

# 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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Filming a segment for  
P. Allen Smith's Garden Home TV

America's Favorite Rose Gardener nicknamed "The Redneck Rosarian", Chris VanCleave is passionate about gardening and growing roses. A grower of roses "most of his life", he is an active member of the Birmingham chapter of the American Rose Society, serving two terms as President.



In 2007, he created the Rose Chat Podcast which has reached over a million listeners with news and information on growing the world's most beloved flower, the rose. He was a contributor to the 2015 Southern Living Gardening Book, has appeared on P. Allen Smith's Garden Home television show and was featured in the June 2015 issue of Southern Living Magazine. Locally, Chris serves as Chairman of the Helena Alabama Beautification Board where he has spear-headed efforts to create a sustainable landscape in one of the top one hundred places to live in the United States. His writing is seen at About.com, in various magazines and on his popular website; [RedneckRosarian.com](http://RedneckRosarian.com), where he chronicles his gardening adventures and explores an intrinsic mix of life, faith and gardening.

\*\*\*Our Field Trip is planned for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to see the roses of Chris VanCleave. His address is 148 Appleford Rd, Helena, AL 35080

## SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION



**Meeting—Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.  
at the Extension Center Auditorium**

Rick Cybulsky from Jefferson County MGA  
presents a program on Perennials in the Garden

Elizabeth York (205) 616-7648

At our October 25, 2023 Alabama Hydrangea Society meeting, the former Executive Director of Aldridge Gardens, Rip Weaver, will present a program called "Why Didn't My Hydrangeas Bloom?" For many of us hydrangea lovers, this will be a timely topic since 2023 was such a poor year for blooms on our bigleaf hydrangeas. Rip is an excellent speaker and highly knowledgeable on the subject of hydrangeas. Our meeting will take place in the Aldridge Gardens Education Building at 1:00 p.m. The address is 3530 Lorna Rd., Hoover, AL. Visitors at our meetings are always welcome! Please join us and bring a friend.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2023

Lisa Wade, Treasurer



<b>Deposits</b>	\$	0.00
<b>Checks</b>		
Elizabeth York	\$	(25.00)
State Dues	\$	(10.00)
Total Checks	\$	(35.00)
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$	4,415.84
Deposits	\$	0.00
Checks	\$	(35.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$	4,380.84

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

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



#### BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Gina Dodson  
Wayne Gaaney  
Martha Jones  
Kate Vogel  
Elizabeth York

The MG volunteer service report is being updated and the new format will start January 1<sup>st</sup>. For our updated volunteer hours report Lisa and I need to know where you have volunteered and what you have done. We will prepopulate most volunteer activities in the Service Report.

#### We need volunteer activities with where and what. Here are some examples:

- Seed to Table Garden—planting, weeding, watering, maintenance, etc..
- BBG—what garden area and what activities
- Aldridge—what garden area and what activities
- 4H Volunteer—sewing, cooking, judging etc. And what: assist, plan, prep
- Senior Center—where and what, teach class, plant, maintain garden
- Manna Farms—what
- Church gardens—where and what
- School gardens—where and what
- Kings' Ranch—what
- Teach garden class—where and what

We need to know ANY Master Gardener volunteer activities you do.

Trisha Williams [trisha325@gmail.com](mailto:trisha325@gmail.com)  
Lisa Wade [lisatwade@yahoo.com](mailto:lisatwade@yahoo.com)

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

Oct 12	Blount County MG Fall Conference 8am—3pm (4 CEUs) Locust Fork Baptist Church, 30580 Hwy, 79, Locust Fork, AL 35097 Details: <a href="https://alabamamga.org/2023-blount-county-master-gardeners-fall-conference/">https://alabamamga.org/2023-blount-county-master-gardeners-fall-conference/</a>	Oct 21	10am Field Trip to see the roses of Chris VanCleave
Oct 13	SCMGA Meeting	Nov 10	SCMGA Meeting—Potluck lunch for interns. SCMGA will purchase meat.
Oct 19 & 20	Zoom Training on changes to AMGA website & how to enter volunteer hours	Nov 30	Deadline to pay 2024 Dues (\$15)
		Dec 8	SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange

### Shelby County Master Gardeners Association Business Meeting—8 September 2023

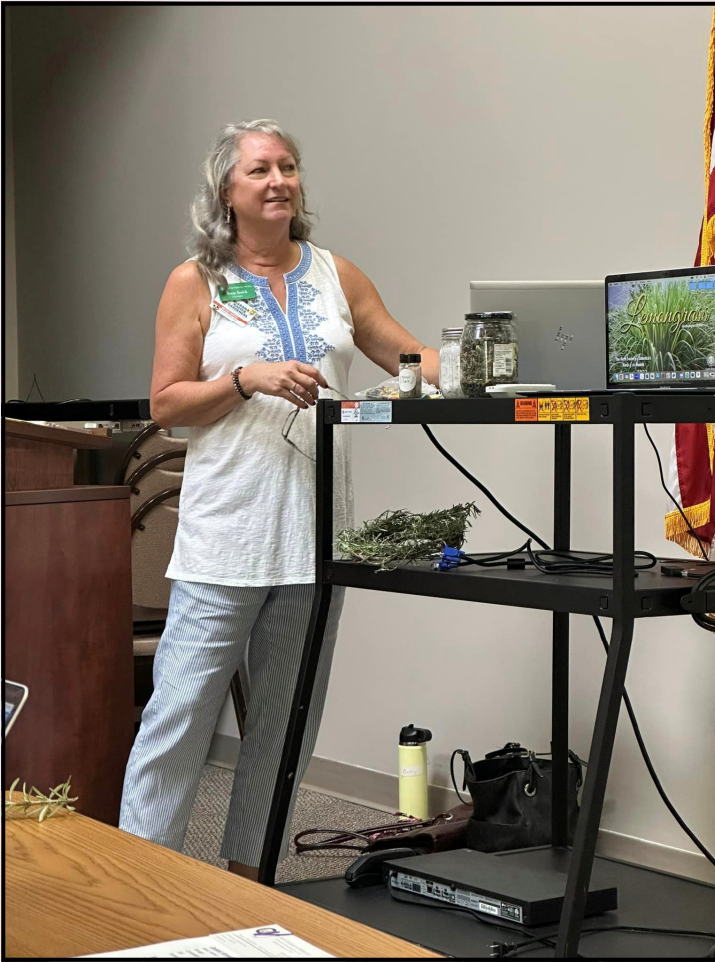
- Cindy Hearn, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. She introduced visitors including interns.
- Elizabeth York updated us on extension office volunteers.
- Elizabeth York introduced our program presenter, Betsy Smith, who provided a program on herbs.
- The minutes were approved as written in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- Lisa Wade gave the treasurer's report, it stands as read and as posted in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- Karen Mins reported that speakers for the Alabaster Senior Center garden program are assigned through January.
- Cindy reminded us of the upcoming AMGA Fall Seminar and the Blount County Master Gardeners' Fall Conference.
- Kate Vogel gave an update on the recent AMGA Advisory Council meeting. She reminded us that we have naming rights to the pathways in the Auburn Transformation Garden. She provided an update on the financing of the pathways and garden.
- Kate provided an update on the Montevallo Community Garden. There will be a decision made by the membership as to whether we are able to keep supporting the garden and at what level.
- Cindy gave an update on changes to the Extension Website and how we enter volunteer hours. Training for how to enter Master Gardeners hours on the website will take place on October 19 & 20 via Zoom.
- Cindy announced a new monthly article to be included in the GAB which will be a focus on a plant. Send information to Elizabeth York before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month if interested.
- Cindy announced that we will have a Master Gardener Table at the Heardmont Park Senior Center on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00–3:00 pm and asked for volunteers.
- Cindy announced there will be a graduation for all Master Gardener Interns at Auburn on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Cindy announced that SCMGA will have a recognition of the interns who complete the Shelby County Master Gardener Class. This will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting. There was a motion and a second to purchase meat at no set price for this event, the motion carried. The meat will be part of a pot luck with members bringing sides, desserts, and salads. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our October meeting.
- The Board requested that the SCMGA increase dues for next year from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per year. Elizabeth pointed out with no fundraising events scheduled we are in need of income. Fundraisers will be planned in the future. There was a motion and a second to increase annual dues to \$15.00. The motion passed.
- Cindy led a discussion on providing gratuities to speakers outside our association. She included paying mileage to speakers who come from relatively long distances. There was a motion and a second to pay mileage and \$50 to speakers outside the Association. The motion was passed.
- There is a sign-up sheet for the Rose Garden Field Trip on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Elizabeth York announced that on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. there will be a seed giveaway at the Educational Garden at the Extension Center.
- It was mentioned the Yellow Legged Murder Hornet has been seen in Georgia and is probably already in Alabama. They kill honey bees. If you see one, catch it, and bring it to the Extension Center for identification and recording of its presence.
- The meeting was adjourned by Cindy Hearn at 11:26.



Submitted by,  
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary



For the September meeting our speaker was Betsy Smith, Chilton County MG, who is a certified MG in herbs and member of the Herbal Society of America. She spoke on herbs in the garden.



Please send Martha Grantham, Sunshine Committee Chair, information about members (or their relatives) who are

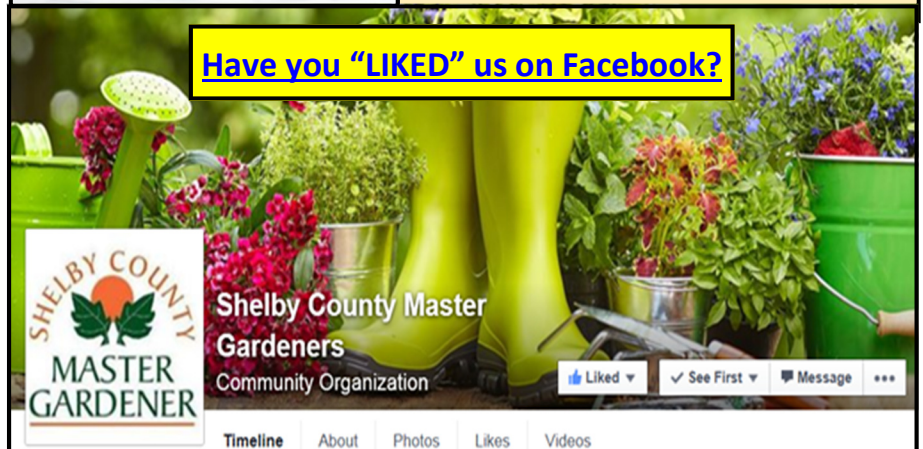
ill, facing surgery or have lost a loved one. We want to make sure all our members know they are loved and are a vital part of our organization. Martha will send a card to let the member know we are thinking about them. Here are two ways for you to get in touch with Martha:

Email: [Doggymamacj@gmail.com](mailto:Doggymamacj@gmail.com)  
 Phone: 205-663-8977



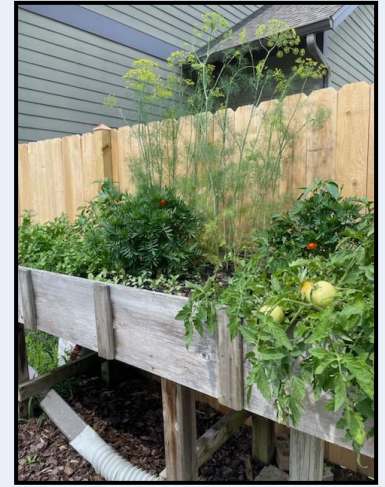
## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

11—Regina Varvoutis





Alabaster Senior Center's Pop-Up Garden winding down for fall.



SCMGs had a good crowd to talk to at Heardmont Senior Fall Fest in September.



Dennis Stanek worked hard at the Montevallo Seed-to-Table Garden. He cleared kudzu and replaced posts on the garden shed.







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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

**Fruits and Nuts**—Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama. Clean up orchard area. Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

**Shrubs**—Shrub plantings can be made. Water when needed. Note varieties of camellias in bloom. Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

**Lawns**—Continue to mow lawns until no new growth is noticeable.

**Roses**—Continue insect and disease control practices. New rose catalogs will be coming in. Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

**Annuals and Perennials**—Visit flower shows and gardens. List desirable varieties of mums. Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost.

**Bulbs**—Plant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses, Dutch irises, anemones, and ranunculuses. Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in warm place.

**Miscellaneous**—Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds. Loosen mulches that have packed down. Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc. Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds. Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

**Vegetable Seed**—Plant turnips, mustard, kale, rape, spinach, and onion sets.

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

President	Cindy Hearn	205-531-0616	cindy_hearn@att.net
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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: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Information: County of Training: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Training: \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE of MEMBERSHIP** (Check one)

	<b>Local Dues</b>	<b>State Dues</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Member	\$15.00	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Member (Interns)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member	\$225.00	\$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, 35007-4736**