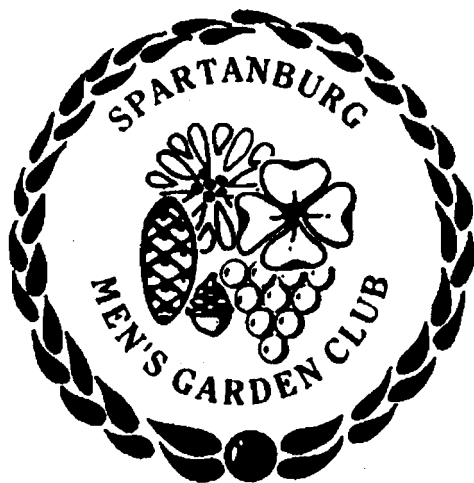


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January 2007

**Meeting:** Monday, January 15, 2007 -- 7:00 PM

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

**Program:** A two-part program will provide members with a preview about new activities and directions for the club and with information about volunteer opportunities with two other major gardening programs in Spartanburg.

**Part One** – Linda McHam, the Club's FIRST woman president, will address the club on issues and directions for the coming year. You'll want to hear the exciting ideas Linda has for the Club and learn how you can be a part of all the happenings.

**Part Two** – Representatives from the Spartanburg Master Gardeners and the Spartanburg Garden Council will tell us about how their programs are serving the community and let us know how we can become involved with their work.

## **Kudzu Coalition News**

One of the most exciting programs supported by the Men's Garden Club is the Kudzu Coalition, headed up by member Newt Hardy. This group has formed a Board of Directions, with the approval of the MGC Board, and is continuing the good work you've seen around Spartanburg and moving on to other areas. In an effort to increase their volunteer base (all MGC members are invited to become Kudzu Warriors), the group has reached out to local high schools with great success. Currently they are working with students from four area schools and have applied for a grant from the Fish and Wildlife Department that, if they are successful with their application, will allow them to expand their efforts to 15 high schools and some middle schools. They are also planning to extend their attack on kudzu through the formation of a sister organization in a neighboring community in the near future. Plans are being made for a "Kudzu Kapers" event in the spring that will bring all the high school students together

for a day of fun and celebration honoring their efforts. Juanitta Baldwin, a writer who has published several books on kudzu, is sponsoring cash awards for an art and writing contest for high school students that will be coordinated by the Kudzu Coalition. Look for continued publicity on their efforts in the local paper. And do consider attending a kudzu “party”! Check out the website at <http://www.kokudzu.com> for times and places.

## **Club By-Laws Revision**

The By-Laws Revision Committee has completed its work and presented a report to the Board. The final version of the proposed by-laws will be presented to the membership for approval at the February meeting. A great deal of work has gone into preparing workable by-laws that will direct the growth and development of the club for years to come. Plan to be at the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for this most important presentation.

## **Business 85 Treescaping**

Henry Pittman reports that the 7.3 mile shoulder treescape project is underway. Staking of the plant locations is currently being done and planting should be completed within the month. This project is funded with federal funds with MGC providing the matching funds. Roebuck Wholesale Nursery has received the contract for the planting, one-year warranty and establishment period. The Spot of Pride organization will provide on-going maintenance for these trees after the first year.

## **Youth Committee Activities**

The Youth Committee sponsored Project Learning Tree at Hatcher Garden for 2006-2007. These one-hour programs are produced by the Watershed Ecology Center of USC-Upstate and use the garden as a “window on the world” to increase students’ understanding of our environment, stimulate their creative and critical thinking and help students develop the ability to make informed decisions on environmental issues. This program strives to instill in students the commitment to take responsible action on behalf of the environment. When the program is completed in April, approximately 530 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will have benefited from this opportunity.

*“Come forth into the light of things.  
Let Nature be your teacher.” - William Wordsworth*

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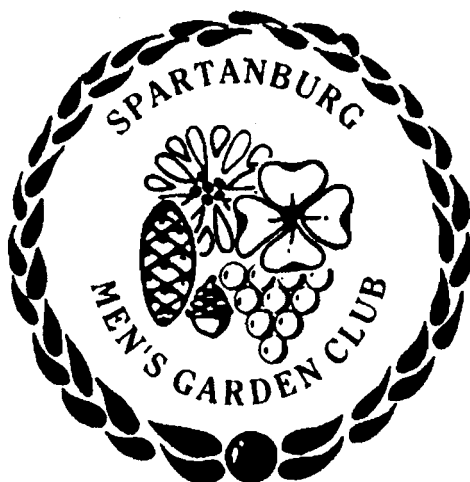
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February 14, 2007

**Meeting:** Monday, February 19, 2007, 7:00 P.M.

**Place:** The Arts Center, 383 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC

**Program:** Presentation, Discussion, Review, and consideration by the membership of adopting new by-laws for our Club. Linda McHam, Don Crowder and others, with legal advice from Art McQueen, drafted new by-laws, which have been reviewed in considerable detail by your Board of Directors, and now are offered for membership approval. The proposal has been mailed to our membership – bring your copy to the meeting.

**Container Garden** – Our container growing program can well be termed the “heart” of our Club, since it is the source of the funds which we rely on for our various civic beautification projects. The program has evolved over many years from growing dogwood seedlings and crape myrtle cuttings in various open areas around town to its present system of purchasing bare root plants from various nurseries, potting them in small containers, and developing the plants to saleable sizes at the garden area, now a corner area within Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve. Planning for each year’s production and our sales has been an ongoing effort of our Board of Directors, with considerable success, but with plenty of room for a more orderly approach.

**And, now come two new brooms** with a penchant for orderliness: Container Gardening co-chairs, Dianne Fergusson and Valerie Hare, have provided Board of Director members with a report that calls for the rearrangement of the garden to assure accurate inventory of the stock, plant locations to help sale customers find what they seek, special sales on large older plants, etc. They present a more orderly approach to stocking the Garden with propagated plants, plants purchased from suppliers, and plants from area nurseries on a ready to sell basis. Potting sessions will be planned and scheduled in advance, labelling and weeding sessions will be scheduled as needed. To make our plant sales more effective, orientation sessions will be conducted.

To assist the program, a budget has been established and was approved at the last Director's meeting which provides for items such as more carts, lighting at the potting shed, a cleanup faucet, etc., etc. **And**, most importantly, a sizeable layout to provide for a thermal transfer printer to be purchased in conjunction with Hatcher Gardens. The printer will provide much improved identification of plants.

Your editor believes our container garden efforts are really getting organized **WOW!!**

**Recent recognition** – Hope you've noticed some of the nice things various sources have said about our Club: Linda Cobb's complimentary article in the *Herald Journal*; *Southern Living's* article about our crape myrtle pruning program with beautiful pictures and shots of Stewart Winslow pruning correctly; a gracious letter from Mayor Bill Barnet commenting on plantings at the City's gateways – and particularly the detailed article in the *Herald Journal* describing Henry Pittman's fruitful efforts in arranging the new tree plantings along a seven-mile stretch of business I-85. Makes one feel good!

**Litter Pickup** – J.T.Clark will lead our efforts Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, in participating with the Keep Spartanburg Clean program by picking up litter on our assigned Pine Street area. We need volunteers-about a dozen or so - to assemble at 8:00AM in the parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce building. Takes about 1 ½ hours and about one mile of walking and talking.

**Miscellany:** Note that Jim Bagwell has been selected to serve on the Hatcher Board of Directors, taking the spot formerly held by Tom Bartram...Janice Williams cited personal reasons in resigning from our Board. (She will remain a member)... The open position has been filled by the appointment of Nancy Williamson....Welcome new members Phil and Sylvia Phillips and returning member Don Oldham...Beatrice Hill and Dianne Fergusson are new Warriors of the Kudzu Coalition... Refreshments at our meeting will be presented by Allene Taylor.

**Work Schedules** Sign up at the meeting for the Street Tree pruning and fertilizing outing Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>, and/or the Container Garden sessions February 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

...*For what it's worth* ...Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.

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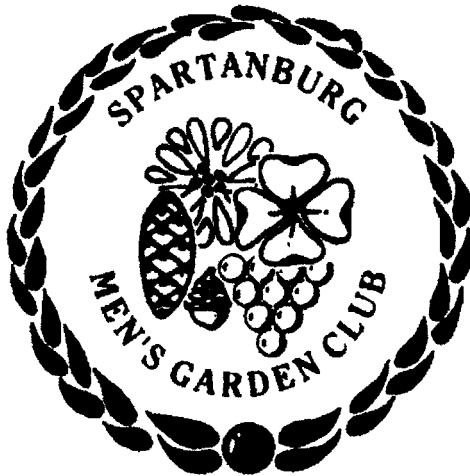
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March 2007

**Meeting: Monday, March 19, 2007 -- 7:00 PM**

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

**Program: "The Trees of the Arboretum at Spartanburg  
Community College – Jimmy Painter, Horticulture Dept. Chair**

**Refreshments: Julie Dugan and Nancy Williamson**

**DOOR PRIZES NEEDED! Please bring a plant or other garden  
item for the door prize table.**

## **Club By-Laws Revision**

The new by-laws were presented to the membership at the February meeting. Following discussion and some recommended changes, the by-laws were approved by the members. The Club now operates under these new by-laws.

## **Kudzu Coalition News**

The largest student group to date—45 strong—participated in a Kudzu party at Peters Creed Preserve on Feb. 10. Both *Herald-Journal* and the *Spartanburg Herald* ran articles and pictures of the outing. Plans are still on-going for the "Kudzu Kapers" that will be held on Saturday, April 21 at the Magnolia Street Train Station. You'll want to plan to come out on that day to see the high school students in action as well as to hear the speakers and witness the awards ceremony for the first annual kudzu art and writing contests. And do consider attending a kudzu "party"! Check <http://www.kokudzu.com> for times and places.

## **Publicity Committee**

The committee is already at work to continue to publicize the work that former chair, Henry Pittman, has done for several years. Their first task is the plant sale, and they're off to a good start with plans for flyers, cards, a plant raffle at the sale and many other ideas. The Board approved a budget line of \$100 for publicizing the April sale.

## **Container Garden/Plant Sale Committee**

A work session on February 24 resulted in the completion of the inventory of our current plant holdings and the arrangement of those plants in the nursery. We've left space for the nursery stock that we are purchasing for the April 28 plant sale. We'll have information on volunteers needed for the sale at the March 19<sup>th</sup>

meeting. We would like to have as many of the Club members who can assist with the sale on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Specific job descriptions will be available at the March meeting. The label printer that the Club purchased in conjunction with Hatcher Garden is in and installed in the Hatcher office. We'll be using this label printer to produce professional-looking, permanent labels for our plants. Plants have been ordered for the fall sale, and a potting session will be scheduled when the plants arrive.

### **Hatcher Garden**

The Board voted to approve a \$1,500 donation to assist Hatcher Garden with the Tree Inventory Project primarily funded by a grant from the SC Forestry Commission. This project will purchase software to enable the staff to undertake a tree inventory and develop an assessment-based management plan for the tree collection. The final product, which should be completed in July, 2007, will include a base inventory of trees, a representation on a map (that will be available on the website), and a management plan that will include a hazard component, inventory assessment, removal/acquisition recommendations and a yearly management plan. Club members have already volunteered with this project and their on-going participation will be necessary for its success.

### **Street Tree Committee**

A work session was held on March 10 to do light pruning and fertilizing of selected trees. This committee continues to follow up with Sodfathers concerning US221 project. The Business 85 planting has been completed, and some trees may have to be relocated due to active billboards. The committee will work with DOT to achieve a final resolution of this concern.

### **Litter Pick-up Committee**

A clean-up session is scheduled for March 17 beginning at 8:00 to clean up the Club's designated area between Wade's and the Chamber of Commerce on Pine Street.

### **Incentive Committee**

This committee has been charged with developing a system for recognizing Club members who do exemplary work in support of the Club's objectives. They will be working to identify volunteer activities for recognition, to develop an accounting system for volunteer time, and developing ways and means of publicly recognizing individuals who do exemplary volunteer work.

### **Membership Committee**

If you've received a call from the Membership Committee about your lapsed membership, they hope you'll renew at once so they won't have to mail you a reminder notice. We want to remain the largest Club in the National Organization, and we NEED YOU for that, so please send in your renewal.

### **Landscape Evaluation Committee**

Saturday, April 21, is the date set for the annual landscape evaluation of local businesses. Judges are needed, so if you'd like to participate as a judge (training provided), please contact Terrie Rourke at 574-6354 right away.

With Our Members. . . Please keep Margaret Pittman and Winston Hardigree in your thoughts as they deal with health problems. Please keep the family of member Bob Dyar in your thoughts as they deal with their loss.

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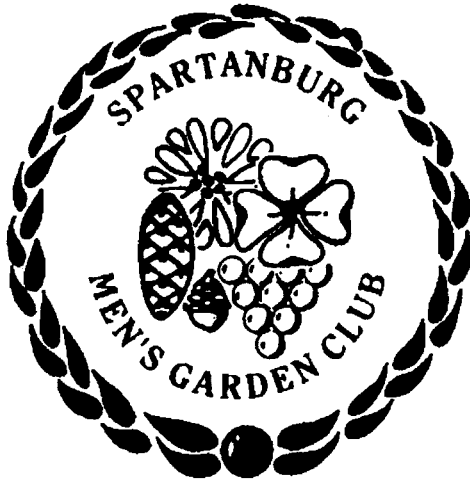
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April, 2007

**Meeting:** Monday, April 19, 2007 -- 7:00 PM

**Place:** The Arts Center, 385 Spring Street

**Program:** Members **Everette Lineberger** and **Newt Hardie** will present a two-part program. Everette will discuss the cultivation of peonies and Newt will update us on the work of the Kudzu Coalition.

**Refreshments:** Don & Denie Crowder

## **Plant Sale! Plant Sale! Saturday, April 28!**

The Container Garden co-chairs and their committee and other club members have been working in the container garden getting it spruced up for the annual spring sale. You'll notice a few changes in the nursery; the two oaks have been removed and a security fence has been installed. We will have approximately 1400 plants for sale. If you haven't signed up to work a specific job at the sale (job descriptions will be available at the meeting), please sign up at the meeting. There will be four one and one-half hour time shifts and five different jobs for each shift. **If you're planning to work as a sales assistant, don't forget the orientation from 2:00 – 3:00 on Saturday, April 14, at the nursery.** If you can't make the meeting but want to help with the sale, please contact Dianne at 585-0420 to volunteer. Please help us spread the word about the sale to your friends, family, and co-workers! If you need flyers, contact publicity chair Nancy Williamson at 579-7110.

**You will have an opportunity to vote for national officers at the next three meetings. Linda will have the ballots and will return them to National in early July.**

**NEEDED:** Club members to serve on the Publications Committee and be responsible for the monthly mailing of the newsletter (takes about 45 minutes, one time a month. Please contact **Dianne Fergusson** at 585-0420 if you can help with this job.

## **Interstate-85 Business Treescape Dedication.**

This most recent 7.3 miles of highway treescaping will be dedicated on **Thursday, May 3, at 5 PM** in the Pavilion at Spartanburg Community College. Representatives of our partners, (Spartanburg County, SCDOT, and Spot of Pride), and our contractor (Roebuck Wholesale Nursery) will be present along with local Spartanburg leaders—and we hope a large number of SMGC members. The program will be brief, followed by light refreshments. Thanks to **Henry Pittman** and **Ed Wilde** for putting this together.

## **Recognition Committee**

**Joe Rives** will present a report at the general meeting on this committee's plans for recognizing members' involvement in club and community gardening activities. Their plan includes a multi-tiered schedule of levels of recognition. You'll want to attend the meeting on April 19 to get the update on this exciting new initiative. All the details will be published in next month's newsletter.

## **Landscape Evaluation**

The annual Landscape Evaluation of area businesses is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 8:30am at the Chamber of Commerce. If you'd like to help with this, please contact **Terrie Rourke** at 574-6354.

## **Welcome New Members!**

Membership chair **Stephanie Heath** asks us all to help make these new members welcome: **Karen Wesenberg-Ward & Jim Ward, Phil & Sylvia Phillips, Integral Solutions Group, J. M. Smith Corporation.**

## **Community Work**

March was a busy month for two of the Club's hardest-working committees. The **Street Trees Committee** under **Ed Wilde's** leadership limbed up and selectively fertilized trees planted by SMGC along Drayton Avenue and Pine Street and finalized an agreement with Sodfather on the Highway 221 treescaping project. The **Litter Pick-up Committee** chaired by **J.T. Clark** worked on March 17<sup>th</sup> to clear the Club's designated two-mile stretch along Pine Street; the next pick-up is scheduled for June.

## *with our members. . .*

our sympathy to **Jeff Hayes** whose father passed away in March.  
our thoughts are with **Everette Lineberger** whose sister is battling cancer and  
welcome home to **Ann Lineberger** who's recovering from knee  
replacement surgery

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May, 2007

**Meeting:** Monday, May 21, 2007 -- 7:00 PM

**Place:** The Arts Center, 385 Spring Street

**Program:** Jeff Caton, Director of Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation Department, will speak on the topic of livability.

**Refreshments:** Nell Hardie & Jean Spearman

## Successful Plant Sale!

The plant sale on April 28 was a great success. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with work sessions and helped with the sale. We almost cleaned out the lot!!! We received some very positive feedback on innovations like mixing the nursery stock with our older stock throughout the lot, specialized sales like "Mother Nature's Tag Sale" and "Harry Potter Recommends." And everyone seemed to like the aprons and badges that identified the club members who were working. Nancy Williamson's door prize idea was a huge success and netted a great mailing list for the fall sale. The three winners have received their plants, thanks to Nancy! The old gold juniper went to Sandy Nunnery of Compobello, the Canada Red Flowering Cherry to Janice Taylor of Spartanburg, and the Knockout Rose to Frances and Jesse Charles of Spartanburg (who bought 10 of the roses at the sale). We'll be in touch soon about work sessions to continue the improvements at the nursery and to begin getting ready for the fall sale. If you have comments or suggestions for the fall sale, please send to Dianne Fergusson at [sdsferg@bellsouth.net](mailto:sdsferg@bellsouth.net) or 585-0420.

**You will have an opportunity to vote for national officers at the next two meetings. Linda has to return them to National in early July. See Don Crowder for a ballot on May 21.**

## Business 85 Treescape Dedication

A ceremony was held at the Pavillion on the campus of Spartanburg Community College on Thursday, May 3, to dedicate the fully completed treescaping of Business 85. The ceremony was organized and conducted by club members Henry Pittman and Ed Wilde who headed up the project. A large group of club members and community people enjoyed the ceremony and reception. Congratulations to Henry and Ed for the successful completion of this wonderful project!

**Please consider bringing a door prize to the May meeting! A bouquet of fresh flowers from your garden or a plant would be great!**

*With our members – our sympathy to Nancy Williamson on the loss of her mother*

## Club Committees

The **Program Committee (Tasso Gihonis)**, the **Nominating Committee (Terrie Rourke)**, and the **Youth Committee (Dianne Fergusson)** are seeking additional members. Serving on a committee is a great way to get involved with the Club and learn about how things work. Please contact any or all of the people listed above if you're willing to serve on any of these committees. A big **THANK YOU** to **Terry Linn** who has agreed to serve as **Distribution Chair for the Publications Committee**.

## Recognition Committee

**Joe Rives** and his committee have finalized the plans for the member recognition program. See the insert in this newsletter for details about the program and a form to use in compiling your volunteer hours to report to the committee. Please contact Joe at the number listed on the form if you have any questions about the plan.

## Another Great Landscape Evaluation!

The annual Landscape Evaluation of area businesses was held April 21<sup>st</sup>, **Terrie Rourke** would like to thank all the volunteers—especially **Bill Wilson**—who helped with the session. The awards ceremony will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, May 22, at 4:30. All club members are invited to attend the ceremony and wine and cheese reception that follows.

## Membership News

The Membership Committee would like your help in making new members feel welcome at Club meetings. Beginning with the May meeting, new members will have a special sticker (flower, etc.) on their name badge so you can spot them easily. Please be sure to greet any new members and welcome them to the club. We want to keep our place in the national listing as the Club with the largest increase in membership! And don't forget to invite your gardening friends to join! **Stephanie Heath** and the Membership Committee have been trying to clean up our roster and have the most current information on our members. Please help by checking your mailing label to verify the information is correct. If anything is incorrect or if there's a yellow sticker on the label, that means we need a current telephone number so call Stephanie at 476-9469. A pink sticker means your 2007 dues have not been paid. Please mail your check (\$20 individual/\$25 for two family members) to **Jim Bagwell**, 123 Sugar Mill Lane, Moore, SC 29369.

## Kudzu Coalition

The first annual Kudzu Kapers was held at the Magnolia Street Train Station on Saturday, April 21. Students from area high schools attended and participated in fun activities like the kudzu "egg" hunt, the kudzu crown toss, and the sampling of various kudzu delicacies like kudzu chips! **Mayor Bill Barnet** was on hand to present a proclamation declaring the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> as "Kudzu Awareness Week" in Spartanburg and to try his hand at the kudzu crown toss. Nationally known kudzu activists **Juanita Baldwin** assisted with the awarding of the Baldwin Kudzu Writing and Art awards to the student winners, **Nancy Basket** demonstrated her kudzu basket making, and **Edith Edwards** cooked up some kudzu. Check [www.kokudzu.com](http://www.kokudzu.com) for more details.

**The Kudzu Coalition needs a volunteer with a trailer for hauling a mower; if you can help, please call Newt Hardie at 482-0990**

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## SPARTANBURG MEN'S GARDEN CLUB

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The SMGC (Club) has implemented a program to publicly recognize members that do exemplary volunteer work in support of the objectives set forth in Article II of Club by-laws.

This paper summarizes that program and includes information about sanctioned and non-sanctioned volunteer activities and volunteer milestones. An example Volunteer-Work Record is also provided.

#### 1. SANCTIONED AND NON-SANCTIONED VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

A. Sanctioned Activities: The following activities are sanctioned for inclusion in the records of volunteer work:

- Participation in activities sponsored by one of the Club's standing or ad hoc committees.
- Activities in support of horticultural beautification and improvement of public-school grounds, parks, public roads, and other similar public property.
- Activities in support of horticultural beautification and improvement of church grounds and other properties owned by not-for-profit organizations.
- Volunteer activities in support of Hatcher Garden and other public gardens.
- Volunteer activities sanctioned by the local chapter of the Master Gardeners, including volunteer activities required for Master-Gardener certification.
- Teaching and disseminating horticultural science to Club members and others. (When not compensated for activity.)

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- Attendance at regular Club meetings.
- Attendance at regular board meetings.
- Activities of officers and directors of the Club in performance of duties of their elected positions.
- Participating as a student in horticultural training/education.
- Horticultural activities related to beautification or improvement of privately-owned land.

## 2. VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

A. Volunteer activities will be recognized during a regular-Club meeting in accordance with the following schedule:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Level of Recognition: 50 hours of volunteer work
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level of Recognition: 100 hours of volunteer work
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Level of Recognition: 250 hours of volunteer work
- 4<sup>th</sup> Level of Recognition: 500 hours of volunteer work
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- 6<sup>th</sup> Level of Recognition: 1000 hours of volunteer work

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D. Records:

- Each individual is responsible for documenting his/her hours of volunteer work. Records should include the following elements:
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  - b. Description of volunteer activity
  - c. Hours of activity, including roundtrip travel time
- The attached "Volunteer-Work Record" form should be used to record volunteer activities and--upon completion of each Level of Recognition described in the Article above entitled "Volunteer Milestones"--those records should be submitted to the Recognition Committee member indicated on that form.
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Attachments: Example of Volunteer-Work Record  
Form of Volunteer-Work Record

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VOLUNTEER-WORK RECORD

NAME OF VOLUNTEER: JANE HALL

DATE OF VOLUNTEER WORK	NAME OF ORGANIZATION BENEFITING FROM VOLUNTEER WORK	DESCRIPTION OF VOLUNTEER WORK	HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK THIS DATE	TOTAL HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK TO DATE
FEB. 18, 2007	SMGC	CONTAINER GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING	3	3
MARCH 6, 2007	MASTER GARDENERS	WORK IN PLANT-A-ROW GARDEN	4	7
MARCH 12, 2007	HATCHER GARDEN	TRANSPLANTING	3	10
APRIL 3, 2007	SMGC	WORK IN CONTAINER GARDEN	5	15
APRIL 4, 2007	"	"	5	20
SEPT 12, 2007 THRU FEB. 6, 2008	MASTER GARDENERS	Provide assistance during 12 MG LESSON PROGRAMS	4 HOUR EMCIH PROGRAM: 4x12=48	68

EXAMPLE

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August, 2007

**Meeting:** Monday, August 20, 2007 -- 7:00 PM

**Place:** Morningside Baptist Church – 897 South Pine Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

**Program:** President Linda McHam will take us on a tour of the gardens of Southern England and the Chelsea Flower Show.

**Refreshments:** Donna & Conley Cook and Tasso Ghionis

Because the Art Center will close, effective September 1, we have to find a new meeting location. The new Chapman Cultural Center will not have a meeting room large enough to accommodate us (we presently have over 1200 sq. feet at the Art Center and the largest room at Chapman will be just under 700 sq. ft.) President Linda McHam has been working hard on this issue for the past couple of months and has checked several possibilities. At the July meeting, the majority of those in attendance voted to move to Morningside Baptist Church on South Pine Street. Our August meeting will be at this location.

**The next Litter Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 15. Please contact J. T. Clarke if you can help! A sign-up sheet will be available at the August meeting.**

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**“A gardener, asked for the secret of her success, replied: ‘Trowel and error.’”**

### **Wedding Bells Have Been Ringing**

**Joe Mullinax** and **Carrie Duello** were married on the beach in Maui on August 1. Friends and family joined the couple for a week before the event. Afterwards the newlyweds island hopped over to the Big Island for a week in a tree house overlooking the ocean. Joe and Carrie visited the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden , where there are more genus of plants than any other place on earth! Congratulations and best wishes to Joe and Carrie!

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### **Welcome New Member!**

**Sylvia Tirpak, 105 Cart Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307  
582-2834**

### **Yahoo User Group**

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### **Nominating Committee**

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Congratulations to **Paul Savko** on his recognition by the City of Spartanburg for his work with involving the Youth Corps in the activities of the Kudzu Coalition. Paul was featured in a video on "Spartanburg Now" on Channel 14 last month. **Newt Hardie** and other members of the Coalition could be seen in some of the video working in the kudzu patches around town.

## **Container Garden News**

Beating the heat by beginning at 7:30, we were able to annihilate the weeds and do some rearranging in the garden and be gone by 9:30 on Saturday, August 25. It's amazing what willing hands can accomplish when they work together even when some of the weeds are as tall as we are! Thanks to **Donna Cook, Frank Falk, Dave Kyle, Terrie Rourke, Ed Wilde, and John Woodward** for their help in a most productive session! Plan now to help us with the plant sale on October 20; we'll need lots of volunteers to keep the sale moving. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the September and October meetings for volunteers for the sale. The calling committee will be contacting you about special work sessions between now and the sale to unload potting soil and pot bare root plants that will be arriving in the fall.

## **Litter Pick-Up**

**Chair J. T. Clarke** reminds all who are interested in helping with the next session of litter pick-up to plan to meet him in the Chamber parking lot on St. John Street at 8:00am on September 15.

**Arboretaville Tour – Saturday, October 13 - \$30.** Call 503-5235 to register by Oct. 8. The tour will include all five arboreta in Spartanburg and will include lunch.

### **The Kudzu Coalition Moves On**

The Kudzu Coalition to Control Kudzu without Chemicals while Having Fun is now an independent, 501-3C organization with its own officers and board of directors. **Newt Hardie** is serving as president and treasurer and **Barbara Daniels** is serving as secretary. Board Members for the first year include the officers and **Lou Adams, Paul David Blakeley, Dianne Fergusson, Paul Savko, Merike Tamm, Gill Newberry, Bea Hill, Douglas Jones, Rich Mead and Allyn Steele.** The Kudzu Coalition will continue to focus on the control of kudzu in urban areas of Spartanburg County as well as serve as a resource for communities in other areas who wish to establish a similar program. Involving high school and middle school students will also continue to be a focus. The Coalition will maintain a close connection to MGC and will have a non-voting representative at the Board meetings. Tax deductible donations made be made directly to the Kudzu Coalition by mailing them to 128 Bagwell Farm Road 29302. All members interested in learning more about the work of the Coalition are invited to Kudzu Kollege held the last Saturday of each month behind the YMCA on South Pine Street.

### **MGC Long-Range Planning Committee**

This new Committee was formed this year to look at the long range goals and the future of the Club (where do we want to be in five years, ten years, etc?). The Committee presently consists of **Don Crowder, Linda McHam, Joe Rives, Terrie Rourke, and Jess Taylor.** Participation on this committee is open to all Club members and you are invited to contact Joe or Don if you have ideas for the committee or if you are interested in serving. One of the ideas the Committee is currently pursuing is the propagation of plants as explained at the August meeting. If you would like to know more about this idea, please contact Don.

### **Web Site**

Plans are under way for developing a web site for the Club. A steering committee whose members include **Linda McHam, Karen and Jim Ward, Lou Adams, Jeff Hayes, and Nancy Williams** have been working on this issue. Karen Ward has agreed to set up the web site, so we hope it will soon be operational. If you haven't signed up for the MGC Yahoo Users Group yet, please get your name and email address to Linda.

Saturday, September 29, is "National Public Lands Day." On this day volunteers of all ages across the country will be involved in building trails, planting trees, repairing public facilities and more. Locally, the Kudzu Coalition invites you to help eradicate the kudzu on the Mary Black Foundation Trail. The Coalition will be recognized on Wednesday, September 19, by the National Public Lands Day Program of the National Environmental Foundation with a \$1,000 grant to continue their work. The presentation ceremony will take place at the kudzu demonstration patch behind the YMCA on South Pine at 3pm. The mayor and Rob Hampton from Washington, DC, will be on hand to make the presentation. Please join us for the ceremony.

**with our members. . . our thoughts are with the Balmer family on the loss of one of Spartanburg's most outstanding citizens, Hans Balmer, founder of Spots of Pride program, and long-time MGC member.**

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## **Fall Plant Sale!!!!**

**Join us on Saturday, October 20, from 9:00 – 3:00 for the fall plant sale at Hatcher Garden. We need volunteers to help with sales, parking, taking payments and assisting customers. Help us get the word out by telling your friends and family and co-workers! The plant list on the Hatcher Garden website.**

**See you in the garden!**

# GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

October, 2007

**Meeting:** Monday, October 15, 2007 -- 7:00 PM

**Place:** Morningside Baptist Church – South Pine Street  
Upstairs Meeting Room

**Program:** Dr. Jack Turner – Watershed Ecology Program

**Refreshments:** Terrie Rourke & Sue Steiner

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## Membership Renewal Time!

It's time to renew your membership if you've not already done so. Please complete the form that was included in last month's newsletter and mail with your check to **Jim Bagwell**, 123 Sugarmill Lane, Moore, SC, 29369 today!

## Container Garden News

The Fall Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, October 20, in conjunction with Hatcher Garden's plant sale from 9:00 – 3:00. If you can't make the Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to sign up to work, please contact **Dianne Fergusson** at 585-0420 to schedule your work shift. We need many, many volunteers to make the sale go smoothly, so please give at least two hours of your Saturday (we'll take as many as you want to work!) to help make the Club's fund raiser a success!

And please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 27, for a major work day in the nursery. We'll be potting up plants for the spring sale and will need many willing hands to make the work go quickly. That session will begin at 8:30 and we hope to be finished by noon.

## Litter Pick-Up

Chair **J. T. Clarke** would like to thank **Lou Adams**, **Valerie Hare**, and **Ben Waddell** for their help with the litter pickup on September 15. He reminds all who are interested in helping with the next session of litter pick-up to plan to meet him in the Chamber parking lot on St. John Street at 8:00am on December 8.

with our members. . . our thoughts are with **Peggy Wilson** as she recuperates from shoulder surgery.

## Welcome New Members

Membership Chair **Stephanie Heath** asks that we help make these new members welcome: **Randy & Mary Lynn Conway, Cory Tanner, and Orysia Masnyic Bailey**. We hope to see and greet them all at the October meeting.

## Nominating Committee Report

Terrie Rourke and the Nominating Committee have reported the following slate for 2008. We will vote on these nominations at the October meeting, and they will be installed at the November meeting

President – Linda McHam

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1-Year replacement Director: Steve Patton

## New Director Emeritus

**Bill Wilson** has been named a Director Emeritus in honor of his important contributions to the Club during the many years that he has been a member. An active member since 1997, Bill served a two-year term as President during which time many significant goals were reached. A plaque was presented to Bill at the September picnic by his fellow Directors Emeritus, **Jess Taylor, Tom Bartram, and Henry Pittman**.

miscellany. . . . "Our Hold on the Planet"

Robert Frost – *Complete Poems* – (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1916/1962), 469

We asked for rain. It didn't flash and roar.

It didn't lose its temper at our demand

And blow a gale. It didn't misunderstand

And give us more than our spokesman bargained for;

And just because we owned to a wish for rain,

Send us a flood and bid us be damned and drown.

It gently threw us a glittering shower down.

And when we had taken that into the roots of grain,

It threw us another and then another still,

Till the spongy soil again was natal wet.

We may doubt the just proportion of good to ill

There is much in nature against us. But we forget:

Take nature altogether since time began,

Including human nature, in peace and war,

And it must be a little more in favor of man,

Say a fraction of one percent at the very least,

Or our number living wouldn't be steadily more,

Our hold on the planet wouldn't have so increased. – Robert Frost

## Street side Enhancement Planned as Hans Balmer Memorial

The Board of Directors of Hatcher Garden is in the process of finalizing plans for enhancing the stretch of John B. White Boulevard between the main entrance to the Garden and Hughes Lane as a memorial to the late Hans Balmer. Donations to this project may be made directly to Hatcher Garden.

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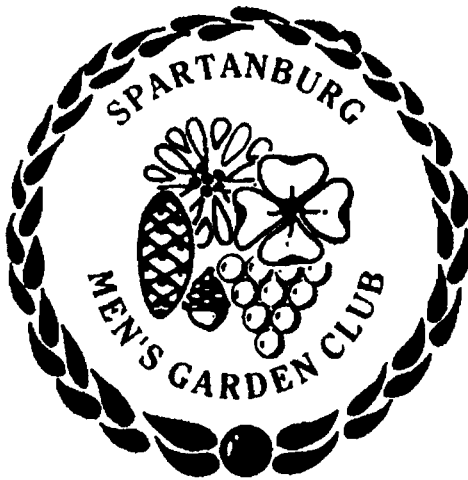
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See you in the garden!

# GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

*NOVEMBER* - October, 2007

**Meeting:** Monday, November 18, 2007 -- 7:00 PM

**Place:** The Barrett Room – Main Library – Church Street

**Program:** Annual Meeting – Guest Speaker: Kevin Parris  
on significant tree plantings in Spartanburg  
Installation of Officers and Board

**Refreshments:** Club members

**Beverages:** Jack & Jane Turner

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## **Container Garden News**

The Fall Plant Sale was held on October 20, and in the words of Jess Taylor, "was the smoothest I've seen in 30 years." The new system of tallying sales worked well and enabled us to process customers more quickly. **THANKS TO ALL OF THE CLUB MEMBERS WHO ASSISTED DURING THE SALE!!!** We made our budgeted goal, and we have a fairly good inventory as a basis for a spring sale. Special thanks to the following club members who came out on Oct. 27 (many of them for the second Saturday in a row!) to help pot up liners and seedlings for the spring sale: **Steve Patton, Jim & Karen Ward, Jack & Jane Turner, Stan Klotz, John Woodward, Susan MacDowell, Dave Kyle, Jim Bean, Peggy Romine, Mort Sams, Charlie Crescenszi, Joe Rives, Chris Rives, Henry Pittman, Marie Engley – Master Gardener student & prospective member, and Susan Billings – Master Gardener student & prospective member**

## **Welcome New Members**

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Saturday, December 8, will offer a unique opportunity for members to get involved and support the work of the Club. Three different activities have been scheduled for that day, and we hope to see a great many members at each of them.

- **Container Garden Work Session** – We will be potting up plants for the spring sale and we need lots of enthusiastic volunteers to make the work go quickly. We'll begin at 9:00am and hope to finish around noon. We have approximately 500 plants arriving that week, so we need lots of help!
- **Litter Pickup** – Thirteen people are already signed up for the Litter Pickup, but Chair J. T. Clarke says there's always room for more! Meet behind the Chamber office on St. John Street at 8:00 if you want to help.
- **Propagation Group Work Session** – This group will be building propagation boxes in the Container Garden. They will begin around 9:00am and hope to get all of the boxes built by noon.

Select the activity that most appeals to you and come out and join the fun! And don't forget to keep a record of your gardening volunteer activities to turn in to Joe Rives for the Recognition Committee.

## **Long-Range Planning Committee**

This committee held its organizational meeting on October 29 to determine the focus and goals of the committee. A number of major topics were discussed and the Committee will pursue these at future meetings. The committee members are **Joe Rives, Don Crowder, Linda McHam, Jess Taylor, Terrie Rourke, Charlie Crescenski, and Dianne Fergusson**.

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