

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,

Fall has officially arrived but I'm ready for those cooler temperatures. The intern class is progressing and we have some wonderful interns. Below you can see some of the community efforts. They assisted Larry Kronk with some clean up at the Alabaster Senior Center. Their project this year is updating the curb appeal at Family Connection, a shelter for abused and homeless children.

Remember to log your volunteer hours and we also start collecting membership fees in October. Heidee has attached a membership form at the end of this newsletter. Be sure to print it off and complete with your monies and mail or give to Treasurer Sue Owen.

Happy Gardening,

Elizabeth



This Month's Meeting Friday, October 11th at 10:00 AM

Let's learn about Hostas by Bionca Lindsey,
Autauga County Advanced MG (Perennials)

Elizabeth York
205-616-7648

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association 13 September 2024 Meeting Agenda

The regular monthly meeting of the SCMGA Members was held on Friday, September 13, 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
- **Committees:**
 - Nominating—Cindy Hearn
 - Projects—Dennis Stanek
 - Communications—Elizabeth York (Facebook)
Heidee Vansant (*Gardeners' Gab*)
 - Audit and By-Laws, Membership—Trisha Williams
 - AMGA Advisory Council Representative—Kate Vogel (Pathways)
 - Hospitality—Marisa Masters
 - Sunshine—Vacant (Barbara Williams Interim)
 - Fundraising—Vacant
 - Historian—Greg Adair
- The pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Treasurer's report from the Gardeners' Gab was approved as read. There were no August Meeting Minutes, due to the Intern lunch the preceding day.
- **Projects:**
 1. Grace Klein Community, Chelsea—this is ongoing
 2. Family Connection Alabaster—Landscape the shelter entrance. This will be an intern project with MG follow-up periodically
- **Old Business:** August 20th Lunch and Learn a success. In polling the next class in November, they prefer practical gardening classes over whimsical crafts.
- **New Business:**
 1. Next Lunch and Learn will be Monday, November 4, Deb Elliott will present on Pruning
 2. 2025 AMGA Fall Seminar, September 16, 2025. Need to get committees together. Refer to 2025 Fall Seminar Sheet
 3. Fall Intern Classes are still ongoing. If you would like some hours, please refer to the Lab sheet on table and let me know.
 4. Booth at Beeswax Park Wednesday, Oct 30th from 2:00—6:00 PM
We will be assisting Extension as well as Chilton County MGA. Need Volunteers. Please let Elizabeth Know if you can help.
- **Dates:**
 - * Oct 3—Blount County Fall Conference
 - * Oct 10—AMGA Fall Seminar Auburn University
 - * Nov 4—Lunch and Learn—Pruning with Deb Elliott
 - * Nov 8—Association Meeting with Intern Presentations Heavy appetizers

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elizabeth York, President
for Martha Jones, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024

Sue Owen, Treasurer



DEPOSITS

Lunch and Learn—Fall Vegetables	\$ 80.00
Donation—Carolyn Hudson	\$ 50.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 130.00

CHECKS

#1324 Barbara Williams—cards	\$ (13.90)
TOTAL CHECKS	\$ (13.90)

BEGINNING BALANCE

Deposits	\$ 5,044.19
Checks	\$ (13.90)
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 5,160.29

CARDS SENT BY BARBARA WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF SCMGA DURING SEPTEMBER

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Gina Dodson	Marisa Masters
Lisa Eroles	Kate Vogel
Martha Jones	Elizabeth York

GET WELL CARDS:

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"

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This **private** group was formed to help communicate with our members. Please check it out and ask to join if you are on Facebook.



2024 Master Gardener interns working at the Alabaster Senior Center



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIEES

Invasive plant removal at Pelham Park:

Saturday, 10/12/2024
Monday, 10/21/2024
Saturday, 10/26/2024
Saturday, 11/16/2024
Monday, 11/18/2024

- Meet at Pelham Park Bearden Road entrance trail head. 33.30268° N, 86.81230° W
- We'll review identification of target plants and recommended control measures at the beginning of the event.
- For your safety wear gloves, close-toed shoes, a long-sleeved shirt, and pants. As tools, I recommend loppers, pruners, a handsaw and a small spray bottle to apply provided herbicide (25% glyphosate with dye). Please contact Dennis if you need him to bring extra tools.
- Please remember: Everyone is responsible for their own safety, as well as the safety of all others. Speak up if you have questions or any concerns. Don't exceed your physical limitations or overestimate your skills. Remember that you will be volunteering at your own risk.

Dennis Stanek
Text 205-789-0341

RECIPE: The Only Baked Beans Worth Making On Game Day
FROM THE KITCHEN OF: Heidee Vansant, SCMG (Southern Living)

Active Time: 20 min
Total Time: 1 hr 25 mins
Servings: 12

INGREDIENTS

- Cooking spray
- 3/4 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 (15-oz) cans cannellini beans
- 2 (16-oz) cans baked beans
- 8 oz. pulled smoked pork (about 3/4 cup)
- 8 oz. Conecuh sausage, diagonally sliced 3/4-in thick (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1 Tbsp. smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 2 tsp. apple cider vinegar



DIRECTIONS:

1. Make sauce: Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 13-x9-inch baking dish with cooking spray; set aside. Stir together ketchup, brown sugar, Dijon mustard, molasses, and Worcestershire sauce in a large bowl until combined. Stir in cannellini beans, baked beans, and pork.
2. Cook sausage in a large skillet over medium-high, stirring often, until lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Stir in onions and cook, stirring often, until softened, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat, add paprika and cumin, stirring constantly until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Transfer to bean mixture; add vinegar and stir to combine.
3. Add beans to pan and bake: Transfer bean mixture to prepared baking dish. Bake in preheated oven until bubbly, 55 minutes to 1 hour. Let stand 10 minutes before serving,

SCMGA UPCOMING DATES

Oct 11 SCMGA Meeting 10 AM
Nov 5 Advisory Council Meeting 10 AM
at Petals From The Past
Nov 8 SCMGA Meeting 10 AM
Nov 30 2025 Dues deadline

Dec 1 2025 \$5 Past Due Fee added to dues
Dec 3 AMGA Board Meeting 10 AM
at Petals From The Past
Dec 13 SCMGA Meeting 10AM and
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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

19—Jim Strickland





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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Fruits and Nuts: Planting season for strawberries starts in south Alabama. Clean up orchard area. Remove broken limbs, old fruit, and debris from orchard floor.

Shrubs: Plant new trees and shrubs in the landscape. Water when needed. Note varieties of camellias and other landscape plants in bloom. Start mulching all shrubs that do not have a mulch.

Lawns: Perform a soil test to determine if limestone is recommended and apply anytime this fall. If winter or spring weeds were a concern this year, apply preemergent herbicides. Fertilize fescue lawns at 1 pound slow-release nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. As fall rain returns, monitor for fungal disease in fescue.

Roses: Continue insect and disease control practices. New rose catalogs will be coming in. Study closely; add some new varieties to your list.

Annuals and Perennials: Visit flower shows and gardens. List desirable varieties of mums. Clean up flower beds immediately after first killing frost. Plant half-hardy annuals, such as snapdragons.

Bulbs: Plant tulip, hyacinth, daffodil, crocus, Dutch iris, anemone, and ranunculus. Watch planting depth. Dig caladiums; clean and store in a warm place.

Miscellaneous: Renew mulch around shrubs and rose beds. Loosen mulches that have packed down. Spray with oils before freezing weather to kill scale, mites, etc. Remove all dead stems and trash from flower beds. Transplant into small pots any cuttings taken earlier.

Vegetable Seeds: South—This is the last fall month to plant the winter garden. Plant carrots, collards, kale, mustard, onion seeds, radishes, spinach, and turnips. Plant Swiss chard in early October. **Central and South**—Continue planting winter-hardy crops such as beets, carrots, collards, kale, parsley, and spinach. **North**—Plant onion seeds and radishes in early October.

Vegetable Transplants: Whole state—Continue planting winter-hardy transplants. Soil test garden soil and apply limestone as recommended anytime this fall.

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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Sunshine Committee	Barbara Williams (Interim)	205-902-1137	bwilliams1581@gmail.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**