

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

Website: <https://mg.aces.edu/shelby/>

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

Meetings: Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10 AM  
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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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The beginning of a new year gives us a time to reflect and prepare for our spring gardens. What worked well last year and what didn't? Do I need to move plants to a different location? What can I plan to do differently for a successful garden this year and oh my gosh the seed catalogs are coming out!!! So many decisions. This new year is also an exciting time for master gardeners. We have a lot to look forward to for our association. The AMGA State meeting will take place in Daphne, AL this year and registration begins soon. Be on the lookout for this information. We have interns that graduated and fulfilled their hours requirements and have joined our association. In a personal note, I look forward to leading the association this year. Thank you for putting your trust in me and the executive board. See everyone on January 12<sup>th</sup>, which is our next meeting.



*Elizabeth*

## This Month's Meeting Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM



Our speaker for January is John Vanderford, Shelby County Extension Manager, speaking on Integrated Pest Management—IPM

Elizabeth York  
205-616-7648

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## TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

Lisa Wade, Treasurer



### Deposits

Donation from PEO Sisterhood	\$ 25.00
Mowing Money Collected (\$25 was Dues)	\$ 85.00
Dues	\$ 445.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 555.00</b>

### Checks

**0.00**

### Beginning Balance

\$4,147.88

Deposits

\$ 555.00

Checks

0.00

### Ending Balance

**\$4,702.88**

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



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

#### BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Connie Griffin

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)



We have a Facebook group called

**"Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Association"**

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

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

Jan 12      10 AM SCMGA Meeting  
Feb 9      10 AM SCMGA Meeting  
Mar 8      10 AM SCMGA Meeting  
Apr 12      10 AM SCMGA Meeting  
Apr 20—24 AMGA State Conference  
Daphne, (Baldwin Co.) AL

### **Shelby County Master Gardener Association Business Meeting—December 8, 2023**

- President Cindy Hearn called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- The minutes were approved as published in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- The treasurer's report was approved as posted in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- Cindy reminded us to enter our volunteer hours on the Extension website as it will be changing in January. Trisha Williams provided an update on the website changes.
- Karen Mims provided an update on the Alabaster Senior Center program.
- Kate Vogel reminded us the State Conference will be held in the last week in April in Daphne. She also provided an update on the Montevallo Seed to Table community garden.
- Kate Vogel lead the installation of officers for 2024—2025 and presented each incoming officer with a poinsettia.
  - President—Elizabeth York
  - Vice President—Gregg Adair
  - Secretary—Martha Jones
  - Treasurer—Sue Owen
- Incoming president Elizabeth York presented Cindy Hearn with a gift certificate for Cedar Creek Nursery and congratulated her for a successful two years as president.
- Cindy adjourned the business meeting at 10:30 AM for our Christmas party featuring the Dirty Gardener gift exchange.

Submitted by,  
Sylvia Sheffield, Secretary



## KRONK'S CHILI

From the Kitchen of: Larry Kronk, Shelby County Master Gardener

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cans chili beans
- 1 can tomato soup + 1 can water
- 1.5 lbs. ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3-4 Tbsp. marinara or taco sauce or salsa (your choice)
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. smoked paprika
- 3-4 chocolate chips



### DIRECTIONS:

Brown the ground beef with onions added. Drain fat off. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer on stove or cook in Crock pot. Thin with water or thicken with potato flakes. Enjoy!

SCMGs please remember, we need recipe contributions from all of YOU.

Please send recipes to:  
[scmga.email@gmail.com](mailto:scmga.email@gmail.com)



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



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Julie Baumgartner
- 7—Larry Riddle
- 10—Phylliss Weaver
- 11—Mary Mattingly
- 12—Heidee Vansant
- 17—Jennifer Gregory
- 19—Larry Kronk

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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

**FRUITS & NUTS**—Set out apples, peaches, pears, and grapes. Start grafting pecans. Prune dormant trees.

**SHRUBS**—Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrow-leaf, and deciduous. Graft camellias in South Alabama. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.

**LAWNS**—Soil test before setting up fertility program.

**ROSES**—Visit nurseries and garden centers to select varieties. Start planting.

**ANNUALS & PERENNIALS**—Plant hardy annuals.

**BULBS**—Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Prune winter-damaged limbs. Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely. Cut them back lightly and keep in a temperature of 55 to 60°.

**VEGETABLE SEED**—Plant hardy vegetables, root crops, roots, and tubers in southern-most areas. Plant lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli in cold-frames.

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

President	Elizabeth York	205-616-7648	e.york24@yahoo.com
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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:**

**SCMGA  
c/o Sue Owen  
350 Howard Hill Dr  
Wilsonville, AL 35186**