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Dear Master Gardeners, thank you for understanding my caution in canceling last month's meeting. We can all agree the January weather was crazy. The Interns were able to complete their landscaping project at the Heardmont Park Senior Gardens. If you are close to Hwy. 119, stop by and check out the results of their hard work. February is always a busy



month for your gardens. Roses can be cut back the end of this month. Also seed potatoes, beets, carrots, collards, garden peas, kale, kohlrabi, mustard, spinach, Swiss chard, radishes, and turnips can be



planted at the end of the month. See you at our February meeting.

Happy Gardening,

Elizabeth



TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2023 Lisa Wade, Treasurer	\$
	\$ 347.00 \$ 80.00
	\$ 427.00
	\$ (50.00) \$ (6.60) <u>\$ (31.63)</u> \$ (88.23)
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Help Spread The Sunshine!	Cards sent by Martha Grantham on behalf of SCMGA during January:			
The Sunshine!	BIRTHDAY CARDS:		GET WELL CARDS:	
	Julie Baumgartner Jennifer Gregory Larry Kronk Larry Riddle	Heidee Vansant Phyllis Weaver	Beth Glasgow (suffered an injury)	

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 <u>trisha325@gmail.com</u>

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.





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:

Sending Sunshine

and Smiles!

Email: Doggymamacj@gmail.com Phone: 205-663-8977



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

6—Sydney Ellis 19—Martha Grantham 26—Sue Owen 26—Merle Schukoske



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ABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

FRUITS & NUTS—Planting season continues for dormant trees. Fertilize fruit trees. Apply half of the fertilizer recommended for grapes now; apply the other half soon after fruit sets. Continue dormant pruning and grafting. Start strawberry plantings. **SHRUBS**—Planting season continues. Visit camellia shows to learn of hardy varieties in your area. Graft camellias in Central and South Alabama. Spray all shrubs with a fungicide before new growth starts. Good time to prune all shrubs before new growth starts. Don't prune early blooming species because flower buds will be removed. **ROSES**—Prune hybrid tea roses in South Alabama; delay pruning for a few weeks in North Alabama. Continue planting.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS—Replant early plantings of hardy annuals. Prepare beds for summer annuals.

BULBS—Plant cannas, amaryllis, gladiolus, and zephyranthes in South Alabama; delay planting for a few weeks in North Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS—Houseplants are beginning to show signs of activity. Fertilize with liquid or soluble fertilizer according to manufacturer's directions. Remember Valentine's Day – why not send roses or a potted plant?

VEGETABLE SEED—Plant some vegetables listed for January in Central Alabama plus collards, salsify, and Swiss chard. Add tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts to cold frames.

VEGETABLE PLANTS—Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts.

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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.**

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