

# GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners Assoc.

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Meetings: Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10:00 AM  
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Can you believe how cool it was in May and then boom heat and rain!!! We should have had that rain in March and April, but I am thankful for it because my plants are loving it.

As June sets in, remember for those of you who are growing vegetables, any extra can go for GMGM, Grow More Give More 250 Pound Challenge. Go to [www.aces.edu](http://www.aces.edu) for logging in the pounds and donation sites. Also log under your volunteer hours page your time and pounds donated. That's right!!! Two places to log your pounds. One place for the challenge and the other on your Volunteer Hours page. Let's put Shelby County on the list of donors.

We will have another plant sale at Helena Market Days on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Remember to thin out your plants now instead of the day before.

See you at our next meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Bethany O'Rear from extension will be speaking on Pollinators and Pollinator Gardens.

*Elizabeth*



## This Month's Meeting Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Our speaker will be Bethany O'Rear,  
Extension Agent III, Blount County  
She will be speaking on Pollinators and  
Pollinator Gardens



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**SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION**  
Treasurer's Report for April 2026



<b>DEPOSITS:</b> (No Activity)	\$	0.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	\$	<b>0.00</b>
<b>CHECKS:</b> (No Activity)	\$	<b>(0.00)</b>
<b>TOTAL CHECKS</b>	\$	<b>(0.00)</b>
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	\$	7,602.74
Deposits	\$	0.00
Checks	\$	<b>0.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	\$	<b>7,602.74</b>

There was no SCMGA meeting in April,  
therefore, no minutes.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| <p>Jun 12—SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM</p> <p>Jun 13—Petals From the Past 10:30 AM <u>Blueberry Walking Tour</u>—with Dr. Arlie Powell</p> <p>Jun 13—Aldridge Gardens 6:00-9:00 PM <u>Hydrangeas Under the Stars</u>. Silent Auction begins at 6 PM in the Aldridge House. Dinner will be at 7 PM outside under the pavilion. For tickets &amp; more details about this year's event contact Katy Houston at (205)739-6555 or <a href="mailto:katy.houston@hooveralabama.gov">katy.houston@hooveralabama.gov</a></p> <p>Jun 20—Petals From the Past 7:00 AM—2:00 PM <u>Annual Greenhouse Sale</u>—All the plants in the greenhouse growing area are 50% off. Many of the plants in the retail area are also on sale including the pottery and many of the items in the gift shop.</p> <p>Jul 8—12:00—1:00 PM <u>National Resources Webinar Series—Landscaping with Alabama Native Plants</u><br/>There are many reasons to select for native</p> | <p>plants, including beauty, resilience, and ecosystem function. Join us to learn more about how to select native plants for your landscape needs. Register online at <a href="https://aces.edu/Natural-Resources-Webinar-Series-Landscaping-w-Alabama-native-Plants/">https://aces.edu/Natural-Resources-Webinar-Series-Landscaping-w-Alabama-native-Plants/</a></p> <p>Jul 10—SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM</p> <p>Aug 14—SCMGA Meeting 10:00</p> <p>Sep 11—SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM</p> <p>Oct 9—SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM</p> <p>Nov 13—SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM</p> <p>Dec 11—SCMGA Meeting 10:00 AM—<u>Annual Dirty Santa Potluck</u></p> |
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**CARDS SENT BY KAREN MIMS ON BEHALF OF SCMGA DURING APRIL**

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



**BIRTHDAY:**

- Jeannie Bubbett  
Jim Busbin  
Marilyn Donoho  
Joanne Holloway  
Carolyn Hudson  
David Langsdale

**THINKING OF YOU:**

**RECIPE:** Low Carb Parmesan Green Beans  
**FROM THE KITCHEN OF:** Brooke Burks, 2025 Sweet Grown Alabama Ambassador

**INGREDIENTS:**

- ½ cup Parmesan cheese grated
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 Tbls fresh minced garlic
- 2 Tbls avocado oil
- 1 pound fresh Sweet Grown Alabama green beans washed and trimmed

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. In a large bowl, combine green beans, avocado oil, garlic, salt and pepper.
2. Spread on parchment lined baking sheet in a single layer.
3. Bake for 15 minutes, remove from oven, stir and arrange in a single layer again.
4. Evenly sprinkle parmesan cheese over the top of beans and return to oven for 5 to 7 minutes more. Allow to cool slightly and serve warm.



Please send Karen Mims, Sunshine Committee Chair, information about members (or their family members) 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. Karen 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 Karen:

Email: [mimskaren@yahoo.com](mailto:mimskaren@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 205-664-2322



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

6/27—Karen Jensen



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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR JUNE

**FRUITS AND NUTS**—Layer grapes and continue spray programs. Thin apples and peaches if too thick.

**SHRUBS**—Lace bugs may be a problem on azaleas, pyracanthas, dogwoods, cherry laurels, and other shrubs. Water as needed. Fertilize now. Keep long shoots from developing by pinching out tips. Take cuttings from semi-mature wood for rooting.

**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. If dollar spot disease is detected, reduce water and fertilizer. 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). Planting may continue if soil is moist.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS**—Keep old flower heads removed to promote continued flowering. Plant garden mums if not already in. For compact mums, keep tips pinched out. Monitor for insects and diseases. Fertilize with water-soluble fertilizer for a mid-season boost.

**BULBS**—Foliage may be removed from spring bulbs if it has yellowed and is becoming dry. Watch for aphids and thrips on summer bulbs.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—If scale insects continue on shrubs, use materials other than oils. Set house plants on porch or outdoors in shade and pay close attention to the need for water. If desired, air layer house plants.

**VEGETABLE SEEDS**—Whole state: Continue plantings of beans, sweet corn, southern peas, melons, and okra.

**VEGETABLE TRANSPLANTS**—Whole state: Continue planting April transplant crops.

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