



GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

January 1999

Meeting: Monday, January 18, 1999 7:30 PM
Place: The Arts Center, 385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
Program: ***THE CITY'S NEW EMPHASIS ON BEAUTIFICATION***—City Manager Roy Lane will bring exciting news about City projects with suggestions on how the MGC and other organizations can help expedite them. Bring a friend along.

New Year. We look forward to a year of great leadership from President Jim Bagwell and his cadre of officers. But they solicit help from all our members.

Street Tree Pruning. Since 1976, the MGC has planted some 1,500 street trees plus we were the catalyst for the 6,000 trees and shrubs planted on the new I-85 in 1996. Because of wonderful contributions from Mr. Milliken, the W. O. Ezell Beautification Fund and the Spartanburg County Foundation, plus \$3,000 from our own funds, we are ready to finance a \$12,500 project of "limbing up" and general pruning of our trees on N. Pine and E. Main and at W. Main & I-26. Arborist John Martin will contract this work for us.

Claude Sherrill Memorial Flower Bed. With financing by Wal-Mart, labor by the McCracken Junior High Environmental Club, a plan by Henry Pittman, and leadership from Allene and Jess Taylor, this bed is now in top notch condition. Check it out at E. Main St. and Hillcrest Blvd.—you'll be proud.

Rose Show. Weather conditions hurt participation and we didn't quite break even financially this year, but it was a fine "community service." Bob Reynolds, perennial chairman, Vahl Wilson and Lyn Savor are studying future show plans. Big thanks.

Fall Plant Sale. Thanks to Steve Patton, leader of this project, and Past President George Gunter plus our many, many volunteers, this year's project was the most successful in recent years—a \$2,700 gain over last year. With ongoing support from Steve, new Chairman Lisa Gabory (a new member !!!) has scheduled two potting sessions for the '99 project. Mark your calendars for the Saturdays of February 20 and March 20 and plan to be at Hatcher Garden to help. This project is essential for our ongoing community beautification activities. And it provides great camaraderie!

Special December Meeting. Milliken and Company was kind to invite us to use its fabulous facilities to view new inspirational and educational videos created by the company. One promoted a great "*Vision for Spartanburg*" by noted landscape architect Rick Weble; the other emphasized the value of "*Noble Trees*" by world famous horticulturist Mike Dirr. You should see these presentations..

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John Nevison Memorial. His widow, Dorothy, has made a special contribution which the Board is suggesting be used at Hatcher Garden in John's honor. He was a powerful force in the MGC as President, Newsletter Editor, Hatcher worker, tree planter and general promoter of a greener and more beautiful Spartanburg.

501(c)3 Compliant. Through the good help of our national organization, The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America, we now officially have this IRS status. This opens new opportunities for both tax exempt contributions, and also the possibility of personal deductions for out-of-pocket project expenditures! Thanks to Ron Heggen, TGOA/MGCA Treasurer.

George Gunter gave us exemplary leadership as our president for the past two years. *We are indebted to you and salute you, George !!!*

Spring Realtors-MGC Plant Sale. While details have not been developed, we look forward to this cooperative project. Our leader this year will be Bill Wilson.

1999 Member Dues. Some of you have not yet responded to the "invoice" in the Dec. newsletter; your 1999 dues are already late, but NOT TOO LATE. Quickly send your check for \$25 (\$30 to include a spouse) to **Treasurer Bob Hamilton, 279 Harrell Dr, 29307.**

Bulbs, Bulbs, Bulbs. Dick DeVroomen, wholesaler of Dutch Bulbs in Greenwood, has come through for us again. He presented our program in September and then provided thousands of bulbs to augment the last day of our Fall Plant Sale. Now he has donated bulbs for our use in landscaping at the SC School for the Deaf and Blind. Thanks, George Gunter, for arranging this.

Drayton Road/Isom Street Treescape. Our big cooperative project with the City and the County is well over half completed, thanks to the hard and diligent work of our designated tree planter, John Belue. Drive this important new thoroughway and see if you approve of the near 300 Red Maple (October Glory and Autumn Flame) and Kousa Dogwood. Replacements are planned for E. Main and N. Pine also.



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February 10, 1999

Meeting: Monday, February 15, 1999 7:30 PM

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

Program: "Gardens of Europe" Linda McHam presents another beautiful slide talk. Linda, an accomplished photographer, and a winner of the National Garden Club photography award, has participated in and led tours visiting gardens in England and on the Continent.

Container Garden - Plants are ordered and deliveries of bareroot stock is beginning, so the 1999 season is underway. Lisa Garbory, George Gunter, and Steve Patton will preside, with a repotting session for carry-over stock this past weekend, and then a session to pot some 350 new items on February 20th (9 to 12noon). Come out and enjoy the day! More sessions may be scheduled and announced at the meeting. Some 400 plants are to be shipped to us about March 15th.

Realtor Association Plant Sale - Each Spring for a number of years we have supplied plants to the Realtors and assisted with their sale. It's a great help for our treasury, and a means to market plants held over from our fall sale at Hatcher Garden. This year's sale date is Saturday March 6th - at the Piedmont Gas location on Blackstock, north of Westgate, 8:30am until sold out. Bill Wilson and Bob Fussell who lead this event, need helpers to move plants to the sale location on Thursday and Friday, and some to assist with the sale on Saturday. Details and signup at the meeting. In addition to stock from our garden, we've decided to assign some 150 rhododendron obtained from our Asheville supplier to the sale. (An extra 50 plants will be available for home care and sale next fall.)

School for Deaf & Blind - George Gunter is working with the school's horticulturalist on a new plan using some shrubs from our garden, plus about 50 plants from his own stock, and about 1000 bulbs donated by Jack Devroomen, the bulb broker who supplied our sale last fall.

Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve - Our Club will be responsible for three of the "Hatcher Happenings" programs which are scheduled at the Garden on the fourth Sunday afternoons March through November. Additionally, we are working with the Garden Director to plan and construct two small amphitheater areas to use for children's programs at the Garden.

Tree Planting and Pruning - The Drayton Road program is just about complete. (We have to replace several stolen trees). New Director John Woodward has volunteered to distribute flyers asking cooperation and assistance in caring for the new trees to adjacent property owners. Henry Pittman reports that the pruning project conducted by arborist John Martin is about 80%

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complete as we go to press, and will be finished soon, save for a considerable amount of work limbing crape myrtles which will be done by Henry, and, hopefully, a few volunteers. Call Henry if you can assist.

Miscellany - Jane Bagwell has prepared and mailed some 100 letters to solicit corporate memberships....Bob Almond, with the assistance of Jess Taylor and Winston Hardegree, will present a "hands on" propagation clinic at our March meeting...Bob is also planning with the Chamber of Commerce for our annual landscape judging of area business locations.

ONE FIRM FAITH

I don't believe half I hear
Nor the quarter of what I see
But I have one faith, sublime and true,
That nothing can shake or slay;
Each Spring I firmly believe anew
All the seed catalogues say!



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March 1999

- Meeting:** Monday, March 15, 1999 7:30 p.m.
- Place:** The Arts Center,
385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
- Program:** **Soft Wood Cuttings Using a Mini-Greenhouse** – This program will be presented by our own members Bob Almond, Jess Taylor, and Winston Hardegree. This will be a “hands on” program. Each person attending will be given the opportunity to prepare and plant a cutting. This promises to be both an educational and fun experience for all. There will be approximately ten mini-greenhouses available for sale. The cost will be \$10.00 and each one comes with all accessories needed. Hope to see you there!

Container Garden – There were twelve volunteers assisting at the February 20 potting session at Hatcher Garden and a total of 460 plants were potted, fertilized, tagged and placed in the garden. The weather was perfect and the work went smoothly. Although everyone worked very hard, they also had a great time of fellowship. The twelve were: Bob Almond, Tom Bartrum, Harold Browning, George Gunter, Bill and Ruth Hudnut, Steve Patton, Bob and Dottie Scott, Walt Soderberg, Jack Turner and Bill Wilson. Another session is planned for March 20 at 9:00 a.m. Those who wish to participate are asked to park by the nursery, not in the parking lot, due to another activity that will be taking place at Hatcher at that time. Please come out and join the club in action.

Landscape Judging – The annual landscape judging contest is planned for April 10. At least 24 people will be needed to participate in this project. New members are especially encouraged to participate. No special experience or expertise is needed!!! A judging form is provided that simplifies the procedure and holds each contestant to the same criteria. Each new person will be assigned to an area with someone who is experienced in this judging. This is a great way to get to know other members and to see how some of our area businesses are striving to beautify Spartanburg. Bob Almond is chairman of the Landscape Judging Committee.

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Board of Realtors – By the time you read this, the realtors plant sale will be over. A note of thanks to all who participated in this project by helping move plants on Friday, March 5 and/or helping with the sale on Saturday, March 6. Several members also drove to North Carolina to pick up 200 rhododendron. 150 of the rhododendron were made available for the sale. The remaining 50 are to be placed in the container garden for the fall sale. Bill Wilson was in charge of this project this year. Other participants were: Bob and Penny Almond, Harold Browning, Linda McHam, Steve Patton, Henry Pittman, Walt Soderberg, Jess and Allene Taylor, Wendell and Martha Tiller, Jack Turner, Margaret and Clyde Wells and John Williams. A special thank you to George Gunter for providing 100 azaleas.

Corporate Memberships – Thanks to the efforts of Jim and Jane Bagwell, we have four new corporate members. These are: Arcadia Foundation, The J. F. Floyd Mortuary, Mayfair Mills, and Metromont Materials. We hope to be able to report even more next month. Thank you Jim and Jane.



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April 14, 1999

Meeting: Monday, April 19, 1999
Place: The Arts Center,
385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
Program: **Bluebirds** – Dr. Bob Powell, Chair of the Biology Department at Converse College, long time member, former officer and director of our Club, is well-known for his knowledge of these interesting denizens of our area.

Landscape Judging – Our annual judging of business and industry locations of members of the Greater Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce was conducted last Saturday, April 10th. More than twenty of our members met for coffee and doughnuts at the Chamber offices early Saturday morning. Bob Almond was Chair of the event, and did his usual organized job of assigning tours and explaining the reporting standards. The weather cooperated beautifully, and the tours went well, all completing by about 11:30 a.m. Bob and his committee will report results to the Chamber of Commerce, and, at a later date, we will participate in an awards ceremony with the Chamber. Special thanks to our participants.

CONTAINER GARDEN – After our successful planting session on February 20th, we had an even better turnout for the session March 20th. 480 plants were potted – making the inventory looking really fine. Last week watering efforts by Walt Soderberg (and his daughter who was visiting him from New England) and by George Gunter, have kept plants surviving our Spring drought. Another session is planned for April 24th – sign up at the meeting.

AMPHITHEATRE AT HATCHER – Your Board of Directors voted to expend a sizeable sum from our treasury to fund the construction of a small open-air theatre site at the Gardens. Plans are for an area seating about 30 to 40 which will serve as a place for special programs and children's programs related to the Garden. Jess Taylor and Bob Almond have defined the plans with Kelly Petosky, Garden Director, Henry Pittman has produced an engineering design, and some bids from contractors are in. More details at the meeting.

ROUTE 29 TREES AT WELLFORD – Jack Turner presented plans at our Board Meeting for the planting of some 400 trees in the Route 29 median in the Wellford area. Our Club is asked to direct the project (at no cost to us). We've

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agreed to help obtain proper approvals, and, if all goes well, will supervise the project.

PROPAGATION BOXES – The March program, which was a presentation by members on the “hows” of propagation of soft-wood cuttings in a mini-greenhouse, was particularly well-received. A number of members have asked about the boxes which are obtainable for a price of only \$10. from Bob Almond (579-3288). This includes the box, soil, directions, and even marking pen. What a buy!

FLOWER BEDS – The Taylors have been responsible for the spring plantings at the Claude Sherrill bed on East Main; Reworks of the Duncan Park beds, the Ezell bed on West Main, the beds at USCS, and the bed at the County Library, are in the mill.

MISCELLANY – President Jim Bagwell and Jane Bagwell continue to add new corporate members – nine total with Tietex, First Citizens Bank, and McMillan Smith Architects the latest ... we're up to 121 members.

A ROOT – (definition) A subsurface part of a weed which if left inadvertently in the ground when the weed is removed, speedily results in the weed's regrowth.

(definition) A subsurface part of an ornamental plant or a tree which if inadvertently left in the ground when the plant or tree is removed, speedily results in the plant's death.



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May 12, 1999

- Meeting:** Monday, May 17, 1999, 7:30 p.m.
- Place:** The Arts Center,
385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
- Program:** **Gail Medlin** will present her program about birds. Gail is the proprietor of Wild Birds Unlimited on Kennedy Street. Those who have heard her programs know she is both very knowledgeable and interesting.

CONTAINER GARDEN PROGRAM – The recent month of drought took a heavy toll at our garden. Despite some effort at watering, mostly by Walt Soderberg, we lost a sizeable chunk of our valuable inventory. We badly need a dependable irrigation system to protect our considerable investment which is the major source of our project funds. President Jim Bagwell, along with Jess Taylor, Dottie Scott, and George Gunter are to come up with a program to meet future watering demands. Meanwhile, George Gunter is installing timers to control sprinkler heads.

A potting session to handle some 100 ornamental grasses is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 9:00 a.m. Volunteer at the meeting. George Gunter will provide the potting material. After potting the grasses, the crew will perform maintenance and cleanup which is badly needed in the container area. A good turnout will do much to get us back on course with the container program.

JOHN A. NEVISON AMPHITHEATER – The teaching amphitheater we have undertaken to erect at Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve is well underway. Stone has been delivered, and a group from our Club has relocated plants as needed to prepare for construction. A contract has been let to Sodfathers, and we hope to see final results in early June.

STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS – The Drayton Avenue tree program is completed and we have received reimbursement from both the City and the County. We've been in touch with the County suggesting that we can serve as facilitators on future programs in much the same manner as with the Drayton project.

Our City-wide tree pruning project, largely financed by Milliken, has been completed.

The newest tree program in town seems to be plantings on a grand scale on Route 29 from Westgate to Duncan. Jack Turner is representing us with other organizations who are expecting a sizeable Federal "ice-tea" grant.

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LANDSCAPE JUDGING – The award ceremony at the Chamber of Commerce for our annual landscape judging was last Monday. This year our judges noted that the thirty-two businesses judged had better looking grounds than in recent memory. Some twenty members participated. Next year we hope to have more help from the newer members. It's a great event.

First place winners in the various categories for this year were:

Zima/Kusters, Kohler, Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg City Hall, Drs. Hull, Green, Woods, McLeod, Cochran and Woollen, Physician's Center, Courtyard Motel, Heritage Court, Carolina Southern Bank, and a special winner, the Regional Airport.

MISCELLANY – The meeting dates for our Blue Ridge Regional meeting are October 23rd and 24th...an up-to-date membership roster is available (check with Bob Hamilton). This meeting, with spring plants available, is a great time to sweeten the doorpool prize collection!

FROM THE ASHEVILLE CLUB BULLETIN – An item from Asheville's president, Milford Shaver, seems worthy of reprinting here:

"Many of us don't care to get involved in the everyday workings of the club. We are content to attend meetings for the information garnered from the programs. For those of us who follow this practice, the club is strictly a night out – a social experience. If that's what you want, fine. However, when we choose this path, we are giving up our sense of belonging and the camaraderie that comes with getting out and working together. We become somewhat detached from the club which can lead to becoming dissatisfied. In many cases we drop out because we haven't experienced any bonding with other club members. We see no common goals. If you wish to get more involved, let me know. I have often heard members say "no one ever calls me to help."

My friends, we want your help, believe me. If no one has called you it is not because we don't need you. Many of us get into a rut and fail to call new members as well as the members who haven't been very active. Please call me. Your help is always needed.



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June 16, 1999

- Meeting:** Monday, June 21, 1999, 7:30 p.m.
- Place:** The Arts Center,
385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
- Program:** **Everette Lineberger will talk about Daylillies.**
Rev. Lineberger, a member of our Club and retired Lutheran pastor, operates Quail Hill near Inman, hybridizing and growing iris and daylillies on his beautiful Compton Road property. Come hear about what's new.

JOHN NEVISON AMPHITHEATER – The amphitheater at Hatcher Gardens is nearing completion – AND LOOKS GOOD. Most of the seating area, large enough for about 40 to 50 people, is complete. Work remains on the stage. We hope to have a ceremony dedicating the theatre and presenting it to the Hatcher Garden Board in July.

E. LEWIS MILLER AWARD – The Mayor and the Spartanburg Development Board presented a leadership award to our Club for our contributions to improved community appearance. President Jim Bagwell received the attractive plaque at a recent ceremony. The plaque states that we are the 1999 recipient of the award program which honors former Mayor Miller.

WELFORD CITY TREE PROGRAM – Henry Pittman and George Gunter met with Mayor Sallie Peake and some of her minions to review this project. Jack Turner heads our group which is serving as consultants to the Welford leaders who plan to plant trees along some six miles of Route 29. Quite an undertaking! Also on the subject of trees, Hollis Taylor and Henry Pittman represented us at **COUNTY COUNCIL** to urge that Council budget funds for further tree plantings during the new fiscal year. They pointed out that the recent Drayton Ave. program financed by the County came in well under budget. We're also working in conjunction with **TREES SPARTANBURG** on a plan for plantings on I-26 ramps at Westgate.

LITTER PICKUP – After a long hiatus, our Club succeeded in fielding a litter picking team to clean our assigned section of North Pine Street. Jim

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Bagwell led the effort, assisted by Bill Wilson, Val Wilson, John Williams, George Drummond, and Jane Bagwell, who ably demonstrated her new knee. Next time, let's double the team and make a quick work of this worthwhile community service task.

CONTAINER GARDEN – The Garden is recovering some from drought and lack of care. Help is still needed. If you have the chance to spend a little time at the Garden, call George Gunter and ask what's to be done.

DATES TO REMEMBER – The National Convention at Green Bay, Wisconsin, is July 13 to 17. Henry Pittman is going, and would be greatly pleased to have some company; Our Regional Meeting is scheduled for Greenville, October 23 and 24; We are to serve as hosts for the National Directors meeting here in Spartanburg in November; and, our annual **PIC-NIC** is to be held September 20th, on a cool Monday evening.

MISCELLANY – Our pruning project, financed by our Club, Milliken, and the W. O. Ezell fund, is complete...The City has cobbled together a tanker truck which should help immeasurably in saving new plantings from drought...Lantana was planted at the Library by Bagwell and Bartram, and the East Main Sherill bed is well maintained by Allene and Jess Taylor...Bob Reynolds is planning the Rose show for Westgate in September...with three renewals, our corporate members number twelve...

AND, a special welcome to Brandon Alexander Hammett, new son of member Karen Hammett (and Bob). Brandon is the first child born to a member of our Club!



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July 14, 1999

- Meeting:** Monday, July 19, 1999, 7:30 p.m.
Place: The Arts Center,
385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
Program: **Steve Patton**, active member of our Club, will talk about **Disposing of Yard Waste**. Steve, an able horticulturalist, operates a yard maintenance service and also provides guidance for our container gardening program.

TREE PLANTING PROJECTS – Thanks to the efforts of Henry Pittman and Hollis Taylor, we have been notified that County Council has approved another tree planting to be financed during the present fiscal year. It's evident that Council approved of the job we did on Drayton Road – and the relative low cost. We need input from our membership as to location of the next effort in the County. The I-26/176 cloverleaf near Inman has been mentioned as well as a stretch of 221 near Roebuck. Direct your ideas to Jim Bagwell, Henry Pittman or Hollis Taylor.

In the meantime, the Welford project is being followed by Jack Turner, and we are working with Co Irwin of Trees Spartanburg on trees for the ramps at Main and I-26.

CONTAINER GARDEN – Recent rains have stopped our losses, but we need a lot of work to save our remaining stock. A sizeable crew is needed for a cleanup day at Hatcher Saturday, July 24th, 8:30 a.m. Volunteer at the meeting, or call Bill Wilson (582-0299).

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING – We've been selected as the host club for the national director's meeting scheduled November 3rd through 6th, 1999. The Directors meet at the national convention in the summer, and have their off-season meeting at a different location each year. It will entail a fair amount of planning and work for us, but should be an interesting time. Jim Bagwell, Henry Pittman, and Tom Bartram have done early planning, and much of our last Director's meeting was involved with discussion of the details. We expect some 45 attendees, including spouses, to visit. The Ramada Inn across Bypass I-85 from Milliken will be the prime location. Plans include a dinner at the Milliken guest house, a catered dinner at the Hotel, tours for the spouses, airport pickup, etc. In addition to Mr. Milliken's generous offer to host us, we've

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a commitment from First Baptist to help with bus transportation to various activities.

NEVISON AMPHITHEATER – We hope to have a date for the dedication soon – maybe by our meeting. It looks good. Jess Taylor has constructed a lectern for use as needed at the amphitheater.

ROSE SHOW – Bob Reynolds reports that the show is scheduled for September 11th (Saturday) at Westgate Mall. We hope that we will have a number of member exhibitors! Let any rosarians you know. The show requires helpers – mostly in the morning to set up. Sign up at the meeting. If you are interested in working with the judges, let Bob know. As most of you are aware, this show is one of the only juried rose shows with American Rose Society judges in this area.

MISCELLANY – Henry Pittman represented us at the National Convention in Green Bay, Wisconsin...Remember the change in Picnic date until September; there will be a regular program August 16th...A graduate student at U. of Ga. contacted us seeking heirloom seeds for the Southern Seed Legacy Project. If interested, call Tom Bartram, 579-0729...

Laws of Gardening:

1. Other people's tools work only in other people's gardens
2. Fancy gizmos don't work
3. If nobody uses it, there's a reason
4. You get the most of what you need the least.

– Murphy

Hope to see some good looking plants and produce for door prizes!



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August 11, 1999

- Meeting:** Monday, August 16, 1999, 7:30 p.m.
Place: The Arts Center,
385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
Program: **Vahl Wilson**, club member and premier rose grower, will talk about roses and how to present them. Also, he will present a short version of his Master Gardener course on rose cultivation and care.

ROSE SHOW – Scheduled for Saturday, September 11 at Westgate Mall. While a few signed up to help at our last meeting, more are needed. It's a pleasurable event, and with a good-sized crew, scheduling is easy. Also, local amateur growers are encouraged to participate. Come to the meeting and let Vahl Wilson tell you how.

NEVISON TEACHING AMPHITHEATER – On Sunday, August 22nd at 2 p.m., the new theater will be presented to Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve by our Club. This gift represents perhaps the biggest expenditure we've made – and for a worthwhile purpose. We expect a good attendance. To those of us who knew John Nevison – it's a fine memorial to a special person – and about time! John was our President in the early 80's, and a constantly pleasant guy who did prodigious amounts of work for the Club – happily tooling around in his blue Toyota pickup. One of his best friends and co-conspirator, Jess Taylor, has built a fine transportable lectern for use at the amphitheater. Your bulletin writer has a special relationship to cite – as John wrote the bulletin for years, and then for years assisted by me.

CONTAINER GARDEN – Water – or lack thereof remains the problem. Walter Soderberg watered last week – until fire ants got to him – and now we've sought to save what's left by hiring some help for some daily watering. At our Director's meeting we had a long discussion of future plans for the project – which we feel must be put on a better footing for the future, since it is our primary source of income to finance our programs. Any bright ideas as to future plans will be appreciated!

TREE PLANTING PLANS – As reported in the last bulletin, County Council has approved money for more plantings. Henry and his committee have started work on a plan to plant at the clover-leaf intersection of I-26 and 176 (towards Inman). DOT approval is being sought. Your Board recommended that part of the money be spent in plantings on Church Street (221) towards Roebuck.

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The dry weather has caused some losses of recent plantings. We've received some help from the Drayton Volunteer Firemen's group. Perhaps you noted the Herald-Journal story last week. The City, which has been slow to utilize their recently-acquired watering truck, hopefully will be in action this week.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION – At the recent National Convention in Green Bay Wisconsin, three special citations were presented to members for outstanding service to MGCA/TGOA. One of the recipients was our Henry Pittman. Congratulations!

LITTER PICKUP – As previously reported, we resumed our participation in the Keep Spartanburg Clean litter pickup program last May. The next date is September 18th. To do an effective job without overworking anyone, we should have at least ten volunteers. At present, there seems to be a higher level of community interest in cleaning up our area's appearance – something we should support.

CALENDAR DATES – Picnic – Monday, September 20th. Blue Ridge Regional meeting – at Greenville, October 24th. Also note that there is a "Hatcher Happenings" program scheduled immediately after the amphitheater dedication on Sunday the 22nd. The Kieslings will present a program on dahlias.

Robert Almond's Laws of Ecology:

1. Everything is connected to everything else
2. Everything has to go someplace
3. Nature's way is best
4. There is no free lunch

(sic)

Doorprize pool? Dried vegetables are welcome



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September 1999

Picnic Time ! Monday, September 20
Place: Hatcher Garden, 820 Reidville Road, Spartanburg, SC
Program: ***Good food, camaraderie, and an opportunity to see the improvements in the garden.***

Come at 5:30 to see the new *Nevison Teaching Amphitheater* which John's family and we built. We will eat about 6:00.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, tea and all the other necessities will be provided. Not required, but if you want, bring a special dish or dessert to share.

Chairs are limited, so bring along one from home.

We will honor a number of special invited visitors.

Rose Show. Thanks to long-term Chairman **Bob Reynolds** and other members, another good show (our 27th!) was held Sept. 11 at Westgate. The disappointment is the lack of support and participation of local growers.

WINNERS WERE--

Jack and Nancy Wright, Charlotte, NC: Queen of Show, King of Show, and Princess of Show

Arlene Harbin, Chesnee, SC: Novice Award

Virginia New, Spartanburg: **Claude Sherrill Award**

Other winners were: Bill and Sis Shull, Lincolnton, NC; Vernon and Nancy Rickard, Iron

Station, NC; Dennis and Suzy Bridges, Shelby, NC; Wilbur and Hazel Hruby, Saluda, NC

OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS WERE--*A super thanks to these important supporters !!!*

Belk's, CWS Insurance, First Federal Bank, Floyd's Mortuary, Foster's Garden & Landscape Center, Kohler, Metromont Materials, Milliken, Odom Ace Hardware and Zima/Kusters .

Spartanburg MGC Plant Sale. This year's annual sale will be at Hatcher Garden each Saturday, Oct. 16 through Nov. 27, from 9 AM until Noon. The profit from this community service project is the basis for not only supplementing our club's operating costs, but it also finances our other community service projects. If you are growing plants at home for this sale, please report to **Walter Soderberg** at 439-0669. **George Gunter's** preliminary list of offerings will be available at the picnic.

Blue Ridge Regional Meeting. A fine program has been prepared by **Regional President John Mann** and his Greenville MGC for Friday evening and Saturday morning, Oct. 1 and 2, at Furman. This is a great opportunity to greet old and meet new gardening friends from other clubs of the Region--Asheville, Knoxville and Greenville--and to learn more about gardening and landscaping. No Registration Fee, just Friday night dinner at \$16 and Saturday lunch at \$10. Mail to **Regional Treasurer John Kendall**, 107 Fillerery Dr., Greenville 29615.

Special Thanks. **Allene and Jess Taylor** are doing a great job of maintaining the Sherrill Memorial Flower Bed on East Main. **Jordan Oil** replaced multiple damaged Kousa Dogwood at their new gambling hall on Drayton Road. **Fairway Advertising** replaced a destroyed Willow Oak behind a billboard across from New China on East Main. **Solesbee Contracton Company** provided a watering truck and driver for our use on Drayton Road.

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Street Tree Project--Drayton Road. Our trees planted last November-January have been damaged severely by the drought and heat. The Kousa Dogwood seem hurt the most, but a number of the Red Maple cultivars have also been lost. This is in spite of multiple waterings by the **City of Spartanburg** and the **Drayton Volunteer Fire Department**. And the **City** has also added heavy mulch to all the trees, those in the City and in the County. **Multiple members** have worked at attaching watering bags and at watering.

Litter Pick-Up. This Saturday, September 18, we need volunteers to do our "clean-up-the-roadside" on North Pine. **Jim Bagwell** is organizing the crew--give him a call if you receive this on Friday and will volunteer. As you know, there is a new state-wide anti-litter program in South Carolina which many consider to be the dirtiest state in the nation.

2000 Member Dues. It is important to get our year 2000 membership list and dues to National by January 1. So, be an Early Bird! Dues are \$25 for individual men and women (\$30 to include a spouse for "family membership") and \$100 for corporate membership. Benefits include all our club privileges (a beautiful 2000 TGOA/MGCA calendar, our educational programs; the opportunity to help make the Spartanburg community cleaner, more green and more beautiful; this great monthly newsletter; camaraderie with a fine group of local gardeners and would-be gardeners, etc, etc.). It also includes all the privileges of The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America (*The Gardener* magazine on alternate months with the *Newsletter*; participation in the many national programs such as the Photography Contest, the Awards program, Gardening from the Heart, Regional and National get-togethers, assistance with programs, etc., etc.)

Send your check to **Treasurer Bob Hamilton, 279 Harrell Dr, 29307.**

New Highway Beautification Projects. Again, **Spartanburg County** is backing us financially on a new tree planting project. The design for the large clover leaf area at the intersection of I-26 and US-176 (toward Inman) has been approved by the **DOT in Columbia** and we expect to get this planting underway in November. Some 133 trees are planned. We are also looking at beginning tree planting on US-221 south of Spartanburg toward I-26.

--Editorial--
Vote "No" on Nov. 2 !

EHP, Assistant Editor



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October 13, 1999

Meeting: Monday, October 18, 1999
Place: The Arts Center, 385 S. Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
Program: Winston Hardegree, a Club member and knowledgeable Master Gardener instructor, will address the subject of "Soil Fertility."

DIRECTORY ISSUE: This bulletin contains our updated membership roster. We suggest that you retain this copy for reference during the coming year. We've also included a price list for the upcoming plant sale at Hatcher Garden.

REGIONAL MEETING: Greenville hosted the Blue Ridge regional meeting in September. The Friday night dinner at an attractive room near the lake at Furman University was particularly fine, with good attendance from Asheville, Greenville and our Club (about ten members and wives) and an entertaining talk by Asheville's well-known Peter Loewer.

Saturday's programs included an excellent program about water gardening and a slide show of English gardens. Greenville's John Mann, the Regional President, did himself proud. Dr. Jack Davidson, President of Atlanta's club, extended an invitation for us to visit their club which meets each first Monday at Piedmont Park, 11 a.m.

Our annual **PICNIC**, held in September this year, enjoyed reasonably cool weather. It was a fine time with good food for our group of 62 members and guests.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Our Club is serving as host for this meeting. Henry Pittman and helpers have pretty well completed the plans for the sessions to be held November 3rd to 6th. We expect some 45 guests who will stay at Day's Inn and have confabs there and at Milliken. Plans include some activities for spouses, tours, and a final dinner at Day's Inn on Saturday, November 6th. We hope many of our members will attend the dinner. Sign up at the meeting (\$25 each).

The First Baptist Church is supplying a bus. Assignments have been made for staffing a hospitality room, and Bob Almond will need helpers to pick up attendees at the airport. More details at the meeting.

MILLENIUM ELECTION: George Gunter's nominating committee has recommended the following list of candidates

to be elected at our October meeting and to be installed in November:

President Jim Bagwell
Vice President Bill Wilson
Secretary Dottie Scott
Treasurer Bob Hamilton

Directors (one year): John Woodward, Vahl Wilson, Jack Turner, Henry Pittman, Bob Almond, Bob McCullough. **(two years):** Bob Reynolds, Clyde Wells, Bob Sutherland, Rudy Spring, John Williams, Eric Tapio.

CONTAINER PLANT SALE: Our annual sale will officially begin Saturday, October 23rd. Members with home grown plants should deliver to the Garden the week beginning October 17th. A signup sheet for helpers during the sale will be at the meeting. While the stock was reduced by drought, we still hope to sell enough to somewhat replenish our coffers for further good community work. For starters, we're hoping to sell much of the rather large supply of crepe myrtles in ground near the Garden to USCS. Dave Kenemur has done his annual job of notifying schools of the sale, and offering them plants. We're attempting to arrange a bulb sale like the successful one last year by Jack DeVrooman, the Greenwood wholesaler, to be held near the end of the plant sale. Last Saturday a crew of *thirteen* showed up at the Garden to weed, retag, and neaten up. It looks really good!

TREE PLANTING: The sizeable plantings to be funded by Spartanburg County at the intersection of 176 and I-26 will begin in early November. Some 130 trees including pine, Trident maple, Red Sunset maple, and London plane trees, are planned.

MISCELLANY: Shrubs were supplied for a habitat house; we provided a tree as a memorial to the principal of Jesse Boyd School who died in an accident recently; Steve and Gibbes Patton will present a composting school at "Hatcher Happenings" Sunday, October 24th. Steve plans to sell wire baskets - with proceeds to our Club. On September 18th, five noble souls presented us in the litter pickup: Jack and Jane Turner, Jim and Jane Bagwell, and Henry Pittman.

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

October 1999

Phone	Name	Address	City	State	Zip	
969-2404	Ackah, Ethel	188 Railroad St.	Enoree	SC	29335	1
579-3288	Almond, Robert	116 Shelton Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	2
574-0896	Bagwell, Jim & Jane	123 Sugarmill Ln	Moore	SC	29369	3
583-0819	Bain, Barrie	62 Lake Forrest Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	4
579-0729	Bartram, Tom	521 Mockingbird Lane	Spartanburg	SC	29307	5
582-6025	Black, Sam (Dr)	1449 Thornwood Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	6
585-5454	Bomar, William	2219 Country Club Rd.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	7
578-0363	Braghirol, John, Sr	2191 Rainbow Lake Rd	Chesnee	SC	29323	8
585-7467	Browning, Harold	2 Bernhardt Dr	Spartanburg	SC	29302	9
583-7741	Burdell, Mrs. Wayne	862 Glendalyn Ave	Spartanburg	SC	29302	10
578-2070	Camp, Arden	417 Shady Point Dr	Inman	SC	29349	11
583-5720	Campbell, Roger	137 High Ridge Dr	Spartanburg	SC	29307	12
576-2512	Cantrell, Bill & Mary Frances	302 Holly Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29301	13
595-0973	Crim, Michael	719 Harrison ,Grove Rd	Roebuck	SC	29376	14
585-4955	L Davidson, Edward	3050 Southport Rd	Spartanburg	SC	29302	15
583-2721	DeLuca, Ben (Dr.)& Joellen	132 Fernbrook Circ.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	16
582-4484	Drummond, George	168 Aberdeen Ln.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	17
579-1675	Eilenburg, Elaine	238 Talmadge Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	18
579-3302	Elam, Ed & Kathy	514 Gaston Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	19
583-5558	Enderby, Lynn	209 Horseshoe Lake Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29306	20
582-3274	Erickson, John & Flo	343 Mills Ave.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	21
205/978-9060	Fincher, John (Dr.)	2449 Shadey Crest Rd.	Birmingham	AL	35216-1319	22
814-5889	Floyd, Marie	161 Beaver creek Dr.,	Chesnee	SC	29323	23
579-8999	Foster, Dan & Martha	221 Mansfield Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	24
576-1434	Foster, Howard	106 Pinedale Court	Spartanburg	SC	29301	25
	Frederickson, Harold	12 Fisher Dr, Apt 3-C	N. Kingstown	RI	02852	26
587-9245	Fussell, Robert	203 Trailwood Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29301	27
582-4169	L Galt, Tom	142 Hillbrook Dr.	Spartanburg.	SC	29307	28
598-9445	Gaston, Bill	121 Montgomery Dr	Spartanburg	SC	29302	29
574-1574	Georgion, Mike	212 Navaho Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29301	30
578-7522	Gowens, James	7423 Lone Oak Blvd.	Spartanburg	SC	29303	31
582-8412	Griffin, Edwin	154 Bellwood Lane	Spartanburg	SC	29302	32
574-0156	Grimes, Frank	53 Somerset Dr.	Spartanburg.	SC	29301	33
574-0803	Gunter, George & Suzanne	287 Caldwell Cir.	Spartanburg	SC	29301	34
579-7182	Hamilton, Bob	279 Harrell Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	35
	Hammett, Randy & Karen	193 Carver St	Wellford	SC	29385	36
433-0414	Hardegree, Winston & Beth	2115 Green Pond Rd	Woodruff	SC	29388	37
542-9635	Hare, Valerie	758 Rutledge St.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	38
576-9482	Hatcher, Harold	822 Reidville Rd	Spartanburg	SC	29301	39
352/669-1871	Hooper, Gil (Dr.)	346 Raintree Dr.	Altoona	FL	32702	40
578-9531	Hudnut, William & Ruth	117 Shoally Park Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29303	41
582-8668	Irwin, Co	107 Fernbrook Circle	Spartanburg.	SC	29307	42
472-9570	Justice, Ralph	140 Cabin Rd.	Inman	SC	29349	43
472-3327	Kehyaian, Mary	1781 Hannon Rd.	Inman	SC	29349	44
579-1304	Kennemur, Dave	328 Lake Forest Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	45
579-0499	Koshak, Daniel	704 Meadowbrook Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	46
585-1303	Lindsey, James	311 Marconi Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29303	47
472-3339	Lineberger, Everette & Ann	2460 Compton Bridge Rd	Inman	SC	29349-8489	48
603/674-9653	Look, Richard	19 Capitol Circle	Rochester	NH	03867-4334	49
	L Mancke, Rudy	119 Powell Mill Pond Rd	Cayce	SC	29033	50
576-3319	Maple, Joe	407 Thornhill Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29301	51
585-1451	McCullough, Robert	125 Burnett Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	52
582-1498	McHam, Linda	1010 Andrews Farm Rd.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	53
576-2818	Miller, T. S., Jr.	111 Bedford Rd.	Spartanburg	SC	29301	54

579-4236	Mitchell, Frank & Grace Lewis	119 Shelton Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	55
585-6913	New, Virginia	1050 Andrews Farm Rd	Spartanburg	SC	29302	56
599-1639	Ondrus, Paul & Mary	110 Shoally Park Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29303	57
585-8878	Patton, Steve	202 Emma Cudd Rd.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	58
582-0138	Petoskey, Kelly	PO Box 2337	Spartanburg	SC	29394	59
576-9665	Phillips, Neil	1116 Blackstock Rd	Moore	SC	29369	60
579-0532	Pittman, Henry	656 Perrin Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307-2456	61
582-8810	Powell, Robert (Dr) & Sandra	180 Hilltop Acres	Spartanburg	SC	29302	62
948-9005	Reichert, William	308 Laurel Oak Ct.	Spartanburg	SC	29306	63
583-3943	Reynolds, Bob (Dr.)	400 Wannamaker Ct.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	64
597-1756	Sams, Mortimer	728 No. Church St.	Spartanburg.	SC	29303	65
503-2374	Savor, Lyn	107 Fair Ridge Way	Lyman	SC	29364	66
574-2538	Scott, Robert & Dorothy	312 Arrowhead Circle	Spartanburg	SC	29301	67
585-5677	Scott, Walt & Virginia	344 Indian Creek Rd	Spartanburg	SC	29302	68
592-9203	Simons, Locke (Ms.)	173 Timberlake Dr	Inman	SC	29349	69
579-4341	Siwierka, Walter A. & Grace	507 Eastway Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29307-2576	70
576-0352	Sloan, Richard	4118 Shephard Rd.	Spartanburg	SC	29301	71
439-0669	Soderberg, Walter	1304 Nazareth Church Rd.	Spartanburg	SC	29301	72
574-3267	Spring, Rudolph & Cecelia	449 Litchfield Dr	Moore	SC	29369	73
576-8475	Stockdale, Alfred	823 Reidville Rd.	Spartanburg	SC	29306	74
582-0398	Stoltz, David (Dr.)	10 Catawba St.	Spartanburg	SC	29303	75
801-1814	Sutherland, Robert	226 Vivians Ct.	Woodruff	SC	29388	76
578-3907	Tapio, Eric & Erin Bentaim	305 Kilt Ct.	Spartanburg	SC	29316	77
579-3880	Taylor, Jess & Allene	224 Mansfield Dr	Spartanburg	SC	29307	78
574-3856	Taylor, Hollis	218 Briarcreek Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29301	79
579-0797	Tiller, Wendell (Dr) & Martha	210 Edgecomb Rd.	Spartanburg	SC	29307	80
582-4649	Trakas, Perry (Dr.)	525 Sherwood Cir.	Spartanburg	SC	29302	81
461-4943	L Turner, Jack (Dr.)	144 Lakeshore Dr	Chesnee	SC	29323	82
461-4943	Turner, Jane	144 Lakeshore Dr	Chesnee	SC	29323	83
585-0246	Wegrzyn, George (Dr.)	217 Muirfield Dr.	Spartanburg	SC	29306	84
582-2153	Wells, Clyde (Dr) & Margaret	P.O. Box 295	Pauline	SC	29374-0295	85
583-9965	Welsh, John	524 Overland Dr	Spartanburg	SC	29307	86
503-0801	Williams, John	7227 Brock St	Spartanburg	SC	29303	87
574-4855	Williams, Shirley	210 Knollwood Dr	Spartanburg.	SC	29303	88
582-0299	Wilson, Bill	205 Bentway Ln	Spartanburg	SC	29302	89
576-9357	Wilson, David	203 Singingwoods Ln	Spartanburg	SC	29301	90
585-4645	Wilson, Vahl	125 Cart Dr	Spartanburg	SC	29307	91
579-3314	Woodward, A. John	644 Perrin Dr	Spartanburg	SC	29307	92
583-0846	Wright, Cardinal	460 Royal Oak Dr	Spartanburg	SC	29302	93

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Plant Name	Size	Price \$
Acuba	12"	3
Azaleas (various)	Various	2
Bald Cypress	3' - 4'	8
Beautyberry, American	18" - 24"	8
Bradford Pear	3' - 6'	10
Butterfly Bush "Black Knight"	18" - 24"	6
Butterfly Bush "Pink Delight"	18" - 24"	6
Carolina Silverbell	2' - 3'	6
Cherry, Kwanzan	4' - 6'	10
Citthera "Hummingbird"	12"	6
Crepe Myrtle (various)	various	6
Dogwood, Pink	24" - 36"	10
Dogwood, Kousa	18" - 24"	6
English Dogwood (Deutzia)	4' - 6'	6
English Laurel	18" - 24"	8
Forsythia	24"	3
Grass (Miscanthus Graciilimus)	2 gallon	6
Grass, Pink Pampas	3 gallon	6
Grass, Variegated Ornamental	2 gallon	6
Holly (various)	12" - 36"	6
Hydrangea Tardiva	18" - 24"	8
Juniper, Pfitzer	12"	5
Leyland Cypress	12' - 18'	3
Ligustrum	24" - 36"	4
Magnolia 'Ann'	24"	8
Nandina (old fashioned)	18"	5
Osmanthus (Fortunei)	30"	10
Redbud	4' - 6'	6
Rhododendron	12" - 24"	8
River Birch	4' - 6'	10
Rose of Sharon (Althea)	2' - 3'	3
Spirea "Snowmound"	24"	8
St. Johnswort	12"	6
Viburnum, Judii	24"	8
Viburnum, Doublefile	24"	8
Weigelia, Ruby Red	36"	6
Winter Jasmine	1 gallon	3



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November 10, 1999

- Meeting:** Monday, November 15, 1999, 7:30 p.m.
Place: The Arts Center,
385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
Program: This is our annual meeting and spouses night! Be sure to come. We've arranged a presentation of the "Noble Trees" film produced by Milliken featuring beautiful scenes from our area with commentary by nationally known tree expert Dr. Dirr.

INSTALLATION OF YEAR 2000 OFFICERS – Bob Springer of the Asheville Club, our Blue Ridge Region National Director, will assist in the installation of our year 2000 officers and directors. Jim Bagwell will serve as President, Bill Wilson as Vice President, Dottie Scott as Secretary, and Bob Hamilton as Treasurer. Tom Bartram continues to write this bulletin.

Directors with one year terms are Bob Almond, Henry Pittman, Bob McCullough, Jack Turner, Vahl Wilson, and John Woodward. Directors with two year terms: Bob Reynolds, Rudy Spring, Bob Sutherland, Eric Tapio, Clyde Wells, and John Williams. Our Emeritus Directors are: Harold Hatcher, Dave Kennemur, Walter Soderberg, and Gil Hooper.

Jane Bagwell is organizing the refreshments.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING – Our major event this fall was the just-completed four day meeting of the Directors of the National organization (Men's Garden Clubs of America and the Gardeners of America) here in Spartanburg. We were asked to serve as host for this annual fall meeting last year at the National Convention.

Henry Pittman directed the planning of the program with help from Jim Bagwell and Tom Bartram, and a number of our membership donated much time and effort in making the affair very successful. For example – Bob Almond organized drivers to meet planes for incoming guests, Bob Hamilton worked hours at registration and with finances, Clyde and Margaret Wells operated a hospitality room at the motel, Jane Bagwell and Marianne Bartram entertained ladies at lunch and a shopping trip. Walt Soderberg backed up Bob Hamilton at registration, Allene Taylor prepared delightful table decorations...etc., etc.

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The First Baptist bus driven by Rev. Bob Morgan proved indispensable in moving the group from Milliken Research, to dinner at Abby's Grill, and for tours to Walnut Grove and Hatcher Gardens.

Perhaps the high point socially of the meeting was the wonderful dinner hosted by Milliken Co. at their beautiful guest house facilities.

Saturday evening was the final dinner – catered at Day's Inn with attendance including a number from our Club. The sing-along entertainment program presented by Walter Soderberg proved especially enjoyable. The national organization installed its new officers and wound up their business.

The whole affair proved a ton of work by our Club – but the results were great, and we're sure the national officers and directors are appreciative. AND, importantly, Henry and his committee managed to just about break even on expenses, avoiding a drain on our treasury. Good job!

TREE SALE – Last Saturday's sales sagged a bit from the fine pace set during October – but we're still quite profitable, and the plants we're selling look just fine. As noted before, the watering done in August by Walter and the watering and rain in September brought about an amazing turnaround in our crop. We plan to advertise, and suggest members may be able to stir up some customers for the next couple of Saturdays.

We're still planning a **BULB SALE** Saturday, November 27th with Jack Devroomen, the Greenwood bulb wholesaler, serving as our supplier.

2000 DUES – Bob Hamilton will be willing and able to collect dues at our meeting. For the year, \$25. individual, \$30 couple. It's usually like pulling teeth to get them all in – so make Bob happy and pay early.