

January 8, 1982

# 1982 GREETINGS .... & NEWS

First: This is your invoice on 1982 membership dues. Please fill in and tear off the form at the bottom of the next page and mail promptly.

**Second:** Help us to a good start in 1982 by attending the JANUARY MEETING, Monday the 18th at 7:30 PM, Advent and Kennedy Streets. Topic: "Organic Gardening" by Gary Ward of Piedmont Organic Gardners.

Third: Spartanburg Men's Garden Club is in the midst of an extensive distribution and planting of young flowering trees. At the request of the city's Sesquentennial Committee and the city's Beautification Committee MGC acquired, bagged and distributed 2880 crapemyrtles, dogwoods and pines at 3 trees for \$1.00 during December.

MGC purchased from the state forestry commission 5000 dogwoods grown from seeds our members collected and delivered to the commission two years ago. 2000 of these were distributed in December without cost to the seven school districts in the county; to the town governments of Chesnee, Inman, Landrum, Lyman, two Pacolets, and to various garden clubs and neighborhood associations. The remainder of the order will be distributed without cost to these and other non-profit organizations for community beautification in the next two months.

The Spartanburg Beautification Committee, the Women's Garden Club Council and Men's Garden Club cooperated on more extensive Arbor Day plantings in December than in previous years. This was in support of the city's application for designation as a TREE CITY, USA. Forty-four Bradford Pears, Southern Magnolias, Redbuds, Pink and White Dogwoods were planted by a couple dozen garden club volunteers with help from the Park Department at the Union Street entrance to Duncan Park. This was the largest planting to date from the city's TREE BANK.

This is our first winter-spring season for moving ornamental trees from the Tree Bank to their permanent locations on streets and other public property. The Park Department does the digging mechanically. MGC volunteers assist with the plantings.

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1982 CALENDERS published by Men's Garden Clubs of America will be available at the January meeting. The price \$2.00.

THE COLOR SLIDES ON FLOWERS which were shown at the November meeting were outstanding and much appreciated by those in attendance.

CAROLINA GARDEN GUIDE by W. O. Ezell has just been reprinted and made available to Men's Garden Club for distribution. This twelve page booklet contains practical information on numerous gardening subjects. They will be available at the January meeting.

What a year for Pecans in 1981!

ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT until time to plant your English peas.

To: Clayton Brown, Treasurer, 110 Whither Ave., Spartanburg, South Carolina, 29301
Attached are my 1982 Membership Dues:( )\$5 local only;
( )\$15 local and national including subscription to the GARDNER Magazine. I will ( ), will not ( ) be able to volunteer some time for projects.

Name	
Address _	



February 10,1982

### IN MEMORY OF CHARLES M. HART

Our Garden Club has been saddened by the death of Charles Hart January 18 at age 75. He served as our President in 1980 and 1981. The local newspaper obituary cited his many interests and activities in an illustrious career.

Garden Club friends have a wealth of pleasant memories of our association and acquaintanceship with him. In the nineteen twenties, during his High School and College years (Wofford) he started his commercial career. He acquired his first car and operated it as a Taxi. After graduation he took a job in food distribution, covering the Western Carolinas. Driving to Asheville in those days took him along roads that followed the streams through the mountains and required many hours. His career in the food trade took him to different regions in the Eastern United States. And then into the growing Community Cash Stores. He retired from the position of Purchasing Agent for Community Cash.

His interest in people, his responsible attitude, and his ability were demonstrated by participation and leadership in church, school and community affairs.

In gardening, Charllie's and wife Grace's first interest was the culture of Camellias. Their home on Maple St. and their place on Lake Hartwell is heavily landscaped with many varieties. They recently propagated a new variety having petals in a swirl pattern rather than concentric circles. Should seeds or cuttings from this plant result in plants having this type flower a new variety will have been established.

We gratefully remember Charles Hart's participation in the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club.

# **FEBRUARY 15 MEETING**

Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Advent and Kennedy Streets.

Speaker: Mrs. Charles Ard (Dee)
Subject: "Pruning for Spring"

All members are urged to bring at least one new member or guest.

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# **Projects and Special Events**

Spring – Summer Flower Beds: 2500 plants are to be raised for four (4) beds this year. These are East Main, Converse Heights, Duncan Park and West Main. The plants will be Salvia, Marigolds, Annual Periwinkle. Water connections at three will be made available, W. Main is O.K. without. Bed tilling, wood borders, fumigation and herbicide treatment are planned. Planting is expected in April.

We salute Don McClure who is heading this program. He wants two or three gardeners for each bed for season-lomg care. Hurry if you can help. Clayton Brown will lead the Duncan Park care; Roy King the E. Main (Hillcrest) care.

Ralph Brock, of Piedmont Seed Co. has made a generous contribution of materials for the flower beds.

Daffodils Added to Duncan Park and Hillcrest Beds. Left over bulbs were donated by Piedmont Seed and planted by Don McClure and Art Justice.

5000 White Dogwood Distribution. This dispersal to Community projects and Schools in the County had progressed through 2000 by Christmas. Harold Hatcher and John Sabin brought the balance down from the Forestry Nursery on Feb. 6. The actual count is only 2800, so a rationing will be made on the unfilled orders for 5500.

Tree Banks. The remaining Bradford Pears and Pink & White Dogwoods have been planted by members on Ezell Blvd. and over 600 larger trees pruned by 8 members ready for moving soon.

#### Dates to Note:

City Beautification meeting Thursday, February 25 at 10:30.

Visit to Orchid Greenhouse, Newberry, S.C. Saturday April 24. GC members and wives.

# Annual Membership

Off to good start on 1982 sign-up. Over half have volunteered some time to MGC projects. The following are our first new 1982 members: Jake Scoggins, 784 Rutledge; Joseph B. Schertz, D.D.S., 107 Shannon Dr.; Robert M. Watson, D.D.S., 3 Juniper Ct.



March 12, 1982

# **MARCH 15th MEETING**

Monday, 7:30 P.M., Advent & Kennedy Streets

Speaker: Wayne Durham of Spartanburg Winemakers Club on "Wine Making at Home". Before recorded history, fermentation of sugars to alcohol was found to preserve fruit juices from further spoilage. Resulting wines were found to be safer beverages than contaminated waters. While it is a practical beverage in some cases it has its dangers if used to excess.

#### FLOWER BED PREPARATION UNDERWAY

Five members spent their Saturday afternoon transplanting 980 annual vinca plants that had been propagated under grow lights by member Don McClure. They will be in his coldframes until final planting in April.

Greenleaf Nursery is growing quantities of red Salvia and Marigolds for us to pick up after the beds have been boarded in and fumigated.

Club members caring for the four bed project this year under the chairmanship of Don McClure are:

Duncan Park	Converse	Ezell Blvd.	Hillcrest
Clayton Brown	Chet Wilga	Walt Soderberg	Roy King
Judson McCaleb	Karl Selden	Rick Gwinn	George Drummond
Bob Reynolds		Bill Clement	Dick Sherman
Everett Seixas		Harold Hatcher	

#### TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES SINCE FEBRUARY

Feb. 7-8	Nine members pruned and distributed 2800 dogwoods.
Feb. 13	Eight members set out 200 dogwoods around City Airport.
Feb 19	Three members planted 150 tulip poplar seedlings at Girl Scout Camp
Feb. 20	Nine members planted 60 dogwoods, 30 crapemyrtles and 6 eleagnus at three new county waste compactor stations. We landscaped the first such station last year.

Mar. 6 Five members moved 36 pink dogwoods from Tree Bank to line each side of entrance to City Airport.

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### COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HAS BIG MONTH

All deadlines have been met for Spartanburg County's first application for the Governor's Beautification Award. Action on application will be announced April 7th in Columbia. The entry was in the form of a 31 page Scrapbook of documentation which included 37 color photographs. Harold Hatcher and Stan Stull had primary responsibility for compiling the Scrapebook.

One part of the application was a contest in which 288 students in 22 Spartanburg County schools from all seven districts entered large posters on all aspects of beautification and environmental concerns. The four winners were from the following schools: Mayo Elementary, Jesse Boyd Elementary, L.E. Gable Middle School and Daniel Morgan Vocational High School. Each winner receives a \$50 Savings Bond. Three Beautification Committee members and the Men's Garden Club each provided one bond. The winning posters are being entered in the statewide contest in which 24 winners will receive 28 bonds, from Citizens and Southern Bank.

It is intended that some of the posters will be exhibited in public places as antilittering education.

# SPARTANBURG GAINS STATE & NATIONAL APPROVAL

For the first time Spartanburg has won a TREE CITY, U.S.A. designation from the South Carolina Forestry Commission and from the National Arbor Day Foundation. It was cited for having met the following four requirements:

- 1. An active tree program partially supported by public funds
- 2. A Tree Ordinance (adopted December 14, 1981)
- 3. An Arbor Day Proclamation and Planting.
- 4. A legally constituted City Tree Board. It consists of the Superintendent of Parks, the Chief of Planning, the Sanitation Superintendent, the Chief Inspector, a member of the Beautification Committee and a Public Utility representative.

PRELIMINARY DUES REPORT: 28 local dues only, and 41 with local and national dues received.

When we receive these small checks for dues each year we consider it a token of appreciation for what Men's Garden Club is trying to do for our community. They give us the encouragement we need.

THE NATIONAL MEN'S GARDEN CLUB has sent us an updated Red Book with helpful information and ideas for club programs and projects. Secretary Morris Chesney will share it, upon request.



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by John Nevison

APRIL MEETING, Monday the 19th at 7:30 at Church of the Advent Speaker: Harold Crutcher, past president of the Asheville's Men's Garden Club on "Mericloning" (a new technique of plant propagation)

**APRIL 18 GARDEN TOUR,** Sunday noon to 6:00 PM, sponsored by Garden Club Council and American Cancer Society, \$3.00 including refreshments. The six gardens are those of:

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Austell, III - 20 Montgomery Drive

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hatcher - 124 Briarwood Road

Mr. & Mrs. Bill L. Loundes - 1440 Thornwood Drive

Col. & Mrs. John Wills Moses - 764 Otis Boulevard

Dr. & Mrs. Harold Rubel - 478 Webber Road

Mr. & Mrs. John Staples - 1055 Otis Boulevard

**APRIL 24 VISIT TO ORCHID NURSERY IN NEWBERRY.** Sign up with Dr. Arthur Justice (573-9629) prior to the 9:00 AM departure. See an astounding variety of these exotic plants and blooms.

**APRIL 28 MEETING OF COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE,** Wednesday at 10:30 at new Human Resource Center on Kennedy

MAY 22 LANDSCAPE JUDGING of Spartanburg area businesses and institutions. Archie Lawson and Everett Seixas have assisted in preparing instructions and rating sheets for use by MGC judging teams. Plan to reserve 3 hours for this Saturday morning project. The more who participate the shorter the assignment.

**96 SPARTANS** have paid 1982 MGC dues. Wouldn't 200 by the end of the year be sweet!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBER CHARLES FROST** for graduating from the Master Gardener program of Clemson Extension Service. This was a 30 hour course and involved giving 20 hours of volunteer time in Extension related programs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COM-MITTEE for its important part in bringing to our county this month its first GOVERNOR'S BEAUTIFICATION AWARD and to our city its first TREE CITY, USA AWARD. Let's support them in their resolve to repeat the performance in the coming year.

**FLOWER BED PROGRAM CONTINUES ON SCHEDULE.** Three of them have been roto-tilled and framed. Next comes the soil fumigation and the setting out of plants.

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135 PINK AND WHITE DOGWOODS, JAPANESE CHERRIES, REDBUDS & SWEETGUMS were planted during the past months by 9 MGC members along W. O. Ezell Blvd., North Pine Street and at Girl Scout Camp. They were 'withdrawn' from the Tree Bank. Our Tree Bank Committee is reviewing city and county needs and interests to reccommend input-output schedules for future Tree Bank operations. All club members are encouraged to observe and suggest areas that can benefit from tree plantings or flower beds. Getting them on our project list is the first step toward activating them later.

**B-R-R-R.** In the last three weeks we've had three nights of killing frosts. We'll have to repeat a number of early plantings with any left-over seeds. However, we transplanted northerners appreciate missing out on the heavy snows. -- John Nevison

### SPARTANBURG WINS THREE STATE AWARDS

In recent years Spartanburg was not in the winner's circle at the Annual Governor's Beautification conference. Last year we broke the ice with one mid-level award. On April 7th of this year we garnered two top level and one mid level awards. Chesterfield was the only county in the state to equal this record. Cherokee was the only other county in this section of the state to win a Governor's Beautification Award.

The Spartanburg program was coordinated by a county-wide committee of 34 members under the chairmanship of Mayor Dever Little of Landrum and in cooperation with Clemson Extension Service. The distribution and planting of over 5000 dogwood trees last winter was a part of that program.

The City of Spartanburg and Charleston were added to the list of five South Carolina cities who have qualified for the designation of **TREE CITY**, **USA**. Catherine Wooten, a 5th grader at Jesse Boyd School was the winner of a \$50.00 Savings Bond from C & S Bank in a statewide Beautification Poster Contest.

Sixteen persons from our county including three MGC board members attended this year's awards program in Columbia.



May 14, 1982

**MAY 17 MEETING** 

7:30 P.M.

Church of the Advent

Advent and Kennedy Streets

Subject: Environment Impact Assessment

Speaker: Dr. Gibbs Patton, Professor of Botany, Wofford College

Community and country growth impacts our environment. Housing, road, factory, and office construction impose other changes that require evaluation. The purpose is to maintain a best quality of life. Bring friends and new members.

Spartanburg County Beautification Committee announces the following Officers for 1982-1983:

Chairman: Dever Little, Mayor of Landrum

Vice Chairman: Gilbert Hibbard, Mayor of Inman

Secretary: Stanley Stull, Spartanburg

The By-Laws adopted at its April meeting states its objective will be "to serve as a coordinating and advisory group for County - wide anti-litter, beautification and Community improvement efforts." The committee operates in close cooperation with Clemson Extension Service.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LANDSCAPE AWARDS to Area Businesses and Institutions. Mens' Garden Club members--forty are needed--will do the ratings Saturday morning, May 22. Assemble at the Chamber of Commerce building 8:30 A.M. and finish before noon. Instruction sheet and rating forms will be available then and at our May meeting. If Chairman Archie Lawson has not called you, you call him and join the rating team (tel. no. 578-0627).

IRIS bed at Union St. entrance to Duncan Park has been in glorious color this month. Do have a look at it! The Reverend Lineberger of Inman is a bearded Iris hobbyist and supplied the rhisomes.

#### IN MEMORY OF DURWARD R. THAYER

Club members were grieved to read of his death, Monday, May 3. He had a deep interest and great skill in horticulture. He knew how to meet the exacting demands of hybrid rhododendrons. Durward was a willing participant in club projects and will be remembered for this and his good fellowship.

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### Flower Beds for this Summer

Appriximately 3000 annuals--Vinca, Marigolds and Salvia have gone into flower beds at the following locations the week end of May 8-9:

Mills and E. Main; Duncan Park at Union St. (four beds); Hillcrest Blvd. and E. Main; W.O. Ezell Blvd. at Briarwood; Connecticut and Woodburn.

Don McClure's Annual Vinca crop took some cold weather losses, but produced about 450 healthy plants. These were supplemented by about 940 marigold and 1540 Salvia plants grown by the Green Leaf Nursery Inc.

Carl Selden aided by Converse Heights Association members John Holmes and Leland Bomar installed a railroad tie boarder for the Mill's St. bed. Another Association member, Mrs. Dwight (Lynn) Hood who handled the beautiful Spring flowers at Connecticut and Woodburn is now adding these Summer flowers to this pair of beds.

At W.O. Ezell Blvd. Harold Hatcher's troop planted an extended length bed that may win first place for its length and eye catching appeal.

The two new L shaped beds at Duncan Park were planted by Clayton Brown's team. The plant supply was adequate to reactivate two round beds.

At the Hillcrest Blvd. bed, Roy King's team added the annuals among the bulbs that did show so well this Spring.

A big "Well Done" to Chairman Don McClure and the many members who have brought this project along so far.

National: Mens' Garden Clubs of America Inc. are celebrating their Golden anniversary at their Annual Meeting this Summer. Toledo, Ohio is the meeting city. The Date is August 8 to 11.

Membership: The number is now 104, with 56 on the National roster. This is a bit ahead of this time last year. Can we keep it growing?



### **GARDENING AND BEAUTIFICATION**

June 17, 1982

(Please note this is a June-July issue, please pin to your calendar.)

**JUNE 21 MEETING** 

7:30 P.M.

The Arthur Justice residence.

102 Sherbourne Drive

Pine Forest (Hillcrest)

Members, wives and friends are invited to see the plantings in the Justice yard. Eighteen varieties of day lillies are featured. Please bring your folding yard chairs, and car - pool where practical.

Directions: Coming out from town, turn right at Hillcrest onto Fernwood-Glendale, go about 1 + / - mile to the Shrine Club on your left, turn right opposite the Shrine Club into Pine Forest, next take the first right then the first left onto Sherbourne Drive. The Justice house is the second on the right. Parking will be in the street away from the front of their house. The rain date will be the following evening, June 22.

You can't miss their house, day lillies from curbside to house.

**JULY 19 MEETING** 

7:30 P.M.

Church of the Advent

Advent and Kennedy Streets.

We anticipate having a talk on Roses by a guest speaker from Greenville.

Plan to bring a few blooms from your plants and we will distribute them as door prizes.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LANDSCAPE AWARDS to Area Businesses and Institutions will be made at the YMCA Thursday, June 24, at 4:00 P.M. You are invited to attend.

Archie Lawson, Chairman of our Landscaping and Beautification juding Committee and the Chamber of Commerce want to thank these members who participated in the judging: Soderberg, Doherty, Chesney, R. Moore, Laffin, Gwinn, Hatcher, Sabin, Brown, Prince, Scott, Cunningham, Marshall, Hooper, W. Goodwin, D. Goodwin, King, Stull, Whitlock, Seixas, McCaleb, Nevison, Shertz, P. Moore, Georgian, Moorhead, Kennemur, J. Foster, Morgan, and Reynolds.

The judging rating sheets were reviewed and the recipients of the "Excellent" and "Good" certificates determined by the committee of Lawson, Chesney, Seixas and Nevison.

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CITY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE has elected Sidney Moorhead, one of our directors, and Gene French, Sidney's daughter and a leader in the Lady Slipper Garden Club (District 6), Co-chairpersons for 1982-1983. We extend our congratulations to these two and shall give them support as best as we can.

On Wednesday, June 23, 10:30 A.M. at Evans Resource Building there will be a joint meeting of the City and County Beautification Committees. An objective will be choosing projects which will contribute toward qualifying the County for another Governor's award next Spring. The fourth Wednesday in the month is the City Committee's regular meeting time. Bi-monthly, the two committees will meet together.

Together these committees consititute a good communications channel for such projects as our tree distribution last winter. Interested persons are invited to participate in the June 23 meeting.

#### **SUMMER FLOWER BEDS ARE BLOOMING!**

The many members and friends who have helped get the several flower beds started are being rewarded by their blooms. As the summer progresses, we will recognize all of these participants.

But one set back has been the occassional flooding of the bed at Briarwood and W.O. Ezell Blvd. We are thankful for plenty of Spring rain after two dry seasons, but their timing finished the salvia planting. Walt Soderberg has have some plants in reserve and with Harold Hatcher replanted this bed.

#### TREE BANKS

Our wet weather these past few weeks has delayed the planned mulching of the trees in bank #2 (Fairforest). However, the approximate 2000 trees were fertilized. Further care will depend upon developments.



**AUGUST 12, 1982** 

August 16 Meeting: 7:30 P.M. Kennedy and Advent Streets

Program: Charles Gray, Associate County Agent, will take on the answering end of our own "Question and Answer" session. Bring your problems and questions about garden, yard and plants. Also bring and share any plant, produce, or flower exhibits of note.

Friends and guests are welcome.

### A Salute to our June hosts and our July Speakers!

Our June 21 visit to the home of Arthur and Kate Justice was very delightful. A prepared description stated their objectives and the schedules they have followed in achieving a beautiful yard, extensive flower beds, and a modest vegetable garden over the four years they have been in their new home.

At our July 19 meeting Ralph Vie and wife Polly came over from Greenville to tell us of their practices in raising prize roses. Dr. Gill Hooper brought two large bouquets to the meeting; one an assortment of rose blooms, the other mixed flowers from his garden. These, along with some Hatcher-Soderburg tomatoes went as door prizes.

#### **Election of Officers 1983**

A nominating committee of Everett Seixas, Bob Reynolds and Gil Hooper has been asked to prepare a slate of nominees for club offices for presentation at our Sept. meeting.

### Looking Ahead:

**Sat. Sept. 18--**Tenth Annual Rose Show at Westgate Mall. Chairman Bob Reynolds will be looking for membership help in setting up the show, following the judges to place the award ribbons, counting the observers, catching new members, and selling the blooms toward show's end.

Mon. Sept. 20, Oct. 17, and Nov.15--Regular Meetings, see following bulletins. Open date, Oct.--Blue Ridge Regional meeting in Spartanburg. Sat. Nov. 13--Tentative date, Fall Tree Sale, limited, about 1500 treelets. This is a marked change from our normal Spring Sale! This date gives the trees a better survival prospect (little Dogwood and Crepe Myrtle). We urge each of you to talk this up in your neighborhood.

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This would help overcome lesser interest in Fall planting as compared to Spring planting.

### Improving our Environment-A Plea For a Forward Step

Let's consider the plight of a gardener who enjoys a water lily and fish pond or a reflecting pool. Then rains come bringing surface drainage polluted by waste motor oil. Then the film of oil on the garden pond not only blots out the sight of fish and surface reflections but threatens to kill all aquatic life.

This experience prompts a little research with the following findings:

- 1. The S. C. Appalachian Council of Governments (six counties of N.W. S.C. is urging local governments to set up collection programs to recycle this leading water pollutant into use as heating oil.
- 2. Since motor oil now costs \$3.00 to \$5.00 per gallon, it is estimated 45 per cent of upstate S.C. car owners are changing their own oil and throwing away as much as 700,000 gallons per year. (down storm sewers, sanitary sewers, in vacant lots, into trash cans, etc.)
- 3. One pint of oil can produce a one acre slick on water that will endanger aquatic life. One part per million causes odor and taste in drinking water.
- 4. Officials of Spartanburg City and County have been urged to install suitable tanks at the six solid waste compactor stations and at four city fire stations where citizens can bring waste oil. Costs can be negligible, and waste oil used to reduce fuel expense.

Organization and media support is needed to influence car owners and garage people to so dispose of used or waste oil.

This is a project of the city and County Beautification Committees which would be a credit toward achieving another Governor's award for the County.

#### **Bits and Pieces**

Rick Gwinn and family are moving to Charleston this month. We wish him God speed in his new business assignment.



September 17, 1982

**SEPTEMBER MEETING**, next Monday the 20th at Kennedy & Advent Sts. Members Charles Frost, Archie Lawson and Henry Pittman will report on some new garden methods and results.

TENTH ANNUAL ROSE SHOW, Saturday September 18th at Westgate Mall.

ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING of Men's Garden Clubs Saturday October 30th in Spartanburg at Camp Mary Elizabeth (Girl Scout Camp).

MR. & MRS. ARDEN CAMP represented the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club at the National Convention in Toledo, Ohio in August and found the program and garden tours very interesting.

OUR CLUB HAS HUNDREDS OF YOUNG FLOWERING TREES to dig, bag, sell and help plant this fall and winter. We will be calling on our members to volunteer some time for this beautification project.

#### MGC MEMBERS REPORT ON THEIR 1982 GARDENS

HANS BENDER: I recommend ruby-tipped lettuce for looks and flavor. CLAYTON BROWN: I was pleased with my first experience with fumigating annual flower beds for weed control.

WILLIAM CLEMENT: The rainy season taught me the importance of good drainage in the garden and the dangers of too much nitrogen fertilizer.

FRANK CUNNINGHAM: John Sabin and I learned how fast potatoes will rot in wet soil. The Jerusalem artichockes and rhubarb I planted this year is off to a good start.

GERHARDT DOBSLAW: The March freeze killed a number of my February pruned rose bushes. With good equipment for spraying, watering and mulching one can have a good garden with only a few hours work.

JULIAN FOSTER: Round-Up herbicide ridded my place of a lot of poison ivy, wild honeysuckle and nut grass. I lost only one of the 20 small dogwoods and crapemyrtles I bought from the Men's Garden Club last year.

D. P. GOODWIN: I was pleased with both my spring and fall plantings of broccoli. Next year I am going to take cuttings from my tomato plants in July and root them for a fall and winter crop.

ERNEST HALSTEAD: I got sick during the rainy season. The weed's "held a convention" in my rich garden soil. The only way I could get rid of them was to call the Employment Office to send me their strongest man to pull them up. Our freezer got full before we finished picking all our lima beans.

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HAROLD HATCHER: We had a wonderful strawberry crop this year, despite the late freeze. We lengthened our okra season a few weeks by transplanting 3 to 6 inch plants thinned out of the initial planting.

GILMAN HOOPER: I get excellent Bibb lettuce each year by sowing the seed inside real early and transplanting after the hard freezes. The seeds I sow of the large Ruffle zinnias provide flowers for cutting throughout the summer.

ROY KING: This year muskrats cut down some of my sweet corn and dragged it away. Most vegetables did real well, especially the Top Crop limas.

ARCHIE LAWSON: I planted a large bed of mixed greens, covered it with a porous fabric and watered it good. On the fourth day the plants were up and the cover was removed.

PATRICK MOORE: After failing twice at starting annual flowers in plastic trays, I prepared a small bed in the garden. The seeds planted there were covered with sections of plastic until they sprouted.

SIDNEY MOREHEAD: I have enjoyed watching the growth and changing colors of the Annual Poinsettia or Mexican Fire Plant with its bright and blotched foilage

ROBERT REYNOLDS: I have better luck with the cool weather crops in the fall than I do in the spring - if I keep them watered. I plant melons where they get morning sun to reduce mildew.

FRANK SITES: My best performers this year were Better Boy tomatoes. They seem to bear over a longer season also.

PERRIN SMITH: The racoons liked my sweet corn so well they cleaned every grain off the ears. They did not bother the large bed of marigolds I started from seed.

PHILLIP SMITH: We limit our gardening to hanging baskets since we are away on trips so much. But we manage to keep them healthy and attractive. RUSSELL TILLET, JR.: A packet of Dwarf Hibiscus seed from Park provided the highlight of our garden. The 24 inch plants display 8 inch blooms in bright colors through the summer.



OCTOBER 14, 1982

#### October 18 Meeting, Monday, 7:30 P.M. Kennedy and Advent Streets

Subject: Vegetative Structure of Plants

Speaker: Dr. Robert Powell, Biology Dept., Converse College.

Come and hear how plant roots and foliage communicate with each other.

This is the meeting election of officers and Directors for 1983 is to be held.

#### Blue Ridge Regional Fall Meeting, Men's Garden Clubs Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:30 A.M.

Our Spartanburg M.G.C. members and our Ladies are the hosts for this meeting. The morning program will be at Girl Scout Camp Mary Elizabeth, Camelot Drive. The other Local Clubs now in the Blue Ridge Region are Ashville, N.C., Hickory, N.C., and Eastern Tenn. (Knoxville). Members, wives and friends are welcome.

The morning program will include a brief business meeting; short talks on each club's activities; introduction to the flowers and birds in the camp grounds by staff people (Nellie Thornberg and Mrs. Bill Cheek); and two speakers (Mr. Jack Bracken, Milliken Horticulturist; and a U.Š.C.S. Photographer with examples).

Lunch will be dutch at nearby restaurants.

The afternoon program will be a visit to the Hatcher's gardens.

### City/County Beautification Committee

Harold Hatcher reports projects required for the state Governor's Award have been selected as follows: a) oil recycling, b) Arbor Day tree plantings by five communities, c) Arbor Day, Dec. 7, program, d) landscaping the added waste compacting stations, e) distribution of trees County wide (see following tree lists), f) a plant exchange, free, g) Spring liter clean-up.

#### Fall Tree Sale

The Fourth Annual Sale will take place in the November - December period, timing subject to weather and sale developments. Trees must be dormant before transplanting and ground must be fairly wet to permit digging. These conditions met, early planting in the dormant period and choosing the smaller size plants increase chances for survival and good growth.

The available supply is being offered first to garden clubs, neighborhood associations, and other groups interested in tree planting for community improvement. The varieties, approximate sizes, available number and sales prices are given in the list that follows. Requests for trees, preferably in groups, should be telephoned to 576-9482 or 579-1341 promptly. Pick-up of group orders will be from 820 Reidville Rd. as advised from mid-November and forward. A suplemental store-side Saturday Sale may be scheduled, dependent upon movement of the limited supply.

Members will be contacted for Saturday morning and/or week day work sessions of two or

three hours each for bagging the trees. Heavy digging is planned by back hoe. Variety Height Sale Price/each Quantity **Bradford Pear** 12" to 18" 300 \$4.00 12" to 18" Dogwood, Pink 250 \$3.00 Dogwood, Pink 18" to 24" 250 \$4.00 Dogwood, White Dogwood, White 12" to 24" 500 \$1.00 24" to 36" 600 \$1.50 Crape Myrtle, Red 12" to 24" 300 \$1.00 Crape Myrtle, Red 24" to 36" 100 \$2.00 6" to 12" Southern Magnolias 100 \$1.00 White Pine 12" to 24" 180 \$1.00

Local Clubs, associations, community groups please retain and/or circulate this listing to interested groups promptly.

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#### Pine Street Tree Bank

Our October inventory shows the following trees are of a size that should be relocated to permanent sites soon. They are available at no charge to community groups and non-profit organizations.

Variety	Height	Quanity
Sycamore	12' to 15'	58
Sweet Gum	6' to 11'	160
River Birch	5' to 9'	42
Red Bud	6' to 8'	55
Willow Oak	4' to 8'	17
Sawtooth Oak	4' to 10'	37
Maple, Norway	2' to 7'	49

The smaller tree inventory has been included in the tree sale listing. Please refer any requests to 576-9482 or 579-1341.

#### **Added Notes**

To all those helpers, participants and Chairman Bob Reynolds, a hearty "thank you" for making the Rose Show a success.

Our appreciation to Charles Frost, Archie Lawson and Henry Pittman for their discussions of the years gardening experiences. Many of the ideas presented will find more applications.

Looking forward to our November 15 meeting, it will be ladies night, installation of 1983 officers, recognition of past officers, and Spade awards.



#### **GARDENING AND BEAUTIFICATION**

Nov. 11, 1982

NOVEMBER 15 MEETING 7:30 P.M., Kennedy and Advent Streets Annual Ladies Night, featuring a National Men's Garden Club Film "THE BIRDS SING" Recognition of past Officers of the Club; Spade Awards (those with Spade pins please wear them) Installation of officers for 1983.

Officers for 1983 elected at our Oct. 18 meeting are as follows: Pres. John Nevison, V. Pres. Patrick Moore, Treasurer A. Clayton Brown, Secretary Morris Chesney. Club Directors are: Charles R. Frost, Frank H. Cunningham, Harold Fredrickson, Harold Hatcher, Arthur E. Justice, David H. Kennemur, Jr., J. Archie Lawson, Donald McClure, William C. Morgan, E. Henry Pittman, J. Robert Reynolds,

Walter E. Soderberg, Stanley Stull.

We extend many thanks to retiring directors Everett Seixas, a former National Director; and to Sidney Moorhead who is now Co-Chr. of the City Beautification Com.. The three new directors Frederickson from Inman and returnees Morgan and Pittman are welcomed.

County Beautification Committee meeting of Oct. 27 had an attendance of 24 persons representing the communities of Chesnee, Cowpens, Inman, Landrum, Lyman, Spartanburg and Woodruff. Each of these towns have scheduled a tree planting ceremony for South Carolina ARBOR DAY, Dec. 7th. We salute our Club members Sidney Dunlop, Sidney Moorhead, Perrin Smith, Walter Soderberg and Stanley Stull who with Harold Hatcher have worked with the County Extension Agents in getting this important County-wide group functioning.

The Fall meeting of the **Blue Ridge Region Garden Clubs** was held Sat., Oct. 30 at Camp Mary Elizabeth (morning program) and at Hatchers' Gardens (afternoon program). There were about 55 in attendance, equally divided between the two member clubs Asheville and Spartanburg.

The three new clubs in Hickory, N.C., Lebanon and Knoxville, Tenn. were voted into the region membership.

Regional Officers elected were Pres. Arthur Nichols (Ash.) V. Pres. Stanley Stull (Sp.); Treasurer William Krause (Ash.); Secretary Walter Soderberg (Sp.); National Director Finley Tynes (Ash.). PRESIDENTS OF THE FIVE MEMBER CLUBS WILL SERVE AS REGION DIRECTORS.

Outgoing Pres. Bob Reynolds warmly thanks Camp Mary Elizabeth staffers, the Girl Scout hospitality group and the Hatchers for helping make this an enjoyable meeting.

A FEW HISTORICAL NOTES Spartanburg Men's Garden Club Spartanburg gardeners have surely traded produce and stories from the earliest days, yet the earliest gardening group there is word of was the DIRT DAUBERS of the late fortys. Their leader was W.P.Rich. This group became the Spartanburg Men's Club in 1950. Our Karl Selden was President in 1953 when the Club affiliated with the Men's Garden Clubs of America. In the late fifties Charles Lee (d) held the top office. There followed these men in this office: Jack Lemon ('60), James Culcleasure ('61), W.O. Ezell ('62) (d), Clyde Burwell ('63) (m) Luther Boswell ('64)(m), Willard Morgan ('65)(d), Sidney K. Moorhead ('66), Paul Cook ('67), Julian Foster ('69), Claude Sherrill ('71)(d), Henry Pittman ('72, '73), Ed (Snow) Marshall ('74, '75), Gilman S. Hooper ('76, '77), J. Robert Reynolds ('78, '79), Charles Hart ('80, '81)(d).

In 1974 our present by-laws, ex subsequent ammendments, were adapted from those recommended by the National organization. The persons on this committee were Frank Cunningham, Chr., Jim Culcleasure, Sidney Dunlop Jr., W.O. Ezell and Henry Pittman. The committee had not been able to locate such other by-laws as may have been used earlier.

The Club Bulletin of 1964 vintage was called the Gardenette. Our current Gardening and Beautification bulletin was first published in 1974 by the then Secretary, Harold Hatcher. You all know the good service Harold has contributed as Editor and publisher in the following years.

The above has been gathered from past issues of this bulletin and from the clippings and memories of members Seixas, Hooper and Kennemur. As you may know of corrections or additions please send them in to our Historical file.

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A View of The Year, 1982, by your President

This issue of the bulletin will be the last for the year, as we do not meet again until January '83. Our '82 year will close out with some treelet bagging, digging, distribution and planting activities. So it is time to briefly review what we have done in the past year. This will also satisfy a request for such a review to be included in the minutes of the Blue Ridge regional meeting.

a) Our year really began with a tree distribution period Nov. '81 through Jan. '82. 2880 Crapemyrtles, dogwoods, and pines were sold @\$1.00 per bag of one each during the city's centerial and Arbor Day ceremonies. In following weeks 5000 dogwoods obtained through the state forest nursery from locally collected seed were distributed free to County schools and community projects. These activities were in cooperation with City and County Beautification Committee projects. These committees have brought together community representatives across the county.

b) The Pine Street Tree Bank, jointly operated by the city Parks Dept. and our Club, supplied trees for plantings at a number of locations: Camp Mary Elizabeth; Duncan Park, Union St. entrance; W.O. Ezell Blvd.; N. Pine St. replacements; 3 County Waste compacting stations; City Airport entrance and surrounding road.

City Planning and Parks Departments are reviewing forward needs in trees to coordinate with Garden Club tree projects and operation of the tree bank.

c) The Flower Beds Program was lead by Don McClure and with the help of many neighborhood experts, had a bright season. The initially planned five beds at four locations grew to eleven beds at eight locations. About 2500 white annual vinca, yellow merigolds and red salvia were the principle plantings. The bright red salvia just got frosted Nov. 5-6. The preparation and care consisted of tilling, application of fertilizer and herbicide, fumigation where no Spring flowering bulbs were involved, planting, watering, weeding where fumigant was not used and watering. Fall clean-up follows. City supply of water at most of the beds was a big help. Piedmont Seed Co. and the W.O. Ezell Foundation provided major assistance with the cost of this project.

d) The Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored landscape judging of business and institution properties included over two hundred participants this Spring. About 35 Club members did the judging under Archie Lawson's direction. Excellent and Good Certificates were awarded

by the Chamber to those who Qualified.

e)The Club members have participated in the Liter Pick-up days designated by City and State. f)This September the Tenth Annual Rose Show organized by the Club drew another excellent display of blooms ranging from the Hybrid Teas to the Miniatures. Sponsorship of Spartanburg Businesses supports this project. Eight to ten thousand viewers have been estimated to see these flower displays. Bob Reynolds managed this project.

Now the closing line will be 'lets match or better this performance in 1983.'

A THANK YOU to Bob Powell for his talk on the vegatative structure of plants at our October meeting. 'Have him again' was a repeated request. The Okra seed pods Bob brought for distribution are 'Texas long' variety; it is most edible whether picked small or long and seeds reproduce true. One seed pod contained 78 seeds in its six sections.