

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners Assoc.

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

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Hello Members,

It is hard to believe that December is finally here. It gives us a time of reflection for this past year. The 2023 intern class successfully completed their project at Heardmont Park Senior Center. We won the newsletter award at the State AMGA Conference. We had three Lunch & Learns that helped educate the community. We have our two pop-up gardens with Grow More Give More, Alabaster Senior Center, and Wilsonville Library, producing vegetables for seniors and people needing food. We had our first plant sale and raised close to \$1,000. We had another great intern class, with 17 of them graduating. We have more community businesses reaching out for our help. As an Association, this could not have been accomplished without your help. Shelby County residents have surely benefited from your efforts. We have a lot to be thankful for. So, during this holiday season, enjoy some time with your family. I can't wait to see what we do for 2025!

Elizabeth

This Month's Meeting Friday, December 13th at 10:00 AM



We will not have a speaker for our December meeting. We will play Dirty Santa and have a catered lunch. I need everyone to RSVP to me as soon as possible so I will know how much food to order.

Please remember to bring a \$15 garden-related wrapped gift if you want to play Dirty Santa.

Elizabeth York
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SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
8 November 2024—Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the SCMGA was held on Friday, November 8, 2024, at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium of the Shelby County Extension Office at 54 Kelly Lane, Columbiana, AL.

- **OFFICERS:** Elizabeth York—President, Vice-President—Vacant, Sue Owen—Treasurer, Martha Jones—Secretary
- **Pledge and silence of phones**
- **Badge and Certificate** were presented to Kim Sprouse-Howell
- **Program:** Interns gave their presentations and lunch provided by the Association followed.
- **Minutes and Treasurer's report** accepted as printed in the *Gardeners' Gab*.
- **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—Vacant
- **PROJECTS:**
 - ◆ Grace Klein Community, Chelsea—ongoing
 - ◆ Family Connection, Alabaster—Landscape the shelter entrance. This will be an intern project with MG follow-up periodically
 - ◆ Family Connection—Raised Bed Gardening with Kids seasonally. This is under discussion.
 - ◆ APCO Beeswax Creek Park—planting natives along the pathways around the Park. This is under discussion.
 - ◆ Landscape Improvement to Shelby County building that Extension Office is in. This is under discussion.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - ◆ Membership forms and dues are due NLT November 30th, after that there is a \$5 late fee attached. Form is in the *Gardeners' Gab*. Fill out and mail to Sue Owen.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - ◆ Lunch & Learn was Monday, November 4, Deb Elliott presented on *Pruning In Your Garden*. Door prize was raffled Corona bypass pruners
 - ◆ 2025 AMGA Fall Seminar—September 16, 2025.
 - ◇ Dani Carroll Extension Agent—confirmed for IPM of natives for pollinators.
 - ◇ Jason Powell—confirmed for Daytime Pollinators for Natives and will also be a vendor and bring natives.
 - ◇ Allyson Shabel—confirmed for Nighttime Pollinators.
 - ◇ The caterer got back to us for flyer for lunch options. Chicken salad croissant and pasta salad—will try at Christmas Party if available. We are having our food catered. Elizabeth will need an RSVP. She will send out an email concerning this.
 - ◇ Booth at Beeswax Park was Wednesday, October 30th from 2:00-5:00 PM. Was not very well attended but did make some good contacts. The park has several hiking trails and APCO asked if we would like to suggest deer resistant/drought tolerant plants and oversee planting. This is under discussion
 - ◇ Asked to have a booth at Aldridge Gardens Saturday, March 1, 2025 for Arbor Day and be available to answer questions.
 - ◇ Asked to help Alabaster Beautification Board with Arbor Day. They want us to educate the citizens of the community about the tree they selected and how to properly plant. Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Veterans Park off Hwy 119 in Alabaster.
 - ◇ New Social Media campaign. Those of you on FB follow Alabama Master Gardener Helpline-Alabama Extension. Giving lots of info.
 - ◇ MOU some changes—Kerry Smith, State Master Gardener Program Coordinator, will send out some info, but everyone will have to sign again. Due Jan 31, 2025.
 - ◇ Does anyone participate in the monthly update Zoom calls at 1:00 PM last Monday of the month? Elizabeth will send out email with link
 - ◇ Need New VP for 2025, any nomination from the floor?
 - ◇ December Meeting installation of officers and dirty Santa, bring a \$15 garden gift wrapped.

- DATES:**
- ◆ Nov 8—Association Meeting with Intern Presentations. Heavy appetizers, Kate will bring them all a loaf of Sourdough bread
 - ◆ Nov 9—Lee County Native Azalea Plant Sale
 - ◆ Nov 9—Auburn-Opelika Camellia Club Fall Flower and Camellia Sale
 - ◆ Nov 13—Hydroponic Workshop 9 AM—2 PM at North Shelby Library
 - ◆ Dec 13—Dirty Santa Christmas Party
 - ◆ Dec 16—EMG 2024 Graduation in Auburn RSVP by 11/29
 - ◆ Jan 10—Association Meeting, Rose McCauley, Autauga Co MGA, Vermicomposting
 - ◆ Lost Badge or Replacement??? www.aces.edu/go/badges fill out form and pay \$10 replacement cost.
 - The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:15 AM

Minutes submitted by Sylvia Sheffield in the absence of Secretary Martha Jones.



TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2024
Sue Owen, Treasurer



Deposits

10/4/24 Membership Dues received (cash)	\$	25.00
10/4/24 Membership Dues received (checks)	\$	80.00
10/23/24 Membership Dues received (checks)	\$	40.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$	145.00

Checks—None

\$ **0.00**

Beginning Balance

\$ 5,335.29

Deposits

\$ 145.00

Checks

\$ **0.00**

Ending Balance

\$ 5,480.29

CARDS SENT BY BARBARA WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF SCMGA DURING OCTOBER

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Carol Beard
Michael Cloyd
Jessica Joslin

GET WELL CARDS:



Kim Sprouse-Howell, Class of 2023, received her certificate and badge.



**FALL 2024 SHELBY COUNTY
MASTER GARDENER INTERN CLASS:**

Pam Crawford, Eric Brown, Marty Box, Michael Johnson, Pam Dyer, Susan Arvin, Mike Mahaffey, Julie Adams, Amie Rochelle, Joanne Headrick, and Mikki Vineyard.
Not pictured are Emily Brown, DeAnn Roy, Linda Clark, Natalie Dudchock, Sarah Barr, and Allana Alexander.



RECIPE: 20-Minute Harvest Sheet Pan Dinner
FROM THE KITCHEN OF: Sue Owen, SCMG

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pack chicken apple sausage
- 1 lb. Brussels sprouts
- 1 lb. Sweet Potato
- 1 red onion or 2 shallots
- 1 Honey Crisp apple

INGREDIENTS FOR SAUCE :

- Olive oil
- Minced Garlic
- Salt
- Honey

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 425° F.
2. Chop all ingredients.
3. Toss in sauce.
4. Bake 30 minutes. (I like to broil 3 minutes more to make it crispy).



SCMGA UPCOMING DATES

- Dec 13 SCMGA Meeting 10 AM and Dirty Gardener gift exchange
- Dec 16 2024 Statewide Extension Master Gardener Graduation—Auburn, AL
- Jan 10 SCMGA Meeting 10AM Rose McCauley, Autauga Co. MG—Vermicomposting
- Feb 14 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- Mar 14 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- Apr 3-5 AMGA 2025 Annual Conference Prattville, AL

- Apr 11 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- May 9 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- Jun 13 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- Jul 11 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- Aug 8 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- Sep 12 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- Sep 16 AMGA Fall Seminar—Hosted by SCMGA
- Oct 10 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- Nov 14 SCMGA Meeting 10AM
- Dec 12 SCMGA Meeting 10AM & Dirty Santa game



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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7—Connie Griffin
- 21—Mike Mahaffey
- 23—Pam Dyer

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 (this is our public page)
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ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS—Plant young pecan and other deciduous fruit trees and grapes. Select bud wood. Start dormant pruning of established fruits. Protect all young trees from rabbit damage by placing wire around the base of the tree. Apply dormant oil spays for scale.

SHRUBS—Planting is still the main activity but delay in case of freezing weather. Get your soil tested and be prepared for spring gardening

LAWNS—Control wild garlic, chickweed, Poa annua, dandelion, and other weeds. Read label on each package of weed killer used.

ROSES—Add plants to rose garden. Mulch all plantings.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annual seed without delay. Have you tried violas?

BULBS—Continue spring bulb planting.

MISCELLANEOUS—Shrubs, trees, and indoor plants make excellent gifts.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2024

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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**