

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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Alabama MGA: <https://www.alabamamga.org>

Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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

The President Ponders...

The Fall 2023 Intern class is coming along. The nine participants are eager, able, engaged, and enthusiastic. The class members independently watch the weekly lecture assignments and take quizzes online. They meet as a group one day per week with John Vanderford, our Extension Agent, and MG assistants to watch the online live question and answer session and perform lab activities related to the class chapters. They have accepted one project as a group where they (with MG assistance) will assist in getting the area behind Heardmont Community Center on Hwy. 119 ready for the raised bed gardens for the over 55 group of members. They have each added their information to the Directory on the MG site and have been invited to join the Shelby County Master Gardeners Facebook page. Several have already attended our Association meetings. Please make them welcome. Please look for registration deadlines for Fall Conferences. We hope to see you at our next meeting on herbs.

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

Cindy

SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting—Friday, September 8th, 10:00 a.m. at the
Extension Center Auditorium



For the September meeting our speaker is Betsy Smith, Chilton County Master Gardener who is a certified Master Gardener in herbs and member of the Herbal Society of America. She will be speaking on herbs in the garden.

Elizabeth York (205) 616-7648

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TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2023

Lisa Wade, Treasurer



Deposits

Dues	\$ 22.00
Total Deposits	\$ 22.00

Checks

Cindy Hearn	\$ (25.00)
Kate Vogel	\$ (29.67)
Barbara Williams	\$ (33.13)
Jason Powell	\$ (54.37)
Elizabeth York	\$ (27.84)
Total Checks	\$ 170.01

Beginning Balance

Deposits	\$ 4,563.85
Checks	\$ 22.00
	\$ (170.01)

Ending Balance

\$ 4,415.84

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Gregg Adair
Deborah Elliott
Cindy Hearn
Karen Mims

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.

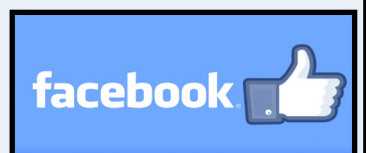
We have a Facebook group called

"Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Association"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/738788633247421/files/files>



This **private** group was formed to help communicate with our members. Please check it out and ask to join if you are on Facebook.



SCMGA UPCOMING DATES

Sep 8	SCMGA Meeting	35097	Details: https://alabamamga.org/2023-blount-county-master-gardeners-fall-conference/
Sep 12	SCMGA Booth @ Heardmont Senior Center—Q &A and distributing info		
Sep 19	Cut off date to register for AMGA Fall Conference	Oct 13	SCMGA Meeting
Sep 26	AMGA Fall Conference—Celebrating 50 Years! 8:30am—3:00pm @Huntsville Botanical Garden Details: https://alabamamga.org/event/2023-amga-fall-seminar/	Oct 21	10am Field Trip to see the roses of Chris Vancleave, Rosarian 148 Appleford Rd, Helena, Al 35080
Oct 12	Blount County MG Fall Conference 8am—3pm (4 CEUs) Locust Fork Baptist Church, 30580 Hwy, 79, Locust Fork, AL	Nov 10	SCMGA Meeting
		Nov 30	Deadline to pay 2024 Dues
		Dec 8	SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange

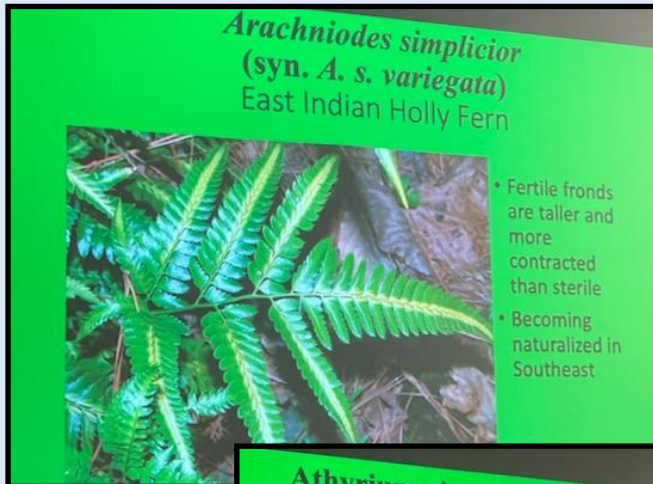
Shelby County Master Gardeners Association Business Meeting— 11 August 2023

- Cindy Hearn, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00am and led the pledge to the flag.
- VP Elizabeth York introduced our program presenter, Dr. Dan Jones, Ph.D.
- Retired Botanist from UAB, Dr. Dan Jones presented a program on ferns.
- Cindy introduced the Master Gardener interns who were present at the meeting. There is a total of ten signed up for this year's Master Gardener class.
- Cindy passed around a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to assist with the Master Gardener class in-person lab sessions. The classroom sessions will be online.
- There was a motion to accept the minutes as they appear in the *Gardeners Gab*. The motion was seconded and voted upon favorably.
- Lisa Wade gave the treasurer's report, it stands as read and as posted in the *Gardeners Gab*.
- Sue Owen presented an update on the Kings' Ranch project.
- Karen Mims – needs a speaker for the October gardening class at the Alabaster Senior Center.
- Cindy reminded us to sign up for the AMGA Fall Seminar which takes place in September and the Blount County Master Gardeners' Fall Conference in October in Locust Fork.
- Cindy asked for volunteers to serve as board members.
- Cindy handed out slips of paper so those attending could write their suggestions for the Association and then place in the Suggestion Box.
- Cindy provided an update on the gardening request from Heardmont Park Senior Center.
- Elizabeth York announced help is needed in the office at the Extension Center, let her know if you can assist—this is a good way to get hours!
- There was a discussion of use of the MG office at extension center.
- Barbara Williams – announced that Extension will need judges for the 4H competition in October. She also gave an update on the Wilsonville Pop-up Garden.
- Kate Vogel– gave an update on the recent AMGA Advisory Council meeting.
- The SCMGA members have naming rights to the pathways in Auburn's Transformation Garden.
- The State Extension website has been modified to collect additional information of specifically what service/activity was provided when hours are entered.
- Cindy – announced that the State Newsletter, *Pathways*, will be sent to all SCMGA members.
- Kate Vogel—provided an update on the Montevallo Community garden; watermelons and pumpkins have been planted.
- Elizabeth York announced that our September program will be on herbs.
- John Vanderford, Extension Agent introduced himself and provided an update on activities at the Extension office.
- On September 12th the SCMGA will have a booth at the Heardmont Senior Center distributing information, talking with participants, and answering questions.
- The meeting was adjourned by Cindy Hearn at 11:40am.

Submitted by,
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary

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Dr. Dan Jones, Ph.D.—Gave a great presentation on ferns at our August meeting.



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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11—Wayne Gainey
- 13—Gina Dodson
- 19—Martha Jones
- 20—Sandra Hixson
- 24—Elizabeth York
- 29—Kate Vogel





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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

FRUITS & NUTS—New catalogs will be arriving soon. Start plans for future selection and plantings. Take soil test for new planting areas. Fertilize established strawberry plantings.

SHRUBS—Study landscape to determine plant needs. Check early varieties of camellias. You may want to replace those damaged in spring by late freezes. After fall growth is completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.

LAWNS—Plant seed of winter grasses where situation prevents planting permanent grasses. Winter seeds will appear soon. Stop fertilization three weeks before frost.

ROSES—Protect fall crops of blossoms from aphids and thrips. Keep plants healthy.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Last chance for planting perennials and biennials. Old clumps of perennials may be divided. Plant peonies.

BULBS—Spring-flowering bulbs may be planted late this month in North Alabama. Delay planting in South Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS—Clean up infestations of insects on azaleas, camellias, boxwoods, gardenias, hollies, etc. If oil spray is needed, don't use in freezing weather. Build compost bin or box; leaves will be falling soon. Move houseplants indoors.

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant hardy vegetables and root crops.

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

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

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**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, 2024. 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. **DUE ON OR BEFORE: November 30, 2023.**

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:

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c/o Lisa Wade
2 South Forty Road
Alabaster, 35007-4736**