

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association

Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Friday at 10 a.m.
Shelby County Extension Office
Columbiana, Alabama

Alabama MGA: www.alabamamg.org
Alabama MG Program www.aces.edu/mg

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Pointers from the President...

It's January and the beginning of a new year! New beginnings are thrilling to most people and especially gardeners. The new year signals that we can start afresh, make new resolutions, and wipe the slate clean of old habits that need to be improved. What a wonderful thought.

Speaking of slates, our slate of new officers for 2013 is: Susan Seng, President; Mary K. Tomas, Vice-President; Beth Heerten, Secretary; and Angie Ballew, Treasurer. Karen Jensen has agreed to take over the position of Historian and Michele Hill has agreed to head the Hospitality Committee. We thank our officers and committee chairs whose term has ended and appreciate our new officers and chairs who have agreed to serve. Thank you all so much!

Mary K. Tomas, as Vice-President, will be planning our monthly meetings. If you have a suggestion for a topic or a speaker, please pass that along to her. Michelle Hill needs some volunteers to assist her with setting up and, especially, breaking down the room after each meeting. Please let her know if you can regularly assist with either task.

Your President,
Susan

THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th @ 10:00 AM (Shelby Co. Extension Center)

Happy New Year! With the 2013 seed catalogs arriving by mail daily, it's easy to get excited about planning our gardens. Let's remember to support healthy wildlife communities in our landscapes. With that in mind, our own tireless volunteer, Loyd Mehaffey (Class of 2011) will address the importance of early nectar sources for bees at our January meeting. Please bring any seed catalogs you are finished with to share with others. And to ring in the New Year, we will be drawing for a door prize!

~Mary K. Tomas



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

9th Annual GROUNDHOG DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, February 7th at 6:30 PM

Shelby County Extension Center

Pot Luck Dinner

Program To Be Announced

**Shelby County Master Gardeners Association
Minutes—December 14, 2012**

The December 2012 meeting was called to order by Regena Varvoutis, President, who welcomed everyone.

- Minutes from the November meeting & the most current Treasurer's report were published in the December Gab. Jane Keeton reported that Judy Blalock is doing better, though Judy is still unable to attend our meetings.
- Jeanon Massien, speaking for Cathy Canant, Membership, reminded everyone to get their volunteer hours into the system before the end of December. Also, yearly dues are due today.
- Jeanon reported that the next Advisory Council meeting will be January 7th and the agenda includes plans to adopt new SAP's (standard operating procedures).
- There were no other committee reports.
- Old Business consisted of voting on proposed amendments to the by-laws (refer to November Gab for more information). Trisha Williams made a motion that the proposed amendments be accepted. Dot Kachelhofer seconded the motion, which passed without opposition.
- Joe Keeton thanked the Nominating Committee for their service. He noted that all the nominees had agreed to serve and the nominees are: Susan Seng, President; Mary K. Tomas, Vice-President; Beth Heerten, Secretary, and Angie Ballew, Treasurer. This slate of officers was accepted unanimously. Joe then thanked Regena for serving as President for over two years and presented her with a generous gift certificate to Myer's Plants and Pottery.
- Program was "Dirty" Santa with many fun gifts being exchanged. Then, members enjoyed a delicious pot lunch.

Respectfully submitted

Regena Varvoutis



Gardeners! Play, Stay and "Jazz up Your Garden" at the 2013 AMGA Annual Conference in Florence, Alabama!

"Jazz Up Your Garden" is the theme for the 23rd Master Gardener State Conference to be held April 15-17, 2013, hosted by The Shoals Master Gardeners.

Our speakers are ready to jazz you up with new garden plans and ideas that will have you excited and ready to return home to work in your garden.

Hospitality at the Marriott Spa and Hotel Conference Center will have the red carpet rolled out and ready to welcome everyone from Gulf Shores to our master gardeners in the northern part of our state. We are also thrilled to offer a self-guided garden tour on Sunday the 14th of April. Maps to local gardens allow you to drive and view gardens at your leisure.

To learn more, go to: <http://www.amgaconference.org/>



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2—LaVerne Martin
5—Ginny Whitaker
7—Tom Harris & Jan McKinnon
9—Jeanon Massien
10—Jan Rogers
12—Heidee Vansant
13—Sandra Jones
14—Don Driggers
22—Michelle Hill
24—Heidi Mueninghoff
26—Judy Bynum
27—Becky Cox-Rodgers
29—Linda Woodrow

ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

FRUITS & NUTS - Set out apples, peaches, pears, and grapes. Start grafting pecans. Prune dormant trees.

SHRUBS - Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrow-leaf, and deciduous. Graft camellias in South Alabama. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.

LAWNS - Soil test before setting up fertility program.

ROSES - Visit nurseries and garden centers to select varieties. Start planting.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS - Plant hardy annuals.

BULBS - Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.

MISCELLANEOUS - Prune winter-damaged limbs. Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely, Cut them back lightly and keep in a temperature of 55 to 60 °.

VEGETABLE SEED - Plant hardy vegetables, root crops, roots, and tubers in southern-most areas. Plant lettuce, cabbage, and broccoli in cold-frames.

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report as of 12-31-2012 ~ by Judy Blalock \$\$\$\$\$\$

BALANCE SHEET		INCOME STATEMENT		
Assets		Receipts	Dec	Year to Date
Checking Account	3,211.47	Memberships	418.00	1,781.00
MG Clothing	<u>463.06 ***</u>	Ground Hog Day Dinner	0.00	775.00
Total Assets	3,674.53	Round-Up Dinner	0.00	462.00
Liabilities		Field Trip	0.00	1,782.00
Clothing Deposits	0.00	Shelby Co. Fair	0.00	200.00
State Dues Payable	<u>0.00</u>	Donations	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	0.00	Total receipts	418.00	5,000.00
Capital		Expenses		
Begin of Year	3,646.65	State dues	170.00	700.00
Net receipts YTD	<u>27.88</u>	Ground Hog Dinner	0.00	671.17
Total Capital	3,674.53	Round-Up Dinner	0.00	410.58
Total Liabilities & Capital		Stamps, Cards		
	3,674.53	& Admin Supplies	0.00	196.37
		Honorarium & Gifts	0.00	190.00
		Decorations	0.00	0.00
		Field Trip	0.00	1,780.00
		AMGA Scholarship	0.00	1,000.00
		Badges & Stars	<u>0.00</u>	<u>24.00</u>
		Total Expenses	170.00	4,972.12
		Net Receipts	248.00	27.88

*** MG apparel on hand had not been accounted for and should be shown as an asset. Therefore, a one-time adjustment to capital was made, since it was purchased in previous years.



**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association
Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2012–2013**



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**ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Dear Master Gardener:

The Alabama master Gardener Association (AMGA) Board of Directors has set \$10.00 as the annual membership dues for January 1 – December 31, 2013. 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 receiving the Garden Pathways newsletter, please complete this application and give it, along with your dues, to your local association Treasurer by December 14, 2012.

Association Name: **Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association**

Name: _____ Office _____

Address: _____

Phone #'s: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

State and Local Newsletters will be delivered online. County of Residence _____

Birthday Month _____ Day _____

Class Information: County of Training: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

In case of Emergency Call: _____ Phone # _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (Check one)

	Local Dues	State Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Member	\$ 12.00	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Member (Interns)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member	\$240.00	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (Extension Employee)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member	No fee	No fee

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE ONE CHECK PAYABLE TO "SCMGA" AND MAIL TO:

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% Judy Blalock
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