

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...

August reminds me that fall is coming. The hot summer will give way to cooler temperatures. Some vegetable gardeners are transitioning to fall/cool weather plants. Flower gardeners are enjoying the summer colors. We are fortunate in Alabama to have the late frost average date so we can squeeze in another planting.

This is a great time for our Association members to consider making a difference by joining our leadership team. The nominating committee is forming and would like to hear from you. Please take a few minutes and jot us a quick note, they can be slipped into the suggestion box or emailed to me. The Association is strong when all ideas are heard, and each member is working where they enjoy. Let us know who you would like to see as leaders, where you would enjoy participating, what you like that has been done this year, and what we can add next year.

I would like to recognize an initiative from within our membership that has made a great contribution to the community of Pelham. It started with two, Larry and Teresa Riddle, and now includes other Shelby County Master Gardeners and residents who have organized and teamed up to learn together through a garden club. They have taken on a tremendous project by clearing invasive plants and QR coding natives and wildflowers along the walking trail behind the new Pelham Library. They researched and added a bluebird trail as well. This is our MG mission of taking the research-based education from ACES to the public. Meeting information and activities are posted on our Facebook page. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Please look for registration deadlines for Fall Conferences. We hope to see you at our next meeting on ferns.

As always thank you to each of you for all you do.

Cindy

SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION



**Meeting—Friday, August 11th, 10:00 a.m. at the
Extension Center Auditorium**

Our August meeting speaker will be Dan Jones from Birmingham Botanical Gardens Fern Society. His program will be ferns in the garden.

Elizabeth York (205) 616-7648

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TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2023

Lisa Wade, Treasurer



Deposits

Total Deposits \$ 0.00

Checks

Total Checks \$ 0.00

Beginning Balance

Deposits \$ 4,563.85

Checks \$ 0.00

Ending Balance \$ 4,563.85

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

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Gretchen Boling
Beth Glasgow
Linda McCullough
Barbara 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'l to name a few.

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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SCMGA UPCOMING DATES

Aug 7-8	Leadership Webinar	Nov 10	SCMGA Meeting
Aug 11	SCMGA Meeting—Dan Jones, BBG Fern Society	Nov 30	Deadline to pay 2024 Dues
Sep 8	SCMGA Meeting	Dec 8	SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange
Oct 12	Blount Co. MG Fall Conference		
Oct 13	SCMGA Meeting		

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association Business Meeting—14 July 2023

- Cindy Hearn, President, called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. She introduced visitors and led the pledge to the flag.
- Lisa Wade gave the treasurer's report, it stands as read and as posted in the *Gardeners Gab*.
- Program: VP Elizabeth York introduced Jason Powell from Petals from the Past. Jason presented a program on Soil Management and brought examples of hardy native plants.
- The June minutes were corrected to read: a staff member from Somerby Senior Living has requested assistance with their existing gardens rather than helping them build gardens.
- Barbara Williams thanked everyone who assisted with the setup of a GMGM pop-up garden in Wilsonville on June 22, 8:00 am at the Wilsonville library.
- The Montevallo Community Garden Seed to Table project produced 55 pounds of food which was donated to Shelby Emergency Services.
- Organizers of the Helena Farmers' market requested that we set up a Shelby County MGA booth every Saturday through August. Cindy and Elizabeth will follow up with this request.
- The next Shelby County Master Gardening class begins in August.
- The cutoff date for registration for The Alabama Fall Conference is September 19, 2023.
- Gloria from RSVP provided a sign-up sheet to join RSVP and gave an update on upcoming events. Cindy asked about double reporting hours. Gloria said that RSVP hours are reported to AmeriCorps.
- Elizabeth York provided a presentation to the seniors at the Heardmont Park Senior Center. They have requested assistance with fall gardening in their raised beds.
- Cindy presented the Master Gardener Certificate to Carolyn Hudson.
- The meeting was adjourned by Cindy Hearn at 11:40 a.m.
- The meeting was followed by an ice cream social and tomato tasting. Tomatoes were raised by our MG members and are labeled.

Submitted by,
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary



JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Petals From the Past

Jason Powell from *Petals From The Past* presented a program on Soil Management and brought examples of hardy native plants.



President Cindy Hearn presented the Alabama Master Gardener Certificate and name tag to Carolyn Hudson.



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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 11—Deborah Elliott
- 11—Cindy Hearn
- 21—Gregg Adair
- 25—Karen Mims





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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

FRUITS AND NUTS—Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes. Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

SHRUBS—Layer branches of hydrangea.

LAWNS—Watch for diseases. Mow regularly, water as needed.

ROSES—Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Hybrid teas and floribundas may need slight pruning to prevent scraggly appearance.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials.

BULBS—Divide old iris plantings and add new.

MISCELLANEOUS—Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task during this month. This means close observation for insects and diseases. Water.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant turnips, rutabagas, beans, and peas in South Alabama.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and celery.

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