

January 14, 1998

Meeting:

Monday, January 19, 1998 7:30 PM

Place:

The Arts Center

385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC

Program:

"What's New In Gardening" – Our Member and distinguished Master Gardener Joe Maple delivers his annual review of new developments affecting home gardening. His ideas will jump-

start your 1998 gardening plans.

<u>Container Gardening Program</u> - At the Club's Board of Director's meeting, Steve Patton led a thorough discussion of the 1998 plans for our plant growing program, which is our prime source of revenue supporting our community efforts. 1997 was a good year, with reasonable profits. We plan to sell stock remaining from the fall sale at the Spring Board of Realtor's tree sale. Some orders have already been placed with our suppliers for new plants and seedlings to be potted. The first major order is scheduled to be delivered in time for a <u>work session at Hatcher Gardens Saturday, January 24th beginning at 9:00 AM.</u> We hope for a good turnout of eager workers. It should be a fine sociable event, and will involve potting an interesting variety of material, including cherry, silver bell, river birch, redbud, Bradford pear, hydrangea, and winter honeysuckle.

Pine Street Tree Plantings - Working with City officials, Henry Pittman, Hollis Taylor, Lyn Sabor and George Gunter have reviewed the street tree plantings along South Pine Street from the Pine Street School to Country Club Road and sited over 150 locations fro replacement trees. Yoshino cherry trees are being utilized, since they will blend with the existing flowering fruit trees still remaining from a planting some twenty-five years ago. Henry and City Engineer Mike Garrett visited Columbia to obtain approval for the planting early this month. Appropriate trees are available from Phillips nursery, and initial trees are being planted this week. We expect that the City of Spartanburg will fund most of the cost of this project.

Hatcher Garden Planning - Bob Almond, Jess Taylor and Bill Gaston have finished their work with the advisory/long range planning committee making plans for the future of The Garden. As a result of this committee's work, Clemson professional designers and horticulture specialists have become involved, design objectives for the Gardens have been developed, an employee hired to assist Harold Hatcher, and certain operating policies determined. Their work and results are a service to be appreciated by our Club and the community. Of very special note Harold seems pleased.

A new Board of Directors for the Garden has been formed by the trustee, The Spartanburg Foundation, to establish policy and operation for the long-term future of the Garden. Four of the nine members of the new Board are from our Club (Barrie Bain, Tom Bartram, Bill Gaston, and Linda McHam).

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<u>Walter Montgomery Garden</u> - The Flagpole garden we planned and Funded at the County library in memory of Walter J. Montgomery, Sr. is complete. Stop and take a look. A dedication is planned for this Spring.

Odds and Ends - Please consider attendance at the National Convention in Asheville May 17-20 when starting your 1998 calendar . . . If you have an idea of where to plant street trees, contact Henry Pittman . . . Clemson's South Carolina Botanical Gardens has an extensive winter program including Saturday lectures by outstanding experts on gardening subjects as well as programs for children and families. One such program is sponsored by the Hosta Society (our Robert Odom is an officer). This program, scheduled Sunday, February 15th, features John Elsley, Wayside Garden Director. Call Robert for details.

If you haven't paid 1998 dues, please consider the following as your personal invoice:

INVOICE

Amount due:

\$20.00 member/\$25.00 for member and spouse

Mail promptly to:

Bob Hamilton 279 Harrel Drive Spartanburg, S.C. 29307



February 11, 1998

Meeting:

Monday, February 16, 1998

Place:

The Arts Center

385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC

Program:

Nina Williams, Woodruff, SC. Nina ia past president of the First African Violet Society, Spartanburg. She is an avid grower of violets and is well known in our area for her knowledge and abilities in raising african violets. Tell any violet lovers you know about this

program.

Board of Realtors Tree Sale - This annual event, wherein we supply trees which are sold in a one-shot Saturday sale by the Spartanburg Board of Realtors, will be held March 7th. It will be at a new location - at Piedmont Natural Gas on Blackstock Road (at the old Lowe's building behind Toys-R-Us). Bob Fussell heads our efforts, and needs help digging and bagging trees at Hatcher Gardens Saturday, February 21st, as well as transporting them to the sales site Friday, March 6th and aiding at the sale. Working with the Realtor's group has proved a pleasant experience in past years. Sign up at the meeting, or call Robert Fussell at 587-9245.

<u>Tree potting sessions</u> - The last potting session preparing new liners for our container garden proved a resounding success. A rollicking crew of some fifteen workers had a great time potting some 400 trees in just three hours. Great job! (a few pictures of the event will be passed around at the meeting.) More trees are coming in, and Steve Patton will let us know about plans for another session.

Street tree programs - Henry Pittman's cup is at least pretty full as street trees projects are multiplying. The South Pine Street cherry tree plantings in conjunction with the City described in the last bulletin are almost complete - go see. Now Henry is working on a plan for Drayton Road hopefully to be funded by the North Spartanburg Rotary and the City. Also, it appears that there will be money available for plantings on Reidville Road. Pittman, Taylor, Turner and Gunter are serving as a committee to create a plan for Reidville Road with planting scheduled next November. This project should further plans to enhance the approaches to Hatcher Gardens.

Landscape Judging - Jane and Jim Bagwell are serving as chairmen for the annual judging event in conjunction with the area Chamber of Commerce. They've tentatively scheduled a somewhat earlier date - April 18th - for the judging tours. More later.

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National Convention - Reservation forms for the convention in Asheville May 17th through 20th are in the Gardener magazine and will be available at the meeting. It should be a fine affair, and certainly deserves our support. Your Board has said we will be responsible for the hospitality room on May 20th, and Bob Almond has agreed to organize this activity. Also, we expect that Monday, May 18th will be declared 'Blue Ridge Region Day' at the convention. That day's program includes some excellent gardening seminars, plus a fine barbeque at the Taylor Ranch, a special event recommended for our membership. If we have sufficient interest, we can hire a bus for a one day visit at the convention.

<u>Hatcher Garden</u> - Our Bill Gaston has been elected Chairman of the new Hatcher Garden board of directors described in the last bulletin. The new board has met, and is involved in organization activities - report later. Some from our club participated in the Community Fair recently held at Westgate Mall helping spread the word about the Garden. Memberships in the Garden providing four newsletters per year are being made available as a modest fund raising device. Hatcher Garden information is available by calling 598-8259.

Other news - Some of our members attended the memorial service held at the First Presbyterian Church last week for Virginia Hooper, wife of Gilman Hooper, who died at their new location in Florida. Our sympathy is extended to Gil, one of our Directors Emeritus . . . Bob Almond seeks help from anyone interested in assisting his efforts to save heirloom plants at the Dupre House on Church Street before work begins on the Rennaisance project in that area . . . PLEASE: quite a few still haven't paid their (modest) dues to Bob Hamilton, Treasurer.

CRAPE MYRTLE MURDER - Do what you can to discourage those who unnecessarily heavily prune crape myrtle. The trees survive, but are far less attractive than those minimally and selectively pruned.



March 11, 1998

Meeting:

Monday, March 16, 1998

Place:

The Arts Center 385 Spring Street Spartanburg, SC

Program:

Linda Russell, Clemson Extension Agent will tell us about the services and helps that are available from our State

agency.

Realtor's Plant Sale – The sale was held Saturday morning March 7th, and despite a drizzle and raw conditions, there was a good turnout of workers both from the Realtor's group and advisors from our Club – about fifteen in total. Most important, the weather didn't stop the customers, and, although your editor doesn't know the totals, the sale was apparently successful. While there were crape myrtle and maples left, all the pink dogwood and rhododendron were taken. Robert Fussell chaired this event for our Club, and is happy with the results. The sale was held at the Piedmont Gas location on Blackstock Road, and Sam Crosby of Piedmont Gas was of considerable assistance – providing pallets for the plants, an enclosed area for safe keeping the night before – and importantly, coffee.

On February 21st, in preparation for this sale, there was a super turnout of help to prepare the plants for the sale – some 15 workers. Then, on the Friday before the sale, Wendell Tiller, Linda McHam, Jess and Alene Taylor, Bob Almond and George Gunter trucked all the plants to the sale site.

Rhododendron expedition – To enhance our stock in the tree bank and to supply plants for the Realtor's sale, Bob Almond led a trek to Asheville to collect a couple hundred rhodos. Other participants were Jess and Alene Taylor, Harold Browning, Robert Fussell, Walt Soderberg, and Frank Mitchell. We understand they had a fine outing, with lunch at the Asheville airport.

Hatcher Garden – (note new name, singular, and no "horticulture") The Garden's new Board has asked us to take at least short-term responsibility for some maintenance and control of the ivy areas. Volunteers will be welcomed – speak to George Gunter. We congratulate the Master Gardener organization for accepting other responsibilities at the Garden, a valuable area asset.

Container nursery – Our nursery manager, Steve Patton, needs workers for another potting session Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 a.m. 'til noon. The job entails preparing 200 Leyland cypress and about 150 bare root plants from Boyd's Nursery.

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TGOA/MGCA National Convention – Asheville, May 17-20. So far, three members have committed to attend the entire program and stay with the group in Asheville. We hope more will commit. Henry Pittman is our Regional President, Tim Brown and Linda McHam serve on National committees, and Tom Bartram is a National Director. Bob Almond is organizing our responsibility to run a hospitality room on May 20th, and will need a little assistance.

We hope to organize a bus trip to Asheville for *Blue Ridge Region Day* Monday, May 18, possibly in conjunction with the Greenville club.

Landscape Judging – This annual program in cooperation with the area Chamber of Commerce is scheduled Saturday, April 18th. Jane Bagwell, the chair, asks that you signup at the meeting, or call her for information at 574-0896.

Street tree projects – The cooperative program with the City on Pine Street, involving 120 Yoshino cherry trees added to the existing rows of cherries has been completed (at no cost to the Club). Work is underway on the next project – Drayton Road. Henry Pittman is now looking at Reidville Road for at least a limited number of planting sites.

Miscellany – 44 members still haven't paid dues – we hope they will respond to invoices...Henson Law Firm has agreed to aid us in applying for incorporation. Subsequently we hope to obtain a charitable tax exemption...the annual Gwathmey horticulture program at Converse (March 19) features wildflowers (brochures available at meeting)...Our litter pickup responsibility is scheduled Saturday, March 28th. Sign up at the meeting...The State DOT, at our request, has done some work on the unsightly road shoulders along 585 (Pine) – we hope for more of this effort...Harold Hatcher celebrated his 91st last week.



April 15, 1998

Meeting:

Monday, April 20, 1998

Place:

The Arts Center 385 Spring Street Spartanburg, SC

Program:

"Endangered and Unusual Plants of the Upstate" Dr. Gillian Newberry, Professor of Botany, USCS. Gill, originally from Australia, has carved out a special niche as our area's expert on endangered plant species and their habitats.

Landscape Judging – Our annual joint venture with the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday morning, April 18th. Teams from our Club will tour various business and public properties in our area and judge their landscaping and horticultural care. Jane Bagwell is Chairman of the event, and reports that some 17 have signed up to participate. More may join by calling Jane at 574-0896. New members who have not been involved in past judging are encouraged to experience this interesting activity. The group will meet at the Chamber offices at 8:30 am for coffee and rolls before the tours. Linda McHam will serve as our photographer.

Street Trees – We hope you noticed the fine show the cherry trees produced along South Pine Street a couple of weeks ago. The small new trees did amazingly well - and the whole street, including the new walk way improved by the Pride Taskforce, looks great.

Henry Pittman is seeking final approval for planting plans along Drayton Ave. from the State DOT. The initial planting from Main St. to Skyland involves some 30 large trees and 14 small (likely Kousa dogwood).

National Convention – Asheville – So far only four of us will attend the full May 17-20 convention, but we hope for a number to visit at least a day. Monday the 18th is called Blue Ridge Region Day - and it would be great to have a good representation from our Club. The site is the Raddison Hotel in Asheville - and information is available from Henry Pittman, Bob Almond, or George Gunter. On Wednesday, May 20th, our Club is responsible for the hospitality room - welcoming visitors to the wonders of our area. Bob Almond directs our efforts. The overall program looks quite interesting!

Litter Pickup – Walt Soderberg succeeded in putting together a fine crew for our spring pickup on North Pine Street. Darvin Helvy brought equipment and he and Walter were ably assisted by Tom Fridy, Henry Pittman, Mike Georgian, Bob Reynolds, Lyn Savor, Harold Browning, and Bob Fussell.

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Ivy Control – Hatcher Garden – Your Board has agreed to help the Garden in controlling the English ivy which is too rampant in many areas. While there is a recommended herbicide, more information is needed as to environmental effects. Let George Gunter know if you have any helpful information.

Tour of Member's Gardens – Your directors, at Jane Bagwell's suggestion, are considering a tour of a number of our member's gardens. One idea is to tour the East side of Spartanburg in the morning, have lunch, then schedule a West side tour in the afternoon.

Sid Moorehead, a past president of our Club, is seriously ill. Please direct any cards or calls to Irene at 106 Beechwood Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307.

Soil Testing - An article in the Greenwood Club's newsletter noted that after our especially wet past year there is a greater need for soil testing and Ph adjustment. Much of our acidity occurs because rain leaches calcium and magnesium from the soil - essentials that can be replaced by limestone (especially dolomitic limestone). Take your soil sample to the Clemson extension office at the Evans Building.



May 13, 1998

Meeting:

Monday, May 18, 1998

Place:

The Arts Center 385 Spring Street

Spartanburg, SC

Program:

"Landscaping With Rock" - Randy and Barbara Pace, who specialize in many types of rocks and operate "Artistic View" on Route 29 in Duncan, will present their ideas as to

how to hardscape with rocks

Container Garden – Recent Saturdays have been times for potting sessions and organizing at Hatcher Garden. Steve Patton has the container garden well organized and in excellent condition. Many of the newly ordered plants are in, and this last Saturday 180 crape myrtle were repotted into two gallon containers with help from George Gunter, Walt Soderberg, Harold Hatcher and Ruth and Bill Hudnut. Harold has screened a good supply of compost which provides a great growing medium.

Flower Beds – Bob Reynolds and George Gunter cleaned up and planted the Duncan Park beds, and Harold Browning weeded the Claude Sherrill bed by Hillcrest. Much more could be done on various sites if we had a few volunteers to plant and care for beds.

Hatcher Garden – More trials are being run on how to control the ivy, and the Master Gardeners have been doing a valiant cleanup job on the perennial beds.

Landscape Judging – Winners will be announced and awards presented at a reception to be held Tuesday, May 26th, 4 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce offices. Pictures of many of the fine sites, taken by Linda McHam, will be on display.

National Convention of the Mens' Garden Clubs/Gardeners of America will be held at the Raddison Hotel in Asheville beginning Sunday, May 17 through Wednesday, May 20th. Several hundred from across the country are to attend. Monday, May 18, has been designated "Blue Ridge Region Day" and we're hoping for a good turnout. Monday evening there will be a special event dinner at a ranch not far from the Asheville airport. To sign up for the whole day or just dinner — ask George Gunter, Bob Almond or Tom Bartram.

Hospitality Room — Our Club has accepted the job of manning the hospitality room on Wednesday at the Convention, where information about the area is available to out-of-town guests, and a lounge for visiting is provided. Refreshments are to be provided. Bob Almond is our organizer and can well use a few more volunteers, AND two or three more to prepare cookies or other sweets. (Call Bob at 579-3288)

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Adopt-a-Highway – Our next Saturday pickup morning is 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 30th. We had a good show-up for a quick and easy morning last time – let's repeat! Sign-up at the meeting or call Darvin Helvy (574-4706).

Trees Spartanburg - A new organization established by SPACE and the PRIDE taskforce will be kicked off at 10:00 a.m., Menday, May 29th at the County Library. Marsha Bansley, Director of Trees Atlanta, will speak about improving the metropolitan area by planting and preserving trees. Co∉ Irwin is acting chairman of the new initiative and is seeking corporate and private donations to help beautify Spartanburg.

Miscellany – The Greenwood Club is heavily involved in Greenwood's Festival of Flowers weekend the last weekend of June, which features home tours, an auction, and great plant sales. Anyone interested in attending should contact George Gunter...Our club has been incorporated as a South Carolina Non-Profit Corporation, and we expect to become a 501(c)3 Federal Tax exempt organization shortly – thereby permitting gifts to the Club to be charitable donations...The garden at the Library looks good with the inclusion of lantana to replace the yellow pansies.

IN MEMORIAM

Sidney Moor head, a Past President of our Club, died May 7, 1998 at the age of 91. Sid became a member about 1950, and attended Club meetings and picnics regularly until the last year. He will be missed.



June 10, 1998

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Place:

The Arts Center 385 Spring Street Spartanburg, SC

Program:

"Wildflowers" - Dr. Sandra Thomas, President, Converse College. We learned of Dr. Thomas' interest in wildflowers when her brother, a major seed producer from Texas, spoke at Converse. This should be a special event for us.

National Convention – Some 350 gardeners from across the States (and at least one we met from Canada) attended the four-day convention in Asheville last month. We had ten in regular attendance and a couple of others who popped in for a visit during our stint as hosts of the hospitality room on the last day of the meetings.

Our Asheville hosts did a great job. The quality of the various special interest sessions (herbs, wildflowers, pruning, bonsai – etc.) was outstanding. Trips for spouses included a luncheon at the Grove Park Inn and demonstration sessions at the Folk Art Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The whole shebang was entertained at a barbeque held at the Taylor Ranch, southeast of Asheville, and an afternoon at the beautiful North Carolina Arboretum. Greenville had good representation, and we even had one visitor from Knoxville.

All seemed to enjoy the delightful and professional slide show presenting the hundreds of entries in the annual photo contest. Our Linda McHam had several entries – on of which in included in this coming year's calendar (we'll have them for sale this fall).

Drayton Road Tree Planting and more concerning trees – The State Dept. of Transportation has approved Henry Pittman's plans for trees spotted along Drayton Road to Skyland Place. We expect to have financing from the City to complete this job. Henry is continuing to work on further plans for North Pine, and also, we're hoping for street tree pruning help from Milliken's professionals.

Flower Beds – This program still suffers from member neglect. Several (George Gunter, the Bagwells, and Tom Bartram) planted the Library bed for the summer, and work has been done at Duncan Park and the Sherrill bed opposite Hillcrest. This is a mere shadow of the plantings we accomplished some years ago. If you would like a bed assigned – see George Gunter or Harold Browning.

Landscape Beautification Judging – Jane Bagwell ran a fine program again this year. Of particular interest were the photos of winners taken by Linda McHam shown at the awards ceremony. Winners by judging categories were:

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Special Achievement Awards: Advantica, Milliken & Co., and Greenville/Spartanburg Airport				
Industry A	Kohler Co First Place Cryovac Honorable Mention			
Industry B	Zima/KustersFirst Place Bolliger CorpHenorable Mention			
Commercial	Westgate Mall/Shurburtt Corp First Place			
	First South Bank - Fernwood/Glendale Rd Honorable Mention Spartan Communications, Inc Honorable Mention			
Professional	Henson Law Firm First Place Phillip C. Morrow, DMD Honorable Mention Robert M. Hicklin, Jr., Inc Honorable Mention			
Public Service A	Converse CollegeFirst Place Spartanburg Technical College .Honorable Mention			
Public Service B	Spartanburg County Public Library First Place			
Apartments/Hotels/Motels	Hunt Club Apartments First Place Residence Inn by Marriott Honorable Mention Timberlane Apartments Honorable Mention Courtyard by Marriott			

Miscellany – John Mann of Greenville will be the new Regional President, and Greenville will host next year's meeting . . . a potting date for azaleas will be announced at the meeting . . . The Paces of Artistic View who presented a program about use of their decorative stone have donated two pallets of stone to Hatcher Garden . . . George Gunter has had some success with ivy control at the Garden . . . Jess and Alene Taylor are to host our Director's July 9th . . . The

1999 National Director's Meeting – Will be held in Spartanburg. After the Asheville convention, we entertained Ron Heggin, the National Treasurer for an evening and reviewed planning meeting facilities and motels for the meetings.

annual picnic is tentatively scheduled for August 17th.

- Show off your gardening results in the Door Prize Pool -



July 15, 1998

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Monday, July 20, 1998, 7:30 p.m.

Place:

The Arts Center 385 Spring Street Spartanburg, SC

Program:

Doug McAbee, Instructor of Horticulture, Spartanburg Technical College, will address "Garden Problems and the Proper Use of Pesticides." Doug is well known to a number of our members who have attended his informative classes on plant materials and landscape design.

Habitat trees – Phillip's Tree Farm of Campobello, our exclusive source of container-grown trees for the past 13 years, has contributed 10 very fine sycamores to Habitat for Humanity. They have been planted as street trees in the new Habitat community which is called "The Sycamores." We salute Roger Phillips and Tony Hollifield!

Tree Bank – The container plants look reasonably good, considering our weather. Since our last report, some 300 azaleas have been potted. Steve Patton is fighting the weed battle and adding chips to the aisles. He's delaying any major projects until we have cooler temperatures.

Gardener Extraordinary – Our octogenerian director emeritus and former president, Gil Hooper, wrote the following from his Florida retirement home: "We're having a very bad summer here – at least six weeks without a drop of rain and 95 to 100 every day. I have five small gardens around the house – a "shade garden between the house and the lake, 25 hybrid teas along the side, 37 miniature roses in an oval in front of the house (the inside of the oval has dwarf red and yellow marigolds, and circling the outside is a necklace of portulaca which is doing very well), a small bed of impatients under a holly tree, and another bed of marigolds in an open space." Gil says all look good, and receive favorable comment.

Upcoming Events – Our annual **Picnic** is scheduled in lieu of an August meeting on Monday, August 17th at Hatcher Garden. Members are asked to bring a side disk or dessert and a folding chair. Rain date: August 24th. More details in our next bulletin. Also, please save some time on Saturday, September 12th to participate in our annual **Rose Show.** If you know potential entrants to the show, let them know this date for their planning purposes.

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Drayton Road Project – As noted last month, this project is fast materializing. Henry Pittman, George Gunter, and the City Engineer, Mike Garrett, have sited most of the locations, and have received necessary approvals. The City has committed to fund the project.

Miscellany – Thanks to Henry Pittman for an interesting review of our extensive past tree planting programs at the last meeting. Henry filled in on short notice when President Sandra Thomas of Converse was forced to cancel . . . George Gunter is making progress with his ivy spraying program at Hatcher . . . Our directors and officers held their regular meeting at Jess and Alene Taylor's home on Lake Saranac. Their garden is delightful (and neat) . . . Robert B. Hones . an early member of the Club, died June 28th at age 76.

Slug Prevention – Dave Kennemur turned up an interesting piece of information from Martha Stewart on how to keep slugs out of potted plants by wrapping a thin piece of copper wire around each pot. Apparently, a small current is generated which deters the slugs. Personally, we prefer the beer method – put out a saucer of beer and watch the slugs crawl in and drown.



August 12, 1998

PICNIC!

At Hatcher Garden, 820 Reidville Road, Monday, August 17th 1998. Hamburgers, hot dogs, iced tea, and utensils are supplied. If you are able, bring a dish or dessert of your choice. Also, while limited seating is available, a lawn chair will help.

Socializing will start at 5:30, and food will be served beginning at 6:30.

We've a number of invited guests, including staff and board members of the Spartanburg Foundation.

We hope to have a 'door prize' pool – so bring your special offering.

Rose Show – Saturday, September 12th. Bob Reynolds again chairs this event, with help from Co-chairman Val Wilson. The show is sanctioned by the American Rose Society with judges who have been certified by the Society. As many of you know, the show requires a sizeable number from our membership as helpers. The first few are needed at 7:00 am to set up, more are needed at 10:00 am for assistance with the judging, and a group is needed from 4-7 pm for cleanup and the sale of the individual rose blooms. Signup sheets for the event will be passed around at the picnic.

This year we have the same location as last year – inside the mall near J.C. Penny and the food court.

Members are asked to tell any rose growers they know to enter bloom(s) — even one, if that's it. We get participation from quite a few from out of town, but in recent years we've needed more offerings from local growers. There's a special class for novices — and if help is desired as to the mechanics of showing a bloom, call Bob Reynolds or Val Wilson.

Container Garden/Fall sale – The garden looks good, and recent fine growing weather will help. Our plant sale is scheduled to start Saturday, October 17th and will continue through Thanksgiving. If you are growing plants that you plan to submit for the sale, please call Walt Soderberg 439-0669 so that he can include them in the count for our sales list.

Swan Song – Our Director Emeritus Dave Kennemur, our long term provider of refreshments at our meetings and our picnics, announced his retirement from this role at our last Director's meeting. He still plans to be in action at the forthcoming picnic, and we have been assured that he plans to attend regular meetings. I'm sure all will join in wishing him well.

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Hatcher Happenings – All are invited to these special programs held at 10 am at the Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve on the fourth Saturday of each month:

August 22

Winston Hardegree de-mystifies plant

propagation; semi-ripe and hardwood cut-

tings are the focus.

September 26

Marsha Alexander gives tips on how to entertain Monarchs, Kings, and Queens

(butterflies, that is) in our gardens.

October 26

Henry Pittman shows us the hows and

why of pruning and planting trees.

November 13 and 14

Rudy Mancke of NatureScene takes us on a nature walk through the Garden. This event is a fundraising event for the Garden, and is by reservation only. (Call the Spartanburg County Foundation for

details - 582-0138.)

In Memoriam

R. Allen 'Red' Moore, an early member, died recently at age 94.



September 1998

Meeting: Monday, September 21, 1998 7:30 PM

Place: The Arts Center, 385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
Program: Fall Bulbs – Jack DeVroomen. Jack – a real expert – is

Secretary/Treasurer of North American Flower Bulb Wholesales Association, Ninety Six, S.C. He is also a member of the Greenwood

Men's Garden Club.

Rose Show – Again, Bob Reynolds chaired our annual Rose Show – this our 26th – on September 12 at Westgate Mall. Much work by Bob and a great number of our members, plus beautiful specimen roses from exhibitors resulted in another fine show. Again, N.C. rosearians dominated the awards and a disappointingly small local group exhibited. We are proud that our member, Virginia New, won the coveted Claude Sherrill Memorial Trophy (her 3rd). Other local winners were Cassandra Gray and Hilda Nichols. We thank the certified American Rose Society judges (Charles Bell, Betty Jordan, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jeremias, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburt Hruby, Alen Abel and Margaret Noe) for their time and skill. And we congratulate all winners.

A total of 17 prizes were procured by Walter Soderberg and Lyn Savor using funds Tom Bartram solicited from the following loval supporters of the MGC:

Belk Department Store Kohler Company

Coca-Cola Bottling Company
CWS Insurance Agency, Inc.
First Federal of Spartanburg
The Floyd Mortuary

Metromont Materials Corp.
Milliken & Company
Odom Ace Hardware
Zima/Kusters Corporation

Foster's Garden & Landscape Center

This was both an educational and entertaining project which reflected well on our MGC.

Fall Plant Sale – HELP – Steve Patton, leader of this project, needs volunteers to prepare the layout area at Hatcher Garden at 9 AM, Saturday, September 26. This is very important; don't let Steve down.

<u>This annual sale</u> will begin Saturday, October 17. Begin your personal promotion on this important project. We not only supply quality plants to the community at low prices, but it is the only source of funds for our many community beautification projects — and actually supplements the cost of this newsletter. Details will be available next month.

<u>Home Plant Propagators</u> – call Walter Soderberg (439-0669) immediately and report details on the plants you have for the sale. The list awaits your report.

Hatcher Happenings – The next great free Saturday morning lecture at Hatcher Horticultural Garden & Woodland Preserve will be on September 26 at 10 am. Marsha Alexander will present "Attracting Butterflies To Your Garden." (Pruning and Planting Trees" will be the subject on October 24 and a very special fundraising presentation on November 14 by Rudy Mancke.)

Harold Hatcher is pleased that the Spartanburg County Foundation and the Garden's new Board of Directors have hired an experienced horticulturist as Executive Director, Kelly Petosky; she reported for duty this month. Welcome to Spartanburg, Kelly, we look forward to getting to know you and working with you! Members Bill Gaston and Tom Bartram serve on the Board.

1999 Member Dues must be paid before Dec. 31 - \$25 single (\$30 to add a spouse). The Board has unanimously approved this modest increase – the first in anyone's memory; ratification will be sought at the next meeting.

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Adopt A Highway Litter Pick-Up on our section of North Pine will be organized again by Darvin Helvy. This is a great way to demonstrate our determination to fight litter. ("Those Who Litter Are The Real Trash). Members are urged to participate – meet at Wade's on Saturday, September 19, at 8:30 am for a morning of good exercise and fellowship.

Free Mulch is available to individuals at the Wellford Landfill each Saturday 8 to 4 pm. They will load your pickup. Thanks to Spartanburg County!

Street Trees. Great damage has been done by the grass cutters to our 120 maples planted on North Pine Extension in 1996; many will probably not survive. But Val Wilson and Tom Friday participated in putting our protective tree collars on these trees last week. Thanks to Co Irwin (Irwin-Ace Hardware) who contributed the plastic pipe and Jess Taylor and a helper who cut and slit the collars. This will help, but is not the solution.

Drayton Road Treescape plans continue. Financing is not completely assured, but we are working toward planting some 300 trees on this new throughway in November.

Future Tree Planting Opportunities. Ideas, suggestions? Advise your officers.

Building New Clubs. Who will take the lead in organizing new MGC Clubs in surrounding areas? If our club is good for members and for our community, then a club would be good for Gaffney, for Union, for Anderson, for Columbia, for Charlotte... Excellent "how to" literature is available from TGOA/MGCA.

Future Meetings will be October 19 and November 16 – mark your calendars. November will be the "annual meeting" with new officer installation and it is rumored that Jim Bagwell will have a special and super program.

HP, Assistant Editor

In Memoriam

Archie Lawson
Paul Sadler



October 14, 1998

Meeting:

Monday, October 19, 1998

Place:

The Arts Center, 385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC

Program:

Thomas F. Ross, Meterologist, National Climatic Center,

Asheville, NC.

Mr. Ross titles his talk "Weather and the Garden".

1998-1999 Club Roster – You will note that this issue contains the new club roster. Walt Soderberg faithfully maintains our list as well as mailing this bulletin. If you note discrepancies, please give Walt a call.

Tree Sale – Our twentieth annual tree sale opens Saturday morning, October 17th about the time most of you receive this bulletin. Members are needed to assist with the sale – and we'd like to have a good turnout for opening Saturday mornings. Steve Patton has worked hard this year to keep the container garden in good order, and is ready for a successful sale. It's not too late to help with a little publicity. Lists of the shrubs and trees available for sale are available to be distributed – call George, Steve, or Henry Pittman for copies. We're expecting help from WSPA, the *Herald-Journal* and others in spreading the word. As most are aware, this function is our major source of funds for the programs for the Club.

Drayton Road tree planting plans – Henry Pittman, with assistance from Hollis Taylor and some others has finalized the plans for a major tree planting along Drayton Road from East Main Street to its connection with North Pine St. near Beaumont Mills. Appropriate governmental approvals have been obtained, and the first section from East Main to Skylyn Drive, mostly in the City, will be planted in November. The City has agreed to fund this portion. The second, and major, portion from Skylyn to Pine, awaits funding. This section is mostly in the County, and, at this writing, we've received approval by the County finance committee, and are hopeful for County Council approval. The approved City portion is for 66 trees, and the County portion is 259 trees. A mix of Red Sunset maples, red maples known as Bohall and Armstrong, and Kousa (Korean) dogwood is being utilized.

The County Council may consider our request for funding at their meeting on October 19, the day of our meeting. On receiving this bulletin on October 19, the day of our meeting. On receiving this bulletin, if you know your councilman – or any councilman, call and ask favorable consideration of the Garden Club beautification funding request!

Bulb Sale – Our directors are planning a bulb sale on our last sale date in November (28th) at the Hatcher Garden tree sale. Jack Devroomen, a speaker to our last meeting, will arrange the sale and the delivery of bulbs, with a small commission to our Club. More details later.

Men's Garden Club — October 1998

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587-8358	Mulligan, Jim & Debbie	906 Berkshire Ct., Sp 29301
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585-6913	New, Virginia	1050 Andrews Farm Rd., Sp 29302
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599-1639	Ondrus, Paul & Mary	110 Shoally Park Dr., Sp 29303
585-2605	Patton, Gibbes & C.R.	715 Springdale Dr., Sp 29302
585-8878	Patton, Steve	202 Emma Cudd Rd., Sp 29302
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Annual election of officers – Bob Almond's nominating committee has proposed the following late of officers for 1998. This slate will be voted on at our meeting.

Additional nominations from the floor will be entertained.

PresidentJim Bagwell
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Editor
Assistant EditorHenry Pittman
Past President
Directors emeritus

Directors: Class of 1998

Bob Fussell Lyn Savor Jess Taylor Bob Reynolds David Stoltz Jack Turner

Class of 2000:

John Woodward Vahl Wilson Bill Wilson Dave Kennemur Allene Taylor Steve Patton Harold Browning Walter Soderberg

Claude Sherrill Garden – This plot, on Main across from Hillcrest, needs a lot of help. Several able bodies are needed soon to clean it up. Walmart has agreed to pay for a few permanent shrubs to enhance this spot – but it has to be readied first. Volunteer at the meeting.

Odds and ends...Note that the number of lady members on the new membership has increased – while the males are slightly fewer. Your editor has no inkling as to the meaning of this...the next program at Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve is about pruning and planting trees – October 24th, 10 a.m.



November 11,1998

Meeting: Monday, November 16, 1998, 7:30 PM

Place: The Arts Center, 385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC

Program: The 1998 National Garden Club Photography Presentation.

This presentation, first shown at our Convention in Asheville last May, is a beautiful, highly professional

picture program with an outstanding musical

accompaniment. Wiley Pittman has made arrangements to present a video of the show on a large screen

that we feel will be quite effective.

This meeting is our <u>Annual Meeting</u> at which we will install new officers (noted in our last bulletin) and honor the outgoing crew. You and your spouse are invited. Refreshments will be served at the social time following the program.

Of very special interest is the fact that we are also celebrating <u>fifty</u> years as a club. An early group that included celebrated members such as W. O. Ezell and Harold Hatcher called themselves the "Dirt Daubers" evolved into the Club we know.

<u>Container Plant Sale</u> - Another good crowd showed up last week making October one of our best months ever. Much credit goes to Steve Patton who continues to enthusiastically arrange the inventory in the garden and serve as our lead salesman each Saturday.

On Saturday, November 14th, there will be a competing event at Hatcher Gardens requiring use of the main entrance and parking. We are asked to use the Hughes Lane entrance about 300 yards west of the main entrance for access to the plant sale. Volunteers will be on scene to direct cars to the appropriate entrance.

Bulb Sale - On the last Saturday of our sale, November 28th, Jack DeVroomen, the Dutch bulb importer who recently made a presentation at one of our meetings, will conduct a sale of a wide variety of bulbs - many tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, anenome, scillia, amarylis, etc. Prices are below his wholesale, and we get a cut of the action. This should be an interesting new venture for our Club. Spread the word!

Drayton Avenue tree planting project - As noted in the last bulletin, both the City and County have approved funding of the Club's plans for plantings of some 325 trees along the length of Drayton Avenue from East Main to Pine Street. All governmental agency approvals have been obtained, and we're now in the process of contacting owners of properties where trees are planned.

Henry Pittman and Hollis Taylor are leading the charge to inform adjacent owners, and to seek approval in instances wherein the trees are actually scheduled on private property.

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To date, Lyn Savor and George Wegryzn are assisting - and others may participate.

We're hoping that planting can start late this month, with the expectation of finishing the job well within the dormant season.

Miscellany - Last month's list of members' addresses didn't include the fact that the Henson Law firm has continued as a corporate sponsor.... Also, please pencil in Co Irwin's name and phone number (582-8668)....several of us were able to visit with Director Emeritus Gil Hooper who visited here last week. Gil seems reasonably adjusted to his single life in Florida and reports that his rose garden there is doing great...Dave Kennemur, another Director Emeritus, and his wife Mary, recently celebrated their 63d anniversary. By the way, who will replace Dave's function of serving refreshments at the end of regular meetings?

Good thoughts: -Bloom where you are planted (anon.)
-The way I see it, if you want the rainbow,
you gotta put up with the rain (Dolly

Parton)

-See everything, overlook a great deal, improve a little (Pope John XXIII)

REMEMBER % NO MEETING IN DECEMBER % HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!



December 23, 1998

This is a special year-end edition of the Garden Club Bulletin. There is no meeting scheduled until January 18th.

John Bagwell, our new President, called a December Board meeting for discussion of plans for the year, and to organize new committee assignments. The meeting was well attended (it almost seemed like a full club meeting) and the discussion lively. Finances were reviewed (we're doing quite well) and some decisions made concerning ordering new plant stock for the container garden program. Concerns were expressed about the future of the Rose Show (lack of local participation) and the lack of support for the litter pickup program. Successes such as the tree planting programs and the container gardening and sale were reviewed.

The following committee assignments for 1999 were announced:

Nominations

George Gunter - Chair

Special / New Projects

Jess Taylor - Chair Tom Bartram John Woodward

Program

Clyde Wells - Chair

Devotional

Walt Soderberg - Chair Everett Lineberger

Rose Show

Bob Reynolds - Chair Vahl Wilson Lynn Savor

Membership

George Gunter - Chair Jane Bagwell

Audit

Jess Taylor - Chair Dan Koshak

Publicity

Henry Pittman - Chair Dave Kennemur

Tree Projects

Henry Pittman - Chair George Gunter John Woodward Lisa Godoy Dan Koshak

Landscape Judging

Bob Almond - Chair Jane Bagwell Vahl Wilson

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

Dear Members and Friends of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club,

Organized in the late 40s by men like W. P Rich, Charles Lea, Carl Seldon and W.O. Ezell, the Spartanburg MGC continues to promote gardening education and community beautification. In addition to current monthly programs on some phase of horticulture, current or recent activities include:

- Planting of additional Red Sunset Maple on North Pine Street Extension
- Planting of Yoshino Cherry on South Pine Street cooperatively with the City
- Litter Pick Up on North Pine
- Annual plant sale (the primary source of funds for community beautification)
- Cooperative plant sale with the Spartanburg Realtors
- Cooperative Landscape Judging with the Chamber of Commerce
- Work on and strong support of Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve
- Planting and maintenance of a number of community flower gardens
- Annual Rose Society juried Rose Show

Your continued support--and the support of others like you--is essential to the ongoing activities of the MGC. That is why we are counting on your membership, even if you may not be able to be an active project worker.

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Realtors Tree Sale

Bill Wilson - Chair Steve Patton Bob Fussell

Plant Sale / Container Potting

Lisa Gabory - Chair Steve Patton George Gunter Bill Wilson

Refreshments

Jack & Jane Turner

National Awards

Dottie Scott

Bulletin

Tom Bartram Henry Pittman

On the reverse page we supply you with a handy dandy invoice for vour 1999 Dues.

We send

Best Wishes for the Season and Prayerful Hope for the New Year.