

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

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Happy August,

August is not disappointing with the heat and lack of rain. It makes gardening difficult. We have our quarterly Lunch & Learn at the Extension auditorium on Monday, August 4th. Trisha Williams will be presenting on "Native Plants in Grandmother's Garden." Trisha will present this at our association meeting on Friday, August 8th. We have 17-19 new interns who will begin their orientation on Thursday, July 31st. Thursday, August 14th, is their first lab at extension, and we will be doing a potluck lunch to welcome everyone. So, mark that on your calendars.

Stay cool,

Elizabeth



Elizabeth York
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This Month's Meeting
Friday, August 8th at 10:00 AM

Trisha Williams will be presenting on
"Native Plants in Grandmother's Garden"

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

11 July 2025—Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the SCMGA was held on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Auditorium of the Shelby County Extension Office at 54 Kelly Lane, Columbiana, AL

OFFICERS:

Elizabeth York—President
Kim Sprouse-Howell—Vice President
Sue Owen—Treasurer
Martha Jones—Secretary

COMMITTEES:

Nominating—Elizabeth York
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
Sunshine—Vacant (Barbara Williams Interim)
Fundraising—Elizabeth York
Historian—Karen Jensen
Lunch and Learn—Looking for a new Chair

PROJECTS:

- Grace Klein Community Chelsea—this is ongoing when needed
- Family Connection—Raised Bed Gardening with Kids Seasonally
- Front of Extension Office Building upgrade—will be 2025 Intern Project

PROGRAM PRESENTER: Larry Kronk presented on “Mom’s Antique Roses” followed by meeting & discussion of AMGA Fall Seminar, and Ice cream social.

OLD BUSINESS: 2025 AMGA Fall Seminar—Tuesday, September 16, 2025

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Status of fundraising for seminar is doing well. NOTE TO ALL WHO ARE WORKING—YOU MUST REGISTER AND PAY \$40
2. New Intern class—Beginning on August 14th, currently 20 are registered. A signup sheet was passed around to assist with classes.
3. Lunch & Learn for November 3rd is Plant Propagation, we need a speaker
4. Looking for Officers: VP, Secretary, Treasurer. The officers are limited to 2-year terms, however you can elect for a one year term as well.

DATES:

Aug 4 Lunch and Learn, Trisha Williams, *Native Plants in Grandmother’s Garden*
Aug 8 Meeting Trisha Williams, *Native Plants in Grandmother’s Garden*
Aug 14 First Intern class 10AM-12pm; Sep 12 Chilton County MGA Hugh Nichols Native Plant Conservation
Sep 15 Set up at Church for conference, door prizes and silent auction
Sep 16 AMGA Fall Conference
Oct 2 Blount County Fall Conference
Oct 10 Meeting
Nov 3 Lunch and Learn

Submitted by Elizabeth York for Martha Jones, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT
JUNE 30, 2025—JULY 22, 2025
 Sue Owen, Treasurer



DEPOSITS

	AMOUNT
7/3/2025 Deposit for Fall Conference (Jensen & Smith)	\$ 80.00
7/7/2025 Deposit for Fall Conference (Jackson x2 & Eddins)	\$ 120.00
7/9/2025 Deposit (mobile) for Fall Conference (Pat Williams)	\$ 40.00
7/11/2025 Deposit for Fall Conference (Kronk,Vansant,Adams,Dyer,Mack Fluharty and \$40 cash Mahaffey)	\$ 280.00
7/15/2025 Deposit (mobile) for Fall Conference (C.Beard,P.Weaver)	\$ 80.00
7/22/2025 Deposit for Fall Conference	\$ 200.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 800.00

CHECKS

#1336 Marisa Masters—ice, water, plates, hot dogs, etc.	\$ (44.70)
#1337 Elizabeth York—tablecloths for conference	\$ (75.46)
#1338 Marisa Masters—for ice cream social	\$ (31.15)
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ (151.31)

BEGINNING BALANCE

Deposits	\$ 7,785.48
Checks	\$ 800.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$ (151.31)
	\$ 8,434.17

CARDS SENT BY BARBARA WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF SCMGA DURING JULY

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Marty Box
 Pam Crawford
 Beth Glasgow
 Linda McCollough

GET WELL CARDS:

Deb Elliot

Alabama Extension Master Gardener 2025 Fall Seminar
 September 16, 2025
 First Baptist Church of Columbiana
 208 N Main Street, Columbiana, AL 35051
Seed Swap: Bring packaged, labeled seeds.

All About Pollinators



Registration form. Please print.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Fee: \$40

Lunch included, select below:

___ Chicken Salad Croissant

___ Pasta Salad (Vegetarian)

Make check payable to SCMGA

Mail check and registration form to:
 Sue Owen
 350 Howard Hill Dr.
 Wilsonville, AL 35186-7250

Questions: Contact Elizabeth York
 205-616-7648 e.york24@yahoo.com

RECIPE: Crazy Chocolate Cake FROM THE KITCHEN OF: Trisha Williams

Crazy Chocolate Cake is a quick and easy handed-down recipe that Trisha Williams' mother used to make for an after school snack. When cool, frost with Crazy Chocolate Icing or top with whipped cream and a drizzle of chocolate syrup. Serve from the pan! There are no eggs or milk in the cake. After school snacks have really changed over the years!

Crazy Chocolate Cake

Mix the cake right in an 8" x 8" pan (It may be easier to use a mixing bowl and then pour into the ungreased or lightly greased pan). Combine the dry ingredients:

- 1½ cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¼ t. salt
- 4 Tbls. Cocoa

Make 4 dents in the dry ingredient mixture for

the following:

- 4 Tbls. salad oil
 - ¼ tsp. vanilla
 - 1 Tbls. vinegar
 - 1 cup water
- Mix until well blended and bake in a preheated 350°F oven for 30 minutes.



Crazy Chocolate Icing

- 2 Tbls. butter
- ¼ cup cocoa
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 Tbls. milk (more if needed)
- ¼ tsp. vanilla

Melt butter and stir in cocoa, place in mixing bowl. Beat in confectioner's sugar, milk, and vanilla. Beat on medium for approximately 5 minutes or until smooth. Spread on cool cake.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <p>Aug 4 Lunch & Learn—12:00 PM at the Extension. Trisha Williams. Her topic is <i>Native Plants in Grandmother's Garden</i>.</p> <p>Aug 8 SCMG Meeting 10:00 AM—Trisha Williams—<i>Native Plants in Grandmother's Garden</i></p> <p>Aug 9 Petals From the Past 10:30 AM—Apple, Asian Pear, & Muscadine Walking Tour with Dr. Arlie Powell. Register at: https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</p> <p>Aug 14 First intern class 10:10 AM—12:00 PM SCMG providing potluck lunch.</p> <p>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: https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</p> <p>Sep 12 SCMG Meeting 10:00 AM</p> | <p>Sep 15 Set up church for Fall Seminar</p> <p>Sep 16 AMGA Fall Seminar—Hosted by SCMG</p> <p>Sep 20 Petals From the Past—The Great Fall Garden Festival For more information go to: https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</p> <p>Oct 5 Petals From the Past 2:00 PM —Oriental Persimmon, & Kiwi fruit Walking Tour with Dr. Arlie Powell. Register at: https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</p> <p>Oct 10 SCMG Meeting 10:00 AM</p> <p>Nov 2 Petals From the Past 2:00 PM—Repotting Orchids with Shelley Powell. \$15 Register at: https://petalsfromthepast.com/events-2/</p> <p>Nov 3 Lunch & Learn—<i>Propagation</i>—speaker needed</p> <p>Nov 14 SCMG Meeting 10:00 AM</p> |
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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

9—Julie Adams
11—Debbie Elliott
17—Susan Arvin
25—Karen Mims
31—Kim Sprouse-Howell



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 & 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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