

# GARDENERS' GAB



## Shelby County Master Gardeners Assoc.

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

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Happy July Gardeners,

With July here, that means we are two months away from the AMGA Fall Seminar. If you are attending/working at the conference, you must complete the registration form and pay \$40. This ensures a spot at the table and lunch. Please send those ASAP, as we are capped at 200 people for room capacity. Over the next two months, we will work diligently to complete all tasks. The topic for our July meeting is "Mom's Antique Roses," presented by Larry Kronk. We are also hosting an ice cream social, so it's a great time to visit.

August is the time to look for new officers for the 2026—2027 term. We have two-year terms. I am seeking a Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested, please let me know. We install officers in December so they can take over in January. This also gives a smoother transition for training before they take office.

I have created a new committee, *Lunch & Learn*. I am seeking a chairperson to lead the committee. Our next Lunch & Learn will take place on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon with Trisha Williams at the Extension office. Her topic is *Native Plants in Grandmother's Garden*. She will also be giving this talk at our meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

See you soon,

*Elizabeth*



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## This Month's Meeting Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Larry Kronk will bring a presentation on *Mom's Antique Roses*

SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION  
June 13, 2025—No Meeting Minutes because we had a field trip to the  
Vogel Blueberry Farm

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## TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2025

Sue Owen, Treasurer



### DEPOSITS

	AMOUNT
6/9/2025 Deposit for Fall Conference (14)	\$ 560.00
6/12/2025 Deposit for Fall Conference (5)	\$ 200.00
6/17/2025 Deposit for Fall Conference (2)	\$ 80.00
6/20/2025 Deposit for Fall Conference (1)	\$ 80.00
6/30/2025 Deposit for Fall Conference (4)	\$ 160.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$ 1,040.00</b>

### CHECKS

**\$ 0.00**

### BEGINNING BALANCE

\$ 6,745.48

Deposits

\$ 1,040.00

Checks

\$ 0.00

### ENDING BALANCE

**\$ 7,785.48**

## CARDS SENT BY BARBARA WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF SCMGA DURING JUNE

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



### BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Eric Brown  
Karen Jensen

### GET WELL CARDS:

Julie Adams  
Deb Elliott  
Kim Sprouse-Howell

- ♦ "To see the Summer Sky Is Poetry, though never in a Book it lie—True Poems flee—": ~ Emily Dickinson
- ♦ "A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all, it teaches entire trust,": ~ Gertrude Jekyll
- ♦ "Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain,": ~ Henry David Thoreau
- ♦ "Just living is not enough... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.": ~ Hans Christian Andersen
- ♦ "A late summer garden has a tranquility found no other time of the year.": ~ William F. Longgood
- ♦ "Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.": ~ Warren Buffett
- ♦ "Then followed that beautiful season... Summer.... Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape Lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood.": ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- ♦ "There is a garden in every childhood, an enchanted place where colors are brighter, the air softer, and the morning more fragrant than ever again.": ~ Elizabeth Lawrence
- ♦ "My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from a plant's point of view.": ~ H. Fred Dale
- ♦ "A garden is a complex of aesthetic and plastic intentions; and the plant is, to a landscape artist, not only a plant – rare, unusual, ordinary or doomed to disappearance – but it is also a color, a shape, a volume or an arabesque in itself.": ~ Roberto Burle Marx (after whom many plants are named!)
- ♦ "I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden.": ~ Ruth Stout
- ♦ "When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden.": ~ Minnie Aumonier
- ♦ "Garden as though you will live forever.": ~ William Kent



**RECIPE:** Peanutty Squash

**FROM THE KITCHEN OF:** Heidee Vansant, Shelby County MG (from my Grandma Myrtle Strickland)

**Yield:** 8 servings

**Ingredients:**

- 2 pounds yellow squash (Approx. 8 cups sliced)
- 2 Tbsp. onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. pimiento, chopped
- 1 can cream of chicken soup, condensed
- 1½ cups cornbread stuffing mix
- ½ stick butter, melted
- ¾ cup dry roasted peanuts, chopped (no salt)

**Instructions:**

Cook squash in salted water and drain. Mix together first 4 ingredients.

Place in 9" x 9" pan. Combine stuffing mix and butter; sprinkle on top of casserole then top with peanuts. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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|---------|---|--------|--|
| Jul 11  | SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM  | Sep 16 | AMGA Fall Seminar—Hosted by SCMGA  |
| July 26 | Petals From the Past 10:30 AM—Fig & Bunch Grape Walking Tour with Dr. Arlie Powell. Register for this seminar at: <a href="https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/">https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</a>                           | Sep 20 | Petals From the Past—The Great Fall Garden Festival For more information go to: <a href="https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/">https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</a>  |
| Aug 4   | Lunch & Learn—12:00 PM at the Extension. Trisha Williams. Her topic is <i>Native Plants in Grandmother's Garden</i> .   | Oct 5  | Petals From the Past 2:00 PM —Oriental Persimmon, Citrus & Kiwi fruit Walking Tour with Dr. Arlie Powell. Register at: <a href="https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/">https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</a> |
| Aug 8   | SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM—Same as Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> .  | Oct 10 | SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM   |
| Aug 9   | Petals From the Past 10:30 AM—Apple, Asian Pear, & Muscadine Walking Tour with Dr. Arlie Powell. Register at: <a href="https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/">https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</a>                               | Nov 2  | Petals From the Past 2:00 PM—Repotting Orchids with Shelley Powell. \$15 Register at: <a href="https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/">https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</a>                                  |
| Aug 23  | Petals From the Past 10:30 AM—Creating a Haven for Butterflies—Paulette Haywood Ogard, Author of <i>Butterflies of Alabama</i> Register at: <a href="https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/">https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</a> | Nov 14 | SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM   |
| Sep 12  | SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM  | Nov 22 | Petals From the Past 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Christmas Open House  |



Please send Barbara Williams, interim Sunshine Comm.

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:

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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

2—Pam Crawford  
12—Beth Glasgow  
21—Barbara Williams

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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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