

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

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December 2023

It was an honor to serve as your President for the past two years. I believe the Association has weathered the COVID zoom years and come out on the other side stronger. You showed up, stepped up, and rolled up your sleeves to create a huge volunteer effort in Shelby County. The New Year looks very promising for Master Gardeners. Please be diligent to get your dues paid so we can meet the State deadline at the end of December.

Our Christmas Celebration will be on Friday December 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Extension Auditorium. Please bring Soup, Chili, Salad or Dessert with the fixings. Don't forget your Dirty Santa gift. This is always a fun and lively time to celebrate and visit. We will have a short business meeting to install our new board members for 2024 to give them time to settle in as the New Year starts.

- ◆ President—Elizabeth York
- ◆ VP—William Greg Adair
- ◆ Secretary—Martha Jones
- ◆ Treasurer—Sue Owen

I do hope to see you each at the December meeting. I wish you a wonderful Christmas Season and thank you to each of you for all you do.

Cindy

This Month's Meeting Friday, December 8th at 10:00 am



This is our annual "Dirty Santa" game and potluck party. For all you "newbies" and those of us who forget from year to year, here's the scoop on Dirty Santa gifts:

- Choose a gift with a value of \$15—\$20
- Choose a gift someone will love so much they are willing to STEAL it from their friend!
- Gifts can be of the garden variety or holiday décor of your choice.

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TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2023

Lisa Wade, Treasurer



Deposits	\$	0.00
Checks		
Friends of BBG mileage reimbursement	\$	(45.85)
B&K Bar for Interns' lunch	\$	(166.15)
Total Checks	\$	(212.00)
Beginning Balance	\$	4,359.88
Deposits	\$	0.00
Checks	\$	(212.00)
Ending Balance	\$	4,147.88

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Carol Beard
Jessica Joslin

The MG volunteer service report is being updated and the new format will start January 1st. 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
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We have a Facebook group called

"Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener

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

Association"

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



SCMGA UPCOMING DATES

Nov 30	Deadline to pay 2024 Dues (\$15)	Feb 9	10 A.M. SCMGA Meeting
Dec 1	Dues must be submitted with \$5 late fee	Mar 8	10 A.M. SCMGA Meeting
Dec 8	10 A.M. SCMGA Meeting, Potluck Lunch & Dirty Santa Gift Exchange	Apr 12	10 A.M. SCMGA Meeting
Jan 12	10 A.M. SCMGA Meeting		

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association Business Meeting—10 November 2023

- Cindy Hearn, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- Elizabeth York introduced our program presenter, Lucy Edwards, who provided a program on *Making Your Landscape Colorful All Year Round*.
- The minutes were approved as written in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- Cindy gave the treasurer's report, it stands as read and as posted in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- Kate Vogel announced a tour of the Cahaba Bio-Diversity Center on Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 P.M.
- Cindy announced the Spring 2024 Shelby County Master Gardener class has an application deadline of November 30, 2023.
- Cindy introduced Jacob Turner who is the new home grounds agent for Shelby County.
- Cindy announced nominations from the floor for 2024 officers. Already nominated are Elizabeth York for President and Martha Jones for Secretary. There are no nominations for Vice President and Treasurer.
- Cindy asked for volunteers for these two positions. Sue Owen volunteered to join the slate of officers as treasurer and Greg Adair volunteered for the Vice President position. The motion to accept these two nominations, was seconded and passed.
- Cindy introduced six interns and presented them with certificates of completion. The interns are working on their class project which is planting several gardens at the Heardmont Community Center.
- Cindy adjourned the business meeting at 11:30 A.M. for our Intern Celebration Luncheon.

Submitted by,
Sylvia Sheffield

Lucy Edwards presented our November program.



Jacob Turner is our new Regional Extension Agent. He covers home grounds, gardens and home pests.

He works out of the Talladega County office and his geographic area of responsibility is: Bibb County, Calhoun County, Chilton County, Cleburne County, Shelby County, and Talladega County.

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Jacob Turner and Cindy Hearn

Our Fall 2023 Intern Class Graduates!



Fall 2023 Shelby County Master Gardener Intern Class Graduates

Front Row L-R: Jessica Evans (Coordinator), Madeline Harris, Kim Sprouse-Howell, Marisa Masters, Michelle Wooten

Back Row L-R: Michael Cloyd, Richard Sturm, Larry Kronk



Japanese Maples

By Deb Elliott

Japanese maples have year-round appeal. Grown in zones 5 to 8, cultivars vary from shrubs about eighteen inches tall to trees growing to twenty-five tall and wide. Their crowns may be rounded, weeping, or vase-shaped. Their natural habitat is in the understory of woodlands. The red leafed varieties can



usually take more sun, while the variegated ones need the protective cover of larger trees. Excess sun, wind, or drought will cause leaf scorch, evidenced by crispy leaves. They have a slow to moderate growth rate and like well-drained, rich soil kept consistently moist. They need to be well watered in their early years, but soggy soil can kill one of these trees. Mulch with a 3-inch layer of shredded bark or pine straw around the entire root zone of the tree (but not touching the trunk). Prune in late fall or winter after the leaves have fallen.



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**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 7—Connie Griffin





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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS—Plant young pecan and other deciduous fruit trees and grapes. Select bud wood. Start dormant pruning of established fruits. Protect all young trees from rabbit damage by placing wire around the base of the tree. Apply dormant oil sprays for scale.

LAWNS—Control wild garlic, chickweed, *Poa annua*, dandelion, and other weeds. Read label on each package of weed killer used.

ROSES—Add plants to rose garden. Mulch all plantings.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annual seed without delay. Have you tried violas?

BULBS—Continue spring bulb planting.

SHRUBS—Planting is still the main activity but delay in case of freezing weather.

MISCELLANEOUS—Shrubs, trees, and indoor plants make excellent gifts.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2024

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PAST DUE

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)

- Active Member
- Provisional Member (Interns)
- Lifetime Member
- Associate Member (Extension Employee)
- Honorary Member
- Past Due Fee**

Local Dues

\$15.00
No fee
\$225.00
No fee
No fee
\$5.00

State Dues

\$10.00
No fee
\$150.00
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**