#### January 2016

## Gardening & Beautification

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**Nursery News** Stone has been ordered for the road. The potting and propagation areas are now in excellent shape, thanks to the volunteers who helped during recent clean-up sessions. Plant purchases for the Spring Plant Sale are being reviewed, including beefriendly selections. Plans are to also purchase a card reader to allow customers to pay with credit or debit cards, in addition to the customary cash or check.

Shown at Right—Bob Reynolds (L) and Benny Carter (R) installing 20 new 'Pink Flair' ornamental cherry trees on the Bill Wilson Yoshino Cherry Drive on South Pine Street last month.







Together Present Spring 2016

#### **Community Gardener 101**

February 9—May 3, 2016 Tuesday evenings 6:00—8:30 pm SCC Central Campus Ledbetter Bldg, Room 253 Cost \$199.00

- Composting
- Basic Botany
- Soils—the life of the garden
- Lawn management & irrigation
- Plant propagation lab
- Seeds, vegetables & tools
- Ornamental & native plants
- Houseplants & herbs
- Trees & pruning techniques
- Pest management & entomology
- ABCs of landscaping

Go to www.sccsc.edu and type "Community Gardener" in the search box to register. Select individual sessions, or attend the entire 12 week series. Full program fee includes text book and a one year membership to the Club.



#### Litter Pick-Up Schedule

Meet at the parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce on Oakland Avenue at 8 am.

Free restaurant breakfast afterwards for all volunteers!

2016 Litter pick up dates should be available for the February newsletter.



## Health & Happiness

Please keep all of our soldiers and veterans in your thoughts and prayers.



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#### **Upcoming Speakers**

February—Tina Clark, owner, Carolina Garden World "What's New in 2016"

March—Spartanburg Beekeepers Association— "Beekeeping"

April—"Disease-Free Roses"

#### **January Meeting**

NOTE: MEETING IS TUESDAY! January 19, 2015

7:00 p.m.

**SCC Community Room** Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Aaron McCarty

**Permaculture** 



Refreshments:

#### **Permaculture**



Aaron is originally from Orange County California, moved to SC in grade school and graduated from Dorman in 1998. He served in the Navy as a nuclear engineer on an aircraft carrier during Operation Enduring Freedom. Following his military service, he returned to SC where he worked with Piedmont EMS as an EMT.

In 2007 he began gardening organically and studied permaculture with Zev Friedman and Dylan Hamilton of Permaculture in Action in Asheville. After PIA he and a partner owned a permaculture design and installation

service in Asheville. He holds a Permaculture Design Certificate, and last spring started Ancient Earth Landscaping, offering both conventional and permaculture landscaping services in the Upstate.

Aaron is also interning with Keiji Oshima of Haiku Bamboo Nursery in Hendersonville, and has started his own bamboo nursery in Boiling Springs. Aaron likes to make hard cider and fermented hot sauces and is

married to Wendy, a photographer.

They have 2 young sons.

He will share information about permaculture, its origins and design principles, and show techniques that can benefit any garden. The general public is always invited to attend meetings.

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#### **Nursery News**

Plants are being reviewed and purchased, the stone delivery will be scheduled and there will be a Yahoo! Group call for volunteers to spread it. We are finalizing plans for the construction of another shade structure, & plans for the irrigation system filter. Weeding will begin soon.



**2016 Plant Sales**April 1-2 Oct. 14-15

#### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

9 am-2 pm March 26th RAIN OR SHINE

#### Acceptable:

Aerosols, Batteries, Brake Fluid Cleaners, Corrosives, Fertilizers Fire Extinguishers (small, medium) Fluorescent Bulbs & Ballasts Furniture Polishes & Waxes Paint & Paint Thinners Pesticides & Poisons Propane & Other Gas Cylinders Solvents & Degreasers Swimming Pool Chemicals



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Rain Barrels Available—\$95 Questions? 864-949-1658



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Prescription Drug Take-Back 10 am—2 pm April 20th County Admin Building



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#### **Get Involved!**

treescoalition.org/events.html

#### **February Meeting**

#### February 15, 2015

7:00 p.m. SCC Community Room Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Tina Clark

What's New For 2016?



Refreshments: Darvin Helvy

#### What's New For 2016?

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To prepare for her spring season and her presentation,

Tina has combed industry trade publications and her many growers' offerings. She will highlight plants that are new, as well as plants that have been recognized for outstanding performance. The general public is always invited to attend meetings.

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#### **Nursery News**

Only a few more weeks til the plant sale! Sale ads started running in the Spartanburg paper on Saturday, 3/12 and online ads should begin running by 3/16 on www.goupstate.com.

We can now accept credit and debit cards, and are offering \$10 off as a gift with any \$100 purchase.

Our sale is concurrent with SCC's plant sale—please help spread the word about both.



Chionanthus retusus (131 for sale!)

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### Health & Happiness

Bob Hamilton, 90, recently passed away in Crystal, Minnesota. He served in the US Army in WWII, held several club offices, and was instrumental in the planning of the National Convention held in Spartanburg in 2006.

Virginia New, 99, passed away at Emory Hospice in Atlanta. An avid rose grower for over 30 years, she volunteered as a board member for the Red Cross, Mary Black Auxiliary, Ellen Hines Smith Home for Girls, Piedmont Girl Scouts Council, Spartanburg Little Theatre and many others.



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Our February speaker, Tina Clark of Carolina Garden World, whose talk had to be postponed due to the weather, will be rescheduled soon.



Young volunteers eradicating Leatherleaf Mahonia

#### **March Meeting**

March 21, 2015

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Dr. David Weir Honeybees & Beekeeping



Refreshments: Will Hawkins

#### **Honeybees and Beekeeping**

David has lived in Spartanburg since he was 10. Retired in 2014 from his Ear, Nose & Throat practice, his hobbies include fishing, hunting, farming, woodworking and beekeeping.

A journeyman in the South Carolina master beekeepers program, he has 18 years' experience and is currently president of the Spartanburg Beekeepers Association. He is currently working on raising queens for the purpose of propagating honeybees that are resistant to various pests and diseases that threaten the survival of these important pollinators.

His presentation will cover beekeeping practices and specifically the European honeybee which is so important to agriculture. The general public is always invited to attend meetings.

Sidebar: the club wants to help raise awareness of the need for more pollinator habitat in urban areas. Joe Maple has fostered our connection with the Spartanburg Beekeepers, & he just spoke at one of their meetings. Additionally, Tim Hemphill and the nursery crew will be noting which plants are beefriendly for our upcoming plant sale.

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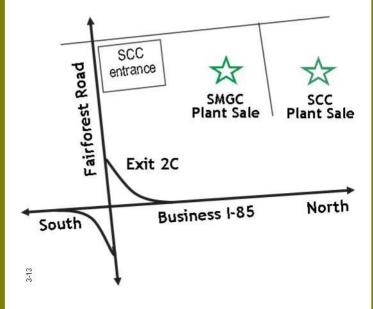


### Tree, Shrub & Plant Sale

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### www.DirtDaubers.org

cash/checks/cards



Digital ad for goupstate.com, starting 3/16

Print ad for Spartanburg Herald-Journal to run 3/31 and 4/1/16

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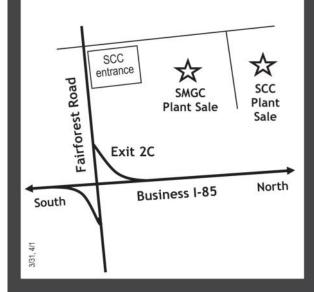
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SCC Horticultural Gardens

complete plant list at

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Hundreds of plants Reasonably priced



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#### **Nursery News**

Despite the mud the Spring Plant Sale had a good turnout, and the credit card machine was a success, with about 40% of the revenues coming in via this new option and several items selling out completely. A big thanks to Tim Hemphill, Mary Ann Hipp and all the volunteers who helped prep the nursery and work the sale. A load of gravel for the road is next on the improvements list!



Cornus florida 'Appalachian Blush'
Fall Plant Sale
October 14-15

## County Residents Recycle 58 Tons Household Hazardous Waste

March 26th—Spartanburg—Despite the occasional sprinkle of rain, 379 residents brought their old paint, fluorescent lightbulbs, used motor oil, lawn chemicals and other hazardous items to the annual recycling event held downtown.

Drivers pulled up in their vehicles, were unloaded by the contractors, and drove off—without having to get out so it was easy. Deemed a success by County officials, this collection for proper disposal keeps hazardous waste out of our



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local waterways and the food supply chain.

Volunteers from the club participated, including Jack & Jane Turner, Lyn Pesterfield, Gail Rodgers and Jim Weeks, who helped organize the event.



### Health & Happiness

John Montgomery, of the Montgomery Development Group, donated \$1,000 to the Club in appreciation for the work that Bob Reynolds, former president, has spearheaded and also done personally, to beautify the trees along Highway 221, Highway 9 at Pine Street and at the intersection of I-26 and Highway 221. Many thanks for such a generous gift.



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Left to right: Good & Bad tree mulching Signage on Rail Trail by Trees Coalition

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Speaker: Sheree Wright Disease-Free Roses



Refreshments: Bob Reynolds

#### **Disease-Free Roses**

Originally from Long Island, NY, Sheree has been growing roses for more than 20 years. An ARS Master Rosarian, she cares for several public rose gardens in Greenville and Pickens, including the Janie Earle Furman Rose Garden at the university where she is a senior Grounds Keeper for special horticultural projects.

Sheree's passion is growing disease-free roses, no small feat in our hot, humid and buggy climate. She has researched disease resistant cultivars for more than 15 years, belongs to several rose societies and encourages everyone to grow at least one rose in their garden.

Her presentation will cover rose selection, soil conditions, and how to grow them. The general public is always invited to attend meetings.

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#### **Potting Session**

April 9—SMGC Nursery. The Club held a potting session to move crowded plants into bigger pots to prepare them for the long summer and the fall plant sale. In the photo below, shown on the left is Andre Anderson from the Trees Coalition, and on the right is Mary Ann Hipp, from the Club. Check your email for future sessions—all help is welcome!



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Plans are being made to install a strainer on the irrigation system incoming water line. All nursery orders for the fall have been received and potted. Stone for parking areas and the new shade structure are pending. The new ground fabric is scheduled to be installed. Check your inbox for calls for volunteers.

### Fall Plant Sale October 14-15



Baptisia x

Decadence™ 'Cherries Jubilee'

False Indigo Plant

Photo courtesy Carolina Garden World

#### SMGC Nod in American Gardener

Alexandria, VA— Recently the American Horticultural Society did a feature on Hatcher Garden in its bi-monthly magazine *American Gardener*, and in it the club received a mention as one of the civic groups that helped bring Hatcher to



Many thanks to Lou Adams, webmaster, for obtaining & posting a copy of the article. It can be read at http://dirtdaubers.org/Press.html. We are indebted to him for his many hours of service to run the site, which is full of useful information.

Want more stories about gardens like Hatcher? For \$35 per year, you can join the AHS and receive their beautiful publication, have the opportunity to seed swap, and gain free entry to over 300 botanical gardens around the country. Visit www.ahs.org for more information.



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Above—Dr. Bob Reynolds, former club President, pruning suckers & clearing mulch away from root collars on the South Pine Street cherry trees recently.



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**November 21st**—Patrick McMillan, "What's New for the SC Botanical Garden"



Suzi Jones pulling ground ivy and vinca major at Hatcher on 4.27.16

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#### Linda Cobb's Perennial & Shrub Feed Formula

In a wheelbarrow, use a shovel to mix up 1/3 each:

- peat moss or compost
- 10-10-10 with trace elements
- cottonseed meal

Apply a half cup to the soil beneath smaller perennial plants, and 1 cup per shrub (2 cups for really large ones) around the drip line, where the rain water falls off the leaves around the edges of the plant. Do not get it on the plant itself. Dig it in or cover it with mulch. You can thank her later!

#### Keep reading...

"Organic Gardening" in 1961, from the club newsletter written the year this editor was born, and edited then by the "Glow Worm."

#### GARDENETTES

June 1961

Fellow Gardeners:

Lots of good news this month, so glue your optics to the printed sheet and get ready to enjoy a few minutes relaxation and enjoyment.

If you didn't get to attend the last meeting you missed a treat. We traveled through some of the finest gardens in Europe and returned home refreshed.

Several new committees have been appointed since we last met:

Plant Committee - R. B. Hines, Chairman
Jack Lemmon
Red Arnold
J. P. Carlton
M. P. Nantz

Yard of the Month Committee:

Claude Sherrill, Chairman Red Arnold J. P. Carlton

It was decided that the nine Board members shall each select a yard of the month, for any worthy lawn, flowers, arrangements, etc., that make the yard outstanding, call Claude Sherrill on or before the first Monday after the tenth of the month. The committee will make the selection, carry out the plan of procedure, and notify the Men's Garden Club at their regular meeting, the fourth Monday of the month.

The Plant Committee is to purchase various plants, shrubs, etc., to sell to the member-ship at cost, or for sale to the public, such as the tomato plant sale the 26th and 27th of May. By the way, the Treasury was upped a little over \$100 by that sale.

#### WHY ORGANIC GARDENS? By Richard V. Clemence

A successful amateur states his side of this controversial subject.

Organic gardening is not a new system; it is as old as agriculture. Only the name is new or, shall we say, comparatively new.

First, I will state the basic principle of organic gardening. It is very straightforward and simple: Let natural processes do the work. Study these processes, try to understand them, and use this knowledge to produce results. The basic principle also frowns upon the use of inorganic chemicals, poison dusts, sprays, and so on. To the zealous organic gardener, the use of such materials is inconsistent with the principle upon which the system is founded. It is in this matter of principle that so many beginners go wrong and on which so much misunderstanding exists.

The beginner, having accepted the fundamental concept, is prone to make a fetish of it. To him, organic gardening is nature's way. Gardening practices take on a moral flavor and he regards the poorest organic garden as preferable to any other.

More experienced gardeners, being already accustomed to judging methods by results, are not likely to get unduly worked up over questions of principle. They adopt an organic practice because they perceive an advantage in some specific feature, such as mulching. For the rest, they tend to use techniques patterned after commercial farming.

What both beginners and experienced gardeners often miss is the fact that the basic principle of organic gardening is derived, not from philosophical speculation, but from practical garden experience. The story really goes back a generation or more.

Forty years ago all gardening was organic gardening. The name wasn't used, as there was no other method. Fertilizer them was chiefly manure, supplemented by animal derivatives sold by meat packers and rendering plants. All these organic substances were cheap and were applied to gardens with a lavish hand. What results were obtained? Few reliable records are available, but anyone old enough to remember the typical home vegetable garden usually has two strong impressions. First, yields were heavy and small gardens supplied even large families with an abundance of food to eat fresh and to store. Second, and more remarkable, insect pests and plant diseases were virtually unknown.

Anyone too young to recall these days may think I am dreaming of the fond memories of my youth. But these recollections can be supported by facts.

Forty years ago there were more than twenty million horses on American farms, and in our towns and cities there were at least forty million more. These animals produced manure enough to cover more than thirty million acres of land. In addition, a great volume of organic fertilizers was yielded by the carcasses of dead horses.

The automobile and other power equipment eliminated this source of organic fertilizers. As the machine displaced the horse, the manufacture of chemical fertilizers boomed. At the same time, because of large scale, single-crop farming, insect pests and plant diseases appeared as serious threats to commercial agriculture; and chemical dusts and sprays were devised to combat them. Since then, the growing of fruits and vegetables for profit has increasingly become a scientific endeavor. The farmer with superior education and training who keeps in touch with his experiment station and other sources of information can make money. Few others can, except with good luck.

It would appear, upon hasty examination, that the procedures followed by commercial farmers have been largely forced upon them by circumstances beyond their control. The question arises as to what gardening might be like for people outside this sphere of influence. Instead of aping the techniquest of commercial growers and trying to improve on their results, why not go back to the gardening methods of our youth and see what can be done with them? Were the big yields and absence of pests and disease a part of history to which we cannot return? Or were they logical consequences of practices that may be repeated at any time? There is an easy way to find out. The wonder is that so few have thought to try it and see.

For my part, I decided that the only fair trial would be an all-out attempt to plant the sort of garden father had, and pretend that there had been no advances since his day; that is, use no sprays or dusts and no chemical fertilizer, and sit tight until the outcome was known. Frankly, I expected nothing much.

For years I had followed up-to-date methods and had done better than many of my neighbors. But now I was astonished to find that my yields had substantially increased and that diseases and pests were not a problem. But, like any experienced gardener, I was wary of hasty optimism, realizing that procedures that work well one year may never do so again.

On the other hand, as I began to think more about traditional methods, I began to see possibilities. From what I knew about soil, I thought that the heavy application of manure might encourage the development of organisms that would feed plants and protect them against serious harm from insects and disease. If so, a year or two more of the same kind of gardening might pay large dividends, and I decided to continue. I kept records each year, and could give results in detail. All that counts is that I shortly became an organic gardener by returning to traditional methods and trying to improve upon them wherever possible.

The case for the organic principle rests, not on appeals to emotion, but on the returns it yields. I regularly grow vegetables of the highest quality on an area of about 5,000 square feet. The yields are at least as large as the ones I remember from my youth, and I am sure that I recall these with reasonable accuracy. Improvements on the old techniques consist mainly of economics of space and labor. My crops are very closely packed and returns per square foot are far above the average. Apart from harvesting, I spend an average of less than three minutes a day on the garden throughout the season.

My notion of gardening with nature is that I should put the seeds where I want the crops and that nature should do everything else. Beyond planting and a little thinning and mulching, I do no work whatever. If anyone else is getting better returns with less effort by some other method of gardening, I should like to hear from him.

#### DIAGNOSIS OF PLANT PROBLEMS

#### COMPARE WITH HEALTHY PLANT

#### PLANT HISTORY

FERTILIZATION...WATERING

CHEMICALS USED:

HERBICIDES

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PAST WEATHER

CONDITIONS

SICK PLANT

IDENTIFY PLANT

LOOK FOR SYMPTOM PATTERN...BOTH ON THE PLANT AND AMONG THE GROUP OF PLANTS

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CHECK FOLIAGE FOR SIGNS OF INSECT INFESTATION

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TAKE SOIL PH AND SOULUABLE SALTS READING

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CUT STEM AND ROOTS LOGITUDINALLY AND LOOK FOR DISCOLORATION IN THE VASCULAR SYSTEM

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Seventy Five years of service to our community
A proud past and a bright future

On line info at: www.dirtdaubers.org

We meet every third Monday of the month ... 7:00pm at Spartanburg Community College in the Health Sciences building We do not meet in the month of December

#### **Garden Club Activities**

Plant sales twice a year provide income for projects

Working with DOT, the SMGC has planted over 5,000 trees in Spartanburg over a 36 year period

SMGC maintains many community garden spots

The club has a regular litter pickup program

The club partners with Spartanburg Community College to manage and produce The Community Gardener 101 class

The club provides funds for the SCC student book progam

SMGC supports USC Upstate Arbor day celebration each year

Also: Upstate Forever, the newly formed Trees and Kudzu Coalition, and the yearly HHW collection

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#### Fall Plant Sale

October 14-15



# Punica granatum 'Austin' Pomegranate Trees will be ready for sale this Fall! Hardy, drought tolerant, full sun or part shade. Can be grown into a large shrub or trained like a tree.

## Check Your (Snail) Mailbox: Willing to consider a club name change?

Darvin Helvy, Club President, recently sent a letter to members asking for input on a sensitive subject. This letter is not a vote to change the club name—it is an informal survey to see whether or not the membership would be willing to consider a new club name. Please return your completed survey in the prepaid envelope, to be post-marked by July 1st. The results of the survey will be shared at the July membership meeting.

Why do this? Several members have had discussions in the community with those who don't know the club accepts women, and who express surprise to learn it. They mention the club name and say that it is not conducive to attracting new members.

Last month your board of directors formed the Focus Group committee to investigate this further. In addition to polling members they will explore costs and other market research, and will keep everyone informed.



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Peggy Romine's husband Ron passed away June 4th. Additionally, Jeff Hall's father passed away last month. Anne Lineberger is home recovering from surgery.

As we approach Independence Day, please remember that freedom is not free, and keep our servicemen and women in your prayers, along with Peggy, Jeff and Anne.



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#### **June Meeting**

June 20, 2015

7:00 p.m. SCC Community Room Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Jason Bagwell Growing Turf Grass Successfully



Refreshments: Linda McHam Ann Shepherd

### Growing Turf Grass Successfully

Jason Bagwell, the Department Chair for Horticultural Programs at SCC, is our speaker for the June membership meeting. Jason has a Bachelors of Science in Agronomy and a Masters in Agriculture Education. He's been an instructor at SCC for 17 years. A former whole-sale greenhouse owner, he currently farms fescue hay and Lowline Angus cattle in his spare time.

Jason's presentation will cover how to grow and maintain a beautiful, lush lawn. The general public is always invited to attend meetings.

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A big thank you to Prafull Gajendragadkar and Jim Weeks, who will complete their 2 year terms at the end of this year.

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It Only Took 20 Years!
To grow a perfect African Violet.

~ the editor

#### **Club Survey Results**

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75% of currently paid-up members said yes, they would consider it, and when recently-lapsed members' responses were added that result went to 80% overall.

This was a survey only, and not a formal vote and it does not necessarily mean the name will change. The response indicates there's enough interest for the Focus Group to continue to explore the subject.

So what's next? The Focus Group will research costs and survey other potential members (such as garden center customers) to get more public input. Additionally, other discussions around how to maintain a robust club membership have started as well. The Focus Group will continue to keep everyone informed.

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Speaker: Dixie Damrel
Discovering the Herbarium:
Adventures in the World of
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Refreshments: Charlie Crescenzi, Jim Weeks

#### **Discovering the Herbarium**

Dixie Damrel has been curator of the Clemson University Herbarium since 2008, where she teaches field botany & plant taxonomy. She is documenting the Clemson Experimental Forest and the SC Botanical Garden, and is currently preparing a flora of the Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Aiken County.

Prior to that she served as a US Forest Service field botanist for the two million acre Tonto National Forest where she established and curated an herbarium, and gained experience at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, Arizona.

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#### Fall Plant Sale

#### **August is Tree Check Month**

Take 10 minutes to inspect your trees for Asian Longhorned beetles. A non-native pest with no natural enemies, they rapidly



destroy trees & are migrating our way. They typically emerge from tree trunks in August. If you find one, capture and freeze it in a baggie for identification, and call 1-866-702-9938 to report it to the USDA.

www.HungryPests.com.

#### **Annual Picnic**



#### Plus Live Entertainment!

When: September 19th, 6:00 pm Where: SCC Horticultural Gardens Pavilion

This year we have a special treat for everyone—live music and a catered cookout. Come enjoy a beautiful evening outdoors while Cribbs grills your burgers and chicken to perfection.

There will be all the fixings, a house salad, tea and Arnold Palmers, plus dessert. Bring a plant or some of your garden harvest for door prizes—if everyone brings something we all get one! You will get a phone call invitation in early September— please RSVP to the caller so we can get a head count.



### Community Gardener 101

As of this writing there were still plenty of slots left in this fall's course which starts Tuesday, August 16th. Suitable for both novice and experienced gardeners; see last page of the newsletter for the course listing. You can sign up for the entire series, or just pick the individual sessions that interest you the most.

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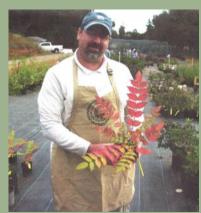
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#### **Forage Plants for Bees**

Our speaker this month is our own Tim Hemphill, board member and manager of the Club nursery. His topic will be the selection of plants that make good forage for bees and other pollinators.

Many of the trees and shrubs the Club sells are great for bees—come learn more about what you can do to help pollinators thrive in the Upstate area.



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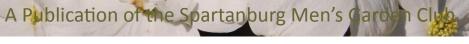
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New landscape fabric is being installed at the nursery, just in time for our upcoming plant sale. Two recent work parties have had good turnouts; watch your email for more Saturday sessions to help with preparations.

Plant Sale newspaper ads will begin running weekly on Wednesdays starting 9/21, with extra ads the week of the sale, and digital ads on **goupstate.com** the week prior and week of. Flyers and the plant list are on **dirtdaubers.org**.

Spread the word to your friends and family!

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Society. They deliver singing valentines and local entertainment as well as compete annually against other choruses in the NC and SC district. Visit them on Facebook & at palmettostatesmen.com.

#### **September Meeting**

#### September 19, 2016

6:00 p.m.

SCC Picnic Pavilion
Horticultural Gardens

**6:15** The Palmetto Statesmen Barbershop Chorus

6:40 Cookout



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Forms were mailed with your picnic invite, are at www.dirtdaubers.org/membership.html and will be available at the picnic.

Bring check or cash & completed form to Joyce Crescenzi.

#### **Annual Picnic:**

#### **Cookout and Entertainment**

Club and Corporate members—please join us for the best picnic ever! Your picnic committee (Linda Cobb, Lyn Pesterfield, Peggy Romine, Jack & Jane Turner and Peggy Wilson) has a wonderful evening planned. The Palmetto Statesmen Barbershop Chorus will be performing and Cribbs will be serving up gourmet grilled hamburgers and chicken. By now you should have received your invitation in the

RSVP by September 15th so we will have an accurate head count.

mail; if not call or text Lyn Pesterfield at 864-415-8677.



Palmetto Statesmen Barbershop Chorus Sings National Anthem Greenville Drive Game, August 18th

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A big thank you to the volunteers who helped install new landscape fabric, to prevent weeds and muddy paths at the nursery. Mark Carlson, Don Crowder, Tim Hemphill, Mary Ann Hipp & the Trees Coalition worked on this huge task. Additional gravel for the road was delivered and spread.

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October 17, 2016

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Stewart Winslow Tree Happenings at Wofford & Beyond



Refreshments:

Darvin Helvy Lyn Pesterfield

### Tree Happenings at Wofford and Beyond

Stewart Winslow, a Clemsontrained horticulturalist, has a long history of major projects under his belt. Originally from Millville, NJ, he managed the Milliken Arboretum for many years, designed the gateway plantings at Hearon Circle and Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, and has planned or been involved in numerous other Upstate beautification projects. An expert in land use planning, sustainability and project management, he has collaborated frequently with Dr. Mike Dirr, the renowned plantsman.

Currently the Director of Horticulture and Landscape Design at Wofford College, Stewart will share horticultural news about this 4,500 tree, 150 acre campus.

The general public is always welcome to attend club meetings.

### Community Gardener 101 Next Session Starts March 14th

The current class is going well, and the speaker roster has been outstanding. This editor is attending for a refresher to the Master Gardener class she took 20 years ago, and has been impressed. Whether you are an old pro, a beginning gardener, or just new to the area, this series is packed with information you can use, with professional instructors, handouts, library recommendations and handson experiences.

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Area businesses are key to the success of our Club, and we encourage all members to patronize our corporate sponsors, including J.F. Floyd Mortuary, Johnson Development, Legacy Real Estate, Montgomery Development, the Trees Coalition, and USC Upstate Foundation. The last two organizations are non-profits and would benefit from all reciprocal donations of time and funds as well. Lastly, if you know of any community-minded individuals with local business affiliations, ask permission for them to be contacted for a sponsorship and provide their information to Darvin Helvy.

#### **Volunteers Needed for Plant Sale**

Friday, 10/14 8:00 am —2:00 pm Saturday, 10/15 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Assist customers with plant selection and hauling off their new treasures, direct cars in the parking lot, work the check-out, take pictures or circulate and answer questions—all club member help is welcome!

### Noble Tree of the Year Quercus robur x alba 'Skinny Genes®'

Ricky McAbee, President of Roebuck Wholesale Nursery, has declared this columnar oak tree the Noble Tree of the year. A beautiful specimen is just outside the entrance to the Health Sciences Building at SCC, and several will be planted during the Arbor Day celebration in various locations around town. See flyer next page.

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Zone: 4 Height: 45' Spread: 10' Shape: Columnar, tightly fastigiate Foliage: Dark green, glossy Fall Color: Yellow to tawny yellow

Columnar and fastigiate in form, this hybrid of English x White Oak is the narrowest yet. Glossy, very dark green foliage is mildew resistant and clean through the summer months before turning yellow in autumn. A living exclamation point, this slender spire was selected from seeddings of a sister of Crimson Spire<sup>TM</sup>.

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All members bring your favorite sweet or savory finger food

#### S.C. Botanical Garden

Patrick McMillan, PhD, is the host, co-creator, and writer of the popular Emmy-award winning ETV nature program *Expeditions* with Patrick McMillan.

For over 25 years, Patrick has worked as a professional naturalist, biologist and educator. He has specialized in botany but he is also well respected for his work in ichthyology, herpetology, and mammalogy.

Patrick is a professional naturalist, a Professor of Environmental Sustainability at Clemson University and a faculty member in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Conservation. He is also director of the SC Botanical Garden, the Bob Campbell Geology Museum and the Clemson Experimental Forest.

He earned his BS in Biology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and his PhD in Biological Sciences at Clemson. In addition to his educational duties and TV show production, Patrick hosts a birding program on SCETV radio and gives over 100 speeches and seminars a year. The Club is very fortunate to have him as a speaker.

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#### Community Gardener 101 presented by;

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#### Schedule for Spring 2017

| Mar 14 | Registration and Orientation<br>Composting                | Joe Maple MG                                  |
|--------|---|---|
| Mar 21 | Soils, the Life of the Garden                             | Jason Bagwell*                                |
| Mar 28 | Basic Botany  | Dr. Bob Powell                                |
| Apr 04 | Spring Break no class                                     |   |
| Apr 11 | Lawn Management<br>Practical Irrigation                   | Ted Petoskey Sod Father Joe Maple MG          |
| Apr 18 | Annuals and Perennials<br>Container Gardening             | Linda Cobb MG                                 |
| Apr 25 | Propagation Lab<br>Note: Jack A. Powers bldg room A-5     | Kevin Parris*                                 |
| May 02 | Basic Seed Starting<br>Vegetable Gardening & Garden Tools | Joe Maple MG                                  |
| May 09 | House Plants<br>Herbs or Erbs                             | Dr. Ed Davidson MG<br>Tina Clark              |
| May 16 | Ornamental Plants<br>Native Plants                        | George Gunter MG<br>TBA                       |
| May 23 | Selection and Culture of Trees<br>Pruning Techniques      | Kevin Parris*                                 |
| May 30 | IPM<br>Elementary Entomology                              | Dr. Robert Polomski<br>Dr. Allen Mackenzie MG |
| Jun 06 | The Art of Landscaping<br>3D Landscaping                  | Linda McHam MG<br>Tim Hemphill MG             |
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Spartanburg Community College staff\*

Class fee \$199.00

Location: SCC Main Campus Ledbetter bldg room 253

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Note: Individual topics may be selected for \$29.00 each date.

#### To register:

Go to sccsc.edu official site...Continuing education...Community interest...Gardening... Communty Gardener 101...register