

Meeting: Monday, January 19, 2009

Morningside Baptist Church,
897 S. Pine Street, 7:00 PM

Program: Doug Rayner, Professor at Wofford College, will speak on wildflowers. Doug has published a book: *A Guide to the Wildflowers of South Carolina*.

Refreshments:

Nancy Williamson and Linda McHam

Trip to Don Shadow's Nursery and Zoo

Plans are being considered (again) for an overnight excursion to Winchester, TN, to visit Don Shadow's nursery. Don Shadow is in the top echelon of nursery growers in the US. Don spoke at the USC-Upstate Arbor Day program in December. He also has a remarkable private ZOO! See www.shadownursery.com. It will be possible to buy plants from the Shadow nursery. The trip will be in April or October on a Friday-Saturday (date TBA). Overnight expenses at the Jameson Inn will be about \$75 per room. Bus rental to be determined. Linda McHam (582-1498) will make arrangements, if other volunteers will secure the 35-40 participants needed to make this happen.

Missing in Action....

Several of our committees are not currently staffed: Litter Pick-up, Youth, Scholarships, Community Garden Spots (we have three locations!), Long Range Planning, and House and Facilities. Betty Ball has done a great job with this last one for the past four years, and now we need someone to step forward and take the reins. This person arranges our meeting locations (done), refreshments (we can go without, possibly), and most importantly, directs the picnic. So.... If there is to be a picnic this year in September, we need someone to volunteer!

Web Site www.dirtclubbers.org update

Our new web site has been updated and modified by Lou Adams, late of Kudzu fame. Lou and Linda McHam are discussing ways of making the site even more useful and will be making modifications this spring. Check it out!

Dues for 2009 were due November, 2008

If you have not paid your dues for 2009, please do so by mailing a check for \$20 (single); \$28 (family); \$100 Corporate, to SMGC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1502, Spartanburg, SC 29304 right now! Or, you can go to our web site:

www.dirtclubbers.org and click on the Membership tab. Click on **Membership Form** to download a form. *This is your last newsletter if your dues are not paid before February.* Members who have paid are printed in this newsletter. A dues increase is under consideration for 2010.

Yahoo Group

We now have 56 members in our group. If you want to ask gardening questions, know when Club activities are scheduled, get updates on events, etc., then join [**SpartanburgMGC**]. Visit Yahoo.com and sign up, or email LTMcHam@copper-beech.com to be added.

Hatcher Garden Liaison

Lorelei Foster has joined the SMGC board and will represent us on the Hatcher Garden Board and vice versa. Please make Lorelei welcome!

Business I-85 Street Tree Party

In December, Ed Wilde organized three work parties of six or seven members each who did light pruning and dead tree removal on the shoulders of I-85. With the supervision of DOT and the blessing of Mike Garrett, Public Works Director, the seven-mile stretch was spruced up and inventoried. See our web site for photos.

In addition, Hwy 221 was inventoried by Ed Wilde, Henry Pittman, Charlie Crescenzi, and Don Crowder.

Report from National by Jim Bagwell

In November, Jim Bagwell attended the National TGOA/MGCA Director's Meeting in Des Moines, IA. The following items may interest you: The partnership with American Horticultural Society has been renewed through Dec. 31, 2009. The calendar committee reported that the 2010 calendar will be printed based on orders received due to slow demand for the 2009 issue. The 2009 National Convention will be in Santa Rosa, California on May 28-30.

Volunteer for something... you are needed!!!

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Gardening & Beautification

Meeting: Monday, February 16, 2009

Morningside Baptist Church,
897 S. Pine Street, 7:00 PM

Program: Scott Page,

of Spartanburg's City Parks & Recreation will discuss
upcoming plans for beautification.

Refreshments provided by:

Gail McCullough and Kathleen Wilde

Trip to Don Shadow's Nursery and Zoo

Plans have been cancelled for the trip to Don Shadow's Nursery. With a five hour ride, not counting rest stops and lunch, and only three people who volunteered to help, it was determined that we could make better use of our resources by working with Charlie Gray at Wofford College to visit upstate and regional wildflower sites. We will keep you posted as their plans develop.

Missing in Action....

The annual picnic at Hatcher Garden is in September and we need someone to coordinate this annual event. Please let Ed Wilde know if you can volunteer. Other committees need to be staffed, and every committee that is chaired could use more help! Step up and make yourself useful!

Web Site www.dirtdaubers.org update

Our new web site has been updated and modified by Lou Adams. In case you missed the 60th Anniversary dinner at the Piedmont Club, you can see the slideshow online at our web site! Linda McHam and Lou are working on a major overhaul of the existing site – stayed tuned!

Dues for 2009 were past due November 2008. You can go to our web and click on the Membership tab. Then, click on **Membership Form** to download a renewal form.

February 2009

Welcome to our newest members: Lorraine Cooper, and Douglas and Maxine Nash. You will know them at our meetings because their nametag will have a smiley face! This goes for all new members in 2009! We currently have 116 members and 9 corporate members.

Yahoo Group: [SpartanburgMGC]

New Guidelines for using the Yahoo Group have been posted and will be sent monthly as a reminder. Visit Yahoo.com and register for our group, or email LTMcHam@copper-beech.com to be added.

Our Condolences: One of our members, David Kyle, recently passed away. A memorial contribution will be sent to Hatcher Garden by SMGC. David's sister is working with Terrie Rourke to make a donation in David's memory to Hatcher Garden.

April is our Plant Sale and is coming up fast! Steve Patton has arranged for a potting session on Saturday, Feb. 21st at 9 am. Special thanks to Jeff Hayes, Charles Covert, Vince Smith, Carol Meyer, Ben Waddell, Stephanie Heath, Steve Patton and Bob Reynolds for potting up on Feb. 7!!!

Bring a friend to a meeting as well as a door prize! Be sure to label the plant and provide your name so that recipients will know what it is, or whom to call for more information.

The SMGC Board has approved the 2009 budget that shows us just in the black. We will need lots of help and good luck with both plant sales to keep us that way. Thanks to Jeff Hayes and the Finance Committee for overseeing this important planning process for the Club!

Propagation Boxes at Hatcher Garden: Don Crowder and Joe Rives will discuss irrigation for the boxes with Jeff Hall; a frame needs to be built and shade cloth purchased to cover the boxes and protect the cuttings.



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All men and women are welcome to join the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club. We need your talents and your time! Please come to the monthly membership meetings, volunteer for a committee and help us make Spartanburg a better place to live!

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Gardening & Beautification

Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2009

Morningside Baptist Church,
897 S. Pine Street, 7:00 PM

Program: Brian Wofford,

of Spartanburg's City Parks & Recreation will discuss
upcoming plans for beautification.

Refreshments provided by:

Bob Hamilton and Henry Pittman

In Partnership with Wofford College: Doug Rayner spoke to us in January about the special places wildflowers can be seen in the Upstate. Wofford's Charlie Gray arranges these traveling seminars, and one is planned for June to see the Wildflowers and Plant Communities of the Coastal Plain. Reservations can be made by contacting Charlie Gray, Director of Continuing Education, 429 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303, 864-597-4186, email graych@wofford.edu. Limited to 36 participants.

Donations are being accepted: In honor of David Kyle, donations will be accepted at the membership meeting. David's family would like to make a memorial contribution through SMGC to Hatcher Garden.

Web Site www.dirtdaubers.org update: Our new web site has been updated and modified by Lou Adams. A calendar feature has been added and is up to date with all currently known events. Henry Pittman has provided a map of all Street Tree projects and total trees planted which has been posted on the web site. This will be helpful in publicizing the effect SMGC has had on the beautification of Spartanburg. If you would like to add an event or notice to the calendar pertaining to SMGC activities, please contact Linda McHam. **Dues for 2009 can be paid by** going to our web site and clicking on the Membership tab. Click on **Membership Form** to download a form.

March 2009

Yahoo Group: [SpartanburgMGC] Visit Yahoo.com and register for our group, or email LTMcHam@copper-beech.com to be added. Please read the guidelines.

April 25th is our Plant Sale and coming up fast! Clipboards will be passed around at the March meeting and we need everyone to sign up for at least one time slot. Much needs to be done beforehand, so volunteer to make this the best one yet! Several crews have potted up over 500 plants!

Bring a friend to a meeting as well as a door prize! Be sure to label the plant and provide your name so that recipients will know what it is, or whom to call for more information. Wear your **nametag** to the meetings, too!

The Long Range Planning Committee is meeting every two weeks with lots of progress. Chairman, Paul Manly, plans to report on the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) Analysis in April or May.

One of our newer members, Charles Covert, has volunteered to coordinate the care of our three Community Garden Spots as well as head up the Litter Pickup. Way to go Charles! He will be looking for volunteers to assist him. Be sure to lend him a hand!

House and Facilities: Jack and Jane Turner have agreed to chair this committee and will be asking for help with refreshments. Dianne Fergusson, fresh from her experience with the 60th Anniversary, has agreed to coordinate the fall Picnic! Thanks to all of them for stepping up! Be sure to thank them and to sign up to help!

Special Thanks to Don Crowder for working with the DOT in regards to finishing up a few of our Street Tree projects!

Our condolences go to Steven Heller's wife, Madolyn, whose mother passed away recently.



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Gardening & Beautification

Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2009

Morningside Baptist Church,
897 S. Pine Street, 7:00 PM

Program: Allen Cantrell will speak on Native Azaleas.

Refreshments provided by:

Meg Holloway and Madolyn Heller

A new policy concerning dues has been adopted. Dues will be requested beginning in August for the next year. One phone call will be made in October to people who have not paid their dues by Oct. 15th. The final list will be printed in the January newsletter. Dues for 2009 can be paid by going to our web site (www.dirtdaubers.org) and clicking on the Membership tab. Click on **Membership Form** to print out a form. Mail the form and your check!

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The Strategic Planning Committee has identified the most pressing issues faced by SMGC. The financial situation is the first to be addressed. See the back panel of this newsletter for information on upcoming motions and votes.

In Partnership with Wofford College: Two Wildflower bus trips will be made in May. Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve, McCormick County, Saturday, May 9, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Flat Creek Heritage Preserve (Forty Acre Rock), Lancaster County, Wednesday, May 20, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Reservations can be made by contacting Charlie Gray, Director of Continuing Education, 864-597-4186, or email Charlie at graych@wofford.edu.

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April 2009

Potting, labeling and propagation sessions will be held at the Container Nursery at Hatcher Garden on Thursday, April 16, Saturday, April 18, from 9-12.

April 25th is our Plant Sale! We need everyone to sign up for at least one time slot. Much needs to be done beforehand, so volunteer to make this the best one yet!

Landscape Evaluation will be held on April 25th this year. Students from Spartanburg Community College will be assisting with the judging but they will need the guidance of Club members who have helped with judging in the past.

Street Tree Plantings Ed Wilde reported that the plantings at Hwy 221 and I-26 have been improved. SCDOT has been forced to reduce the number of mowings from 5 to 3 times per year due to budgetary constraints. Ed, Charlie Crescenzi and Henry Pittman met with Darwin Simpson, director of the **downtown airport**, to discuss participation in the beautification program proposed for that facility. Denny's **Habitat for Humanity** program has requested assistance in supervising plantings at Habitat houses. Kurt Zimmerli contacted Ed about the SMGC tree plantings on I-85. These trees have been sprayed and mulched and Ed reports that they look really good.

In Memoriam Bob Almond, long-time SMGC member, past president, chair of Landscape Evaluation, and supporter of numerous other Club projects, passed away on April 9, after complications due to an accidental fall. Bob joined the Club in 1989 and served as President from 1993-1995. He was also chair of the committee that planned the future of Hatcher Garden. This resulted in the Spartanburg County Foundation organizing a board of Directors in 1998. Tentatively, there will be a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, April 18, at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Spartanburg at 3:00 pm. Please check with the local newspaper for more details.



April 2009

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE ATTEND
THE APRIL & MAY CLUB MEETINGS**

Celebrating our Club's 60th Anniversary last December, most of us felt good about our Club's past successes. Unfortunately, our Club's future isn't certain, as we are operating at a deficit, and borrowing from savings, a situation that must be addressed this year.

Your Board has already instituted a number of expense reductions - most of our community projects and all of our donations are on hold for this year, pending resolution of our finances. Additional minor reductions are possible, but they are not enough to put us in the black. The Strategic Planning Committee and the Finance Committee therefore bring the following two options to the membership for a discussion in the April meeting:

1. Withdraw our Gardeners Club of America membership [to permit the reallocation of approximately \$15.00 per club member] effective next year, or
2. Raise dues a minimum of approximately \$15.00 per member or more, effective next year.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING PROCEDURE

At the April 20th meeting, a complete financial overview will be provided and we will discuss both options more fully in preparation for voting in the May Club meeting.

At the May 18th meeting, the membership will be asked to approve the following motion:

Motion 1: Disaffiliate from the Garden Clubs of America, effective January 2010, and keep Club dues the same, using that \$15/member towards funding of our own Club.

If this motion fails, the membership will be asked to vote on a second motion:

Motion 2: Raise Club dues a minimum of \$15.00/member per year, effective for the membership year 2010.

The two committees are confident that if the Club will pass one or the other of these two motions that we will be able to rectify our immediate financial situation. If we do nothing, then it is certain that the Club will not be able to continue as we know it today. We need your comments, suggestions, and your vote! For more information, call Paul Manly at 574-6443.

Strategic Planning Committee Members: Paul Manly, Charles Covert, Charles Crescenzi, Bob Hamilton, Jeff Hayes, Bob McCullough, Gail McCullough, Lyn Murajda, Terrie Rourke, Nancy Williamson.

Financial Committee Members: Jeff Hayes, Paul Manly, Sue Steiner.

Gardening & Beautification

Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2009

Morningside Baptist Church,
897 S. Pine Street, 7:00 PM

Program: Mickey Fisher, Fisher Blueberry Nursery

Refreshments provided by:

Joyce and Charlie Crescenzi, Martha and Mort Sams

One tour was cancelled by Wofford College: The tour planned for SMGC had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. One tour remains (to Lancaster County to see Spider Lilies) on Wednesday, May 20. Reservations can be made by contacting Charlie Gray, Director of Continuing Education, 429 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303, 864-597-4186, email graych@wofford.edu.

David Kyle Memorial: In honor of David Kyle, over \$1,000 was raised for a memorial bench and signage to be placed at Hatcher Garden.

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April 25th was our Plant Sale: Approximately \$6,700 was taken in but, with plant purchase expenses, we netted a little more than half that amount. Your “home-grown” plants can make a difference to our bottom line! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this an easier job!

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May 2009

The Strategic Planning Committee will bring a motion on disaffiliation from National in May. You must be a PAID member to vote - you can pay at the May meeting before the vote is taken. Please register with Ben Waddell and Stephanie Heath who will have the current membership list. They will give you two ballots: the first motion is to disaffiliate from National and requires a 2/3 approval of voting members. If that motion passes, there will not be a second ballot. If the motion fails, there will be a motion to raise dues. You were notified in this newsletter in April about this vote. Please plan to attend the May meeting – your vote counts!

Community Garden Spots are looking great, especially the Claude Sherill site on East Main Street. Thanks to the Crescenzis, the Holloways, Bob Reynolds, Henry Pittman, Charles Covert and others for their work on our gardens!

Litter Pick-Up on Pine Street Extension Charles Covert will arrange a date in June. See him at the May meeting to sign a release form so that you can help.

Landscape Evaluation was held on April 25th and the winners will be announced in June. There were nine members from SMGC and six students from Spartanburg Community College who participated. The students were very pleased to have been invited and did an excellent job!

The SMGC newsletter comes up for discussion each year as a potential way to save money. In order to mail approximately 200 copies to 130 members, we have used a bulk mail permit for which there is a fee as well as postage costs. Adding printing costs makes the total budget for the newsletter over \$2,000 per year. Hatcher Garden recently went “green” by eliminating this cost and emailing their newsletter. SMGC’s Strategic Planning Committee is soliciting your input concerning eliminating this expense. Please email (clemgard2007@yahoo.com) or call Paul Manly (864-574-6443) to express your thoughts.



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Bob Almond (*deceased*)

Tom Bartram

Henry Pittman

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In memorium:

Robert L. Almond, Jr., August 12, 1927-April 8, 2009

Bob enjoyed a long career in research and sales in industrial textiles retiring from Hoechst-Celanese in 1988. He joined the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club in 1989. He was active at St. Paul United Methodist Church as a Sunday School teacher and Methodist Men's organizer, in Toastmasters, and the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club where he served as President as well as Chairman of several committees including the future of Hatcher Garden, Landscape Evaluation, and Kid Fest. He also served as President of the Blue Ridge Region of Men's Garden Clubs of America. He was an avid volunteer at Hatcher Garden and helped develop the Harold Hatcher Memorial Monument, the amphitheater, and the annual container plant sale and was active in many other projects.

Gardening & Beautification

Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2009

Morningside Baptist Church,
897 S. Pine Street, 7:00 PM

Program: Linda Cobb, Conifers in the Landscape

Refreshments provided by:

Charles Covert and Linda McHam

Disaffiliation Vote: SMGC voted at the last meeting to disaffiliate from the National organization. The Strategic Planning Committee is pursuing our own 501 (c) (3) designation.

Health and Happiness: Sue Steiner is recovering from neck surgery; Jim Rush sustained an injury and is at Rosecrest; Bob McCullough had a recent stay in the hospital but is home. Jeff Hayes mother has had recurring health problems and is presently in the hospital.

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Litter Pick-Up on Pine Street Extension Charles Covert gathered a group of volunteers to clean up our section on Saturday, June 6. Charles Crescenzi, Ed Wilde, Steven and Madolyn Heller and Linda McHam spent 2.5 hours on various sections. Henry Pittman was seen further out Pine Street helping with another service group! The next date scheduled is September 12; rain date is a week later.

Landscape Evaluation awards were held June 2 at the Chamber of Commerce. The program was well attended. Seven new organizations participated for the first time. Winners on reverse.

The SMGC newsletter is under heavy discussion. SMGC's Strategic Planning Committee is soliciting your input concerning eliminating this expense. Please email (clemgard2007@yahoo.com) or call Paul Manly (864-574-6443) to express your thoughts. We would like to know how many people still want a paper copy.

June 2009

Propagation at Hatcher Garden continues to make progress. The board approved an increase in the budget to get the four beds completed. This entails creating strong supports for the "ribs" which hold the plastic covering and the shade cloth, as well as the water line and the misters that run down the "spine". The beds will be moved to the side near the water and power connections. We will need a few volunteers to help assemble these pieces in about two weeks or so. Please give your name to Linda McHam if you want to help. We will begin sticking cuttings as soon as the beds are completed. Linda will provide a list of plants that will root quickly and help sales in October. Be on the lookout for buddleia, hydrangea and forsythia. Make sure you know the colors!

News from National: our own Terrie Rourke won a national award (Beautification – Home Garden) this year at the TGOA-MGCA Convention in Santa Rosa, California, May 28-30! Terrie joins Jane and Jim Bagwell and Linda Cobb as former winners of this award!

The Kudzu Coalition, under Newt Hardie's leadership, continues to wage war against kudzu and is making inroads against the green monster. The Coalition was recently written up in "Vistas", a Dow AgroSciences magazine, as using an integrated approach to killing kudzu. In areas too difficult, or too large to cover, Milestone VM™ was used in addition to the methods pioneered by the Coalition. A success rate of 100% has been achieved. Visit www.kokudzu.com.

SMGC Picnic on September 21 will be a covered dish affair. We will ask you to sign up for a main dish, side dish, dessert, etc. Plates, napkins, and drinks will be furnished. Volunteer to help, please!

Bylaw revisions and Nominations will be announced in the August and September newsletters. Voting will take place in October. Installation of new officers and board members will take place in November at the Main Library as usual.

Tree Pruning on I-85 will take place on June 20. See Charlie Crescenzi and Ed Wilde to volunteer. The trees just get better!

Bring a friend to a meeting as well as a door prize! Be sure to label the plant and provide your name so that recipients will know what it is, or whom to call for more information. Fresh vegetables from your garden are welcome! Wear your **nametag** to the meetings, too!

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2009 Landscape Beautification Winners

Congratulations to all fifty-six companies who entered the evaluation this year and to the following organizations who stand out and are making Spartanburg a more beautiful place to live! We appreciate your support!

Special Achievement: GSP Airport

Industry: Haysseen Sandiacre / Andritz Kusters, 1st place (tie)

Public Service (large): Converse College, 1st place

Public Service (small): Spartanburg Water System, 1st place

Professional: Champion Investment Corp., 1st place

Commercial (large): Extended Stay Hotels, 1st place

Commercial (small): JM Smith Corporation, 1st place

Branch Libraries: Spartanburg County Library, Landrum, 1st place

Apartments/Hotels/Motels: White Oak Estates, 1st place



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Mort and Martha Sams and Lorelei Foster

501 (c)(3) Status: The Strategic Planning Committee is pursuing our own 501 (c) (3) designation. Steve Heller has spent a great deal of time researching the necessary paperwork and documentation that must be submitted. It is anticipated that the process will be completed by the end of the year. Be sure to thank Steve for this very significant task that will help the Club for years to come.

Web Site www.dirtclubbers.org The new site is now posted! Lou Adams will make a brief presentation on the site at the meeting. If you would like to add an event to the calendar contact Linda McHam. **Dues for 2009 can be paid by** going to our web site and clicking on the Membership tab. The board recommended that dues for 2010 be collected starting in September, running through December 31. Those who pay in that time frame will be included in the list in the January 2010 issue of the newsletter. **Reminder to LIFE MEMBERS:** you must pay annual dues of \$5 to the local Club to be listed. Please take care of this today! **[SpartanburgMGC]** Visit Yahoo.com and register for our group, or email LTMcHam@copper-beech.com to be added.

The SMGC Newsletter is going "green" in August. This will be the last issue that will be printed and mailed the conventional way. By now, you should have been contacted. If not, please provide your email address to receive the new, enlarged and full color edition by email. We will not use your email address for any other purpose.

Propagation at Hatcher Garden continues to make progress. The beds were completed recently with the help of Joe and Chris Rives, Matthew West, Bob Reynolds, Charles Covert, Earl Quillen, Linda McHam and Jeff Hall. Linda will provide a list of plants that will root quickly and a cutting session will be set up soon. Check the web site for a photo album of the progression.

July 2009

Container Nursery Update: Bob Reynolds has scheduled an early morning session on Wednesday, July 22, at 7 AM to pot and weed plants. See him at the meeting to volunteer.

SMGC Picnic on September 21 at Hatcher Garden will be a covered dish affair, rather than our usual BBQ. This is part of our austerity program. Terrie Rourke has graciously stepped in to help coordinate the picnic as Dianne Ferguson is moving to be near her daughter. We are dividing the member list into thirds. If your last name starts with A-H, please bring a main dish or a meat, I-R bring a side dish, S-Z a dessert. Plates, napkins, and drinks will be furnished. We need several people to show up early to set up tables and chairs.

Bylaw Revisions and Nominations will be announced in the August and September newsletters. Terrie Rourke, Paul Manly and Linda McHam have put a slate together for 2010. Voting will take place in October. Installation of new officers and board members will take place in November at the Main Library as usual.

Arboretaville will take place October 10: Spartanburg County has five arboreta (Wofford College, USC-Upstate, Spartanburg Community College, Milliken and Hatcher Garden). A bus tour with a box lunch will be provided. Tickets will be on sale in September.

Arbor Day at USC-Upstate will feature Dan Hinkley. Dan is an American plantsman, garden writer, horticulturist and nurseryman. He is best known for establishing Heronswood, in Kingston, Washington; and Windcliff, on the Kitsap Peninsula near Indianola, WA and for collecting, propagating, and naming varieties of plants new to the North American nursery trade. You will not want to miss his lecture on Friday, December 4. SMGC will provide a membership table in order to encourage attendees to join our Club.

An Anonymous Donor (through Jim Bagwell) has given the Club a \$750 matching grant to help with the Street Tree Program, specifically to replace trees on the Pine Street Extension where the Yoshino cherries are located. New varieties of trees will be investigated. We will bring you more on this as plans develop.

Bring a friend to a meeting as well as a door prize! Be sure to label the plant and provide your name so that recipients will know what it is, or whom to call for more information. Fresh vegetables from your garden are welcome! Wear your **nametag** to the meetings, too!

July 2009

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was founded in 1948 and celebrated its 60th Anniversary in 2008. Membership is open to men and women regardless of their expertise or knowledge.

Visit our web site and print out a membership application. Join (or renew) today!

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August 2009

Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2009

Morningside Baptist Church,
897 S. Pine Street, 7:00 PM

Program: Charles Plemmons,
Plemmons Westview Greenhouses,
275 S. Blackstock Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29301
864-576-1374

Refreshments: Beth and Ben Waddell

Welcome to the first online edition of SMGC's "Gardening & Beautification". We hope that you enjoy the expanded coverage and addition of color photographs. We will be trying various approaches for the next few issues so if there is anything you want to see added, please let us know. Contact the editor at newsletter@dirtdaubers.org.

Health and Happiness: *Everette Lineberger* is recovering from hip surgery. *Jim Rush* is recovering from complications from surgery. *Julie Dugin* continues to deal with health issues. *Frank Ezell* passed away on August 6.

Out-of-Towners: Dr. Dianne Fergusson has moved to Mississippi to be closer to family. She writes: "A fond farewell to all my SMGC friends. The Club was a major part of my life in Spartanburg, and I will miss all those connections. My address is 912 Bonnie Blue Drive, Oxford, MS. 38655. Tel: 662-236-4088. I have the same email addresses: dianne_fergusson@yahoo.com or sdsferg@bellsouth.net, so I'll look forward to hearing from you. If your travels bring you to Oxford, MS (one of AARP's top-rated places in the country for retirement), do let me know. The guest room is ready!"

Web Site www.dirtdaubers.org update: Our new web site is now fully functional. There is a Shop and the Calendar feature will keep you up-to-date. Contact Lou Adams at webmaster@dirtdaubers.org.

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Memorials collected for David Kyle totaled more than \$1,100. Hatcher Garden has received curbstones from the City that are over 100 years old and they are going to use them to make memorial benches in the garden. Our board voted to use the funds collected in honor of David, one of our members whose help in the container nursery is greatly missed, to purchase a stone bench. A plaque will indicate that the bench was given to honor the memory of David Kyle, by his family and friends in the SMGC.

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Our Strategic Planning Committee has been on the offensive. Plans are underway to increase membership and the Club needs your help! A few years ago our membership was around 170. We are now at 125 and the committee would like to have a goal of 200. Various ideas are being discussed (bumper stickers, "bring a friend", tiered memberships, etc.). The committee welcomes your suggestions and involvement. Contact Paul Manly at mailto:clemgard2007@yahoo.com, or call him at 864-574-6443.

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Peggy Romine (hidden), Lyn Murajda, Shirley Tirpak and Charles Covert helped make cuttings on Saturday, August 8. Over 400 cuttings were made that morning.



John Woodward prepares cuttings to be "stuck" in the new propagation beds. The cuttings are trimmed to 5-7 inches, the lower leaves are removed and the remaining leaves cut in half to reduce metabolic requirements and encourage root growth.

The Fall Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 17. That's less than 70 days from now. The inventory that is on the lot is looking good and more plants are on the way. Bob Reynolds and Steve Patton have made sure the area is weeded and the plants are growing. As always, the plant sale requires lots of volunteer hours to make it successful. When sign-up sheets are passed around at the August and September meetings, be sure to put your name on the list. This is a Club project, not the responsibility of a few people. Help make it the best it can be!



Buyers arrive at 8:15 AM and wait until the sales tables open at 9:00 AM to purchase their plants. The real action happens from 9-11!



Paul David Blakely rounds up his plants with help from Nancy Williamson and Ben Waddell.

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Garden Shop on our website: Terrie Rourke pulled out the clothing that we ordered two years ago and sales have been brisk for caps, T-shirts, knit shirts, and aprons with the Club's logo handsomely embroidered on them. Take a look at the Garden Shop and make it a goal to own one of these pieces of Club pride. They are reasonably priced and the quality is great! We will be taking orders at the picnic for the group, but you can download a form at any time and place your order from home. Go to www.dirtdaubers.org and click on Shop.



Mike Georgion and Gisela Otto wear some of the Club's clothing now available on the website.

Fall is on the way: Now is a good time to begin tilling your new planting spaces so that you will be ready to plant in October. Add soil conditioner, sand and/or peat moss to improve the tilth and drainage. The fall is the best time to plant as they have time to acclimate themselves before spring and you won't need to water as much next year. Check and repair your hoses and put them up for the winter – don't leave them outside. They last longer if you take care of them.

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\$750 Street Tree Donation Contingent on Equal Matching Funds from Spartanburg Mens Garden Club Members

Get ready to be "held hostage!" Not literally, of course, but Street Trees Committee chairman Charlie Crescenzi plans to hold a brief talk before anyone gets "at the grub" at Monday's annual picnic to emphasize the urgency and importance of the matching grant currently before the club.

An anonymous donor has agreed to front one half of \$1,500 to replace the dead and dying part of the beautiful street trees on South Pine Street that are practically a signature project of the Men's Garden Club - but **only** if the club comes up with the other half of the money. What this really works out to is each member, or member family, donating a small amount. If 50 members each donated only \$15 that would equal \$750, but based on general trends, it's more likely that 30 members donating \$25, each, will get the job done.

That's my plan. I don't have a lot of spare money lying around, and September is also the month to renew memberships, so members should already be bringing their checkbooks for that (\$20 for a single membership, or \$28 for a family - and the local club will get to keep **all** the money in 2010).

There's a picture at upper right of some of the Yoshino Cherries in full bloom, and they're a wonder to behold when they're like that, but many suffered from last winter's ice storm, as well, and need to be replaced. I don't think an extra \$25 will break most of us, and I plan to contribute that towards this fund to help replace the dead and dying trees on South Pine Street. I hope everyone else will throw in seven cents a day and join me... Jeff Hayes.



Cherry trees planted by club in full bloom. - Photo by Henry Pittman

MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

Annual Picnic

6:00 PM, Monday, September 21, 2009
Hatcher Garden, 820 John B. White Blvd.,
6:00 PM - Note Earlier Time!

Beverages, plates and napkins provided by the club

Last names beginning with A-H bring a **MAIN DISH**
Last names beginning with I - R bring a **SIDE DISH**
Last names beginning with S - Z bring a **DESSERT**

Our annual picnic this coming Monday at **6:00 PM** at Hatcher Garden will be held one week later if we get rained out, but at the same earlier hour, due to the earlier sunset this time of year. This year we are having a covered dish supper as we seek ways to conserve our funds. Those whose last names begin with A-H, please bring a main dish or a meat; I-R bring a side dish; and S-Z a dessert. **We need several people** to show up early to set up tables and chairs. Terrie Rourke is coordinating the event. Contact her at **574-6354** or at TerrieRourke@msn.com.



Members enjoy food and fellowship at a previous picnic.

2010 dues collection will begin at Monday's picnic. According to new guidelines, dues will be solicited during September, October, November and December. The new membership list will then be printed in the January 2010 newsletter. To be included, please pay your dues promptly. You can do so by mailing a check for \$20 (single); \$28 (family); \$100 Corporate, to SMGC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1502, Spartanburg, SC 29304 right now. You can also go to our web site: www.dirtdaubers.org and click on the Membership tab. Click on Membership Application to download our new form. Or, simply bring your checkbook to the picnic.

Monday's picnic is the FINAL meeting prior to the Fall Plant Sale, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 17 - only 30 days away! The inventory on the lot is looking pretty good, but many pots need to have weeds pulled and Bob Reynolds will be calling for volunteers to come out and clean the pots out soon. As always, the plant sale requires lots of volunteer hours to make it successful, as well. There will be sign-up sheets at the picnic. Please be sure to put your name on the list to work at least one session. This is a Club project, not the responsibility of a few people. Help make it the best it can be!

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Yahoo.com and sign up, or email LTMcHam@copper-beech.com to be added. One of the nicest features of a group like this is that you can choose how you want to receive your message updates. If you just want to check the Yahoo group website every day, or week, or whatever to see what's new, you can. If you'd prefer to know as soon as someone posts a message, you can get an email every time a message is posted, or you can do like I do and subscribe to "Daily Digest" and get one email every day there are postings - whether there was one posting or 10 that day - that way you don't get a lot of emails when the site's busy, but you still get messages in a timely manner.

Our Strategic Planning Committee continues its steady march towards increasing membership with all the gusto it put into the previous two projects. Ten members were in attendance at the most recent meeting, where Joe Maple brought samples of the new **SMGC** bumper stickers he's created and I became the first customer. Bumper stickers are available in two sizes: small for \$1.00 and large for \$2.00, and are designed to be removable without great effort.

Joe is also putting together a Powerpoint presentation and Charlie Crescenzi - a member of Toastmasters - has agreed to put together and train a Speakers Bureau to speak to civic groups and other organizations about the Men's Garden Club. We also plan to put information about the club and how to join on the back of the plant lists at the sale, as well as a membership information table in front of the sale area... And these are just a few of the many ideas that are currently germinating in the Strategic Planning Committee with a goal of increasing club membership from its current 125 to 200 members or more.

Joyce Crescenzi has agreed to be the new Membership Committee chair and plans to work closely with all plans to increase

membership. The committee welcomes your suggestions and involvement. Contact Paul Manly at <mailto:clemgard2007@yahoo.com>, or call him at 864-574-6443.

Charlie Covert had another successful litter pickup Saturday, Sept. 12, with several members of the club, as well as a couple of Kudzu Coalition members coming out to pick up trash alongside North Pine Street from St. John Street to Pinewood.

In attendance were Lou Adams, Charlie Covert, Frank Falk, Newt Hardie, Tim Hemphill, Peggy Romine, Paul Savko and Ben Waddell.



Charlie Covert hands a safety vest to Kudzu Coalition member Paul Savko Sept. 12, as Lou Adams looks on. Savko was one of three Kudzu Coalition members who helped in the litter pickup.



Club treasurer Ben Waddell and board nominee Peggy Romine fill orange Adopt-A-Highway bags to the brim near the corner of North Pine Street and Isom Street before 9 a.m. Sept. 12. Not pictured is board member Frank Falk on the other side of the highway with an equally full bag. - Photos © 2009 Jeff Hayes

Charlie Covert was a busy fella Sept. 12, being active with both SMGC and the Kudzu Coalition. At 11 a.m., after litter pickup was a dusty memory, the Coalition helped SPACE, the Spartanburg Area Conservancy, celebrate its 20th anniversary. SPACE has protected almost 1,200 acres of watershed land and helped facilitate the protection of more than another 400 since in its 20 years. Sept. 12, the Kudzu Coalition helped rid one of its sites of a large infestation of kudzu, clearing about a 4,000-square-foot patch in roughly 90 minutes using both manual labor as well as the famous "Kudzilla," while SPACE members and guests celebrated their 20th with a cookout and cake.



SMGC board member and Kudzu Coalition member Steve Patton demonstrates how to remove kudzu with a brush hog.



After only 90 minutes, Kudzu Coalition member Paul Savko is running tillers through the soil to catch any leftover kudzu roots and then smoothing it out, putting the finishing touches to what was a patch of head-high kudzu at 11 a.m.

A reminder: Club Bylaw Amendments and Changes will be voted on by the general membership at the October meeting, as well as the new roster of officers for 2010, so all interested parties should make plans to attend that meeting and try to read all changes ahead of time, if possible, on the website at www.dirtclubbers.org. One new amendment just passed at the September board meeting and not yet available on the website is necessary to ensure the club's new independent non-profit status with the IRS and is as follows: ***"The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club is an all-volunteer organization and no members or officers may receive compensation for their work as a club member."***

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What could make the SMGC board change our meeting night? A Very Special Event being hosted at Spartanburg Community College during our normal meeting time, that's what? *Chasing Magnolias to China* is the topic of SCC horticulture lecturer Kevin Parris' talk and slide-show about his exciting adventure to China chasing new species of magnolia and discovering many other wonders along the way. It will begin at **5:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8**, with a tour of the SCC garden and arboretum, followed by the 6 p.m. presentation and a 7 p.m. dinner and Kevin's really hoping to see a lot of SMGC members out there, knowing how many of us are magnolia fans.

The cost is \$30 for the tour and dinner. Those who wish to become "Friends of the Arboretum" ordinarily pay \$35 just for that, as well, but anyone who does both at the same time can do so for \$50. Kevin said supporting this will help continue develop a rapidly growing horticulture program at SCC which grew from 57 to 84 students just this fall. Friends of the Arboretum also get a 10% discount on plants sold at a bi-annual plant sale the following day, which will include some less-common trees and shrubs, he said, such as burr oaks and pistache trees.

As for the rare magnolias, Kevin says he has two of only six of a certain species in the entire world in his greenhouse at SCC!

To RSVP for the event prior to Sept. 25, call **864-592-4624** or PayPal via www.sccsc.edu/arboretum

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There are two items of interest to club members Saturday, Oct. 10... One fun and educational, and one that represents a lot of hard work by some dedicated Master Gardeners and others in the community and has been a long time coming.

The fun is the bi-annual "Arboretaville Tour" that begins and ends at Wofford College. The tour starts at Wofford at 8 a.m. and ends there at 1 p.m. and includes a box lunch and a T-shirt for \$35 each. It's limited to one busload and when the tour is sold out, that's it. All five Spartanburg Arboreta will be toured: Wofford, USC-Upstate, Spartanburg Community College, Milliken Research and Hatcher Garden. Tickets can be reserved by calling Elisabeth Hayes at Hatcher Garden at 574-7724.

The more serious event is Spartanburg's first Hazardous Waste Collection event since the mid 1990s, the product of more than a year's worth of meetings and planning by a coalition of Master Gardeners and various city and county employees, among other parties interested in providing a clean, safe way for area citizens to dispose of old paint, pesticides, poisons, corrosives and other dangerous and unknown chemicals rather than dumping them illegally, flushing them down the toilet or sneaking them into the trash - all of which pollute the environment. Our own Joe Maple was one of the people who worked long and hard on this project and developed the Powerpoint presentation that was presented to Spartanburg County Council to solicit funding.

The disposal will be held at the County Administrative Building from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. About 30 volunteers are needed. If you're interested, contact Jim Weeks at jpweeksm@gmail.com or telephone him at **864-579-1624** and leave your name, email or phone number. There will be a training session with county staff prior to the event.

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The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club will have a display at the Piedmont Interstate Fair once again this year, from Oct. 11 - Oct. 17. Board members Nancy Williamson and Terrie Rourke and club president Ed Wilde are putting together the display, which will be unmanned, but provide information about our club and its many activities and projects throughout the Spartanburg area.

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October 2009

Meeting: Monday, October 19th, 2009
Morningside Baptist Church,
897 S. Pine Street, 7:00 PM

Program: Joe Maple,
Update on Hazardous Household Waste
*Also: Election of New Board
and Revision of Bylaws*

Refreshments: Betty and Harold Wolfe

Web Site www.DirtDaubers.org **update:**
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Waddell at [587-8782](tel:587-8782), Steve (585-8878), or
Bob ([583-3943](tel:583-3943)) to sign up to help. This is a
Club project and not the responsibility of a
few people. With the poor economy, we need
to hustle to sell as much as possible. Put on
your best sales face and lend a hand. Even if
you can only be there for a few hours, your
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25 Years Ago (1984): Taking a look back in time, reviewing our history can be an interesting thing to do. All of the [newsletters](#)

that we have been able to find have been put on our web site and are very easy to browse. In order to appreciate where you are and where you are going, it's good to take a look back. For example, in 1984, Hatcher Garden belonged to Harold Hatcher and the public garden that it is today did not exist. Harold, (a long-standing member of SMGC) with help from the Spartanburg County Foundation, the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club and the Garden Club Council made the garden a reality only in 1998 - just eleven years ago. In



Above are Yoshino cherries purchased by Linda McHam from Harold Hatcher and the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club in 1989. They are located in Linda's front garden. When they were planted they were "whips," (three feet tall and single trunks). Now, 20 years on, they are glorious in spring color. Harold would be pleased to know they are doing well.

1984, Harold was planting trees with the Men's Garden Club at Fairforest Creek. In the winter of 1983-1984, over 2,000 "treelets" were ordered, since the Club had received orders for over 2,000 plants by that date. The 30+ recipients of the trees, which were dug and bagged, were distributed to schools, garden clubs, neighborhood associations and PTAs at a nominal charge. In April 1984, a note in the newsletter stated that the average price of 2,106 trees was \$1.50 and that nearly 200 trees were supplied without charge to schools and other governmental units. Other prices for trees included crape myrtles less than 2 ft for \$.75; sugar maples for \$1.00; white dogwood

less than 2 ft for \$1.00, and so on. Harold was a humble and inspirational figure to those of us who knew him. He is greatly missed.

Other events that took place in 1984 included the annual Landscape Judging, Litter Pickup, 12th Annual Rose Show, planting pansies in several city flowerbeds, and the perennial request for members to pay their dues.

A glance through the membership list did not reveal any women's names - that would happen a few years later.

Current Projects for SMGC: Charlie Crescenzi reminds us that there is an offer of \$750 for our Street Tree replacement program IF IT CAN BE MATCHED. We have received about \$200. If you have not yet made a donation to a good cause, bring your checkbook with you to the meeting and write a check for the trees (and your dues)!

Business I-85 Tree Maintenance: SMGC will make a final pass over all the trees on the highway. Bring loppers, saws, or other pruning equipment and join Charlie Crescenzi and others for our last run on Saturday, October 31. After this, the trees are on their own. Call Charlie at 529-0925.

501 (c) 3 Application: Steve Heller has been spending hours sorting out all the minutiae of the application process to secure our non-profit designation. As Past President, I have been marginally involved and I can tell you that this is a time-consuming, thankless and tedious process. Please respond quickly if Steve asks you for information and thank him profusely for tackling this!

Litter Pickup: Charles Covert has spearheaded another sweep of our section of Pine Street, doing the South Pine stretch by himself. Others who helped included: Lou Adams, Peggy Romine, Frank Falk, Ben Waddell; Jeff Hayes took photos.

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Annual Meeting: Monday, Nov. 16th, 2009
Spartanburg Library Headquarters,
151 S. Church Street, **6:30 PM**

Program: Kevin Parris,
Chasing Magnolias to China

Kevin made a recent trip to China to study magnolias for his PhD research. He presented a similar lecture at Spartanburg Community College several weeks ago and it was fun and informative. The public is invited and we hope you will ask someone to join you for this special evening. Our new 2010 officers will also be installed.

Refreshments: Various Club Members

The Fall Plant Sale was held Saturday, October 17 with some degree of success. The weather played a part in keeping buyers away with rain and cold in the morning. Bob Reynolds and Steve Patton had wonderful, healthy plants and everyone got great deals. One buyer made three truck trips to take away his stash! Even though our gross income was less this time, expenses were also less, so we are grateful for that set of circumstances. For those who turned out to help, we are truly thankful.

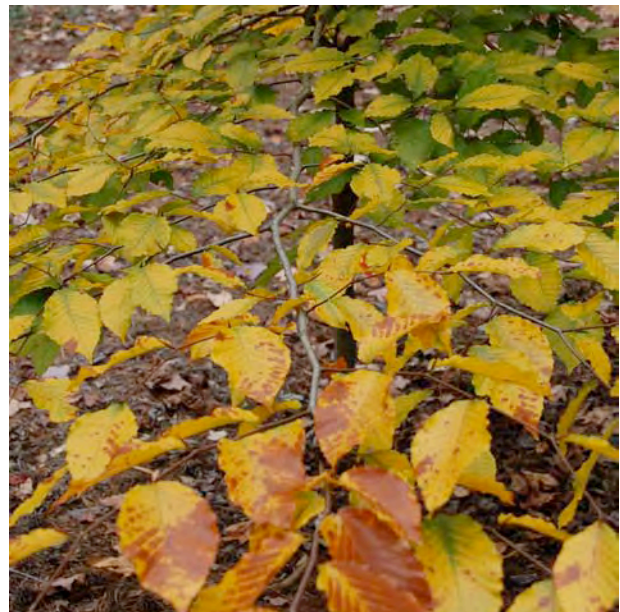
Health and Happiness: The Club extends its sympathy to *Joe and Carrie Mullinax* who lost their first child on October 30. *Lorelei Foster* has had surgery and is recovering. *Chris Rives* is improving in the hospital after an accident. Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers.

Web Site www.dirtdaubers.org Update:
The bylaws were amended by the Club at the last membership meeting. The revised bylaws are now posted at the web site.

Dues for 2010 are now due... Many, actually, MOST of our members have not paid their dues!! According to new guidelines, dues will be solicited during

September, October and November. (Note: they have been!) **The membership list will be printed in the January 2010 newsletter. To avoid being left out of the listing, please pay your dues promptly!** You can do so by mailing a check for \$20 (single); \$28 (family); \$100 Corporate, to SMGC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1502, Spartanburg, SC 29304. You can also go to the web site and click on Membership Application and print a copy. You will enjoy browsing the site!

New Slate for 2010 Board Will Be Installed at the November membership meeting at the Main Library. Please thank these people for their past and continuing service to the Club!



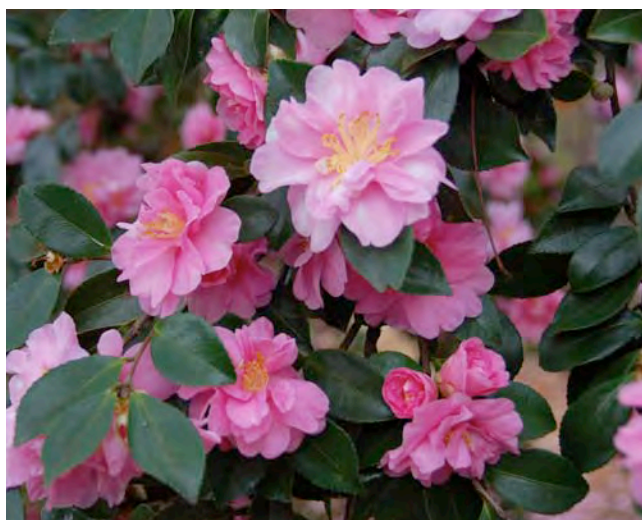
*Although it may have been a wet year, the fall foliage has been spectacular. Above, a native beech (*Fagus grandifolia*) begins its color evolution from the tips to the trunk. It will hold its leaves for most of the winter.*

Arbor Day is Friday, December 4th, at USC-Upstate. The world-famous Dan Hinckley, plant explorer, will be the featured speaker. Go to: <http://www.uscupstate.edu/arborday>. Tickets are \$10 and include lunch. SMGC has a single table and it will be first-come, first-served for those seats. The talk starts at 11:00 am. This is an opportunity that will not be repeated!

SMGC Yahoo Group: If you want to ask gardening questions, know when Club activities are scheduled, get updates on events, and more, join the Yahoo! Group: [SpartanburgMGC]. Visit Yahoo.com or email <LTMcHam@copper-beech.com>.

Strategic Planning Committee Update:

Bumper stickers have been designed and printed by Joe Maple, new board member for 2010, and are available in two sizes; \$1 for the small one; \$2 for the large one. The committee welcomes your suggestions and involvement. Call Paul Manly at 864-574-6443 or email <clemgard2007@yahoo.com>.



Propagation at the Nursery got off to a great start this summer! There are now about 1,300 new plants that will become part of our inventory next spring. Some of the buddleias may even make the spring sale. We will have one more propagation session on November 21 at 10:00 am at our container nursery at Hatcher Garden to stick camellias and sasanquas (*photo above*). Bring a pair of snips, a pencil, enough camellia or sasanqua stems to make 20 cuttings and a kneeling pad. We will supply the Hormodin™ (rooting hormone) and the plant tags. Contact Linda McHam (864-582-1498) for more information. Join the Yahoo Group, or check the web site calendar to learn the dates and times for the sessions. It's easy and fun!



The plants that were "stuck" in June, July and August have rooted and are flourishing. On November 21, camellia and sasanqua cuttings will be made. Next spring we should have about 1,600 new plants ready for potting up, some for the spring sale; the rest for next year.

Garden Shop on Our Website: Christmas is coming soon and you can treat yourself to Club clothing and show your support! Caps, T-shirts, knit shirts, and aprons with the Club's logo handsomely embroidered are available. Make it a goal to own one of these pieces of Club pride. You can download a form at any time and place an order from home. Go to Garden Shop and "shop 'til you drop."

35 Years Ago (1974): I looked back through our newsletters again and saw that Bob Reynolds was Program Chairman in 1974! That he is still a member of the Club is remarkable, but to know that he is currently Program Chairman says a lot about his dedication to the Club and its programs. Keep in mind that he and Steve Patton have been chairing the Container Program for the past two years. What an outstanding example of commitment to a worthy cause! Thanks, Bob!

Current Tree Projects for SMGC: Charlie Crescenzi's cheerleading has made a difference! The matching grant of \$750 HAS BEEN MET! We will be supplying trees in order to replace some of the cherries that have neared the end of their lives on South Pine Street. Thank you to Charlie for leading the charge and to Jim Bagwell for bringing this opportunity to the Club.

Business I-85 Tree Maintenance: Three hardy souls made a final sweep over the trees on the I-85 Business section of the highway. Along with Charlie were Ed Wilde and Gail McCullough who pruned the trees on Saturday, October 31. Thanks to Mike Garrett of the City for making this possible. The trees are now on their own.



Above: Ed Wilde, Steve Heller, Bill Strickland, and Linda McHam met at Bill's office. Linda took the photo.

501 (c) 3 Application: Steve Heller has turned the application over to attorney and CPA Bill Strickland for a final review before it is sent to the IRS. We have until the end of the year to turn it in. Having an attorney review the form before submission is the safest way to proceed. No one knew how complicated this form would be. Please thank Steve profusely for tackling this project and seeing it through! Having 501 (c) 3 status allows the community to make tax-deductible contributions to our club, which can be a huge incentive for people. Not having that status could severely handicap the Club and our programs.

Litter Pickup: Charles Covert has lined up another pickup date which is scheduled on Saturday, December 5th at 8:00 am at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot. The rain date will be December 12th. Please let Charlie know if you can help with our 2.4 miles. It takes a lot of hands to make this successful! It doesn't take much time and is a good way to get a little exercise!

Lost & Found: Ed Wilde found a pair of earrings at the container nursery. If you call Linda McHam at 864-582-1498 and describe them, you can have them back.

Thank You to Our Sponsors: Be sure to give a big "thank you" to Scott Montgomery (Club member) and his company, Southern Mulch when you see him. We recently took delivery of potting soil and received special pricing which was arranged by Lyn Murajda (board member). Thanks to Lyn and Scott for making this possible! www.southernmulch.com is the web site. You can see a large line of products and services. Their "gardener's choice" is terrific!

Piedmont Interstate Fair: Nancy Williamson, Terrie Rourke and Ed Wilde worked together to mount an exhibit for the Club at the recent fair. For their efforts, the Club received a First Place and \$100 prize. All entrants received \$25 additional just for entering, so the total contribution to the Club's coffers was \$125! You never know what you can do until you give it a try! Thanks to this crew for making it possible.



Above: The SMGC exhibit at the Piedmont Interstate Fair in October. Note the blue ribbon!

Did You Know? The Club has had a budget for the past three years. Don Crowder and Linda McHam developed the spreadsheet for it in 2007. However, a budget has no legal standing and is not required by the county, state, or Federal government or IRS. It is strictly a tool that allows a group to forecast its financial position to prevent a shortfall in cash flow. Not all companies or organizations use them, but they can be very helpful when many people are spending funds and there are simply not a lot of dollars available to go around! Budgets simply make us better stewards of whatever we have!

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