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From Don Crowder:

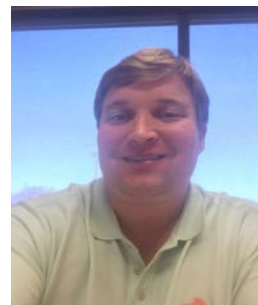
I look forward to serving you once again as President of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club. The Board meeting last week was very productive with excellent input from the members. This seems to be a really good and interactive Board, and I look forward to serving with them this year. If there is anything that you would like to tell me or request, please do so.

I would also like to thank Darvin Helvy for leading the Club the past two years.

He did an exceptional job. THANK YOU, DARVIN!!!

SMGC Speaker January 16 , 2017

Drew Jeffers, Clemson Cooperative Extensions Service



"Learning Opportunities with the Cooperative Service"

Drew Jeffers has become the new agent for Clemson Cooperative Extension Service in Spartanburg County. He has been on the job as the new Horticulture and Natural Resources agent for six months.

Jeffers has an interesting background when it comes to plants. His grandparents were farmers and he grew up in the Knoxville area in east Tennessee. When he was 13 years old, he became interested in the biology of plants and wanted to learn more about gardening and crop production.

He majored in plants and landscaping at the University of Tennessee. He said he enjoyed the plant science course along with landscaping and decided to go into agriculture.

After graduation, he was undecided what direction to pursue. It was 2008 and in the middle of the recession, so Jeffers went back to college and obtained a master's degree. His first job was selling trees and shrubs at Stanley Greenhouses in Knoxville. During that time, Jeffers learned how people bought plants and helped the company develop a soil mix. He also learned how to grow plants in nursery greenhouses.

All of this experience led him to love herbaceous perennials. Jeffers moved on and became a production manager for a bonsai nursery. Taking care of bonsai was like growing perennials in reverse in that you did not fertilize and you kept them in very small pots.

After a few years, he took a job as a grower for Van Wingerden International in Mills River, N.C., and later was offered a job in integrated pest management at Costa Farms in Asheville.

He said he enjoys helping people when they call his office. He likes it even more when people follow up to let him know how things turn out.

Jeffers has started a Master Gardener class, which held its first session on Tuesday. The class meets from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and will last for 17 weeks.



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Photos taken by Linda McHam this past February at Hidcote Manor Garden in England.



The Stilt Garden is one of the most distinctive plantings of "Carpinus betulus" anywhere, especially the pruning.

PLEASE NOTE

This month's meeting is on **TUESDAY**, the 16th at 7:00pm due to the Martin Luther King holiday - SCC will be closed on Monday.

Crocuses and peonies are starting to come up.



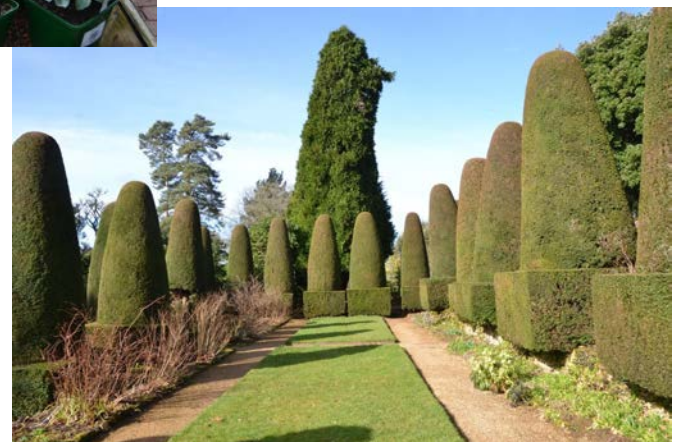
Hellebores also start blooming in February.

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The yew garden is under-planted with spring bulbs.



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SMGC Speaker February 19, 2017



Brad Cavin,
Clemson University Department of Plant Industry
Chief Apiary Inspector / Nursery Inspector

"The Search for Answers in Honey Bee Decline"

Stephen Bradley (Brad) Cavin began working for Clemson University's Department of Plant Industry (DPI) as a Plant Pest Regulatory Inspector in 2007. In 2013, Brad was appointed the Chief Apiary Inspector for South Carolina. His responsibilities in this role include oversight of regulatory activities of the Clemson University Department of Plant Industry Apiary Inspection program in South Carolina. Brad conducts random inspection of beekeepers/queen breeders, and investigates calls from beekeepers concerned about possible pests and pathogens. He recommends establishment of protective or restrictive quarantine as required due to disease or deleterious exotic species, and enforces the South Carolina bee laws and regulations. He educates the public by hosting discussions regarding honey bees and the laws that regulate the honey bee industry. Brad issues certificates of inspection for queen breeders and migratory beekeepers as well as certificates for exportation and importation commerce for colonies of honey bees.

Upcoming Speaker

March 19, 2018

Linda McHam,

"My Favorite Tools & How to Care for Them"





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Photos taken by Linda McHam from past seasons in Greenville and Spartanburg counties.



Magnolia 'stellata'
(Deciduous magnolia)

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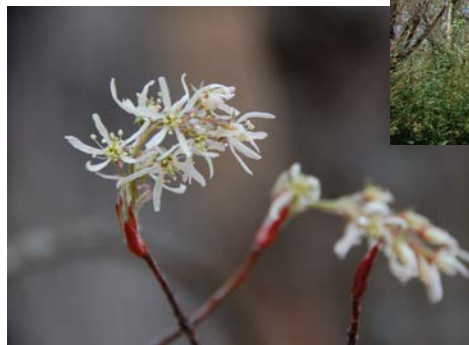
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"Chionanthus virginicus L."
(Fringe Tree)



Bottle bush 'Tanqueray'
(Bottle Tree)

"Helleborus purpurascens"
(Purple Hellebore)



CRHA Request

The Carolina Railroad Heritage Association (CRHA), who operate the Hub City Railroad Museum, have contacted the SMGC to solicit our help with a small garden plot at their Magnolia Street Location. An empty flower bed along the side walk will be receiving a new historical marker and the CRHA wants help in planting the bed. The SMGC discussed this request at the February board meeting and is strongly considering helping the CRHA with this project. The current thinking is to provide a landscaping plan that can utilize some of the plants from our container nursery.



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ACCEPTABLE:

Lithium Batteries
Aerosols
Mercury/Silver Batteries
Brake Fluid
Reactive Material
Cleaners: All Types
High BTU Bulk Liquids/Solids
Corrosives (Acid & Base)
Liquids Oxidizers (Liquid or Solid)
Corrosives (Acid & Base) Solids
Mercury Debris

Paint & Paint Thinners
Flammable Liquids or Solids
Fertilizers
Fluorescent Ballasts/Bulbs
Propane/Other Gas Cylinders
Furniture Polishes, Waxes, etc.
Solvents/Degreasers
Alkaline Batteries
Swimming Pool Chemicals
Ni-Cd Batteries
Pesticides/Poisons (Liquid/Solid)
Fire Extinguishers (Medium/Small)

UNACCEPTABLE:

Ammunition
Electronic Waste (anything with a plug)
Asbestos
Explosives
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**Spartanburg County residents only.
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SMGC Speaker March 19, 2018

Linda Tiller McHam,

"My Favorite Tools and How to Care for Them"

Linda Tiller McHam attended Spartanburg schools, graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1973, and received her MBA from Pace University (NY City) in 1985.

She and her husband Gary returned to Spartanburg in 1985 after 10 years working in NY City. Linda taught Landscape Design in the Master Gardener program for about 20 years starting in 1992, and thereby became interested in arranging garden tours (York Hill Ventures, LLC). In 2015 she became a Certified Travel Consultant.

Linda joined SMGC in 1989 and In 2007 she was elected as the first (and so far only) woman President of the Club. Linda coordinated the move from Hatcher Garden in 2009 and initiated the Plant Propagation Project for the Club plant sales.

She spends much of her time in her garden, "designing, propagating, planting, and thinking of ways to keep deer from destroying what I've done."



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Looking back (March 2010) at some of the individuals who helped to make our new nursery at SCC a reality. We are grateful for their contributions.



Left to right: Ben Waddell, raking the clods, Paul Savko, Newt Hardie, Lou Adams, and Ed Wilde, past president of the club.



David Settle in the Bobcat, and helper, prepare the ground and lay the trenches for the water lines for the nursery.



The view looking away from the campus to where the new nursery will be located. Since our nursery is under the power lines, very little can be done with that land, so the college allowed us to locate our plants there. It's turned out to be a great location for the club.



Early March brings on the yellow bells (Forsythia) and the weeping cherries (*Prunus pendula*).

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Mercury Debris

Paint & Paint Thinners
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Fertilizers
Fluorescent Ballasts/Bulbs
Propane/Other Gas Cylinders
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Also, share with us your successes and failures as we continue to improve the world through gardening.

SMGC Speaker April 16, 2018

Bob Reynolds,

"Vegetable Gardening"
*Bring some information about a vegetable variety
that you grow to share at the meeting.*

Bob has been president of the SMGC on multiple occasions and is currently Vice-President.

Upcoming Speakers
May 21, 2018

Brian Callaway - Callaway Aquatics
What about a water feature in your landscaping?



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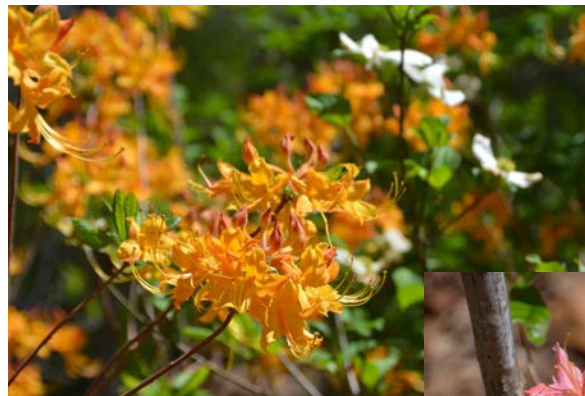
On Saturday, March 24, Phil Abers made a presentation entitled "Basic Lawn Care" to a group from Habitat for Humanity.

There were 8 people in the audience, which included both Habitat Home Owners and Habitat staff. The presentation cover the main grass varieties planted in the Upstate and information on soil preparation, fertilization and planting. Habitat provides new home owners with a front yard sodded with Bermuda and a back yard seeded with Tall Fescue (Kentucky 31).

A discussion on the differences between cool season grass and warm season grasses was held so that the homeowners know that the two types of grasses need separate maintenance and fertilizing schedules.

The presentation lasted 2 hours and generated good questions.

Photos taken by Linda McHam



Exbury azaleas are at their peak in April. The scent is lovely.

Native azaleas are also blooming at the same time. Some have a fragrance; others do not.



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"Waters: Legend of Newt Hardie lives on"

Newt Hardie passed away this past month. He was a member and great supporter of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club. He had his group mix many wheelbarrows of potting soil for our use at the Container Club. In addition, he had his Kudzu Coalition and Trees Coalition provide many services to our Club, including removing a "ton" of kudzu crowns from our current Container Area when we first moved to this location. He also provided follow-up support for those same efforts. Without his support, we would not be in the position we are currently to provide the trees and shrubs we have. His help was monumental, to say the least!!!!



"Iris personify beauty in the garden"



Betty Montgomery wrote a tremendous article on Everette Lineberger, a Director Emeritus, that was published in the Spartanburg Herald Journal on May 2. She interviewed him and looked through lots of information he provided for the article. BIG kudos to Betty for her work on this issue. Thanks should also be for Shearon Lenderman for her support in getting this article written.

SMGC Speaker

May 21, 2018

Brian Callaway,

"What About a Water Feature in Your Landscaping?"

Upcoming Speaker

June 18, 2018

Mary Snoddy

"Garden Mythbusting"
Plan to attend and expand your gardening knowledge.

Potting Session (May 2018)



Left to right, Mark Carlson, Tim Hemphill, Mary Ann Hipp, and Will Hawkins pot up some of the six varieties we received from Finch Blueberry Nursery in North Carolina.



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The plant sale was a huge success! We had more vehicles at times than we could accommodate. What a wonderful problem! Both the SMGC and the Community College fared well with the sale. Thanks to all who helped with it.



A slate of officer and director nominations will be published in the near future. If you are interested in serving in either capacity, please contact either Phil Abers (Nominating Committee Chair) or Don Crowder. We are always looking for new talent for Board input.



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SMGC History from the Archives

January 15, 1959: The newsletter was called The Gardenettes. Dues were \$4.00 for the year. "Have you selected the new member you are going to bring with you to the January meeting?"

February 16, 1959: "It might be well in this issue of Gardenettes to review some of the work of your Garden Club in helping to make your city more beautiful, and some of the plans now in operation and in the planning stage in preparation for the Festival of Flowers which will be held May 8-20. You will remember the planting of dogwood, crabs and redbud trees in Duncan Park several years ago? It would pay you to go out and see their beauty this spring. Did you know that the novel idea of planting a flower garden in the middle of Morgan Square was the brain-child of a member of your club? Your club will also play a large part in further beautification of the city. Another part of the square will be turned into an azalea beauty spot - also around the monument of General Morgan. Don't forget our next meeting, Monday evening, February 23rd, 7:30 pm, First Federal Savings and Loan Building, North Church Street."

April 15, 1959: "Our own City of Spartanburg has become a city beautiful. Lots of credit should go to our Mr. W. O. Ezell for his tireless leadership in this work."

May 15, 1959: "You folks will remember that at our last meeting you were hurraing about sending me to Jackson without any where-with-all to return. Well, I took the wife with me, and that guaranteed my coming back, and as I promised you that night, this issue of the "Gardenettes" is but a summary of the wonderful experience at the annual convention of the Men's Garden Clubs of America held in the beautiful city of Jackson, Mississippi, on May 5-8..."

"Last, but not least, the Jackson Men's Garden Club gave to each representative present a small magnolia grandiflora seedling from the new big champion tree located in Pascagoula, Miss. Its circumference is 13 ft. 7 in., height 52 ft., with a branch spread of 92 feet. This tree replaces the old champion, a Florida magnolia now dead, and grows within sight of the Spanish Fort just off U.S. Highway 90. I want the seedling to belong to the Club, to be planted in one of our parks, preferably in Duncan Park, properly labeled, where the Club has done so much beautification work." (Written by Charles Lea.)

Note: This tree grew into a huge magnolia that is remembered by some still in our club. It was cut down sometime after 2011. Henry Pittman, along with Tom Bartram and Jess Taylor (all members of SMGC), arranged for a dedication ceremony at Duncan Park on Thursday, June 2, 2011 to commemorate the Magnolia grandiflora planted by Charles Lea over 50 years ago.



L-R: Everette Lineberger, Clint Button and daughter, Junie White (Mayor), Henry Pittman, Bob Reynolds. Clint designed the memorial stone and did the carving. Everette, Henry and Bob have all been past presidents of SMGC.

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SMGC Speaker
June 18, 2018



Mary Snoddy,

**"Garden Mythbusting:
 Things You Think You Know
 That Aren't So"**

Mary Snoddy is an avid gardener who has been an active Spartanburg Master Gardener since 2002. She is employed as Finance Director for Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve. She enjoys competing with her dog in AKC Rally competitions. Mary writes a weekly gardening blog at www.marysnoddy.com/blog

Upcoming Speaker
July 16, 2018

Speaker's Name - "New topic"

Plan to attend and expand your gardening knowledge.

Help in the Container Garden is needed!

Work is needed NOW to help remove WEEDS from the pots. As a rule, the sessions will begin at 7:30 AM on Saturdays for the next few weeks. You can start then, or you can come later. You can also go ANYTIME during the week to weed pots if that is more agreeable with your schedule.

Tim Hemphill and Mary Ann Hipp led multiple potting sessions with several other members over the last month or so to pot many plants that we received from suppliers. Great Work!!!!



Bob Reynolds, Mary Ann Hipp, Will Hawkins, Mark Carlson, Tim Hemphill, Linda McHam and some of the new plants that have been potted up.



Mary Ann Hipp, Tim Hemphill, Bob Reynolds, Will Hawkins, Mark Carlson move mulch, pot up newly ordered plants and take them to their new homes in the nursery.

HELP WANTED

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SMGC Speaker
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Betty Montgomery



Betty Montgomery is well known for her syndicated garden column and has published a book, **Hydrangeas: How to Grow, Cultivate & Enjoy**. She is a Master Gardener and a member of multiple prestigious horticultural societies.

With decades of involvement in educational, cultural, and charitable efforts, Betty currently serves on the boards of Wofford College, Gibbs Cancer Center, Noble Tree Foundation, and Seth Milliken Foundation. She is the recipient of numerous honors, including the USC-Spartanburg Founders Day Award, Converse 100 Award, and Clara Barton Award.

A Converse College graduate and mother of four adult children, Betty lives on a farm in Campobello with her husband, Walter.

Litter Pick-up



The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club does litter pick up 4 times a year in March, June, September, and December. The litter pick up is coordinated by our own Charlie Covert.

We meet at 8 AM in the parking lot along Oakland Ave. behind the Chamber of Commerce building. We have "adopted" the section of Pine St. between McCravy Dr. and Palmetto St. The paperwork is being sent to SCDOT for the SMGC to continue "adopting" this stretch of Pine St. Please consider coming out this year to help keep Spartanburg clean. The next two litter pick up dates are September 22 and December 22.

Thanks to Darvin Helvy, Charlie Covert, Charlie Crescenzi, Jack Turner and Jane Turner for their help in March and to Charlie Covert, Phil Abers, Don Crowder and Don's two grandsons Jacob and Ethan for their help in June.



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Linda McHam held two propagation sessions last week and she, Mark Carlson and Will Hawkins propagated over 350 plants in about two hours on Friday, July 6. She and Mark also potted up about 50 plants from last year's propagation on Thursday. These are plants that cost us essentially nothing, thus the sale price for them is mostly profit. Thanks to Linda, Mark and Will for doing these plants – there will be more sessions in the next week or so.

Look for the notice in the [SpartanburgMGC Yahoo Group](#).

Mark Carlson and Will Hawkins prepared and stuck 17 trays (21 cuttings in each tray) on Friday morning at the SMGC nursery at SCC. Here they are sticking cuttings of Hydrangea 'Penny Mac' named for Penny McHenry of Atlanta, GA, who started the hydrangea festival there in 1994.



After two hours, we had stuck over 350 cuttings of Azalea Mrs. G.G. Gerbing, Osmanthus fortuneii, Buddleia (lavender, yellow). The plants that members propagate cost the club very little in time and money. We get a substantial return for a minimum investment. Generally, we get at least 50% to "take", sometimes as high as 90%.

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SMGC Speaker
August 20, 2018

Mary Bergstrom

“The 5 P’s of Lavender.”

The talk will cover the Profile, Possibilities, Planting, Picking and Pruning of Lavender. An overview of lavender will be presented along with the uses of lavender and how to successfully grow it in the Upstate.



Mary and Tim Bergstrom are the owners of Southern Hills Lavender. Tim and Mary Bergstrom are both originally from South Carolina. They started their search in 2010 to find the right property for a lavender farm. In May 2014, they moved to Greer to be closer to family and to start Southern Hills Lavender. Mary is the Founding President of USLGA and is still active on several committees.

The 2019 Slate

Nominating Committee: **Darvin Helvy, Linda, McHam, and Phil Abers**

We have a slate of officers and directors for election at the October meeting.

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Treasurer: **Mary Ann Hipp**

Two-Year Directors: **Sami Elhassani, Jack Turner, Phil Abers, Mark Carlson**

One-Year Directors: **None**

The following directors will continue to serve the remaining year of their two-year terms in 2019 and do not need to be elected: **Dick Schelat**



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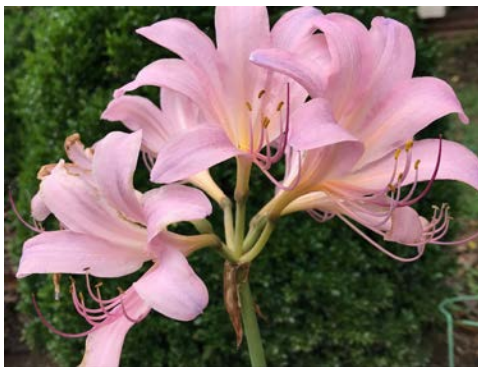
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Lycoris squamigera (Naked Lady) appears in August on a single stem. Leaves follow later.



Lycoris radiata (Red Spider Lily) in red. There are many other colors as well (white, blue, pink, yellow, orange, etc.).

Photography by Linda McHam

Lycoris squamigera (Naked Lady emerging in late July).



Agkistrodon contortrix (Copperhead). Copperheads seems to be more abundant when there is a lot of rain. They're also the most likely to bite, although their venom is relatively mild but painful, and their bites are rarely fatal for humans. Unlike most venomous snakes, copperheads give no warning signs and strike almost immediately if they feel threatened. Cottonmouth snakes are the ones that you need to stay away from as their bite is deadly.



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No Speaker This Month

Picnic

September 17 at 6:00 PM
 at the Spartanburg Health Sciences Bldg. Community Room



NOTE: This is not the regular monthly meeting time of 7:00 PM. Please come and enjoy great food and company. Please bring a dish of your choice if you have not been contacted by someone suggesting what to bring. We just need you there to fellowship with the rest of the Club members!

Train Station Depot Landscaping Upgrade

We have had meetings with the City of Spartanburg and Spartanburg Water Works on this upgrade. Things are progressing. Linda McHam is finalizing a landscape plan, Phil Abers and Don Crowder removed approximately 80 canna lilies from the site, which have been potted for sale at our fall sale. Hopefully, things will progress rather smoothly from this point.

The Fall Plant Sale

Remember the Fall Plant Sale is October 5 and 6! The plant list will be posted online for your information. Invite neighbors, friends, co-workers, etc., to this event. It benefits both the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club and the Spartanburg Community College. There are lots of plants available.

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club &  SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Tree, Shrub & Plant Sale
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**Photography
 by Linda McHam**



Hub City Rail Road Museum garden spot: Tim Carter from the City; Bob Klemptner, Spartanburg Water; Phil Abers and Don Crowder from SMGC. The cannas from this site were removed and potted up so that they could be sold at the fall sale.

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Mary Ann Hipp, Mark Carlson, and Tim Hemphill prepare the shrubs for the fall sale.



Mark Carlson (in blue) showing buyers some of the plants.

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This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Club. It began in 1948 as the Dirt Daubers, and changed its name in 1950 to the current one. We have been responsible for the planting of over 6,000 trees in the county, and numerous other landscapings.

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Plant Sale

The fall plant sale was held October 5 and 6, although it felt more like mid-July than early fall. Thanks to the hard work of several members all summer, we had a large selection of great looking plants, and our customers were able to find many things to suit their needs.



We had a great turn-out from members both Friday and Saturday even though Charlie Crescenzi was out of town and didn't bring any of his famous brownies for us to munch on.

Many thanks to all those who made our sale a success, especially Mark Carlson who made informational signs for each group of plants, most of which included pictures of specimens growing in our area.



SMGC Speaker

October 15, 2018

Dr. Natalie Spivey

“Why GMO?”



Natalie is an Associate Professor of Biology at Wofford College where she teaches courses in general biology, genetics, and microbiology. Her specialty is the regulation of gene expression in plants.



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Note: We plan to install plants at the Train Depot this month, based a plan from Linda McHam. This is a one-time occurrence where we will install the plants and the City will maintain them.

The 2019 Slate

This month of October, we will be electing officers and directors for 2019. The slate of candidates recruited by the nominating committee are:



President: **Don Crowder**

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Secretary: **Cecelia Miller**

Treasurer: **Mary Ann Hipp**

Two-Year Directors: **Jack Turner, Charlie Crescenzi, Sami Elhassani, Mark Carlson, Phil Abers, Ben Waddell**

Note that **Dick Schelat** is a director, but he will be in the 2nd year of a two year term for 2019.

If others are interested in joining the board, nominations can be made at the October Meeting.

Upcoming Speaker

November 19, 2018

Ervin Lineberger

"Career Satisfaction Through Farming"

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The Club started in 1948 as the DirtDaubers, and changed names two years later to the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club. We held a banquet in 2008 in celebration of the 60th anniversary, as well as to present the Order of the Palmetto award to Henry Pittman, who has been a tremendous member of the Club for over fifty years, and who led many of the treescaping projects during that time.



November 2018

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December 2018 - No Meeting

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- The Club, in cooperation with the City of Spartanburg, planted about 50 replacement cherry trees on South Pine. The ones the Club had planted thirty or so years ago needed to be replaced, and this is an ongoing project.
- In addition, through the leadership of Bob Reynolds, we continued working on clearing/beautification of intersections around the city and county (US 29/I-26, US 221/I-26, along US 221 south of Spartanburg, etc.).
- The Container Program has been led by Tim Hemphill for the ten years or so. He is temporarily stepping down as chair of this program. Mark Carlson has agreed to lead this program through the next year as we transition to more of a committee-type operation. Many THANKS to TIM HEMPHILL for his leadership the past years! He has been the person, along with Mary Ann Hipp, there doing the things that needed to be done. Through their leadership, we have improved our inventory.
- Cecelia Miller has agreed to take on the task of publicity from Darvin Helvy who has done a wonderful job for the last four or five years. Thanks to Darvin for his work on this committee!
- The Annual Meeting will be November 19 with the installation of the new officers and directors. Refreshments will be provided by the "old and new" board members and officers.

SMGC Speaker **Ervin Lineberger** November 19, 2018 "Career Satisfaction Through Farming"



Ervin Lineberger, a father of 5 grown children and grandfather to 8, is our speaker for the November 2018 meeting. Ervin is the distinguished brother of our very own Everette Lineberger. He is the co-owner of Lineberger's Killdeer Farms with his wife, Debbie. Ervin has a long history of farming and education throughout his career. He received his BS in Agricultural Education from NC State, a MS in Psychology from Appalachian State and an Ed.D. in Community College Administration from NOVA Southeastern University. Ervin has been a full-time farmer since 1982 with 45 acres in cultivation. He currently grows blackberries and grapes. His academic career included 12 years as the Academic Dean at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, NC. Among Ervin's industrial accomplishments have been his terms as NC Strawberry Growers Association Past President, NC Wine and Grape Council Past President, NC Muscadine Growers Assn. Current Present and North American Raspberry and Blackberry Association. Past President. At 78 years old, Ervin is looking forward to retirement.



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Winterberry Holly

Are you looking for something to liven up your winter landscape? How about a Winterberry Holly, *Ilex verticillata*? This deciduous holly loses its leaves in the fall so the bright red berries are clearly visible on the bare branches all winter. Winterberry hollies are native to eastern North America and are attractive to birds who love their abundant fruit. We have two female varieties of this stunning plant available in the container nursery, 'Winter Red' and 'Sparkleberry', as well as a male variety 'Apollo' which is needed for pollination. As always, plants in the nursery are available at our plant sales in the spring and fall, or contact a board member anytime to meet someone up at the nursery.

