

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners Assoc.

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E-mail: SCMGA.email@gmail.com

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

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Alabama MGA: <https://www.alabamamga.org>

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

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November 2025

Happy November Gardeners,

We can look forward to our first frost this month and garden cleanup. November 3rd was our lunch and learn program with Karen Mims, on Propagation. Our association meeting is on the 14th, with our own Marisa Masters giving a talk on beekeeping husbandry.

Please remember this is the last month to submit membership dues without a late fee. The last page of this newsletter has a membership form you can print off so you can mail your check and updated information to Sue Owen, or you can bring it to this month's association meeting.

Please remember to log all your hours on the volunteers page before December 31st:
<https://www.acesagmg.site/login>

I am still looking for a treasurer and president.

Elizabeth



Elizabeth York
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This Month's Meeting
Friday, November 14th
at 10:00 AM

Our November speaker is
Marisa Masters. Shelby County MG
and beekeeper.
Her topic is Beekeeping Husbandry



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SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION 10 OCTOBER 2025—Meeting Minutes



The regular monthly meeting of the SCMGA was held on Friday, October 10, 2025, at 10:00 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

- **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 & Learn—Martha Jones, 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 SCMGA 2025 Intern Project. Discuss estimates with Denise Stanek

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

- **Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** Meeting Minutes from September 2025 approved as printed in the *Gardeners' Gab*. Treasurers report approved as printed in the *Gardeners' Gab*.

- **PROGRAM PRESENTER:** At our Association Meeting, Pam Dyer will present on Walking Through My Pollinator Garden

- **OLD BUSINESS:** 2025 AMGA Fall Seminar, September 16, 2025. We did very well. Nothing but good feedback. Total attendees 141. Expenses totaled \$2,043.02. Income from Registration \$5,670.00. After paying ourselves back, \$3,626.98 was left to be split with AMGA \$1,813.49 each. SCMGA vendor booth made \$1,005.00. Our total profit that goes in our checking account is \$2,818.49, Thank you all for your hard work.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ◇ Lunch and Learn for November 3rd Plant Propagation by Karen Mims
- ◇ Looking for Officers: President and Treasurer. Susan Arvin has volunteered for Secretary, Pam Dyer for VP
- ◇ Service report enter hours
- ◇ Membership dues due Oct/Nov late fee assessed in December

- **DATES:**

- ◇ Oct 10 Meeting, Kate Vogel to moderate
- ◇ Nov 3 Lunch and Learn Karen Mims Plant Propagation 12-1 pm
- ◇ Nov 8 Alabama Regenerative Growers Conference CE app

- Kate read a letter from the University of Montevallo to the association about helping to advise the school on instructing them with their greenhouse facility.
- Karen Jensen discussed the AI Data Center on Industrial center that will put a big strain on our 6 Columbiana wells and the already depleting stream at Mill Creek and Bay Springs. Additionally we share/sell water to Greystone, Chelsea, Mt. Laurel, Westover. Cooling systems release pollution into the air, contributing to smog. They use over 200,000 gallons of water daily,
- Meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Martha Jones, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2025 (Addendum)
Sue Owen, Treasurer



DEPOSITS		AMOUNT
9/9/2025 Dues	\$	200.00
9/15/2025 Dues	\$	300.00
9/17/2025 Vendor Sales	\$	490.00
9/17/2025 Cheddar Up (Vendor Sales)	\$	20.00
9/18/2025 Cheddar Up (Vendor Sales)	\$	325.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$	1,335.00
CHECKS		
9/16/2025 #1344 Caterer	\$	(1,650.00)
9/18/2025 #1345 Marisa Masters (snacks for conference)	\$	(116.90)
9/19/2025 #134 Venue for Conference	\$	(150.00)
9/19/2025 #134 Cleanup for Conference	\$	(25.00)
9/19/2025 #134 Table Cloths for Conference (E. York)	\$	(75.46)
TOTAL CHECKS	\$	(2,017.36)
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	10,838.96
Deposits	\$	1,335.00
Checks	\$	2,017.36
ENDING BALANCE	\$	10,156.60



TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 2025
Sue Owen, Treasurer



DEPOSITS		AMOUNT
10/6/2025 Membership Dues	\$	25.00
10/10/2025 Membership Dues	\$	180.00
10/10/2025 Donation Cup	\$	10.00
10/23/2025 Membership Dues	\$	25.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$	240.00
CHECKS		
#1346 AMGA (½ Fall Conference proceeds)	\$	(1,813.49)
TOTAL CHECKS	\$	(1,813.49)
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	10,156.60
Deposits	\$	240.00
Checks	\$	(1,183.49)
ENDING BALANCE	\$	8,583.11

Help Spread
The Sunshine!



CARDS SENT BY BARBARA WILLIAMS ON BEHALF OF SCMGA DURING OCTOBER

BIRTHDAY CARDS:

Michael Johnson

GET WELL CARDS:

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

TOURS

U.S. SPACE AND ROCKET CENTER

Most comprehensive manned spaceflight
hardware museum in the world

HUDSON ALPHA INSTITUTE FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY

Genomic research, educational outreach,
clinical genomics & economic development

HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Extension Master Gardener demonstrations
& Walking Tour with Harvey Cotten
Free garden admission 9am-6pm, Wed, May 6

WORKSHOPS

Morning & afternoon garden-related
workshops at Murray Hall at the
Huntsville Botanical Garden

LOCAL HEROES

MEET & GREET PHOTO OP

USAF Lt. Colonel Ed Yielding
SR-71 Blackbird pilot &
"fastest man on earth" in 1990

Brigadier General (Ret) Robert Stewart
Astronaut & Pilot- 289 hours in space and first
astronaut to walk untethered in space

Soar to new heights at the
AMGA 2026 State Conference at
the Westin Huntsville!



The Westin blends elegance and southern
hospitality with the world class shopping,
dining, and entertainment of

BRIDGE STREET TOWN CENTRE

6800 Governors Road NW

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

The Westin Ballroom

CONFERENCE HOTELS:

The Westin Huntsville and
The Element on the top floors

Centrally located near highways and
conference tours & workshops



Please join us!

AMGA

State Conference

2026

May 6-8, 2026 Huntsville

Hosted by the Extension
Master Gardener Associations
of Limestone, Madison, and Morgan
Counties

Inspiring Speakers | Informative Topics

Creating Biodiversity Through Creative Gardening Concepts

Conference Objective: To provide new ideas garnered from tours, workshops, and speakers to enhance outreach activities throughout the state

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Doug Tallamy

Nationally known University of Delaware
professor of Entomology & Wildlife Ecology,
NY Times best-selling author and
co-founder of Homegrown National Park

Conference Topic:

HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK

Learn how we can make small changes that will
create diverse ecosystems in our yards &
communities by reducing lawns, planting native
plants, and removing harmful invasives.



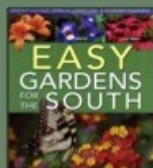
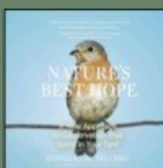
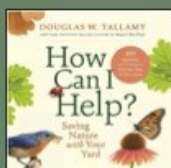
Harvey Cotten

Director Emeritus of the Alabama
Nurserymen's Association,
former COO and chief horticulturalist at
the Huntsville Botanical Garden & co-
author of *Easy Gardens for the South*

Conference Topic:

WHAT'S NEW in 2026:

MUST HAVES FOR YOUR GARDEN!



Jesse Akozbek

Creator & Hike
Lead for Feral
Foraging

Darryl Patton

The Southern
Herballist

Edward Pate

Grow More, Give
More: Galactic
Benefits for School
Gardens

Patrick
Thompson

Curator of oaks &
deciduous azaleas at
Davis Arboretum

Cindy Upton

NASA:
Gardening in
Space

RECIPE: Honey Peanut Pie Tassies **FROM THE KITCHEN OF: Sweet Grown Alabama Magazine**

MAKES: 18

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 refrigerated, rolled up pie crust dough
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons salted or unsalted butter
- 1/3 cup Sweet Grown Alabama honey
- 1 large Sweet Grown Alabama egg
- 3/4 cup lightly salted, unsalted or salted skinless Sweet Grown Alabama peanuts, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Place rolled up pie crust dough on counter (unwrapped).
2. While pie crust dough is standing at room temperature, make the filling.
3. Melt butter in microwave for 30 seconds.
4. Add egg and beat with a fork or wire whisk until egg white is frothy and butter is smooth.
5. Add honey and stir well.
6. Stir in chopped peanuts. Set aside.
7. Carefully unroll pie crust dough. Use a smooth cylinder shaped glass or rolling pin to smooth out any "wrinkles" and make the circle 12 inches wide. (It comes in 11½ inch circle.)
8. Cut out 16 rounds with a 2½ inch cookie or biscuit cutter.

9. Re-roll dough to cut out 2 more rounds. Using your fingertips or a tart tamper, gently press the dough to the bottom of a mini muffin pan. No need to grease the pan. (The tart tamper helps if you have long fingernails that tend to puncture the dough as you press on the bottom.) Don't press too hard into the pan to avoid the crust sticking.

10. Fill each tart shell with about 1 tablespoon of filling. Be sure to stir the mixture in the bowl occasionally because the peanuts rise to the top.

11. Bake on center rack of oven for 19 minutes or until the center of the filling is puffed and the crust is golden brown.

12. Remove pan from oven and immediately run a sharp knife around the outside edges of any tassie where filling has bubbled over.

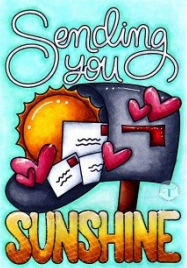
13. Enjoy!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 14 SCMG Meeting 10:00 AM
 Nov 22 Petals From the Past 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Christmas Open House
 Nov 22 Petals From the Past 1:00 PM—3:00 PM
Herbs for the Holidays: Gifts & Goodies
 Debbie Boutelier. Fee \$35 Advanced registration and payment required: [Register here](#)
 Dec 12 SCMG Meeting 10:00 AM—Annual "Dirty Gardener" gift exchange.
 Jan 17 Petals From the Past 10:30 AM—12:00 PM Dr. Powell

will discuss variety selection, care and maintenance of fruit plants such as blackberries, blueberries, bunch grapes, muscadines, and strawberries.
 12:00—Lunch (optional) \$20 Advanced registration and payment required. You may bring your own lunch or purchase one from Petals.
 12:30—Walking tour of Petals small fruit gardens
 You may register for this program and order your lunch [here](#).



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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12—Jessica Joslin
 15—Linda Clark
 16—Carol Beard
 22—Michael Cloyd

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 (this is our public page)

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



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

FRUITS AND NUTS—Select sites for plantings. Start mulching strawberries, blackberries, and grapes.

SHRUBS—Plant shrubs, trees, and vines.

LAWNS—Perform a soil test to determine if limestone is recommended and apply anytime this fall. 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—Get rose planting underway. Use a soil test as a basis for fertilization. Look for new varieties.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS—Plant hardy annuals such as larkspur, poppies, pansies, bugloss, candytuft, and ornamental cabbage and kale. Get sweet peas into the ground.

BULBS—Continue spring bulb planting. Put lilies of the valley in a shady place.

MISCELLANEOUS—Plant screen plantings for privacy on the patio.

VEGETABLES—Use cold frames for tender, cool-season vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Swiss chard, lettuce, mustard, onions, radishes, and turnips.

Shelby County Master Gardeners Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2025

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**ALABAMA MASTER GARDENERS 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, 2026. 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, 2025.**

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)

	Local Dues	State Dues
☐ Active Member	\$15.00	\$10.00
☐ Provisional Member (Interns)	No fee	No fee
☐ Lifetime Member	\$225.00	\$150.00
☐ Associate Member (Extension Employee)	No fee	No fee
☐ Honorary Member	No fee	No fee
☐ Past Due Fee (if received after Nov. 30th)	\$5.00	

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **SCMGA**
Mail check and membership form to:

**Sue Owen
350 Howard Hill Dr.
Wilsonville, AL 35186**