

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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]Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10:00 AM
Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, Alabama

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

Alabama MGA: <https://www.alabamamga.org>

Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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

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Hello Fellow Gardeners,
Summer is definitely in full swing. I can't believe these hot temperatures we have been having. Makes for lots of watering early in the morning. I want to say "Thank You" for everyone's help with the plant sale. My goal was \$1,000 and we made \$950. We could not have accomplished that without your participation. Moving forward, we have another Lunch and Learn to plan for August, a new intern class to begin August 8th (we currently have 24 that have enrolled and paid), and we need to start planning for the 2025 AMGA Fall Seminar. After our next meeting we will be having an ice cream social, so plan to stay and talk with friends. Debbie Boutelier from Autauga County MGA and VP of State AMGA will be our speaker on "Herbs". As a reminder, we will not have a meeting on August 9th, but will have a potluck for the new interns on Thursday, August 8th.

Elizabeth



This Month's Meeting Friday, July 12th at 10:00 AM

Speaker: Debbie Boutelier, Autauga County MG and AMGA State VP
"Sustainable Gardening and Native Herbs" plus an Ice Cream Social!

Elizabeth York
205-616-7648

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**Shelby County Master Gardeners Association
14 June 2024—Meeting Minutes**

- The regular monthly meeting of the SCMGA was held June 14, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Auditorium of the Shelby County Extension Office at 54 Kelly Lane, Columbiana, AL.
Officers: Elizabeth York, President, Absent; Cindy Hearn Past President presiding; Gregg Adair, Vice President; Sue Owen, Treasurer; Martha Jones, Secretary
- Pledge
- Program—Gregg Adair introduced our speaker: Richard Cybulsky, Jefferson County MG—“Shade Gardening”
- Guests: Kerry Smith Home Grounds Extension and Devonne Ellis State AMGA President, have visited four MG meetings this week across the state.
- Kate Vogel—Reported from the AMGA Advisory Council Meeting that the State has \$118,000 in the treasury. The Fall seminar this year will be in Auburn. The Master Gardener’s Association currently has 1,939 members. They also reported they are discussing how they possibly will spend the pledged money left over from the Transformation Garden since AMGA has already met the pledged amount to Auburn.
- Cindy Hearn: next Advisory Council meeting is August 6th, 10 AM at Petals from the Past in Jemison.
- Minutes and Treasurers Report as noted in the *Gardeners’ Gab* approved as printed with no corrections.
- Committees:
 - ◊ Nominating—Cindy Hearn
 - ◊ Projects—Dennis Stanek
 1. Grace Klein Community Garden—beds, bee hives, compost in. Challenges: Flooding, no serve teams staying to instruct. Packing meals for those who need it.
 2. Brierfield done for the year.
 - ◊ Manna Farms next week June 20th harvesting onions, June 27th harvesting white potatoes. All food, produce. They have built 59 beds with 30 more to go. You can volunteer Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Karen Mims. Manna Ministries Address is 333 Smoky Rd. Alabaster, AL 35007
 - ◊ Communications—Elizabeth York (FB), Heidee Vansant (GAB).
 - ◊ Audit and By-Laws, Membership—Trisha Williams no report
 - ◊ AMGA Advisory Council Representative—Kate Vogel (Pathways)
 - ◊ Hospitality—Marisa Masters
 - ◊ Sunshine—Vacant (Barbara Williams Interim)
 - ◊ Fundraising—Vacant
 - ◊ Historian—Gregg Adair
- Projects:
 - ◊ Grace Klein Community Chelsea—this is ongoing
 - ◊ Family Connection has reached out for us to assist in planning Raised Beds
- New Business:
 - ◊ Helena Farmers Market is allowing us to have 4 booths this summer for a plant sale, no house plants. They already have a booth for that. Our dates are June 1, 29, July 27, August 24. NOTE: We voted not to sell plants at Helena Farmer’s again this summer.
 - ◊ Booth and plant sale at Heardmont Park Senior Center Community Festival—Thursday, June 13, Noon—3pm Gregg Adair Highlighting the gardens.
 - ◊ Our volunteers engaged with the customers, answering questions, and gave advice. Talking up the upcoming Master Gardener class here in Shelby County was a hot topic!
 - ◊ Karen Jensen: Lake clean up 700 lbs. of trash. We had a dumpster for the day. Neighbors (anywhere) get a free t-shirt for taking a picture of themselves with the bagged trash they have picked up (trashy pictures).
 - ◊ 2025 AMGA Fall Seminar—The Association voted to host this on September 16, 2025. Need to get a team together for registration. Will discuss this further in July.
 - ◊ Fall Intern Class is scheduled for August 8th. We will plan a potluck lunch to welcome new Interns. A sign-up sheet will be available at the July Meeting. No Meeting in August since we will be together for the Interns the day before. So far we have 25 registered for the class.
- Proceeds from the plant sales and Lunch and Learn

◊ 5/30 Lunch and Learn	50.00
◊ 6/1 Helena	152.00
◊ 6/8 Helena	294.00
◊ <u>6/13 Heardmont</u>	<u>347.00</u>
Total	\$843.00

Dates:

- Jun 14 SCMGA Meeting—“Shade Gardening” Richard Cybulsky Jefferson County MG
- Jun 21 The Pollinator Festival at Oak Mountain. The Theme is “Gardening Revival is good for you”.
- Jul 12 SCMGA Meeting—Debbie Boutelier, Autauga Co MG and AMGA State VP “Sustainable Gardening and Native Herbs” and Ice cream social
- Aug 8 New Intern Class potluck lunch
- Aug 9 No meeting due to previous day of interns
- Oct 3 Blount County Fall Conference
- Oct 10 AMGA Fall Seminar Auburn University

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

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Jones, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2024

Sue Owen, Treasurer



Deposits:
Total Deposits

\$ 00.00
\$ **00.00**

Checks
Total Checks

\$ (00.00)
\$ **(00.00)**

Beginning Balance:
Deposits
Checks
Ending Balance:

\$ 4,231.73
\$ 00.00
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\$ **4,231.73**

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



Cards sent by Barbara Williams on behalf of SCMGA during June:

BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Karen Jensen

GET WELL CARD:

Jim Strickland

FARMERS MARKETS—Buy Fresh, Buy Local

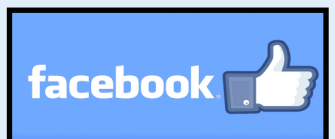
- **ALABAMA FARMERS MARKET**
334 Finley Ave West, Birmingham, AL
Sunday thru Saturday Year-round
- **BESSEMER FARMERS MARKET**
100 14th Street S, Bessemer, AL 35020
Opening Date: April 27th
Saturdays Only 8:00 AM—12:00 PM
- **HELENA FARMERS MARKET**
815 Highway 25 W, Helena, AL 35080
Open Saturdays Only
8:00 AM—12:00 PM June—August
- **IRONDALE FARMERS & MAKERS MARKET**
101 20th Street South, Irondale, AL 35210
Saturdays only 7:00 AM—Noon Year-round
- **MARKET AT PEPPER PLACE**
2829 2nd Avenue S, Birmingham, AL 35233
Saturdays Only 7:00 AM—12:00 PM
January 27—December 14
- **MONTEVALLO FARMERS MARKET**
660 Main St., Montevallo, AL
June 3—August 19
Mondays Only 3:00 PM—6:00 PM
- **MT. LAUREL FARMERS MARKET**
Manning Place, Town of Mt. Laurel
Every Saturday 8 AM—12 PM June-Oct
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/462890235576>
(205)408-2717
- **ROSS BRIDGE FARMERS MARKET**
2101 Grand Ave, Hoover, AL 35022
Open Fridays Only 5/31/24—7/26/24
4:00 PM—8:00 PM Except July 5th
<https://www.rossbridgefarmersmarket.com>
- **THE FARMERS MARKET AT BROCK'S GAP**
500 Mineral Trace, Hoover, AL 35244
Open Sat. Only: 1/27/24—11/16/24
Rain or Shine 8:00 AM—12:00 PM
<https://brocksgapmarket.com>

We have a Facebook group called

"Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Association Members Only"

<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: OLD-FASHIONED TOMATO PIE
FROM THE KITCHEN OF: Heidee Vansant, Shelby County MG

Ingredients:

- 1 pie crust (homemade or store bought)
- 2 1/4 pounds assorted heirloom tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 1/4 tsp. kosher salt, divided
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 1 1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper, divided
- 1 Tbls. canola oil
- 1/2 cup assorted chopped fresh herbs (such as chives, parsley, and basil)
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Gruyere cheese
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Tip: You don't have to use "fancy" cheeses. Just use what you have on hand or buy something like cheddar or Colby-Jack.

Directions:

1. Prebake pie crust and let cool.
2. Place tomatoes in a single layer on paper towels; sprinkle with 1 tsp. salt. Let stand 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, sauté onion and 1/4 tsp. each salt and pepper in hot oil in a skillet over medium heat 3 minutes or until onion is tender.
1. Pat tomatoes dry with a paper towel. Layer tomatoes, onion, and herbs in prepared crust, seasoning each layer with pepper (1 tsp. total). Stir together cheeses and mayonnaise; spread over pie.
2. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until lightly browned, shielding edges with foil to prevent excessive browning. Serve hot, warm, or at room temperature.



SCMGA UPCOMING DATES

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| Jul 12 | SCMGA Meeting Debbie Boutelier, Autauga Co. MG and AMGA State VP—"Sustainable Gardening and Native Herbs" | Aug 17 | 10:30am—Petals From the Past—Apple and Muscadine Walking Tour—Dr. Arlie Powell Free. Register here: https://petalsfromthepast.com/product/apple-muscadine-walking-tour/ |
| Jul 27 | 10:30 AM Petals From The Past—Fig, Asian Pear, and Bunch Grape Walking Tour- Dr. Arlie Powell. Free. Register here: https://petalsfromthepast.com/product/fig-asian-pear-bunch-grape-walking-tour/ | Sep 3 | AMGA Board Meeting 10 AM at Petals From The Past |
| Aug 6 | Advisory Council Meeting 10 AM at Petals From The Past | Oct 3 | Blount County Fall Seminar (see next page) |
| Aug 8 | Potluck with New Intern Class | Oct 13 | SCMGA Meeting |
| Aug 9 | No regular meeting | Nov 5 | Advisory Council Meeting 10 AM at Petals From The Past |
| | | Nov 8 | SCMGA Meeting |
| | | Dec 3 | AMGA Board Meeting 10 AM at Petals From The Past |
| | | Dec 13 | SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener Gift exchange |



Please send Barbara Williams, interim 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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 12—Beth Glasgow
- 21—Barbara Williams
- 23—Linda McCollugh

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Shelby County Master Gardeners
 Community Organization

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Plant sale at Heardmont Park Senior Center Community Festival Thursday, June 13th



Where the Natives Have Gone



Blount County Master Gardeners' Fall Conference October 3, 2024 (4 CEUs)

Locust Fork Baptist Church
30580 AL-79, Locust Fork, AL 35097

8:30 a.m.— Registration

9:00 a.m.— Brian Keener, UWA Cahaba Biodiversity Center and Alabama Plant Atlas

10:00 a.m.— Jason Powell, Native Plants for the Home Landscape

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—lunch and shopping with Jason

12:30 p.m.— Keith Turney, Natives at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens

1:30 p.m.— Soozie Conner Pline, Native Gardening

Cost: \$40, including lunch by Lulu's – chicken or pork barbeque and sides (please note vegetarian preference on registration form)

For information, contact Sherilyn Osborne, 205-382-0791 (leave a message)
or sherilynosborne@bellsouth.net

Registration form, please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Email / Phone#: _____

Vegetarian requirement: _____

Make \$40 registration fee check payable to Blount County Master Gardener Association.
Mail to Sherilyn Osborne, P.O. Box 13, Locust Fork, Alabama, 3509



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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JULY

FRUITS AND NUTS—Protect figs and other ripening fruit from birds.

SHRUBS—Continue to root shrub cuttings until late in the month and mulch to keep soil moist. Remove faded blooms promptly from crape myrtle and other summer-blooming plants.

LAWNS—Apply 1 pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet to all warm-season lawn types: Bermuda grass, centipede grass, St. Augustine grass, and zoysia grass. Mow often (5 to 10 days) to remove just 1/3 the grass height at each mowing. Water lawns as needed (grayish color or curling leaf blades).

ROSES—Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Apply fertilizer. Wash off foliage to prevent burning if any fertilizer falls on plants.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Water as needed to keep plants active. Dead head or cut back for later summer blooms.

BULBS—Plant iris and spider lilies late this month.

MISCELLANEOUS—Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task this month. Observe closely for insects and diseases. Water as plants indicate need.

VEGETABLE SEEDS—**Whole state:** Plant pumpkins for fall harvest. Continue plantings of beans, southern peas, squash, and cucumber. **North:** Plant cabbage, carrots, and cauliflower. Wait until late July to plant beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, collards, and kohlrabi, or start them in flats for transplant later.

South and Central: Start seeds in flats for August and September transplants, including beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, radishes, and spinach.

VEGETABLE TRANSPLANTS—**Whole state:** Plant a second season of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant for fall harvest. **North:** Plant certified seed potatoes for Irish and red-skinned varieties in late July.

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