

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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E-mail: [SCMGA.email@gmail.com](mailto:SCMGA.email@gmail.com)

Meetings: Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.aces.edu/mg)

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

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The Fall 2023 Intern class is finishing. To celebrate their achievement the Association is providing pork and chicken BBQ, buns, sauce, and cake following our meeting Friday, November 10, 2023. Members have been asked to bring their favorite side dish and enjoy the party.

The Fall Pathways was published October 10, 2023. Please go to the [Alabamamga.org](http://Alabamamga.org) website for many upcoming events including:

- The Spring Master Gardener Class begins January 18, 2024 – April 4, 2024, with registration opening on November 1, 2023. Please get flyers and tell your groups.
- 2024 AMGA State Conference to be held April 22- 24, 2024, at the Daphne Civic Center in Daphne, Alabama hosted by the Baldwin County Master Gardeners (BCMG). Early registration will be open on January 1, 2024.
- A great article detailing the significance of the Transformation Garden and ways you can help.
- The Nominating Committee presented the following candidates at the October Meeting to be voted on November 10, 2023. Nominations will be accepted from the membership.

\*President—Elizabeth York

\*Vice President—

\*Secretary—Martha Jones

\*Treasurer—Lisa Wade

I do hope to see each of you at the November meeting. I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and as always thank you to each of you for all you do.

*Cindy*

## SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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



Our speaker for November's meeting is Lucy Edwards, Chilton County Extension, speaking on Year Round Color in the Garden.

Elizabeth York (205) 616-7648

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## TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

Lisa Wade, Treasurer



<b>Deposits</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Checks</b>	
Betsy Smith	\$ (20.96)
Total Checks	\$ (20.96)
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$ 4,380.84
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Checks	\$ (20.96)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$ 4,359.88

### 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

- Nov 10      \*SCMGA Meeting Speaker: Lucy Edwards, Chilton Co. Ext., speaking on Year Round Color in the Garden  
\*Voting on 2024—2025 Officers  
\*Potluck lunch for MG Interns. SCMGA will purchase meat.
- Nov 30      Deadline to pay 2024 Dues (\$15)
- Dec 8        SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift Exchange

### Shelby County Master Gardeners Association Business Meeting—13 November 2023

- Cindy Hearn, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- Cindy introduced our program presenter, Rick Cybulsky who provided a program on perennials.
- The minutes were approved as written in the *Gardener's Gab*.
- Cindy gave the treasurer's report, it stands as read and as posted in the *Gardener's Gab*.
- Dennis Stanek gave a report on the AMGA Fall Seminar.
- Those attending the Blount County Conference provided an update.
- Cindy gave the report of the Nominating Committee. Our current slate of officers for 2024—2025 includes: President—Elizabeth York, Vice President—vacant, Secretary—Martha Jones, and Treasurer—Lisa Wade. At our November business meeting we will take nominations from the floor and in written form before we vote.
- Cindy announced that we will be celebrating our graduating Master Gardener interns with a pot luck lunch at our November meeting. A sign-up sheet will be passed around.
- An outing is scheduled to the home of Chris VanCleave, Rosarian, at 10:00 a.m. on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The address is 148 Appleford Road in Helena.
- Kate announced a Meet & Greet at the Montevallo Seed to Table Community Garden on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00. The address is 440 Overland Road in Montevallo.
- Cindy announced training on entering Master Gardener volunteer hours on the revised Extension Website will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. This change goes into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Barbara Williams gave an update on RSVP activities.
- The meeting was adjourned by Cindy Hearn at 11:45.

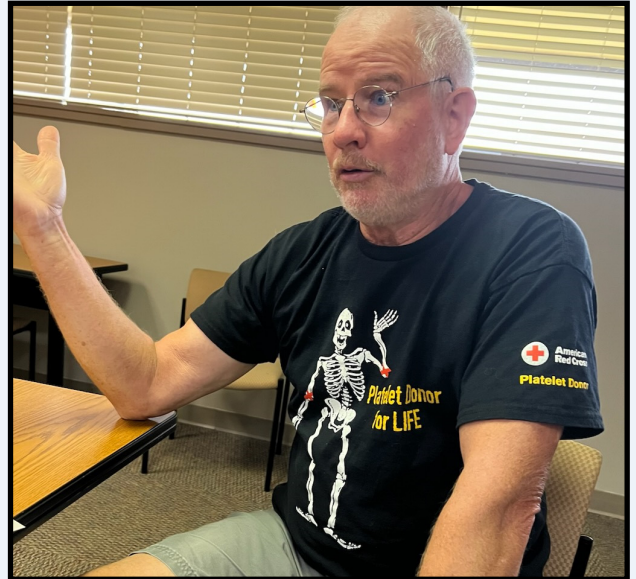
Submitted by,  
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary





Blount County Conference  
(carpool) group.

L—R: Dennis Stanek,  
Karen Jensen, Deb Elliott



"Platelet Donor" Dennis Stanek reporting  
on the Fall Conference in Huntsville



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



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12—Jessica Joslin  
23—Carol Beard





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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

**FRUITS AND NUTS**—Select sites for plantings. Start mulching strawberries, blackberries, and grapes.

**SHRUBS**—Plant trees, shrubs and vines.

**LAWNS**—Perform a soil test to determine if limestone is recommended and apply anytime this fall. Fertilize fescue lawns at one pound slow-release nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. As fall rain returns, monitor for fungal disease in fescue.

**ROSES**—Get rose planting underway. Use a soil test as a basis for fertilization. Look for new varieties.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Plant hardy annuals such as larkspur, poppies, pansies, bugloss and candytuft. Get sweet peas into the ground.

**BULBS**—Continue spring bulb planting. Put lilies of the valley in a shady place.

**VEGETABLES**—Use cold frames for tender, cool-season vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Swiss chard, lettuce, mustard, onions, radishes, and turnips.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Plant screen plantings for privacy on the patio.

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

President	Cindy Hearn	205-51-0616	cindy_hearn@att.net
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**ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Dear Master Gardener,  
The Alabama Master Gardeners 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

	<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**