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January 12, 2005

Meeting: Monday, January 17, 2004 **7:00 PM (note change)**
Place: The Arts Center, 385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC.
Program: (To be announced. Details not available as bulletin goes to press.)

Ideas for the New Year – Our new Pres., Everette Lineberger, prepared a letter about the Club which was posted in December to a wide variety of civic leaders and local business firms. We included with it a copy of the Crape Myrtle pruning folder, which has been well received and is particularly well done, thanks to Lynn Murajda and Henry Pittman. Additionally, we're planning bus trip visits to some interesting garden sites, and are considering new venues for our monthly meetings. At our monthly meetings, beginning in February, we plan to have a question and answer period wherein those present can seek solutions to their gardening problems. Add these to the start of planning for a National convention in Spartanburg and it seems a busy year is beginning for our Club.

Container Garden status – Our Directors had a long discussion of plans for the garden at their last meeting. First, Jeff Hall described the construction plans for the new watering system which he plans to install for use by ourselves and Hatcher Garden. The system will include underground piping to overhead sprinkler heads and automatic electrical controls. The installation will require removal of some maples which were planted a few years ago to honor Club officer Charles Burdell and funded by member Wayne Burdell, Charlie's widow. A Noble Tree will be placed elsewhere in Hatcher Garden with an appropriate plaque honoring Charles.

Next, plans were reviewed concerning ordering of new stock for the Garden. Everette Lineberger and David Kyle led a discussion of varieties which have customer appeal. The list included many favorites and some new items. Jim Bagwell, our Treasurer, presented a review of the last seven year's financial results of the container garden which noted that, despite a slow start this past Fall, 2004 in total was our best year yet. It appears we can finance more community beautification projects from our funds.

Dues!! 2004 dues are becoming overdue as you get this bulletin! In order to receive the National Magazine – we must have payment to National this month. \$25 for single, \$35 for family. Pay at the meeting or mail now to Jim Bagwell at 123 Sugarmill Ln., Moore, 29369.

Street Tree Projects – Your Board has anted up the money to fund the updating of the Drayton Road project, and to underwrite Newt Hardie’s plans for East Pine Street. The Drayton situation requires the replacement of 23 Kousa dogwoods and 9 maples, all of which were casualties – mostly to drought – over recent years. Newt’s project entails the planting of nine cherries and five dogwood. The mix of trees on Pine will be maintained as 1/3d each of Kousa Dogwood, Yoshino cherry, and Okame cherry in keeping with results of a member survey. Newt reports that the kudzu elimination program has been aided by the good participation of the local Grace(nee Draper) manager, the City, and, we hope Duke Power. By the way, Susan MacDowell had a little excitement while helping clear kudzu nodes – she uncovered a sizeable snake.

Henry Pittman is looking at various aspects of a possible next major project (now that the Rte 221-Dorman High undertaking is winding down) on Business I-85. He plans a preliminary proposal to present to SPATS as a first attempt to procure Federal funding, and we will seek sponsorship from the County, as we did in the case of Rte 221.

Miscellany- Three garden spots were planted with pansies and Japanese mustard in December by J. T. Clark, John Williams, and Carolyn Broyles....The 2005 National Convention is scheduled at Palm Beach Fl. June 2-4 – we hope some from our Club can attend to learn about the convention and to advertise our big show in 2006.....Refreshments for the coming meeting are to be presented by Eric DisherDon Crowder plans to take more photos at the meeting for the Club’s planned rogues gallery.....Tasso Ghoinis is distributing the handsome calendars published by National to fill orders he previously obtained. Extras are available at the meeting.....**Upstate Forever**, an environmental land trust, in conjunction with other land trusts, including **SPACE**, our Spartanburg land trust, is presenting a program at Wofford – 7:30 PM. McMillan Theater, Thursday January 13th – about the benefits of funding parks and open spaces....The crape myrtle pruning brochure by Henry and Lynn referred to above was printed ‘pro bono’ by **Keys Printing** of Greenville- Thanks!!...extra copies of this attractive item are available at the C of C office – tell your garden guys who prune to get a copy!!

Our Themesong ??

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth’s sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

JOYCE KILMER, 1886-1918

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February 16, 2005

Meeting: Monday, February 21st 7:00 PM

Place: The John Rampey Center, USCUpstate campus

Program: JOE MAPLE, Master Gardener, head honcho, and key instructor for the Master Gardener program, will present his program about "Growing Plants from Seeds".

PLEASE NOTE ...that the meeting is relocated on a trial basis to USC Upstate. With the road construction at the campus, the route is a bit tricky. A map of the route is included on the obverse, and individuals needing a ride should call Everett Lineberger for assistance (472 3339).

Container Garden – Our program for 2005 kicked off last Saturday with a super potting session that gives us a running start towards a successful year. As most of you are aware, the container program at Hatcher Garden with its spring and fall plant sales is our Club's principal source of funds to support our various activities and particularly our planting of street trees throughout the City and County.

At Saturday's work session attendance was remarkable – over thirty participants, divided about equally between Garden Club members and Master Gardeners. Almost 500 trees and shrubs were planted, and more, already in containers, are to be delivered to the Garden soon. The stock we received from Tennessee was in great shape; large plants with excellent root structure. Many interesting varieties were potted, including pink dogwood, Kousa dogwood of two varieties, arbor vitae that look great as initially potted, etc, etc.

The newly potted plants are now lined up at the edge of the garden area pending being moved when the revamp of the watering system is complete. (Later, we will need more helpers for placing the pots in appropriate areas.)

The Container Garden area is undergoing a lot of digging and installation work for the new watering system. Jeff Hall, a member of the Club and the horticulturalist for Hatcher Garden, is overseeing the project with the assistance of Don Crowder. Our Club is the prime financier of this project which we expect will result in better growth for our stock and a saviour if we have a drought summer. The system includes underground piping and elevated sprinkler heads plus timing controls.

Planned garden visits - Betty Ball is getting together a summer bus trip to the vegetable garden at the Clemson Horticultural Center. If this venture goes well, we

plan to undertake others. Also, currently the Master Gardeners are sponsoring a trip to the Charlotte Spring Show. Openings are available for this day trip. To obtain a reservation, call Joe Maple at 576-3319. If you are going, Betty will have descriptive material at the meeting.

SOUTHERN LIVING visit – ‘Southern Living’ magazine has undertaken plans for an article about our Crape Myrtle pruning instruction program for a future issue. An editor and photographer visited here Wednesday and Thursday, February 26th and 27th, and toured the area. We arranged a dinner meeting with them, including key representatives from the City, County, and Chamber of Commerce and three from our Club to tell them about the many beautification programs in this area. We look forward that more than a little favorable future publicity will result.

Tree Planting Programs - The replacement plantings of trees on Drayton Road and North Pine Street were accomplished in the past few weeks. Drayton Road involved 27 new trees, which we financed, and Pine Street 11 trees. We’re hoping to persuade the County to clean up some areas on Drayton Rd. which are unsightly. At our recent Board meeting we discussed the problems involved in undertaking a major shoulder planting on 85 Business. While the County has agreed to be the sponsoring agent, we have yet to obtain a Federal grant and to raise the required participation. Also we still have problems with the DOT concerning future landscape care. Henry Pittman has prepared a rendering of the plan, and is following the problems. More later.

Casualties - Two of our ladies have been hospitalized: Margaret Kyle, David’s wife, was seriously injured in a car accident and is now home recovering from a damaged spleen, broken ribs, and a cracked vertebrae – but her prognosis is good. Flo Erickson is recovering from blood vessel surgery on her sound leg. We hope both have rapid recoveries.

Dues ! At last week’s directors’ meeting it was noted that 36 members are still delinquent. If you are one of these, please see Jim Bagwell at the meeting or mail him a check. (\$25. or \$35. for family)

New Members – In December and January we had a record number of new members!! They are: Louis W. Adams, Jr. Sandra Barnes, Oneal Berry, Paul David Blakeley, James Robert Brown, Harold and Shirley Connelly, Diane Dennis, Frank Falk, Dan & Martha Foster, Steve and Abby Fowler, Jan Ingerson, Rudy James, Jon & Terri Jenson, Al and Carolyn Jolly, Dr. Bert Knight, Terry Linn, Hilda Nichols. **Welcome them !**

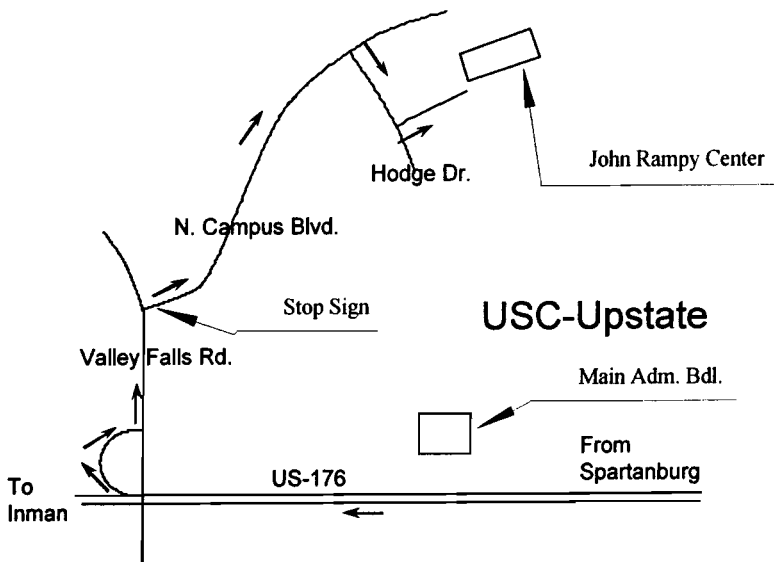
National Conventions – Don Crowder and his planning committee tell us that the 2006 convention that we will host here in Spartanburg will be in April, 2006. To help us with planning, and to spread the word about Spartanburg to other clubs, we hope that a number of our members will be able to attend the 2005 convention at Palm Beach - Jupiter Florida, June 2^d thru 4th this summer. More at the meeting.

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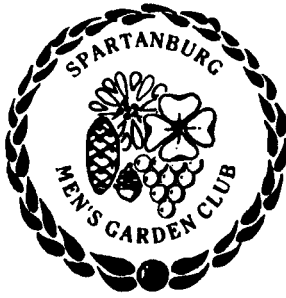
From Spartanburg take Valley Falls Road exit off US176. Turn left onto Valley Falls Road (towards Valley Falls). Go to stop sign and turn right into USC-Upstate campus. Pass two buildings on left and turn right on Hodge Dr. Take first left into Rampey Ctr. Meeting will be held in Rampey Center on left



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March 2005

- Meeting Date:** Monday, March 21, 2005, 7:00 PM (Note the time!)
- Program:** *“English Roses in an American Cottage Garden”* by member Linda Cobb. Linda is not only an authority on these roses, but a superb gardener, garden writer and lecturer.
- Place:** On a trial basis at the Rampey Center on USC-Upstate campus (If the Valley Falls entrance is not open, use the bridge from Milliken across 85-Business. See map on back page.)
- Do:** Come; bring a friend and maybe a door prize plant.
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Kudzu Control. Newt Hardie is off and running in both organizing and implementing the new “Coalition for Control of Kudzu”. This insidious plant is not only overrunning acres of property, but also damaging and even killing trees by the hundreds. Great cooperation and help is not only coming from the MGC, but also from organizations including the City, Duke Power, SPACE, PRIDE Task Force, Master Gardeners, etc.

See Newt’s current “newsletter” inserted in this publication.

Spring Plant Sale. For 27 years we have had a community plant sale—offering *“quality plants at reasonable prices”* to promote improved private and public landscaping, and to fund our beautification projects.

The one-day Spring Plant Sale will be, Saturday, April 23, at Hatcher Garden from 9 AM until 3 PM. Our few thousand trees and shrubs plus Hatcher Garden’s huge supply of annuals, perennials and grasses will surely attract a large crowd. If you have plants for the sale, let Harold Wolfe know ASAP.

Both organizations’ detailed plant lists will be available on WebSites--www/HatcherGarden.org and www.PiedmontSertoma.org.

Harold was pleased with the many volunteers (MGC and Master Gardener) at the recent potting session; some of these plants will be sold this spring

Informational ‘flyers’ will be available at the meeting—please take some for posting in retail locations, office and church bulletin boards, etc.

“Mayfest” at Hatcher. This annual special celebration of spring will be held May 21. Again, the MGC will host a booth to support the Garden and to promote the Club. Betty Ball will organize our activity.

Nursery Irrigation System. Work is underway to add this much-needed feature to the area where container plants are housed. Thanks to Jeff Hall, Don Crowder and others for this progress. Considerable help will be needed to re-organize the plants when construction is completed.

New Members since last month include David Alford, Dan & Meg Hollaway, and Peggy Romine. *Welcome to the MGC!*

Health and Happiness. Julian Cornwell is having health problems; Margaret Kyle is slowly recovering and has gotten out some; George Wegrzyn continues to suffer from a back problem.

Hatcher Garden has its annual campaign underway to raise contributions for its operation fund. BE GENEROUS--Hatcher Garden is a great asset!

Litter Pick-Up. While this program was lead by Jim Bagwell for years, Susan MacDowell is now the chief promoter. She was joined last Saturday for our N. Pine pickup by Bill Wilson, Jack and Jane Turner, Henry Pittman, Tasso Ghionis, Dianne Fergusson and new member Peggy Romine. *Cleanliness is next to...*

Crape Myrtles and Southern Living. Senior Garden Editor Steve Bender and his photographer were here three days last month preparing an article on Spartanburg Crape Myrtles—the good and the (unfortunately!) bad. They return this summer to photograph the same plants in bloom. While not too impressed with our ability to maintain our CMs, they think Spartanburg is really “enhancing the enhancements”. More on that later.

Landscape Evaluation. Mike Georgion and Bob Almond have met and arranged with the Chamber of Commerce for our annual evaluation of the grounds of businesses who request this critique. This is one of our best projects and, the editor believes, is a major factor in the great emphasis on quality landscaping in our community. The date is April 16. *Sign up at the meeting*—you will enjoy it—and will help improve Spartanburg.

Tree Projects. US-221 is really looking good. Replacement of last year’s lost trees, re-mulching, fertilizing, and general tending of the shoulder and median trees (“Phase I”) is completed by SodFather. Planting of the two interchanges (“Phase II”) has begun. Ride these 5 miles and celebrate!

85-Business Shoulder treescaping may not be approved for SPATS funding this year. We will know in a couple of weeks.

Our older street and highway trees need fertilizer; volunteers will be sought at the Monday meeting.

Dues for 2005 haven’t been paid by some members. Dues include membership in TGOA/MGCA and American Horticultural Society plus the excellent magazine “American Gardener”. Support our MGC projects—send dues to Jim Bagwell!

TGOA/MGCA Convention information is available at www.TGOA-MGCA.org. We hope multiple members will attend June 2-4—to enjoy and learn, and to promote the 2006 convention here in Spartanburg.

Tom Bartram’s son, Roger, died on March 10th at his home in Louisville, Kentucky. Our sympathy to Tom and Marianne.

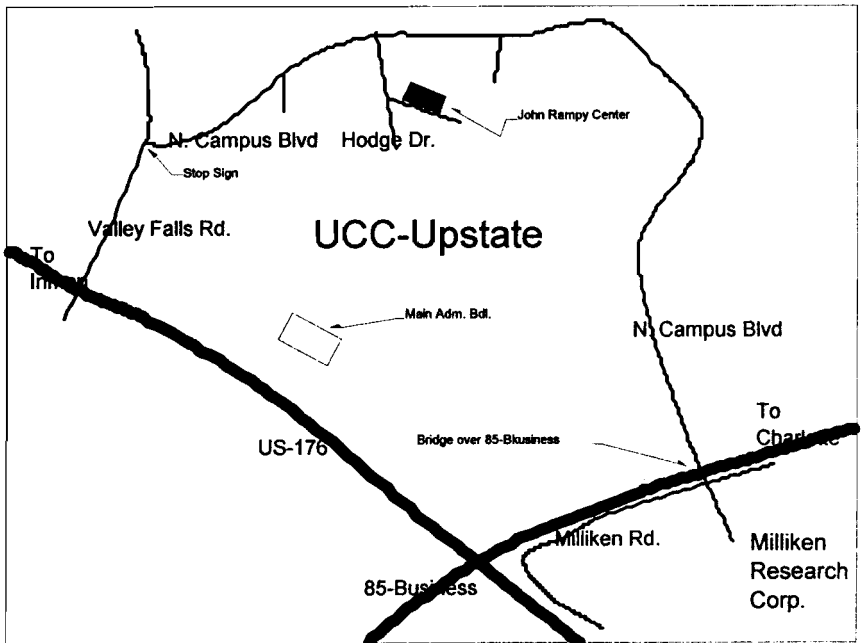
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1. US-176 to Valley Falls Road
or
2. Milliken Road parallel to 85-Business and
across bridge



COALITION TO CONTROL KUDZU

Central Contact newthardie@aol.com or (864) 582-0990

March 13, 2005

Dear Friend of the Spartanburg Coalition to Control Kudzu,

A lot is happening in our fight against invasive kudzu. Here's a quick update.

UTILITY POLE & GUY WIRE CLEANUP: **Martha Chapman's** and City Manager **Mark Scott's** suggested that we concentrated on removing the ugly vines from utility poles and guy wires. Ninety-eight of these "spots of embarrassment", to use **Mary Walter's** terminology, were identified and photographed along Spartanburg's high traffic streets.

Douglas Jones' city team has already cleaned up 31 of these unsightly rats' nests on the poles and wires that are located on the city right-of-ways. This is a huge improvement but you can't see it because the ugliness is gone. A big "At-A-boy" to **Douglas** and the city.

The big new news is that **David White**, local manager for Duke Power, is tackling some of the worse eyesores on their right-of-ways. For example, there is a particularly bad one in the parking lot just north of the old Shoney's restaurant on North Pine Street. This embarrassment will soon bite the dust, so to speak.

NEW TECHNOLOGY PREVENTS KUDZU GOING UP GUY WIRES AND UTILITY POLES: An inventor named Jack Callahan from Cleveland, Tenn., has patented devices that prevent kudzu vines from climbing guy wires and utility poles. During early March we installed eight of these at various test sites. We are working with Duke Power to put up more. These are seven-foot long, black, hard plastic shields that do not allow the kudzu to wrap around the wires or poles. We have talked personally with the inventor and with two forestry PhDs who helped test these devices. We are excited about the prospects. In several of the test sites, we have left one guy wire unprotected as a control. The difference will be highly visible by early summer.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS: During the past month several leading residents from various locations have stepped forward, asking for help, and setting up work sessions at the neighborhood kudzu problem site. Previously, **Tracy Hannah** started our activities in neighborhoods (Converse Heights). Particular heroes recently have been **W. C. Bain** from Woodland Heights, **Rich Proctor** from Duncan Park, and **Les McMillan** from the Heywood Drive area. We haven't worked on Les's site yet. We have completed the kudzu control work at the Woodland Heights entrance and made a small dent in the Duncan Park kudzu ugliness. There are very real advantages in getting neighborhoods involved. We are seeing ivy in some locations and tackle that invasive pest whenever appropriate.

DEMONSTRATION SITES: We now have 14 sites to demonstrate that kudzu really can be controlled without using herbicides. You probably have already seen the signs that say "KUDZU CONTROL TEST SITE". Please remember that these are very small sites. We are working without herbicides so far and can tackle only small areas of ugliness. Do not expect miracles. We very much appreciate the dozens of **volunteers** who are making this possible.

INTERSTATE SITE: **Fred Fleming** of the SC Department of Transportation helped us obtain a permit to tackle the kudzu under the north side of I-26 where it crosses over Business I-85. The first

work session was on Wednesday, March 9. This is an especially exciting site for three reasons: (1) high visibility, (2) we will be completely eliminating kudzu from this site – not just containing it, and (3) the kudzu is between two Spots of Pride by the Noble Tree Foundation. **Stewart Winslow** suggested it. If you want to see a huge pile of detached kudzu vines, drive over and look at this site. **Lou Adams** and **Stewart Winslow** worked all afternoon long with some help from **Tommy Blackwood** and other DOT employees to clean out the kudzu under the overpass. We're not done yet. The largest kudzu stumps we have ever seen are still to come out. That will get done in a few weeks.

EDUCATION: **Joe Maple** and the Master Gardeners' organization are planning a major kudzu communications event on the evening of July 18. This will involve both a progress report and continuing education. **Dr. Larry Nelson** will be come over from Clemson to participate. Please mark your calendars now.

WORK SESSIONS: A dozen or so volunteers have been completed thanks to two dozen participants. We thank them all. They have made a big difference. We're having so much fun that these are now called "Kudzu Parties". Two are planned each week – Wednesdays at 2 PM and Saturdays at 9:00 AM.

New participants learn the basic skills of rolling back the kudzu, removing nodes and small root crowns with a pruning saw (provided), and taking out a large root crown using a tool called the pulaski. This is Kudzu 101.

Upcoming "kudzu parties" are:

9 AM Sat, March 12 Emma Cudd Road out Country Club Road and beyond Glendale Falls – Saving many trees in cooperation with SPACE

2 PM Wed, March 16 Drayton Post Office - Men's Garden Club maples

9 AM Sat, March 19 800 Glendalyn Ave - Neighborhood requests

We invite you to come out and join the team on any of these efforts. It really can be fun. We try to quit before everyone is tired and we learn from each other. Best of all, you make a difference.

APRIL FOCUS – SAVE THE TREES: Kudzu vines have killed thousands of trees in the city of Spartanburg and will kill hundreds more in 2005. The kudzu foliage smothers the tree's leaves. We can save some of these trees by cutting the vines that support the kudzu and by following techniques that have evolved nicely. All trees cannot be saved but hundreds can – at least for several years. In some cases the kudzu will come back – depending on what else we are able to do to prevent regrowth.

APPRECIATION: We appreciate the many suggestions that have been received. Your passion for this initiative shows. Thank you again for your dedication to protecting Spartanburg's investments in beautification and for your support in **reducing these ugly spots.**

Sincerely,

The Steering Team:

Martha Chapman, Barbara Daniels, Newt Hardie, Douglas Jones, Dr. Larry Nelson (Clemson), and Henry Pittman

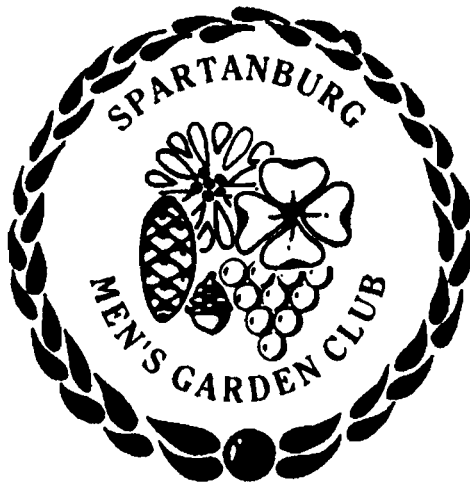
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It's Spring – and we seem to be experiencing a particularly beautiful one, with plentiful moisture, and (we hope) no late killing frosts. Our town looks great – and in many areas, enhanced by our Club's efforts – such as the brilliant display of the Yoshino cherry trees along Pine Street. We're now approaching our Saturday April 23d annual Spring plant sale, and our **Container Garden** at Hatcher Gardens is overflowing. This is a one-day event in conjunction with Hatcher Garden's sale of annual and perennial flowers – and we expect a sizeable crowd of customers. We have good publicity - radio, news articles and flyers – and two web sites listing the plants available: www.HatcherGarden.org and www.PiedmontSertoma.org. Now - we have to pull it off with good membership participation in preparation and helping during the sale. Harold Wolfe, David Kyle, and Don Crowder plus a few helpers have been struggling with the final touches on preparing the area following the revamp for the new watering system and with replacing the stock. Of note was the effort put in by two new members, Robert Brown and John Falk. We hope to have the area recovered with plastic early this week.

There will be some 3000 trees and shrubs available, and Hatcher will have about 6000 plants. Our total has been growing at the last minute because of the closing of Dr. John Keith's nursery (up Hwy 9 near Lake Lure) which is supplying us with some of his 10,000 trees at no cost. A number of members with trucks are moving some for the sale. (Included were Jess Taylor, JT Clark, Linda McHam, John Williams and perhaps others.) Our friends at SPACE are also rescuing Keith trees, and have a planned sale.

Major Tree Planting Projects – At our Board of Director's meeting last week Henry Pittman reviewed the present status of the two current additions to the US-221 project (Southport Rd. to Dorman High School and I-26) involving plantings at the interchanges at each end of the large project. Charles Reid and his Sodfather group are doing a great job for us completing this project. Henry also announced that our request for a sizeable Federal grant for plantings along 85 Business has

been approved. While this is great news, it carries with it the responsibility of raising considerable “matching money” required by the grant. After much discussion your Board decided that the project is of such value that we should proceed – and take on the task of finding sponsors and raising funds. The project will principally involve the planting of trees along the shoulders of about eight miles of this highway. We will work with Hans Balmer of the Pride Taskforce who assisted us in obtaining the Federal grant and who will be landscaping medians.

Upstate Forever tree conference – We are an official endorser of this great all-day educational opportunity in Greenville on April 26. Dr. Mike Dirr, the U of Ga. Tree super expert is the featured speaker. Cost is \$50 including lunch. Get details from Emily at eneely@upstateforever.org

Miscellany – At the Directors’ meeting it was decided (largely based on the show of hands at our last general meeting) to continue meeting at the Rampey Center. So far, the driving distance doesn’t seem to have effected attendance...Just four of us attended the dedication of the new signage program at Hatcher Gardens – but the Mayor and other dignitaries made the scene – take a look yourself...John Williams says summer flowers will be in our beds soon – again supplied by George Gunter’s Nursery...Dianne Fergusson authored an article about Hatcher Garden in a magazine called “Y’All”Bill Wilson, Robert Brown, Harold Wolfe and Henry Pittman fertilized and weeded our trees on Drayton Rd...

Landscape Evaluation – Our annual program in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce of viewing and evaluating sites of area business participants is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 , (9:00 AM , Chamber Offices). If you’ve signed up, be sure to show up. Every soul is needed.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr Gilman S. Hooper - 96 Gil was our President, long-time Board member, Director of our annual Rose show and an exceptional confidant and advisor. He had a major role in many community activities while an executive with Milliken, and during his long retirement.. And, with all of his long list of kudos and responsibilities aside, he was a very fine dirt gardener who more than carried his load with our Club.

Flo Erickson – 90 Flo attended our meetings regularly for many years – up to a month ago. While severely disabled by a circulatory disorder, she insisted she could help with anything that could be done from her wheelchair – writing plant labels, making many phone calls, etc. When younger, she was quite athletic and taught swimming at the “Y” Her husband, who died last year, was a professor of piano at Converse, and Flo was regular attendee at Converse programs.

Reba Stutt – Reba and her husband, Barry, joined our Club last year. She died last month of an illness.

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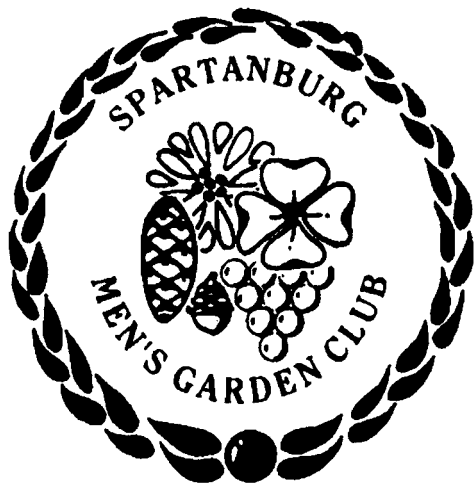
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May 11 , 2005

Meeting: Monday, May 16, 2005,

Place: The John Rampey Center, USCUpstate campus

Program: Barbara Pleasant, Author of many gardening books and magazine articles, and avid gardener who has yet to find a type of gardening she doesn't like. (One of her latest interests is mushrooms.) She has lived most of her life in Alabama, but moved to Brevard NC in 2002 to her mountaintop garden home.

Barbara has titled her talk to us: **What a Garden can do for you.**

Spring Plant Sale: Perhaps it was the advertising and other publicity, or maybe because of the same-day Hatcher garden sale, or the newly obtained trees from Dr. Keith's nursery – or who knows – but we had an almost unbelievable crowd of customers ready to buy. The day was pretty (a little wet from the previous day's rain) and the parking lot overflowing to the street. In the morning it seemed like the containers were just disappearing. Anyway, the result was our biggest one day sale ever – a real assist to our treasury.

Many of our members assisted during the sale, and more will be needed to untangle and rearrange the remaining stock and beginning some needed pot resizing , weeding, fertilizing , etc. A signup sheet for the next Saturday session of work at the Garden will be available at the meeting . After we're reorganized we expect a great growing summer with our new watering system!

Tree Planting Projects – Not too much action on our ongoing projects this last month. The state DOT did approve our application for tree planting on shoulders of Business 85 for a one-year establishment period; Sodfather is completing the last of the interchange plantings on the Rte 221 projects. Henry Pittman is busy contacting property owners along this project seeking to collect the last of the funds needed to complete the job.

One interesting aside is that Newt Hardie and Henry noted that one maple tree had been cut down along the Drayton Rd. project. After seeking the person or corporation doing the damage, closer inspection indicated that the culprit was a beaver who needed the tree for his (her) dam.

Kudzu Elimination – Newt Hardie's signs at various kudzu sites seem to be popping up all over town. This project is getting a lot of attention – and really showing results.

Hatcher Garden Events – Hatcher’s annual celebration and fund raising evening “Twilight in the Garden” will be held Friday evening May 20th – cocktails, dinner, silent auction, music. Contact the Garden about availability. The following day, “The Spring in the Garden” event, open to the public, will be held from 9 AM to 3 PM . Betty Ball will again arrange a booth for our Club to supply information as to membership and projects. We plan to display for sale a few shrubs and trees available from our container garden. We’ll ask at our meeting for two or three volunteers to aid Betty.

Landscape Evaluation – We had a beautiful bright Spring day April 16th to conduct our annual review of landscape judging participants. Bob Almond , with help from the Chamber’s leader, John Poole, kicked the procedure off at a short breakfast meeting. As Bob has since noted, we had the bare minimum of Club member volunteers to cover the evaluation assignments - let’s hope more will participate in the future.

The next action is the awards ceremony which is scheduled to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday May 18 at 4:00 PM. Please make an effort to attend to support this very worthy program (cheese and wine included).

National Conventions – Don Crowder’s committee proceeds with our plans for the convention here in 2006. We understand we have matters pretty well worked out with the Marriott where the activity will be centered.

The group who plan to attend the 2005 convention next month in Florida to spread the word about Spartanburg now includes Ann and Everette Lineberger, Jane and Jim Bagwell, Susan MacDowell and her daughter, and Bill Wilson. If anyone else would consider taking a vacation to Florida – let Everette know.

Miscellany....Our Garden Spots will be planted in May...Margaret Kyle, seriously injured in a car accident, is recovering nicely...In addition to the many trees, Dr. Keith’s nursery supplied us with a sizeable amount of Osmocote fertilizer....J.T. Clark, Susan MacDowell, and Tom Bartram will share expenses of refreshments at the May meeting.

New Members – Since December, the following have joined our Club! !
Louis Adams, David Alford, Sandra Barnes, Paul Blakeley, James Brown, Oneal Berry, Gloria Boardman, Harrell and Shirley Connelly, Diane Dennis, Frank Falk, Steve and Abby Fowler, Dan and Meg Holloway, Jan Ingerson, Rudy James, Jon Jensen, Ben Keys, Al and Caroline Jolly, Dr. Bert Knight, Terry Linn, Hilda Nichols, Peggy Romine, and Don Watson

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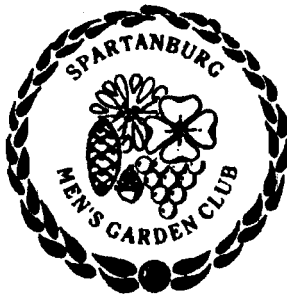
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- Meeting Date:** Monday, June 20, 2005, 7:00 PM (Note the time!)
- Program:** *"Old Field Succession in the Piedmont"* by Dr. Bob Powell. "Botany Bob" is the retired Chairman of the Converse College Botany Department, a long term member and leader of our club and a noted speaker and community leader.
- Place:** The Rampey Center on USC-Upstate campus (See map on back page.)
- Do:** Come; bring a friend and maybe a door prize plant.
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Kudzu Control. Newt Hardie and his group of "kudzu controllers" continue at high speed not only demonstrating, but actually controlling this noxious invasive plant in multiple City locations. See the demonstration plot behind the "Y" on S. Pine St.. Call Newt (582-0990) or Barbara Daniels (591-3600) for schedule.

Treescape Opportunities. Through the courtesy of Dr. John Keith who has closed his large nursery in N. C., we are the recipient of hundreds of quality 3-gallon large-growing trees--oaks, maples, planetrees, magnolias--in our nursery. Many will be sold this fall, but there are opportunities for the club to be generous with local schools, Habitat for Humanity and other properties needing enhancements. *Give suggestions to your officers.*

"Mavfest" at Hatcher. This celebration of Spartanburg's 'open to the public' garden was a success. Thanks to Betty Ball for our MGC booth, and to Tasso Ghionis, Mike Georgian, Marianne Bartram, Don Crowder and, I imagine, others.

Plant Nursery. Harold Wolfe reports plants are in good condition. Even with the almost 600 Keith-contributed-plants, we need to supplement for the annual Fall Plant Sale. The new irrigation is a super addition to the nursery--thanks to Don Crowder and Jeff Hall. *Potting Session sign-up will be available at the meeting.*

New Members. None this month, but 2005 dues continue to flow in slowly from old members. We now have 142 'memberships' with some 190 'members. *WOW, what a potent source of Spartanburg beautification!*

Health and Happiness. While we remember Betty Wolfe and Mike Georgian as they undergo some health problems, we celebrate the good health of many others.

Hatcher Garden will be the recipient of a new *Walter Soderburg Ericaceae Garden*, courtesy of a significant contribution by his family. Walter was not only a mainstay of the MGC for decades, but was a work partner for Harold Hatcher during the early days of the garden's creation. (And of course, you know *Ericaceae* is the plant family including azaleas and rhododendrons)

Litter Pick-Up was completed on our assigned N. Pine Street on Saturday, but the only participants were Susan MacDowell, her daughter Maegan, Don Crowder and Jim Bagwell. A huge thanks.

Crape Myrtles and Southern Living. Senior Garden Editor Steve Bender and his photographer will be back in town in July to follow-up for the article on Spartanburg's Crape Myrtles—the good and (unfortunately!) the bad. We still have a long way to go in teaching good CM selection and maintenance--“*Crape Murder*” is still a copious unpunished crime.

Landscape Evaluation. Mike Georgion and Bob Almond report a near record project—43 commercial landscapes were surveyed, ranked and constructive criticism given in advance of awards presentations.. While this cooperative project—run with the Chamber of Commerce—is one of our finest, our 21 volunteers were hardly enough to handle it properly. *More member volunteers next year, please!*

Tree Projects. US-221 work is still under way. This will be a significant highway enhancement. 85-Business treescaping is uncertain at this time. Our 1989 Natchez Crape Myrtles on E. Main will be in full bloom soon—*take a look*.

Field Trip to the S. C. Botanical Garden in Clemson is being planned for July by Betty Ball. This will include Dr. Bradshaw's Heritage Vegetable Garden of which he spoke in November. *Plan to sign up at the meeting*.

2006 TGOA/MGCA Calendars are available from Tasso at \$5. *Great gifts!*

TGOA/MGCA Convention. We were well represented in Palm Beach this month by the Linebergers, Crowders and Bagwells. Not only enjoyable and educational, it was extremely helpful as we plan the 2006 Convention here in Spartanburg. We expected to follow Mr. Milliken's admonition last year to spread the word on how so many organizations—private and public—are working to “enhance the enhancements” there. More—a lot more—on this later. *Get prepared to work!*

We are getting great help and cooperation from both the City and the Chamber and hope to have some 200 members from across the country visit Spartanburg next April. Don Crowder is chair of the convention committee. He will be calling on many of us for essential help and work for this undertaking.

Propagation Training by Jess Taylor will again be available Details at meeting.

National. See the WebSite at TGOA-MGCA.org The member password is LILY.

Refreshments will be courtesy of Pam Rice, Doris Beasley and Valerie Hare.

EDITORIAL. *How blessed we are to be part of a club with some 190 members—possibly the largest, and potentially the most influential, of the national affiliates. And like most organizations of volunteers, we have three unofficial types of members—some who only want to support the club with their membership, some who will occasionally attend a meeting, and (fortunately) some who will really work to support the club's objectives. All three are important and essential. How much more we could do to improve our community if there were, somehow, a higher percent of “workers”. Will you step forward?*

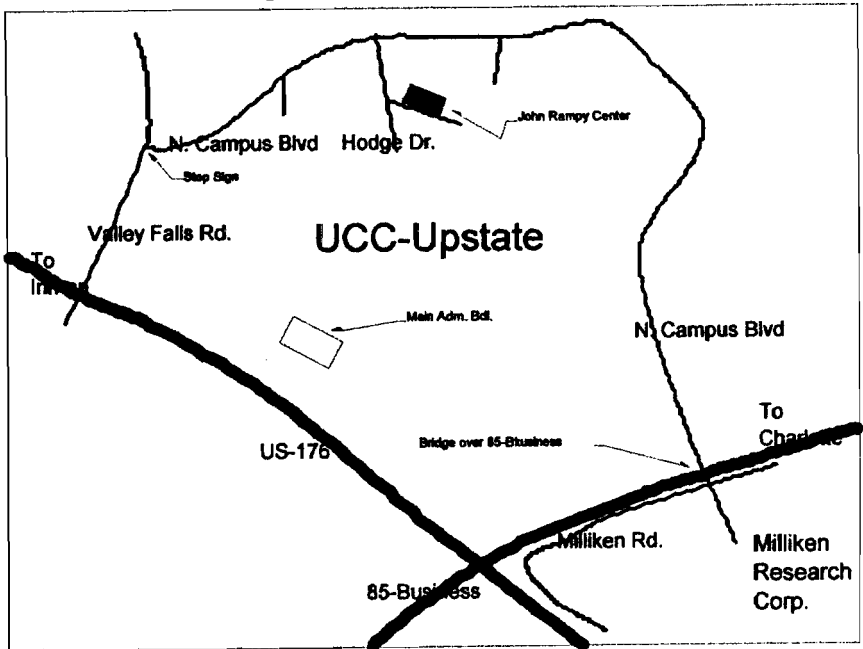
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July 13, 2005

Meeting: Monday, July 18, 2005 ---7:00 PM

Place: The Rampey Center, USCS Upstate Campus

Program: Joe Mullinax, Director Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve will tell us about his recent visit to the Chicago area for a meeting of the American Assn. of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta during which he had the opportunity to tour several nationally recognized gardens. He will present his power point show of the visits.

Joe has done an outstanding job of managing and marketing the Garden. He is a Spartanburg native – grew up on Brierwood Rd. behind the Garden – Spartan High, Eagle Scout, USC Bachelor of Arts. Spent several years in California where he became involved in an urban tree program in Los Angeles.

2006 Convention Planning – Things are getting serious about the upcoming national convention we're hosting here in Spartanburg for the Gardeners of America /Men's Garden Club. Co-Chairs Don Crowder and Linda McHam say they have the agenda well in hand. They've created a calendar of key target dates, organized nineteen committees, and plan an initial meeting of committee chairpersons July 19th at Hatcher Garden, 7:00 PM. Also, a well-prepared detailed announcement of our plans for the convention meetings here April 20-22, 2006 which includes a description of our metropolitan area, an invitation to the Marriott, registration information, and a questionnaire seeking interests of attendees has been sent to Officers and other Clubs.

More about plans at our meeting!

Container Garden – Three very lightly attended potting and repotting sessions have been held at the Garden in recent weeks. More work remains –and there may be a sign up at the meeting. One thing is for sure – this year , now that we have a watering system and bountiful rain, we can't continue our usual complaints about the summer drought damage.

Kudzu Control – Newt Hardie and his great program in demonstrating various means of controlling invasive kudzu without herbicides made the front page of the *Herald Journal* last week. Newt is spending full time with the program and has a number of test sites showing good results. He had a program at the Library, July 11th to relate his progress and seek more assistance.

Welcome two new members!! - Robby Kocisko, of Boyd St. in Spartanburg, and Sylvia Stahley of Burns Rd, Spartanburg. Also , renewals of membership were received from three during June.

Youth Group Tours at Hatcher – Dianne Fergusson is organizing docent-led youth group tours of the Garden. One held in June and two are scheduled for this month.

Field trip to Clemson Gardens, Thurs. July 21st

Betty Ball, our special social director, has organized our tour by bus to The Clemson Horticultural Gardens and the special Heritage vegetable garden described to us by Dr. Bradshaw at an earlier meeting. Plans are to leave fairly early in the morning (? 9:00 Am) and to return arriving in Spartanburg around 4:30 PM. Betty's package deal includes a lunch at the Martin Inn in the Madren Center (a real nice place) after our tour of the Horticultural gardens and before the vegetable garden. If we can sign up a reasonable number of participants (like 35-45) the cost will be about \$30 per person, including lunch. Betty will have final details at our meeting.

Betty suggests that you make reservations by email (bettyball2@netzero.net) or call her at 595-1345.

Dues – Your Board of Director's has approved an increase in dues (first in a number of years) to keep in line with National. New rate: \$35. per year for single membership, \$45 for family.

Route 221 – Dorman High tree plantings – It appears the finances of this great project are finally being settled. We've sought help from businesses and individuals in the area and have received contributions towards the cause from Roebuck Building Co., Roebuck Nurseries and Landscape, Tyger River Properties, Peggy and Bill Wilson, R.L Jordan Oil Co., and Dr. Dianne Fergusson.

Miscellany . . . Our crape myrtle plantings around town are surely looking spectacular in this wet summer. The white Natchez variety on East Main have been especially showy....Tasso Ghionis still has a supply of the attractive National Club calendar – see him at the meeting : \$5.00 per. – and for a good cause....refreshments at the meeting are to be provided by Linda McHam, Jim Bagwell, and Henry Pittman...

As this bulletin goes to press, long-term member and former Treasurer of the Club, and very dear friend to many- especially of the old-timers in our Club, Dr. George Wegryzn, is in a coma after a fall early last week. Our heartfelt concerns are extended to his fine family.

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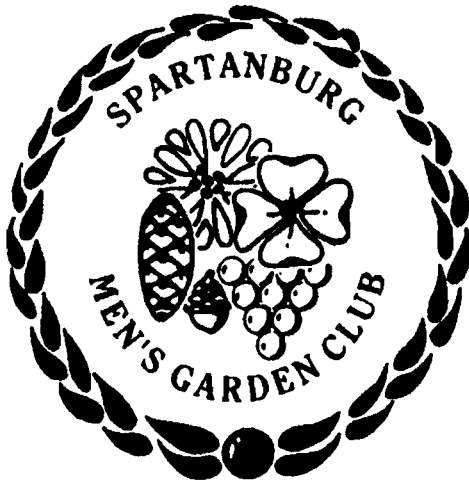
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August 11, 2005

Meeting: Monday, August 15, 2005

Place: The Rampey Center, USC Upstate Campus, Spartanburg, SC

Program: "How to control kudzu without herbicides" - Newt Hardie, Club member, former Milliken executive at Spartanburg and La Grange, Georgia, has, as a retirement project, finding ways and demonstrating how invasive Kudzu can be controlled. Newt and his wife, Nell, are regular attendees of our meetings.

Container Garden – The combination of watering and sufficient rain has resulted in major weed growth in many of the containers at Hatcher Garden. This is in spite of the fact that we used germination control chemicals for the first time this year. If members can spend a little time, stop by and pull a few weeds. However, many of the containers will require repotting to do the job right – plus the fact that some plants need to be upgraded to larger containers. A work schedule may be announced at the meeting.

Our annual **PICNIC** will be held September 19th at Hatcher Gardens (rain date the following Monday) Betty Ball is again the Chairperson – and may contact others to help.

Street Tree Projects – We understand that the Route US 221 project has received donations that solve the funding problems.

The project looks great, with a number of replacement trees planted by Charles Reed's Sodfather organization. Henry Pittman continues to follow everything about the project closely. He noted that one minor and understandable fault has been that some of the bloom colors of crape myrtle are mixed.

Plans for the I-85 Business route project are still alive – but with plans to schedule plantings in the Fall of 2006. This will avoid any interference with the National Convention scheduled for next Spring. We expect that the State DOT will approve the proposal - but must await their decision about future maintenance responsibility.

Nominations for 2006 officers – The nominating committee informs us that they will announce their decisions at our meeting. We'll vote at the September Picnic meeting.

Scholarships – Tasso Ghionis is planning to present our program to Spartanburg Tech in September, and asks for some assistance. We understand that David Kyle will help – but one more is needed. If interested - call Tasso.

2006 Dues – In order to receive the American Horticultural Society magazine, dues must be paid by November. Susan MacDowell is planning a mailing to the membership to see if we can't meet the deadline this year.

Convention Planning – Don Crowder and Linda McHam are assembling cost estimates of the convention and plan to determine a firm cost of registration by the first of September. They may call another meeting of committee chairs later this month.

Bill Cobb, CEO of OS-I and husband of member Linda Cobb, was seriously injured in a fire**Bob McCullough**, member and former officer, suffered a heart attack, but is recovering quite well.

Miscellany.....Hatcher Garden has had some very successful summer camp programs for youngsters..."Southern Living " is taking pictures of crape myrtle for their article which we expect next Spring....Doug Jones from the City has arranged the removal of kudzu from the trees we planted on Drayton Ave....Refreshments after the meeting are courtesy of Peggy Romine, Hollis Taylor, and Stan Klot

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. George C. Wegrzyn 1925 – 2005

George served as our Treasurer for a number of years. He was a caring mentor to many, and an especially proud Father of a large and close family. Our special condolences to Mary Ellen.

Walton H. Scott, Jr. 1923 – 2005

Walton, along with his wife, Virginia, managed Landscape Evaluation programs for the Club. They participated despite physical difficulties. Our condolences to Virginia.

August Gardening Tips – Stop pinching ends of chrysanthemums and fertilize them with 10-10-10. This should enhance Fall blooming. Roses need a little special care this time of year. Treat for black spot and they can be fertilized with 5-10-10. It's great time to divide daylilies. If you end with more than you can use – share them with gardening friends. Also, dig and divide iris. Your editor asked iris grower Everette Lineberger how to rid the corms of worms and rot before replanting, and he suggested soaking in a mix of 10% Clorox with water.

Bring some August veggies and any extra plants for **DOOR PRIZES**

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September 14, 2005

PICNIC Monday, September 15, 5:30 PM at Hatcher Gardens. We plan to serve at about 6:00 PM, but suggest you be early to socialize and to view the Garden – which looks great!

Betty Ball, who organizes this event, will have barbeque, buns, drinks, paper products, and utensils for all. Members are asked to bring various dishes – vegetables, salads, tomatoes, pickles, desserts. If you have questions – call Betty at 595-1345. We hope to have the “Windjammers” combo to entertain during the mealtime. As usual, we expect great Fall weather, but have established the following Monday as a rain date.

Our **Membership Roster** is published with this issue of the bulletin rather than in October as part of our effort to collect dues earlier in order to adjust to National’s schedule. Treasurer Jim Bagwell notes that about fifty have already paid for the coming year. Send him a check soon to assure you will be on time and can receive the National organization mailings, which include the American Horticultural Society magazine. Individuals \$35, Family \$45.

Container Garden – Fall Sale – Thanks to the summer rains and the fine new watering system, plants are in good shape. That is, at least those that have been weeded. Our continuing problem is the grasses and weeds that choke plants in the containers. Harold Wolfe reports that the weeding sessions of recent weeks have been very sparsely attended. He says that if anyone can help – any day – call him and he will meet them at the Garden.

As noted on the reverse of this bulletin, our Fall sale is scheduled to begin Saturday October 22nd. This first Sale date will coincide with Hatcher Garden’s sale of perennial flowers. We have every hope that it will be as successful as last year’s sale. As most members are aware, sale profits serve to finance our various beautification projects, as well as supplying home owners with a source of quality shrubs at reasonable prices.

Nominations – Jim Bagwell, Chair of the Nominating Committee, sets forth the following names for our 2006 slate of officers. At our October meeting this slate along with any newly proposed changes, will be acted on:

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Bartram, National Director, Blue Ridge Region – Henry Pittman Directors (one year): Betty Ball, Newt Hardie, J.T. Clark, Bill Wilson, John Williams, Stan Klotz. Directors (two years): Tasso Ghionis, David Kyle, Susan MacDowell, Dianne Fergusson, Linda Cobb, Terrie Rourke. Directors Emeritus Bob Almond, Tom Bartram, Henry Pittman, Jess Taylor.

Hatcher Memorial – It appears that the memorial will be complete and ready for installation well before our target date – the Convention. At our October meeting Bob Almond will report on the details and progress. In the meanwhile, any financial help with the project will be appreciated.

On the cover page of this bulletin is a picture of the memorial’s bronze plaque.

Litter Pickup – Susan MacDowell will lead our intrepid ‘Keep Spartanburg Cleaners’ covering our assigned route on Pine Street Saturday 8:00 AM October 1st. Try this event - it’s really fun, not work. Meet Susan at 8:00 AM in parking lot behind Chamber of Commerce building.

Youth Programs at Hatcher – While parents failed to get enough children to attend the last summer program at Hatcher, another is scheduled for October. Check Hatcher Garden (574 7724) for details. Dianne Fergusson, who works with the program says once there, the children thoroughly enjoy themselves.

2006 National Convention – The committee headed by Don Crowder and Linda McHam has set the coast for attendees at \$185 per person – a figure below that of the last convention. They’ve based their estimate on attendance of about 175. Additionally, they’ve announced that Dr John Dirr, the nationally- known tree expert from the Univ. of Georgia, will attend our meetings.

Miscellany ...Fast Signs, Inc., a relatively new business on East Main Street, has become a corporate member of the Club....Your Board agreed that Harold Wolfe can direct the planting of a few trees and shrubs from the container garden at Mountain View Nursing Home....Newt Hardie is now attacking the ‘Green Monster’ of kudzu at the curve on Brentwood Drive, and also reports results at the Beacon and the Children’s Advocacy Center.

In Memoriam John Phillip Braghirol, Sr, 79, a member of our Club, died last July. A long time teacher in New York state schools, he resided in Inman. We offer condolences to his wife Betty.

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

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576-2512	Cantrell, Bill & Mary Frances	302 Holly Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29301
599-7011	Clark, J. T. & Pat	102 Woodcreed Drive	Spartanburg	SC	29303
574-8493	Cobb, Linda	421 Overlook Ct	Spartanburg	SC	29301
474-9616	Connelly, Harrell & Shirley	106 Rockport Way	Pacolet	SC	29372
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576-3397	Crowder, Donald & Denie	106 Stockton Ln.	Moore	SC	29369
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574-2970	Falk, Frank A.	321 E Killamey Lake Rd.	Moore	SC	29369
585-0420	Fergusson, Dianne (Dr.)	430 E. Park Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29302
579-8999	Foster, Martha & Dan	221 Mansfield Drive	Spartanburg	SC	29307
433-1244	Fowler, Abby & Steve	187 River Falls Drive	Duncan	SC	29334
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574-1380	Gencarelli, Ray	421 Cloverleaf Ln.	Spartanburg	SC	29301
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582-8412	Griffin, Edwin	154 Bellwood Lane	Spartanburg	SC	29302
574-0803	Gunter, George & Susanne	287 Caldwell Cir.	Spartanburg	SC	29301
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579-7182	Hamilton, Bob	279 Harrell Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307

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658-3323	Marley, Charles	140
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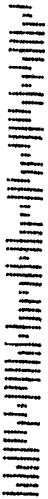
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founder and developer of Hatcher Garden
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with his wife Josephine for 30 years, he used
cultural skills and his unlimited capacity
with his limited funds, to turn his backyard
into a garden for plants and people. His example inspired
a community of Spartanburg that now takes great pride in
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Memorial by his fellow members
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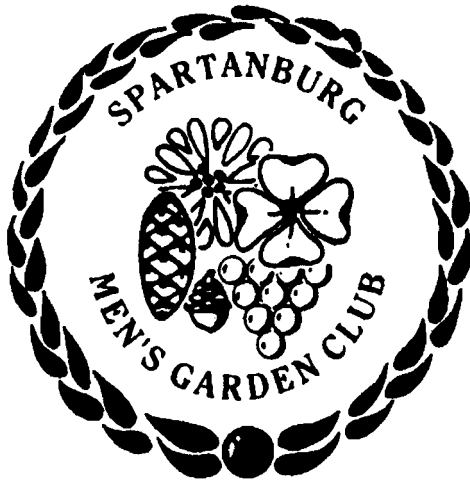
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October 12, 2005

Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2005, 7:00 PM

Place: The Rampey Center, USC Upstate Campus, Spartanburg,

Program: Our speaker is Dr. Steve Jeffers of Clemson University who will address "Sudden oak death and other pathologies". Dr. Jeffers, a PhD from Cornell University, is Clemson's expert in plant pathologies. We'll learn about the very real problem with oaks.

Fall Plant Sale – Our annual sale, which is the principal fund raiser for our Club, will be held on Saturday October 22d, and October 29th, at the container garden section of Hatcher Gardens. On the 22d, Hatcher Gardens will also have their sale of perennials. Hours will be from 9 AM to 3PM.

After prolonged discussion – and Jim Bagwell's analysis of past sales results, your Board of Directors determined that most of our dollar results were in the first day of the sale, with dwindling volume in the three following Saturday sales as previously scheduled. We believe that with appropriate publicity and effort we can achieve desired results with the shortened program.

The quantity of plants to sell is great, and the condition good. However, much work needs to be done to prepare for the sale – particularly because of the disruption caused by the moving of plants during the installation of the new watering system earlier in the summer. Harold Wolfe and David Kyle have set up a meeting to determine pricing and to finalize the inventory. Also, they plan some reorganization of the stock. Henry Pittman is handling publicity, including some flyers that will be available at the meeting. Take some and help distribute to stores, clubs, etc. More at the meeting about how you can help.

Election of 2006 Officers – At our meeting we will vote on the proposed slate (below) and ask for any nominations from the floor. Any new nominations must be with the prior approval of the candidate. Jim Bagwell, Chair of the nominating committee, presents the following: President- Everette Lineberger, Vice President – Harold Wolfe, Secretary – Linda McHam, Treasurer – Jim Bagwell, Asst. Treasurer – Bob Hamilton, Editor – Tom Bartram, Immediate Past President – Don Crowder, Hatcher Board Representative – Tom Bartram, National Director, Blue Ridge Region – Henry Pittman. Directors (one year) : Betty Ball, Newt Hardie, J.T. Clark, Bill Wilson, John Williams, Stan Klotz. Directors (two years): Tasso Ghionis , David Kyle, Susan McDowell, Dianne Fergusson, Linda Cobb, Terrie Rourke. Directors emeritus ; Bob Almond, Tom Bartram, Henry Pittman, Jess Taylor.

Litter Pickup – Susan MacDowell thanks her team which participated in the “Keep Spartanburg Clean” October 1st pickup. Pretty fair turnout: Susan, Dianne Fergusson, Valerie Hare, Bob Reynolds, J. T. Clark and Maegan MacDowell.

Picnic Report – Everything fell into proper place for our annual picnic last month. The weather was fine, the “Windjammers” music was entertaining and appreciated, and there was just enough food to go ‘round. Betty Ball planned for attendance of 75, and there were 75 present. Great event – and many kudos for Betty!

2006 National Convention – Linda McHam and Don Crowder have scheduled a progress meeting with heads of committees October 25th, 7:00 PM at Hatcher. It is important that committee heads attend and be prepared to report.

Membership renewals – The effort to get everyone paid up by November 1st seems to be on schedule. As of last week we had 92 renewals Jim can take your payments at the meeting: \$35. single, \$45. family.

Special event for gardeners: Dr. Mike Dirr, who will be a principal speaker at next Spring’s convention, has scheduled a program on trees at Lander University in Greenwood Thursday November 17th at 7 PM. Free – but must register with Jimmy Walters at 864 910 0139, cell 374 7111.

Miscellany – Tasso Ghionis still has calendars for sale to support our scholarship efforts...We understand Linda McHam and George Gunter are developing plans for our dwindling number of flower gardens...the Library is taking over the maintenance of the Flag Garden we established....We’re hoping to have an emissary to visit the GOA/MGC directors meeting in Ohio next month to spread the word about our Convention plans...Dr. Clay Turner, Retired Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent – and a Master Gardener, will be our speaker at November’s annual meeting – we look forward to his presentation

Healthy lawns, healthy property values – According to the National Gardening Association, eight out of ten household s spend appreciable time maintaining their lawns and gardens. In 2003 consumers spent a total of \$37.9 billion on lawn care, landscaping, and tree care services. And the figure is rising.

It is estimated that landscaping can add 7% to 15% of a property’s worth. Even something as simple as a mature tree can increase value as much as \$1,000 to \$10,000, according to the Council for Tree and Landscape Appraisers. Sounds like gardening and lawn management really pay off!

And – Speaking of burgeoning businesses, here’s a quote from a recent “New Yorker” magazine: “Lawns cover 50,000 square miles of the United States – approximately the size of Pennsylvania.”

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The Club publishes "Gardening and Beautification" monthly for its members, community leaders, and others interested in gardening and enhancing Spartanburg.

Organized in 1948 as the "Dirt Daubers", it became the "Spartanburg Men's Garden Club" in 1950 and affiliated with the "Men's Garden Clubs of America" in 1953. It is now affiliated with The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA.org) and its 4800 members in Clubs across America, but also with The American Horticultural Society (www.ahs.org). Our members have full benefits of both national organizations including receiving the bi-monthly magazine of the AHS "The American Gardener."

The Club now has over 150 men and women members who are proud of their part in making the community greener and more beautiful. The Club is excited about hosting the TGOA/MGCA national convention in April, 2006!!

2005 Officers and Board of Directors

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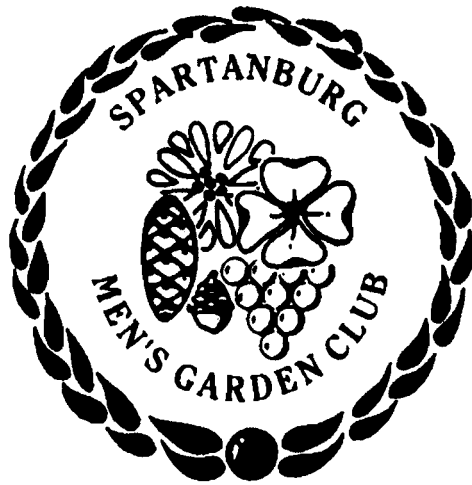
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November 16, 2005

Program : *2005 ANNUAL MEETING* November 22d **7.00 PM**

Place : Spartanburg County Library, Henry & Church Streets, Spartanburg, SC. – in the Barrett Room.

Speaker : **Dr. Clay Turner**, retired Rector of Spartanburg's Episcopal Church of the Advent. Dr. Turner announces his subject as "**The Why of Gardening**".

At this meeting **John Poole**, Executive Director of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, will introduce and install our officers and directors for Anno 2006. The new slate is reflected on the reverse of this bulletin. Following the meeting, there will be refreshments organized by Rosalind and Mike Georgian.

Tree and Plant Sale – This year we experimented with the concept of reducing the number of sale dates from our long- time schedule of four Saturdays to just two. And, we succeeded. Saturday October 22d, the first day, was an outstanding success. The following Saturday was much less, but the two day total was clearly in line with our previous years – **and**, our sales total for the year, including the successful Spring sale, was a new yearly high! Special credit goes to the organizers of the sale – Harold Wolfe, David Kyle, publicist Henry Pittman, Jess Taylor - to name a few. Everette Lineberger contributed with his planning of our orders and his radio interview spots, George Gunter and his reasonably priced high quality stock aided, and the twenty members who turned out to assist the first day contributed much. Jim Bagwell did his usual effective job of handling the individual purchases. **Great job !**

And now – back to work on the container garden. A new inventory is required, many plants need to be "upgraded" to larger pots, and orders placed for new material to be planted this winter. A **work day** will be scheduled – sign up at the meeting!

Tree Planting Projects – Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, the outstanding amounts due for the completion of the plantings at the interchanges along Rte 221 have been paid. Our benefactors are: Tom Moore Craig, Jordan Oil, Roebuck Building, Peggy Wilson, Dianne Fergusson, and Jerry Wyatt.

We've supplied trees for planting at Miracle Hill (St Johns St. at Fremont), and are using some of the larger trees from the container garden as replacements on Drayton Road and at 221/ I-26 junction.

Kudzu Coalition – Lou Adams and Barbara Daniels have designed a new internet

website for the coalition. ([www.KOKudzu .Com](http://www.KOKudzu.Com)) Newt Hardie is looking for new site locations in the City and at Boiling Springs.

National Convention – Don Crowder and Linda McHam held a planning and reporting session for committee heads recently. It was well attended, and there was much interchange of ideas from the group. Seems as if things are on schedule. Also, Henry Pittman, as our Blue Ridge Director, attended a National director's meeting held in Youngstown, Ohio. Henry spread the work about the upcoming convention here. He reports that many of the group in attendance remember very favorably the National Director's meeting here a few years ago.

Learning tree project – Dianne Fergusson, who directs the youth program activities of our Club, has suggested that we serve as the sponsor of this program which will be held at Hatcher Garden. The program results from Dr. Jack Turner's water ecology project at USCUpstate, and will involve some 500 kids from K to 5 in five sessions with instructors recruited by Hatcher's education committee. Your Board has approved the funds for our sponsorship.

Miscellany....The winter edition of *The Spartanburg Magazine* contains a fine article about our Everette Lineberger which leads in with .."the former minister now master of irises" and notes that he's President of our Club....Jeff Hall at Hatcher is now planting a large new Ericaceae garden that, while not yet complete, already looks great. This garden honors Walter Soderberg, our long-term leader and friend. While the Club donated some funds for this project, Walter's family was the principal financial support....

Bulb blooms and busts – For all the lovely innocence that bulbs display in bloom, they have been involved in some strange goings-on during the course of history. Undoubtedly the most bizarre of these was "tulipomania", a tidal wave of speculation in which tulips were traded in the manner of stocks and bonds. "Tulipomania" engulfed Europe in the 17th century, peaking in Holland between 1634 and 1637.

The real madness began when Dutch bulb growing gave way to speculation, which was nothing but high-stakes gambling. Beginning in 1634, rich men and poor men- servants, butchers, and bakers, vied to buy bulbs of likely strains, even though the bulbs had not yet bloomed, confident that they could sell the contractual rights to them at a higher price. Since the contracts specified only future delivery of real bulbs, traders could buy and sell them without seeing them, as in modern futures markets. To raise money, people mortgaged houses, pawned jewels, and sold tools of trade. Finally the government forbade speculation and the Dutch resumed solid businesses. They produce over two billion bulbs per year.

But this wasn't the end of the story In the 18th century a craze for hyacinths swept over Europe. One specimen named "Admiral Liefken" sold for the equivalent of \$20,000.in England. Later when dahlias were in vogue in France, a single prized plant was exchanged for a rare diamond.....And, this is the time to plant some good inexpensive daffodils, crocuses, and tulips !!

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Organized in 1948 as the "Dirt Daubers", it became the "Spartanburg Men's Garden Club" in 1950 and affiliated with the "Men's Garden Clubs of America" in 1953. It is now affiliated with The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA.org) and its 4800 members in Clubs across America, but also with The American Horticultural Society (www.ahs.org). Our members have full benefits of both national organizations including receiving the bi-monthly magazine of the AHS "The American Gardener."

The Club now has over 150 men and women members who are proud of their part in making the community greener and more beautiful. The Club is excited about hosting the TGOA/MGCA national convention in April, 2006!

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