

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

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Hello Master Gardener's,

Can you believe it's already August? This time of year may be hot, but it's the perfect time to lightly prune and deadhead spent blooms. If you are seed saving some of your favorite flowers, remember not to deadhead them. It takes about 6—8 weeks for the seed head to completely form. Once this has occurred, save away. I bought some coin envelopes which work well for me.

This is an exciting time for SCMGA. We have a new intern class with 27 enrollees. Let's come together for a welcoming potluck on August 8th and share our love of gardening to the interns.

Happy Gardening,

Elizabeth



This Month's Meeting Thursday, August 8th at 11:00 AM

Potluck Lunch to show a BIG welcome to new Master Gardener interns. We have 27 enrolled. Plan to feed 45. (No regular meeting on August 9th)

Elizabeth York
205-616-7648

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association
12 July 2024—Meeting Minutes

- The regular monthly meeting of the SCMGA was held on Friday, July 12, 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 (absent); Sue Owen, Treasurer; Martha Jones, Secretary
- Pledge of Allegiance
- President York introduced our speaker Debbie Boutilier, Sustainable Gardening and Native Herbs
- Approval of Treasurer's report, and Minutes as noted in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- Committees:
 - ◇ Nominating—Cindy Hearn
 - ◇ Projects—Dennis Stanek
 - ◇ Communications—Elizabeth York (FB), Heidee Vansant (GAB)
 - ◇ Audit and By-Laws, Membership—Trisha Williams
 - ◇ AMGA Advisory Council Representative—Kate Vogel (Pathways)
 - ◇ Hospitality—Marisa Masters Ice Cream Social and signup sheet for potluck for August
 - ◇ Sunshine—Vacant (Barbara Williams Interim)
 - ◇ Fundraising—Vacant
 - ◇ Historian—Gregg Adair
- Projects:
 - ◇ Grace Klein Community Chelsea—ongoing
 - ◇ Family Connection has reached out for us to assist in planning raised beds
 - ◇ Elvin Hill Elementary School in Columbiana assistance with planning a Pollinator Garden. The beds are already made.
- Old Business:
- New Business:
 - ◇ Lunch & Learn August 19th—I would like to get a team together to discuss quarterly Lunch & Learn.
 - ◇ 2025 AMGA Fall Seminar—which we will host on September 16, 2025. We need to get a team together for registration (see samples of previous meeting agendas), door prizes, food, etc.
 - ◇ Fall Intern Classis scheduled for Thursday, August 8th. Sign up for items for the potluck lunch to welcome new Interns.
- President York adjourned the meeting at 11:45AM and we all enjoyed an Ice Cream Social.
- Upcoming Dates
 - ◇ Aug 8 New Intern Class potluck lunch
 - ◇ Aug 9 No meeting due to previous day of interns
 - ◇ Aug 19 Lunch & Learn—President York will present Planning Your Fall Garden
- Lost Badge???? www.aces.edu/go/badges fill out form and pay a \$10 replacement cost.



Speaker Debbie Boutilie, Larry Kronk, & Elizabeth York

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Jones, Secretary

RECIPE: Homemade Peach Ice Cream
FROM THE KITCHEN OF: Sweet Grown Alabama



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 1/2 lbs fresh Sweet Grown Alabama peaches
—peeled, pitted, and sliced
- 4 Sweet Grown Alabama eggs
- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 7 cups Sweet Grown Alabama whole milk
- 3 cups heavy whipping cream
- 2 1/2 Tbsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. salt

DIRECTIONS:

- Purée peaches until smooth.
- In a separate bowl, beat eggs until light.
- Add sugar gradually and beat until thick.
- Add remaining ingredients including the puréed peaches.
- Mix well and add to your ice cream maker.
- Makes 1 gallon!

SCMGA UPCOMING DATES

- Aug 6 Advisory Council Meeting 10 AM at Petals From The Past
Aug 8 Potluck with New Intern Class
Aug 9 No regular meeting
Aug 15 10:30–12:30—Petals From the Past Herb Cooking Class.
Save the Date for our annual Julia Child inspired Menu
Cooking Class \$35 Register here:
<https://petalsfromthepast.com/product/herb-cooking-class/>
Aug 17 10:30am—Petals From the Past—Apple and Muscadine
Walking Tour—Dr. Arlie Powell. Free. Register here: [https://
petalsfromthepast.com/product/applemuscadine-walking-tour/](https://petalsfromthepast.com/product/applemuscadine-walking-tour/)
Aug 19 Lunch & Learn—President York will present Planning Your
Fall Garden
Sep 3 AMGA Board Meeting 10 AM at Petals From The Past

- Sep 14 9:00-3:00—Petals From the Past—The Great Fall Garden
Festival. For info & registration click here:
<https://www.justdigitfarms.com/the-great-fall-garden-festival/>
Oct 3 Blount County Fall Seminar (see next page)
Oct 13 SCMGA 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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/11—Cindy Hearn
8/11—Debbie Elliott
8/24—Gregg Adair
8/25—Karen Mims





TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2024
Sue Owen, Treasurer



DEPOSITS:

5/30 Lunch & Learn	50.00
6/1 Helena Plant Sale	152.00
6/8 Helena Plant Sale	294.00
6/14 Heardmont Plant Sale	347.00
Member Sale	100.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS:	\$ 943.00

CHECKS:

1322 Elizabeth York—Buckets (2.74) Labels (36.70)	\$(39.44)
TOTAL CHECKS:	\$(39.44)

Beginning Balance:	\$	4,231.73
Deposits	\$	943.00
Checks	\$(39.44)	
ENDING BALANCE	\$	5,135.29

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



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

BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Beth Glasgow
Barbara Williams
Linda McCollough

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.



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 AUGUST

Fruits and Nuts—Cut out old blackberry canes after fruiting and then fertilize and cultivate for replacement canes. Remember to order new catalogs for fruit selection.

Shrubs—Propagate woody plants, such as hydrangeas and azaleas, by layering. Do not fertilize woody plants in late summer. It will stimulate new growth that might not have time to harden off before winter's first frost.

Lawns—Apply 1 pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet to Bermuda grass and St. Augustine grass. Skip this month for fertilizing Centipede grass and Zoysia grass. Mow often (every 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). Stop fertilizing warm-season turf types at the end of the month.

Roses—Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Lightly prune hybrid teas and floribundas to prevent a scraggly appearance. Old-fashioned roses will experience second bloom flush, so no need to prune these types.

Annuals and Perennials—Water as needed. Plant perennials and biennials for spring.

Bulbs—Divide old iris plantings and add new ones.

Miscellaneous—Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task during this month. Closely observe for insects and diseases. Water.

Vegetable Seeds—Whole state: Continue planting beans and squash. Central and North: Continue planting cole crops, beets, carrots, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, Swiss chard, parsley, radishes, and turnips.

Vegetable Transplants—South and Central: Plant certified seed potatoes for Irish and red-skinned varieties until mid-month. North: Plant cole crop transplants that were started in July.

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