

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.

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

E-mail: SCMGA.email@gmail.com

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

Like Us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1295873251386288>

Private Facebook Group for Active Members:

<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 Master Gardeners,

I can't believe it's September already. I am looking forward to cooler weather. We have had exciting things happening in our association! The intern class has begun and they are a great group. We had another successful Lunch and Learn. I spoke about Cool Weather Gardening. It's that time of year to get ready for your fall plantings or clean up your garden from summer vegetables and add compost to your soil. This time next year, we will be getting ready to host the AMGA Fall Seminar. We will be discussing at our meeting a lot of organizational responsibilities. So come prepared to volunteer your skills to make this a successful seminar.

Happy Gardening,

Elizabeth York

**PLEASE DON'T WAIT! MAKE SURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE
ENTERING YOUR VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS.**

www.acesagmg.site/login.php

No August minutes—we had a potluck for the interns.

SHELBY COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

July 3, 2024—Posted by: John Vanderford

\$94,400 Community Value in Shelby County Master Gardening hours and philanthropy.



This Month's Meeting
Friday, September 16th at 10:00 AM

SCMG Michelle Wooten speaking on
How Artificial Light Impacts Plant Health

Elizabeth York
205-616-7648

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RECIPE: Egg Roll Stir Fry
FROM THE KITCHEN OF: Rock House Farms

INGREDIENTS:

- 6-8 cups of Sweet Grown Alabama chopped cabbage
- 1 large Sweet Grown Alabama onion, slivered
- 2-3 Sweet Grown Alabama carrots, slivered
- 1-2 pounds ground pork

FOR THE STIR FRY SAUCE:

- 3/4 soy sauce
- 1/4 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 Tbsp. corn starch
- 1/2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1/2 Tbsp. minced garlic



DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat a large skillet to medium/high and add your ground pork. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Allow it to get a nice dark brown color on it before beginning to stir around.
2. When the pork has formed a brown crust, stir it

3. around and allow it to cook through to the other parts and add in onion and carrots to begin cooking.
3. Once all of the pork is cooked and the onions and carrots have softened, add in all your cabbage. It may seem to be too much at first, but it will wilt drastically as it cooks. Put pot lid on the skillet and allow it to sweat down quicker.
4. Continue to stir it around periodically for 10-12 minutes as the cabbage cooks.
5. Once it's all wilted, turn your heat to medium/low, add in your stir fry sauce and stir everything together well, coating all of the pork and vegetables in the sauce.
6. Put your lid back on for a few minutes as the sauce thickens, stirring every few minutes or so.
7. Turn off your heat and serve your stir fry as is or over white or fried rice.
8. Take it over the top with a drizzle of Sriracha or homemade Yum Yum sauce.

SCMGA UPCOMING DATES

- 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/>
- Sep 16 SCMGA Meeting
- 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
- Nov 30 2025 Dues deadline
- Dec 1 2025 \$5 Past Due Fee
- 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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4—Marisa Masters
- 13—Lisa Eroles
- 19—Martha Jones
- 24—Gina Dodson
- 24—Kate Vogel
- 24—Elizabeth York





TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2024

Sue Owen, Treasurer



DEPOSITS

None	\$	00.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$	0.00

CHECKS

#1323 Marissa Masters—Ice Cream Social & Intern Lunch	\$	(91.10)
TOTAL CHECKS	\$	(91.10)

BALANCE

Beginning Balance	\$	5,135.29
Deposits	\$	0.00
Checks	\$	(91.10)
ENDING BALANCE	\$	5,044.19

CARDS SENT BY BARBARA WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF SCMGA DURING AUGUST

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Gregg Adair
Debbie Elliott
Cindy Hearn
Karen Mims

GET WELL CARDS:

Elizabeth York

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
- **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
- **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
- **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



ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Fruits & Nuts—New catalogs will be arriving soon. Start plans for future selection and plantings. Take soil test for new planting areas. Fertilize established strawberry plantings.

Shrubs—Study landscape to determine plant needs. Check early camellia varieties for damage caused by insects and disease. Replace landscape plants as needed that have severe damage caused by insects, disease or freezes. After fall growth is completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.

Lawns—Mow often (5 to 10 days) to remove just 1/3 the grass height at each mowing. If daytime temperatures are consistently cooler than 80° F, apply the ant bait. Read the label carefully for best control. If winter or spring weeds were a concern this year, apply preemergent herbicides. Reseed tall rescue lawns and fertilize at 1 pound slow-release nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.

Roses—Protect fall crops of blossoms from aphids and thrips. Keeps plants healthy.

Annuals & Perennials—Plant perennials and biennials. This is the last planting time for these. Divide old clumps of perennials. Plant peonies.

Bulbs—Plant spring flowering bulbs late this month in north Alabama. Delay planting in south Alabama.

Miscellaneous—Clean up infestations of insects on azaleas, camellias, boxwoods, gardenias, hollies, etc. If oil spray is needed, don't use in freezing weather. Build a compost bin or box, leaves will be falling soon. Monitor house plants for insects and diseases before moving them indoors. Treat as needed to prevent carrying unwanted pest inside.

Vegetable Seeds—South: Plant beets, carrots, Brussels sprouts, collars, kale, lettuce, mustard, onion sets, parsley, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard and onion seed. **Central & North:** Continue planting carrots, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, onion seeds, parsley, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, and turnips.

Vegetable Transplants—Whole State: Continue planting cole crops, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, and spinach transplants, and onion sets. **South:** Plant celery transplants.

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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**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, 2025. 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, 2024.**

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**