

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 AM
Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, Alabama

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Longer days are ahead for us as Daylight savings time hits us on March 10. That gives us longer days to work in our garden beds before it gets too hot. As you are working in your beds, if you find plants that need to be thinned out please consider potting them up and babysitting them until we can have a fundraising plant sale. I already have pink Yarrow, wild geranium, mouse eared coreopsis, day lilies and iris.

Easter comes early this year on March 31. So hop on in to your garden beds and enjoy your passion.

Elizabeth



This Month's Meeting Friday, March 8th at 10:00 AM

Speaker Diana Fortner "Making of a Moon Garden"

Elizabeth York
205-616-7648

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**Shelby County Master Gardeners Association
9 February 2024—Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the SCMGA members was held on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Auditorium of the Shelby County Extension Office at 54 Kelly Lane; Columbiana, AL.

Officers: Elizabeth York, President; Gregg Adair, Vice President; Sue Owen, Treasurer; Martha Jones, Secretary

- Called meeting to order and led Pledge of Allegiance—President York
- Introduction of Speaker—Gregg Adair introduced Trisha Williams who spoke on New Volunteer Hours Reporting
- **Reading of Minutes** as noted in January *Gardeners' Gab*—Elizabeth York
- **Treasurer's Report**—Sue Owen as noted in February *Gardeners' Gab* .
- **Home Grounds Extension Agent**—Jacob Turner-No report
- **Committee Reports:**
 1. **Nominating**—Cindy Hearn
 2. **Projects**—Dennis Stanek
 - A. Updated on Montevallo Gardens which we will drop. Kate Vogel will continue to maintain the three children's beds.
 - B. NEW—Grace Klein Community Garden in Chelsea will be building five inground beds. They have asked SCMGA to oversee the planting. Planting time TBD.
 - C. Brierfield Ironworks Historic Park in Bibb Co. located five miles below Montevallo. This will be a co-op with Bibb and Chilton County Master Gardeners. The plan is to plant natives in front of eight buildings. SCMGA planting day to TBD. Afterwards take your lawn chairs and potluck to Kate Vogel's house for hot dogs.
 3. **AMGA Advisory Council**—Kate Vogel announced April conference registration is open.
 4. **We were committed to the Transformation Garden** in Auburn. Shelby County was nominated to name the road by the garden. "Master Gardener's Way" was chosen.
 5. **Hospitality**—Marisa Masters
 6. **Sunshine**—Vacant
 7. **Fundraising**—Vacant.
 8. **Historian**—Gregg Adair
- **Old Business:**
 1. Membership Dues Submitted to AMGA—Lisa Wade-Membership has been paid to the state.
 2. New Volunteer Hours Reporting started January 1—refer to email sent out to association Carrie Smith through Trisha Williams who reported it in the program.
- **New Business:**
 1. Audit of Treasurers Reports for 2023—Trisha Williams reported completed; no discrepancies found.
 2. Filing to IRS—Cindy Hearn reported completed.
 3. Association Interest Survey 2024—Gregg Adair reported that he will be collecting the survey emailed out by President York that can be printed off and completed.
 4. Budget 2023 President York presented the 2023 Budget so that everyone will know what we are spending. She will present the 2024 Budget at the March meeting.
 5. Flower Donation for Teresa Riddle—we passed the hat.
 6. Silent Auction for 2025 Conference—President York requested all crafty people to donate items to fill a basket.
 7. Engagement opportunity announced in Columbiana March 14 on potted plants.
 8. Currently have 4 interns from Shelby Co. taking classes in Jefferson Co. reported President York. Please encourage applicants to sign up early.
- MOU Memorandum of Understanding Deadline Feb. 29th—President York urged everyone to complete today.
- Dates to remember:
 - February 1—Registration for AMGA Conference open
 - February 9—next meeting Trisha Williams Hours update
 - February 24—Alabaster Arbor Day to be held at Veterans Park, 9-11 AM, 7305 Hwy 119.
 - February 26—Extension Update; How and Why Outreach Zoom registration is required at aces.edu/go/emgmonthlyupdate.
 - March 10—SCMGA Meeting. Speaker Diana Fortner "Making of a Moon Garden"
 - April 12—SCMGA Meeting – Potluck Lunch - Karen Mitchell & Leonora Robertson "Container Gardening".
 - April 22-24 -AMGA State Conference www.baldwinmastergardeners.com
 - October 3 Blount Co. Fall Seminar are already taking reservations.

Lost Badge? Go to www.aces.edu/go/badges, fill out form and pay a \$10 replacement fee.

Respectively submitted,
Martha Jones, Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 2024
Sue Owen, Treasurer



Deposits	
Dues	\$ 25.00
Total Deposits	\$ 25.00
Checks	
AMGA Dues	\$ (340.00)
Trisha Williams (for Star program)	\$ (27.00)
Total Checks	\$ 367.00
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,041.65
Deposits	\$ 367.00
Checks	\$ (25.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 4,699.65

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Sydney Ellis	Sue Owen
Martha Grantham	Merle Schukoske

GET WELL CARDS:

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



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.



RECIPE: Black bean, Corn, and Feta Dip
FROM THE KITCHEN OF: Elizabeth York, Shelby County Master Gardener

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1 15 ounce can of black beans,
 rinsed and drained
 1 can shoe peg corn, drained
 4 ounces of feta cheese, crumbled
 Two or three chopped green onions
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1/8 tsp. garlic powder
 Garnish with cilantro

INSRUCTIONS:

Whisk together, apple
 cider vinegar, sugar, and
 olive oil in a bowl. Mix
 beans, corn, feta, green
 onions and spices in a
 separate bowl. Drizzle
 dressing over mixture and
 toss to coat. Refrigerate
 at least one hour; better if
 made the night before and
 refrigerated.



SCMGA UPCOMING DATES

Mar 8	SCMGA Meeting. Speaker Diana Fortner	May 10	SCMGA Meeting
	"Making of a Moon Garden"	Jun 14	SCMGA Meeting
Apr 12	SCMGA Meeting – Potluck Lunch Speakers Karen Mitchell & Leonora Robertson	Jul 12	SCMGA Meeting
	"Container Gardening"	Aug 9	SCMGA Meeting
Apr 22-24	AMGA State Conference To register & pay online: http://c.planetreg.com/AMGA2024CONF To pay by check:	Sep 13	SCMGA Meeting
		Oct 3	Blount Co. Fall Seminar (already taking reservations)
		Oct 13	SCMGA Meeting
		Nov 8	SCMGA Meeting
		Dec 13	SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift exchange



Please send Barbara Williams, 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. Barbara 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 Barbara:

Email:
 bwilliams1581@gmail.com
 Phone: 205-902-1137



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

13—Dennis Stanek
 25—Trisha Williams
 28—Teresa Riddle
 29—Sylvia Sheffield
 30—Carolyn Key





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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR MARCH

FRUITS AND NUTS—Continue strawberry and grape plantings. Bud apples and peaches. Start planting blackberries. If weather conditions prevent prompt planting, heel the plants in by placing the root system in a trench and covering the soil.

SHRUBS—Fertilize shrubs (except azaleas and camellias) according to a soil test. Late plantings may be made, particularly if they are container grown. Monitor shrubs for harmful insects.

LAWNS—Plant bermudagrass, goosegrass, and centipede grass in south Alabama. Soil test and add limestone as recommended. Fertilize fescue lawns at 1 pound slow-release nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. South: If daytime temps are consistently above 70° F, consider applying fire ant bait. Read label carefully for best control.

ROSES—Watch new growth for aphids. Begin a spray or dust program. Begin fertilizing.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—**South:** Plant half-hardy annuals. Check garden centers for bedding plants such as geraniums and petunias.

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VEGETABLE SEEDS—**Central and North:** Plant all hardy crops recommended for January and February (garden peas, leafy greens, and root crops). **Central and South:** Continue planting carrots, lettuce, and radishes. Plant sweet corn and squash. South Alabama can start planting beans, melons, and southern peas in late March.

VEGETABLE TRANSPLANTS—**Central and North:** Plant asparagus, onion sets, and lettuce. Plant certified seed potatoes for Irish and red-skinned varieties in early March. **South:** Harden off tomato, pepper, and eggplant transplants. Plant when the soil has warmed above 65° F and the threat of frost is over.

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:

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