursday during growing season. Elizabeth will be scheduling garden volunteers.
- The Alabaster Senior Center continues monthly classes and a GMGM pop up garden was installed and planted. Existing beds were planted.
- A Leadership Webinar will be August 7—8.
- A field trip to the Transformation Garden is set for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Elizabeth York if interested.
- Brierfield Iron Works is working on a grant for landscaping and has asked for help with landscape design.
- Next meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Jason Powell discussing Soil Management. On July 14<sup>th</sup> we will have an Ice Cream Social and a Tomato Variety Tasting. Bring a couple of your home grown tomatoes and seeds if you have them to share.

Submitted by,  
Trisha Williams

## VOLUNTEER HOURS and CEU GUIDELINES

- Certified Master Gardeners are to record 25 VOLUNTEER hours and 10 CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (hours) each year. SCMGA garden programs do count as CEUs.
- MG Interns need 50 VOLUNTEER hours to become certified.
- Volunteer hours should fit into the volunteer categories on the Service Report site. The current hour categories guide is available to download on the AMGA website: <https://alabamamga.org/aces-volunteer-http-mg-aces-edu-wp-content-uploads-sites-5-2015-01-volunteer-hours-categories-guide-sr-pdfhours-guide/>
- CEUs are to be programs from reputable sources such as:
  - 1) Programs and videos from Alabama Cooperative Extension Service and other regional Extension services.
  - 2) Garden programs at nurseries like Petals from the Past
  - 3) Garden programs such as the ones at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Aldridge Gardens.
  - 4) Programs from well-known garden experts such as P. Allen Smith and Joe Lamp'1 to name a few.



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

Happy  
BIRTHDAY

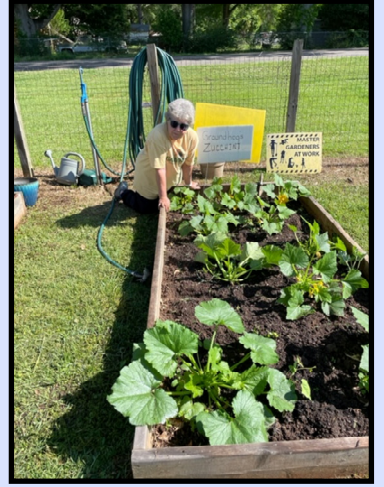
JUNE BIRTHDAY

27—Karen Jensen





# Photos from Seed to Table Workday

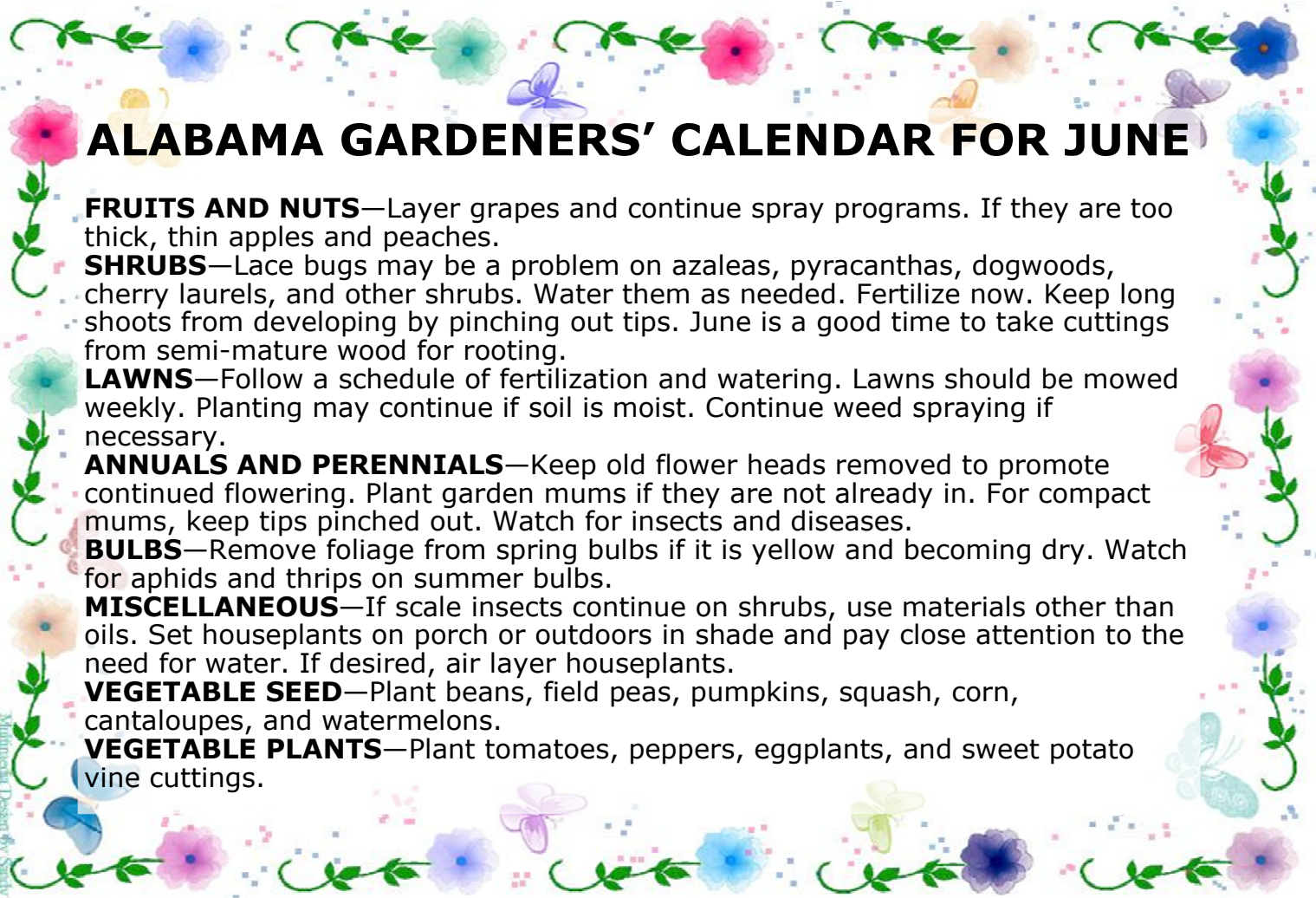


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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JUNE

**FRUITS AND NUTS**—Layer grapes and continue spray programs. If they are too thick, thin apples and peaches.

**SHRUBS**—Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs. Water them as needed. Fertilize now. Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips. June is a good time to take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

**LAWNS**—Follow a schedule of fertilization and watering. Lawns should be mowed weekly. Planting may continue if soil is moist. Continue weed spraying if necessary.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if they are not already in. For compact mums, keep tips pinched out. Watch for insects and diseases.

**BULBS**—Remove foliage from spring bulbs if it is yellow and becoming dry. Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils. Set houseplants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water. If desired, air layer houseplants.

**VEGETABLE SEED**—Plant beans, field peas, pumpkins, squash, corn, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

**VEGETABLE PLANTS**—Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and sweet potato vine cuttings.

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