

GARDENERS' GAB



Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association

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

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Alabama MG Program: www.aces.edu/mg

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Thoughts from the President...

I am looking forward to a great year with the Shelby County Master Gardeners.

I do believe we have received some great input for this year's programs and hope for lots of participation from everyone. Remember what we first put on our application for wanting to be a Master Gardener? I sure do, and I want us all to work together to make this year a great and meaningful year and make others want to come and join our group of helpful and knowledgeable volunteers.

Be sure and turn in your nominations for Project and Master Gardener of the Year.

Don't forget to register for AMGA Annual Conference, May 12-14, 2016 in Dothan, AL.

Thanks to all and hope to see everyone at the February 12th meeting, it's sure to be lots of fun!

Your President,

Rita Forrest

This Month's Meeting—Friday, February 12 @ 10:00 am

—Make and Plant Your Own Mini Greenhouse—



Please bring a clear plastic milk or water gallon or half gallon jug. Bring scissors or knife for cutting the jug. I will bring tape and seeds (you may also bring your own). You will be amazed how fast the seeds come up and grow. They will be ready to transplant into pots or your garden this spring after the danger of frost has passed. I'm looking forward to planting with you. If you don't have a jug we will have extras and plenty of soil. Happy Gardening! Edith

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SAVE THE DATE

Next Month's Meeting—Friday, March 11

Program & Presenter—To Be Announced

SCMGA Meeting Minutes – 8 January 2016

- Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Forrest.
- **Installation of 2016 Officers of Association**—Susan Seng, Chairperson of Nominating Committee, announced Officers per election by members at December, 2015 Business Meeting as follows:
 - President Rita Forrest
 - Vice President Edith Johnston
 - Secretary Randall Robertson
 - Treasurer Myra Healey
 - Parliamentarian Paul Saeger
 Officers then took Oath of Office, administered by Susan Seng, for their upcoming term.
- **Approval of Minutes** of December 2015 meeting, as published in *Gardeners' Gab*, by voice vote of membership.
- **Announcement of Committees**
 - In accordance with the Association By-laws, the following committees and chairpersons were announced:
 - Nominating Karen Jensen
 - Project Service Beth Glasgow
 - Audit Merle Schukoske
 - Sunshine Pat Hare
 - Communications Jan Rogers
 - MG Intern Jeanon Massien
 - Programs Beth Glasgow
 - Newsletter Heidee Vansant
 - Historian Diane McKinnon
 - AMGA Advisory Council Susan Seng
 Additional committees, should they be needed, may be established and dissolved at the direction of the President, SCMGA.
- **Communications/announcements:** Announcements will be sent out by Jan Rogers on an "as needed" basis. All others will be submitted at meetings or compiled prior to meetings. This will facilitate brief and orderly meeting times.
- **Old Business:** None pending
- **New Business:**
 1. Charity Battles and Adeline Quintana, Extension Coordinators for 4H in Shelby County, requested volunteers for judging support for 4H contests to be held January 26th, 2016. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those interested in providing that support. Ms. Battles also noted a Junior Master Gardener program was in planning and asked that we consider volunteering to support this effort, though dates and times are not final at this time.
 2. Nelson Wynn, Extension Service Coordinator for Master Gardeners, announced the 2nd week of August for the beginning of the 2017 Master Gardener Intern Class. Be encouraging those folks you know and meet to contact Nelson and get into the Program of instruction. Nelson also suggested one could find motivation and opportunity to stay involved with your community by reading in the Alabama Gardener magazine a section known as "Digging in the Dirt/Cultivated Ground". Don't subscribe? Fire up that computer and type http://statebystategardening.com/al/blog_02_summary/volunteer_a_garden_needs_you/ . Especially if you haven't gotten your hours for the years' service or aren't sure where you'll find them, this can give you the boost to 'get out there'!
 3. Kate Vogel reported May 21st is Cahaba Lily Day. Save the date and start making your plans to visit a location with the unique treasure of our river. I'll get a better verbal map in subsequent documents, OR you could come to the Association meetings at the Extension office the second Friday each month and talk to Kate yourself.
 4. New Year, New President, New ideas? Edith Johnston suggested now is the time to start thinking of what would excite you in working with all your friends and associates with talent and interest in growing. All the collective talent we have, how can we bring it to benefit our community and ourselves? While you are on that computer, stop by www.scmastergardeners.com , or Shelby County Master Gardeners on Facebook, or hook up your camera and send some of those great photos you've taken of your projects and share them us all; scmgaphotos@gmail.com. Your Historian thanks you in advance.
- Blessings for the meal asked by Brenda Fitzgerald before President Forrest adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Randall C. Robertson, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 01/20/2016 Submitted by Myra Healy, Treasurer

Check/Deposit	For	Balance
	Beginning Balance	\$2,894.07
(540.00)	AMGA for dues	
110.00	Deposits	
	Ending Balance	\$2,464.07

Beginning with February meeting:

All announcements and requests for volunteer opportunities are to be submitted to me, Rita Forrest, ritabe@bellsouth.net, prior to the monthly meetings.

To ensure we have more program time (and more social and eating time), we have decided it's best if all such information be put in the agenda. Items will be listed, but not discussed. You will have the information to respond if interested. If you have sign-up sheets, place them at the door beside the meeting attendance sign-in sheet.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS GARDEN-RELATED CLASSES & EVENTS IN OUR AREA!

Please visit these websites to check out classes and events you may be interested in attending:



ALDRIDGE GARDENS
BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS
HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
PETALS FROM THE PAST
SHELBY CO. MASTER GARDENERS

www.aldridgegardens.com/education/events/
www.bbgardens.org/all-events.php
www.hooverlibrary.org/events/calendar/
www.petalsfromthepast.com/events.html
www.scmastergardeners.com/events/

2016 ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

Wiregrass Master Gardeners and the AMGA Board of Directors are working to provide an Educational and entertaining experience for attendees.

Mark May 12–14, 2016 in your

calendar, and come back to our website often to check for updates on our speakers and agenda. If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor, Vendor, Donor, or Advertiser please check our website access our conference package webpage.

<http://alabamamg.org/2016-alabama-master-gardener-conference-sculpting-the-garden/>

AMGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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the GARDEN



2017 International Master Gardener Conference "Follow the Oregon Trail to Great Gardening"

In 2017, the Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener Program and the Oregon Master Gardener Association will host the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, OR, July 10-14, 2017, with support from many generous sponsors and friends. Find more info on Facebook or at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

If you attended these 2015 SCMGA meeting/tours, DON'T FORGET TO LOG your CEU hours:

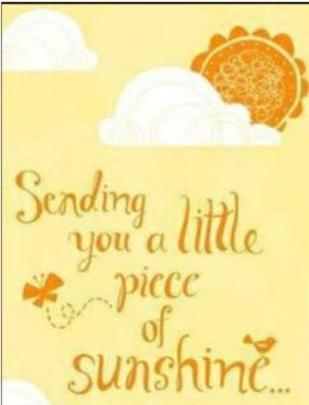
January 9: Dale Dickens (Urban Forestry)—1.0 CEU
February 13: Spring Foraging of Honeybees—1.0 CEU
March 13: GMO's—1.0 CEU
April 14: Bonnie Plant Tour—2.5 CEU's
April 17: Joyce Darby (Organics)—1.0 CEU
May 8: Plant Swap—No CEU's

June 12: Keep Oak Mountain Wild—1.0 CEU
July 10: Tomato Taste Test—1.0 CEU
August 14: Identifying Invasive Plants—1.0 CEU
September 11: Edible Landscaping—1.0 CEU
October 9: Byron Ford Techie Talk—1.0 CEU
November 13: Hunter McBryer—1.0 CEU



Alabama Master Gardener front tag plates available. Cost is \$20.
\$10 goes to Extension for agents' use and \$10 goes to the AMGA Endowment.
Contact me if interested in purchasing. Jeanon Massien ~ Nauzer1@att.net

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Please send Pat Hare, Sunshine Committee Chair, information about members (or their relatives) who are sick, 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. Pat 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 Pat:

Email: pat.hare@outlook.com
Phone: 205-621-3848



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1—Joyce Bulford | 19—Teresa Boody |
| 5—Sherry Hornbuckle | 21—Myra Healy |
| 6—Sherry Ellis | 23—Pat Hare |
| 6—Dot Kachelhofer | 26—Merle Schukoske |
| 9—Sundra Smith | 26—Sheila Sztanyo |

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SCMGA Members,
I'm so sorry to inform you of the passing of our dear friend and SCMGA member Helen Titus on January 28, 2016. I loved Helen because she was such a sweet person and I admired her because she was an amazing woman. It was an honor for some of us to help out in her garden a couple of years ago as she was even then fighting cancer. I included a few photos from that day. For those of you who were there – do you remember how she took us to every plant and told us its name and history? Do you remember her climbing down that stubby hill to tell us her future plans for her garden, ever dreaming of bigger things? She was a GARDENER and she was AMAZING and she will be missed! Rest in Peace, Helen Titus—SCMG—Class of 2010.
~Jan Rogers



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It's time for us to honor those among us that have done outstanding work this year. Please take a minute to nominate one of your fellow master gardeners for **SCMGA Master Gardener of the Year** and also **SCMGA Project of the Year**. Nominations are due by February 12, 2016. If you need submission forms or have any questions, please contact Deborah Kattus at dkattus@charter.net.

We still need a few volunteers to help out with some committee positions:

- Hospitality—Help Michele set up and take down before and after monthly meetings.
- Website—Someone to assist with entering pictures and events
- Historian—Someone to take photos and assist Diane

Let me know if you are interested, you will get to count volunteer hours for these positions.

Thanks,
Rita Forrest
ritabe@bellsouth.net



I am the chairperson of the Aldridge Gardens Spring Plant Sale May 5 – 7 so I'll be looking for volunteers with setup and sales. We will start potting plant cuttings in February and March on Tuesday mornings (email me if you want to be on that email list). **I also need PASS ALONG cuttings/donations for our sale.** I'll pick up and even dig if needed.

Thanks,
Jan Rogers—SCMGA/Communication Chair
205.307.9733 ~or~ janrogers@charter.net

Susan Seng (L)
installs SCMGA
2016 Officers.

L to R:
Rita Forrest
President

Edith Johnston
Vice-President

Randall Robertson
Secretary

Myra Healy
Treasurer

Paul Saeger
Parliamentarian



SCMGA members Beth Glasgow (L) and Barbara Williams (R) recently volunteered to judge the 4-H Photography contest and the 4-H Quilting and Clothing contests as well.



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ALABAMA GARDENER'S CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

FRUITS AND NUTS - Planting season continues for dormant trees. Fertilize fruit trees. Apply half of the fertilizer recommended for grapes now; apply the other half soon after fruit sets. Continue dormant pruning and grafting. Start strawberry plantings.

SHRUBS -Planting season continues. Visit camellia shows to learn of hardy varieties in your area. Graft camellias in Central and South Alabama. Spray all shrubs with a fungicide before new growth starts. Good time to prune all shrubs before new growth starts. Don't prune early-blooming species because flower buds will be removed.

ROSES - Prune hybrid tea roses in South Alabama; delay pruning for a few weeks in North Alabama. Continue planting.

ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS - Replant early plantings of hardy annuals. Prepare beds for summer annuals.

BULBS - Plant cannas, amaryllis, gladiolus, and zephyranthes in South Alabama; delay planting for a few weeks in North Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS - Houseplants are beginning to show signs of activity. Fertilize with liquid or soluble fertilizer according to manufacturer's directions. Remember Valentine's Day - why not send roses or a potted plant?

VEGETABLE SEED - Plant some vegetables listed for January in Central Alabama plus collards, salsify, and Swiss chard. Add tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts to cold frames.

VEGETABLE PLANTS - Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts.

Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2016 (Committee Chair Appointments Pending)

President	Rita Forrest	620-1167	ritabe@bellsouth.net
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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, 2016. 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 the Garden Pathways newsletter, please complete this application and give it, along with your dues, to your local association Treasurer by December 11, 2015.

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 CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:
Shelby Co. Master Gardeners' Assoc.
% Myra Healy
2674 Spring Creek Rd
Montevallo, AL 35115