

## Club Activities

- ☞ Spring and fall club plant sales have provided over 6,000 reasonably priced plants for the Spartanburg area since 1979. These sales create income for club projects.
- ☞ A program of propagating plants contributes to community beautification efforts and the conservation of native plants.
- ☞ A wide-ranging program of speakers at membership meetings include subjects such as sustainable gardening, irrigation, pest management and Clemson extension services.
- ☞ Club volunteers keep Spartanburg “green and clean” by collecting litter along two miles of Pine Street as part of the “Adopt a-Highway” program.
- ☞ SMGC is a supporter of Spartanburg Community College’s (SCC) horticultural program. This includes creating the Don Crowder Book Fund for horticultural students at the college.
- ☞ The club is a sponsor of SCC’s “Arboretum Adventures,” which members also support by their participation.
- ☞ An annual membership picnic is held at SCC’s Arboretum next to the club’s large plant nursery. Members demonstrate their talents in the kitchen as well as in the garden.



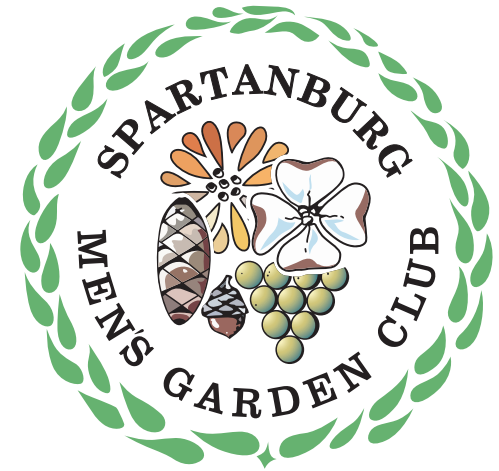
*Volunteers help prune the young trees that were planted on I-85 in conjunction with the DOT and Henry Pittman’s expert oversight.*

Meetings are held every third Monday of the month, except December, at 7:00 pm in the Community Room in the Health Sciences Building on the campus of Spartanburg Community College.

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*With Covid winding down, more people turned out to purchase plants in 2022.*



1948 **75<sup>th</sup>** 2023  
**Anniversary**

**Spartanburg  
Men’s Garden Club**



*Mark Carlson and Don Crowder take cuttings of plants that will provide future sales for the Club.*

The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club was formed in 1948 and has grown to be a leading force for beautification and the greening of Spartanburg. The club welcomes men, women, and corporate members interested in horticulture.

2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club. The theme "Green and Clean: Making Spartanburg Better for 75 Years" reflects the mission to enhance the quality of life for all people in Spartanburg and for future generations.

Throughout its 75 years, the club has planted over 5,000 trees, assisted in city-wide beautification projects, become a member of Adopt-a-Highway and supplied volunteers for litter pickups, offered classes to the public, and has held a bi-yearly tree and shrub sale. Hatcher Garden has enjoyed a partnership

with members of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club since the 1970s. In its early stages, Harold Hatcher worked alongside club members and other organizations to establish trails, build a series of ponds, plant trees, and enhance the once-eroded land in Harold's back yard. Throughout the years, the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club has also contributed to capital improvements at Hatcher Garden such as the Jess Taylor Pavilion, the John Nevison Amphitheater, as well as a stone memorial for Harold.

In 2009, the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club moved to its present location in the Horticultural Gardens of Spartanburg Community College. The Club is grateful for the support of the staff and faculty and has established a book fund for horticultural students at SCC.



*Volunteers for the Club prepare to tackle a two mile section of Pine Street in Spartanburg to help keep the city "green and clean".*



*The fall picnic, usually a pot luck dinner in September, always brings out a large number of the membership for amazing home-cooked dishes.*