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Nursery News

It is with pride that we can say that nearly all of the plants we sell this year will have been grown by our Club. A great milestone!

Please give a big thank you to Don Crowder who worked in the cold to repair a frozen irrigation pipe after the temps dropped into the teens recently.

Some of the next projects include putting up the wind fence, putting out stone in the shade area & checking the automatic drains for functionality. All timer batteries have been replaced. Tim Hemphill advised that we will likely start taking hardwood cuttings in February, so sharpen your pruning shears! See Tim, Don, or Linda McHam & check email for propagation session dates.



Book Scholarship to SCC

Did you know most college textbooks cost more than \$100 and some are as much as \$300? In 2011, a national survey found most students admitted to not purchasing at least one textbook required for their classes because the price was so high. To assist the school, the Club made a \$500 donation to the Horticulture Department in December for their Book Scholarship funds. Consider making a directed donation through our Club to this fund, and help buy a book for a student.

From the President

Welcome back! We have another busy year with our community projects and fantastic educational speakers. I encourage every member to select one new-to-you community project and participate on it. You'll learn how to do new things, get to know your fellow club members better, and help make the Spartanburg area more beautiful!

Don Crowder



Health & Happiness

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Name
Street
City, State, Zip

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room
Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Betty Montgomery
The Four Season Garden



Refreshments:
Charlie Crescenzi & Peggy Romine

Community Gardener 101

Classes start February 10th. Take one session or all 12. Register by calling (864) 592-4997 or go to www.dirtdaubers.org/CommunityGardener101.html.

Landscape Evaluations On Hold

With the recent retirement of Claire from the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce, the future of this program is uncertain. An annual event that has run for more than 50 years, it is a fierce yet friendly springtime competition in which many businesses have pushed their landscapers and groundskeepers to their limits in order to win bragging rights for their beautification efforts. Jim Weeks and Charlie Crescenzi are exploring all options and welcome your ideas.

Special Project: Trees at I-26 & Highway 221

In 2004 the Club gained approval from the County and SCDOT to plant trees at this major entrance to the city. Maintaining it has been a challenge. Recently the club has partnered with the Trees Coalition and together they have made great improvements. Drive by and see the progress. See Bob Reynolds or Newt Hardie to sign up for the next Trees Party, or visit www.treescoalition.org for a list of upcoming events.

Membership Dues

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Nursery News

The Spring plant liner orders were placed the first week of February with Mingo Nursery and Griffith Nursery. Stay tuned for an email from Tim Hemphill for your invitation to a Planting Party. He will also need help spreading gravel to fill in a low spot in the nursery, so please volunteer when asked.

2015 Plant Sale Dates

April 3-4
October 2-3



Litter Pick-Up Schedule



Help keep Spartanburg beautiful this year. Join the Litter Pick Up Committee to get fresh air & exercise, while confounding fellow citizens who see you on the roadside and wonder what you've done. Tools and safety vests provided. Meet at the parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce on Oakland Avenue at 8 am. We cover Pine Street from Palmetto Street to McCravey Drive.

March 21 rain date **March 28**
June 20 rain date **June 27**
Sept. 19 rain date **Sept. 26**
Dec. 12 rain date **Dec. 19**

Free App to Report a Litter Problem



Ever driven behind a car dispensing trash out the window and wished you could do something about it? With a new free app from Palmetto Pride, you can report a litterbug & illegal dumpsites from your smart phone or tablet. "Watch" an area to see when new issues are reported. Get updates when a problem is resolved. Go to Google Play or the iTunes store and search for "Palmetto Pride Trash Tracker" to download it. Take pride, take responsibility, and take action against litter in South Carolina!





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Do you Facebook? It's a great community bulletin board and a way to keep up with friends, family and organizations you care about. If you love to Post, see Darvin Helvy, our Publicity Chair. He needs 3 volunteers to run a page for our Club.



Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 16, 2015

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room
Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Jeanette Robinson

Landscaping for Lifestyles



Refreshments:
Doug & Sue Kurz

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Highway 221 @ 295

The Club and the Trees Coalition teamed up on January 23rd to do some much-needed tree pruning & mulching at this interchange. See the great results below.



www.treescoalition.org/events.html

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Are you looking for a fun way to spend Saturday mornings? Come out to the Nursery and play in the dirt! We need people to re-pot plants, pull weeds, spread stone and help get ready for our big fundraiser next month. Plus a tree shipment for the Fall sale is expected on 3/16 & will need potting up. We'll be out there this & every Saturday starting at 9 :00 a.m. until the sale weekend.



Please sign up at the March meeting to volunteer at the sale!

2015 Plant Sales

April 3-4

October 2-3



Litter Pick-Up March 21st

Meet at the parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce on Oakland Avenue at 8 am. Safety vests & tools are provided.

Jeanette Robinson Rescheduled for April

Since a snow storm necessitated canceling our February member meeting, Jeanette Robinson of Gunter's Gardens and The Yardisan has graciously agreed to make her landscaping presentation in April.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

9 am—2 pm March 28th

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

Spartanburg County residents only
Bring your driver's license

Spartanburg County Admin Building
366 N. Church St.

Enter from Magnolia Street side

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



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Jack Turner Named Clean Water Champion

Last month Upstate Forever recognized club member Jack Turner, PhD, director of USC Upstate's Ecology Watershed Center, for significant contributions in water quality conservation. Since 1999, Jack and his team have educated nearly 70,000 people about the need to be good stewards of the environment, particularly our waterways.

Monthly Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2015

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room
Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Jimmy Painter
Tree Problems & Solutions



Refreshments: Will Hawkins

Tree Problems & Solutions

Jimmy Painter, our March speaker and Chesnee-area peach farm native, will share some of his extensive knowledge about tree problems & how to avoid them.

Painter has an MS in Horticulture from Clemson. He retired from SCC after 36 years, having developed the nationally-recognized horticulture degree program at the school. He also created the SCC Arboretum, including the only outdoor collegiate garden railroad. The SC Nursery and Landscape Association awarded him the 2006 Most Outstanding Contributions to the Horticulture Industry award, and a scholarship has been established in his honor at SCC.

His talk will focus on recognizing hazard trees and improper pruning techniques, and how to strengthen local ordinances to further preserve our trees.

Community Gardener 101 Spring Class a Success

Joe Maple reports that 16 students are enrolled for the full course, and 6 more are taking individual modules. This program continues to provide low-cost education to the community & revenues for club projects.



Health & Happiness

Charlie "Farmer" Gray, retired Clemson Extension agent, and host of the Plant A Row for The Hungry garden, passed away on March 8th. Please remember his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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Thanks to our loyal volunteers, the nursery was in great shape for the April Plant sale. We couldn't have done it without Mark Carlson, Don Crowder (who also repaired Zone 1 irrigation issues), Darvin Helvy, Mary Ann Hipp, Linda McHam, Bob Reynolds, Peggy Romine and Ed Wilde. 9 tons of stone were spread, tags printed, pots weeded and moved, tents put up, and wagons readied. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped during the sale to make it a success!

Next Plant Sale

October 2-3



Above: Tim Hemphill (in apron) assists buyers



Jim Weeks (red shirt) on his way to consult with shoppers



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Local Plant Sales

April 25th 9 - 1
McCarthy-Teszler School
175 Burdette St, Spartanburg
Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and hanging baskets.

April 25th 9- 3
April 26th 1-4
York Master Gardeners
825 Edgemont Ave, Rock Hill
Perennials, shrubs, vines, seedling trees, bulbs, vegetables & herbs.

May 2nd 8-1
Greenville Master Gardeners
17 Roper Mountain Rd, Greenville
Perennials, trees, shrubs, natives, ground covers, rare & heirlooms, herbs, vegetables, art, food truck.

Monthly Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2015

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Speaker: Jeanette Robinson
Landscaping for Lifestyles



Refreshments:
Everette & Ann Lineberger
Jack & Jane Turner

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Chamber of Commerce on Oakland Avenue at 8 am.

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March 28—Over 30 tons of hazardous household waste were collected by the County, as organized by member Jim Weeks.

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Nursery News

Our April plant sale was a success—over 550 trees and shrubs found new homes! After taking inventory, Mary Ann Hipp reports that we will need to restock for the fall. Thanks again to the many volunteers who make the sale possible, including the nursery leader, Tim Hemphill, whose tireless work and guidance makes it all happen.

Next Plant Sale: October 2-3



Enjoy a garden without the work! Begun in 1958 as a small camellia preserve, our own state garden now covers 295 acres. There are walking trails, sculptures, two historical homes, an art gallery, a geology museum, over 300 varieties of camellias, an extensive collection of hostas, a Children's Garden, the Xeriscape Garden, the Wildlife Habitat Garden, the Heritage Gardens, and an Arboretum.

Located at the intersection of Highway 76 & Pearman Boulevard in Clemson, visitors are welcome free of charge, dawn to dusk. <http://www.clemson.edu/public/scbg>.

Know a Great Gardener?

Ask them if they'd like to share their expertise and pictures with us! We are always looking for people to show us more about our favorite subject – gardening.



And beginning this month, guest speakers at our monthly meetings will receive a modest honorarium, as a thank you for their time. See me if you have someone in mind!

Darvin Helvy



Health & Happiness

Giesela Otto, longstanding club member, recently passed away. A donation in her memory will be made to Hatcher Garden. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



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Shop Local

Carolina Garden World
1020 South Pine Street
Spartanburg 583-3942
Mon-Sat 8:30-6



[Find them on Facebook](#)

Gunter's Nursery & Garden
315 Caldwell Circle
Spartanburg 595-6900
Sun 1-4, Mon-Sat 10-6
Thursday til 7



[Find them on Facebook](#)

Piedmont Farm & Garden
7043 Howard Street
Spartanburg 583-1494
Mon-Sat 8-6



piedmontfarmandgarden.com

Monthly Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2015

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room
Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Tony Hollifield

An E-Commerce Plant Business



Refreshments:
Gail Rodgers
Allene Taylor
Lou Webster

E-Commerce Plant Business

Tony Hollifield, owner of Piedmont Farm & Garden Supply, is our May speaker. A Spartanburg native, Tony is going to share his knowledge of many plants, but especially tomatoes, peppers and herbs.

His store is the largest retail supplier of these transplants in South Carolina, and offers hundreds of varieties of each, including many heirlooms as well as the newest cultivars, and will share how he ships these all over the country.

Tony is a 1980 graduate of Spartanburg Methodist College, and a 1982 graduate of Spartanburg Community College, with a degree in Horticulture. He and his wife Tina have a son, Taylor; a daughter, Ashley; son-in-law Michael and grandson Harper, 2 1/2 years old. In his spare time, Tony likes to tinker with his 1968 Chevrolet Corvair.



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Dave's Garden

One of the largest online gardening forums, www.davesgarden.com is free to join. Over 164,000 plant files with photos, plus bug & bird files, discussion groups, planting guides and more make it a great reference site. Check it out!

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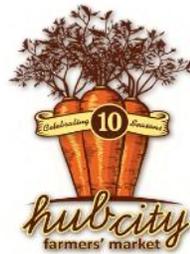
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Nursery News

Don Crowder and Tim Hemphill have been performing maintenance on the irrigation system, including flushing clogged risers and pipes, in preparation for the long hot summer. Discussions are under way for a loop & filter to be added at the entryway, and for additional shelter to be built to improve plant survivability during extremely hot & cold temperatures. Mary Ann Hipp has been weeding and fertilizing new plants. There won't be any scheduled nursery work sessions during June, but volunteers are always encouraged to come out and pull weeds. The College continues to mow the grass for us—many thanks!

Next Plant Sale: October 2-3



Hub City Farmers' Market



This fresh air market is the place to be on Saturday mornings. From 8:00 til noon in downtown Spartanburg, more than 30 small farmers and local craftsmen showcase their wares. Offerings include local, seasonal and mostly organic meats, eggs, seafood, vegetables, fruits, plants, artisanal breads, coffees, homemade sauces, jellies and pimiento cheese, hand-made goat milk and soy soaps, live music and cooking demonstrations. Visit www.hubcityfm.org to sign up for the newsletter to see what's available each week. Go early, bring cash or cards, a shopping bag, a cooler and a friend.



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Shop Local

Earthworks Garden Center
13512 Asheville Highway
Inman 336-2645
Mon-Fri 8-5, Sat 8-4



Earthworksgardenandlandscaping.com

Plemmons Westview
Greenhouses
275 S. Blackstock Road
Spartanburg 576-1374
Mon-Sat 9-7



[Find them on Facebook](#)

Settle Greenhouses
1360 Settle Road
Inman 439-2423
Mon-Fri 8-6



Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2015

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room
Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Jeff Hall

New Features at Hatcher Garden



Refreshments:
Beth & Ben Waddell
Ed Wilde



New Features at Hatcher Garden

Jeff Hall, the Horticulturalist at Hatcher Garden in Spartanburg for more than 15 years, is our June speaker. A Spartanburg native, Jeff is going to tell us about some exciting new features at Hatcher Garden.

Jeff went to Boiling Springs High School, and then graduated from Spartanburg Community College with a degree in Horticulture. He loves working in his own garden, and watching his talented-daughter play travel softball.

www.hatchergarden.org

Spend Time in The Garden!

Hatcher Garden is Spartanburg's own botanical preserve, donated to the County by Harold and Josephine Hatcher in 1987, after nearly 20 years spent developing it, in close conjunction with our Club.

The Garden covers 10 acres, has 5 public ponds, an amphitheater, a picnic pavilion & walking trails. There are many specialty gardens, including butterfly, medicinal, hosta, conifer, native plant, woodland and ericaceous gardens, and a Hope & Healing garden. Hatcher also sells perennials & shrubs grown from its own cuttings, & the Garden may be reserved for private events.

Open daily from dawn til dusk. Admission is free and donations are appreciated.

820 John B. White, Sr. Boulevard
864-574-7724

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Garden Showcase



Grancy Graybeard—Jim Weeks' backyard

Mary Ann Hipp's backyard (above) & Daylilies (below)



Darwin Helvy's small space, high-yield vegetable garden

Email your pics to newsletter@dirtdaubers.org, put "Newsletter" in the subject line and include your name and where it was taken.

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Nursery News

Tim Hemphill is getting quotes for a 2nd shade structure for the nursery. Don Crowder sprayed weeds and cleaned another irrigation head out. A filter system is being sketched out to prevent future clogs. A container weeding party was held on Saturday, July 11th. Feel free to come out and assist whenever you have a spare hour.

Next Plant Sale: October 2-3

Volunteers Needed: for Vice President and Secretary on the Board next year!
See Charlie Crescenzi if you are interested.

Greenville Farmers' Market

Also known as the Rutherford Road Farmers' Market, this enclosed market is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday.

From 8:00 am til 6 pm near downtown Greenville, many farmers and local craftsmen showcase their wares. First opened in 1949, offerings include seasonal fruits, vegetables, cheese, herbs, honey, nuts, baked goods, plants and flowers, with handcrafted items and some produce in the separate Saturday Market next door (open only on Saturdays). The markets accept cash, checks, Visa and MasterCard.

1354 Rutherford Road, Greenville, SC 864-244-4023.



Litter Pick-Up Schedule

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

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Dec. 12 rain date **Dec. 19**

Thank you to Charlie Covert & Paul Savko for doing the June litter pickup.



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Trash Tree Alert: Tree of Heaven



If you have these on your property, the Trees Coalition urges you to take them out before they grow tall and shade out more desirable native trees

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Speaker: Jack Turner

*What Everyone Can do About
Water Quality*



Refreshments:

Charlie Crescenzi & Peggy Wilson



Watershed Ecology Center

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE

What Everyone Can Do About Water Quality

Dr. Jack Turner, recently retired from USC Upstate, has a doctorate in microbial ecology. He taught his subjects for 40 years, has monitored water quality for 30 years, and is our July speaker. Born and raised in Colorado, Jack grew up on a cattle ranch and his hobbies include blacksmithing and wood carving. He met his wife Jane in Colorado, and finished up his PhD at the University of Oklahoma. They moved to Spartanburg in 1974 with their two young daughters when he was invited here to teach at the "new" university.

Jack recently completed his certification to teach citizen water quality monitoring by the state of Georgia. His proudest accomplishment is the founding of the Watershed Ecology Center, which reaches out to students to educate them on the importance of preventing the pollution of waterways, especially small local streams. He will be sharing information about their outreach, and the Adopt-a-Stream program so we can all learn how to protect our vital water supply.



Storm Drain Marking: ask how to mark your neighborhood!

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Nursery News

Weeds are cleared out for now. Still investigating most cost effective option for a shade/wind screen structure. Will likely need gravel for the ground under it as well. Everyone is always welcome to come out and stand up pots or weed whenever you have a spare hour.

The club just made a donation to the Spartanburg Community College Hort Club Emergency Book Fund, to provide assistance for students needing books.

Volunteer needed for Vice President on the Board next year. See Charlie Crescenzi if you are interested.

International Rose Test Garden

Portland, OR— Member Mary Ann Hipp had the pleasure of visiting this beautiful and fragrant public garden in the U.S. in early August. One of 24 official test sites for the All-America Rose selections, it features over 10,000 plantings of more than 500 cultivars (and no blackspot in sight!)



Litter Pick-Up Schedule

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27th Annual Spartanburg County Lake Sweep



Volunteers are needed on September 19th at Lakes Bowen & Blalock to do a litter clean-up around the perimeters.

Did you know an estimated 20% or more of all roadside litter ends up in the streams & lakes that supply our fresh water? Bring a friend and help us keep ours drinkable!

Sign up: 864-592-2240 or jbobo@spartanburgwater.org

Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2015

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room
Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Merike Tamm
Why Native Plants?



Refreshments:
Denie & Don Crowder

Why Native Plants?

Merike's presentation will be on the benefits of having native plants in your landscaping. Her two passions in life have been books and nature. She has a Ph.D. in English and has taught at several colleges, including University of SC Upstate (when it was USC Spartanburg). More recently, she has had a career selling children's books. Nature for Merike means hiking in native landscapes as well as gardening.



Merike has lived in Spartanburg for 38 years. She belongs to many environmental organizations, including the Audubon Society. She is a longtime member of the SC Native Plant Society and frequently participates in their field trips, lectures, and conferences. She was on the original Board of Directors for the Kudzu Coalition, now known as the Trees Coalition because of its expanded mission. She loves learning about the impact of invasive plants on natives.

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Nursery News

Don Crowder has found a strainer/filter for the irrigation system, & sprayed more herbicide on the kudzu at the US 221 & I-26 interchange. To prepare for the fall fundraiser sale, there will be nursery work sessions every Saturday—all volunteers are needed! A big thanks to Bob Reynolds who will be printing the labels again. Thanks also to Darvin Helvy for getting the Plant Sale ad campaign updated and scheduled for the newspaper. Flyers will be available at the picnic for everyone to give to friends & family and to post in your house of worship, favorite restaurants, car wash & other independent businesses.

**Annual
Potluck Supper**
Monday, Sept. 21st
6 pm
SCC Pavilion
Horticultural Gardens



Please bring your family to our picnic at the Spartanburg Community College. It will be in the shelter pavilion, rain or shine. Be sure to wear your badge. Drinks, plates, utensils & chairs are provided. Bring a dish to serve 10 people. Last names that start with:

- A-H—bring a side dish**
- I-R—bring a dessert**
- S-Z—bring an entrée**



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Health & Happiness

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Time to Renew Your Membership!

Bring a completed membership form to the picnic with a check or money for dues and give it to Joyce Crescenzi. Forms can be downloaded from www.dirtdaubers.org/membership.html, or they will be available at the picnic.

A warm welcome to new member Rick Whitlock!

Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2015

6:00 p.m.

SCC Pavilion

Horticultural Gardens

Annual Potluck Supper

Upcoming Events

September 19: Litter Pickup

October 2 & 3: Fall Plant Sale

October 19: Voting on new officers & board of directors. Speaker Steve Calvin.

November 16: Annual Meeting & Installation of officers and board. Speaker Linda McHam.

December: no meeting



Board Nominations for 2016

The following slate has been proposed for the board positions for 2016. The membership will vote in October to accept the slate and the new members of the board will be installed in November at the Annual Meeting. Since there is no meeting in December, the board will resume in January.

Please note: Officers are always elected for one year terms each year. This does not mean that they will only serve one year. We hope that most will continue for as long as the bylaws permit. You can read the bylaws on our website at DirtDaubers.org.

2016 Slate

Officers to elect:

President: Darvin Helvy

Vice President: TBD

Secretary: Charlie Crescenzi

Treasurer: Peggy Wilson

Directors to elect:

Linda Cobb 2 years

Bob Reynolds 2 years

Directors with 1 year left to serve:

Prafull Gajendragadkar

Tim Hemphill

Mary Ann Hipp

Lyn Pesterfield

Jim Weeks

SCC Arboretum Adventures

October 1, 2015 5:30 pm

Presentations & Dinner

Tracy J. Gaines Building, Auditorium

\$30 each or \$50 for two

All proceeds benefit the SCC Arboretum Foundation. Our club is a sponsor. For tickets call 864-592-4624.

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Nursery News

The Fall Plant Sale on October 2nd and 3rd, held during the 1000 Year Flood, had better-than-expected revenues despite the bad weather and smaller turnout.

Many thanks to the volunteers who prepped for the sale, to those who manned it in the rain & mud & to the customers who came out to shop.



Coming soon:

gravel to reduce the mud and a second shade center to improve plant survivability. A major nursery cleanup and propagation party will be scheduled by Linda McHam. Don is investigating a credit card reader for the Spring sale.



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New! Free restaurant breakfast afterwards for all volunteers!

Dec. 12

rain date Dec. 19



The Trees Coalition received a donation and shared it with the Club. Many thanks for the supportive relationship we have with this organization.



Health & Happiness

- Mark Carlson's mother passed last week.
- Charlie & Joyce Crescenzi welcomed a new grandson on October 7th, Jay Domenico Crescenzi. Charlie is doing well after his double knee replacements.
- Ed Wilde's wife Kathleen is recuperating from surgery to repair a torn ankle tendon and is doing well in therapy.
- A huge thank you to Lou Adams for the many hours he spends maintaining and updating the Club website.



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7:00 p.m.

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Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Brad Cavin

Nursery Pests, Certification & Reporting



Refreshments:

Jim Weeks

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State Apiarist & Plant Pest Specialist from Clemson

Our October speaker is Spartanburg native Brad Cavin. A graduate of SCC and Clemson with degrees in Horticulture and a minor in Agricultural Business Management, Brad is well-qualified to share his knowledge of plant pests. He has experience in landscaping, nursery management & retail merchandising for big box stores, is a Master Gardener, a USDA-certified inspector for plant imports & exports, and holds many other professional certifications.

His current role in the Department of Plant Industry is to conduct nursery & apiary inspections in 5 Upstate counties.

Brad is married to Rachel & they have a 6 month old son Erik.

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Nursery News

A major clean up day was held on October 23rd, organized by Linda McHam. The volunteers included Don Crowder, Mary Ann Hipp, Bob Reynolds, Peggy Romine and Linda. Potted trees were rearranged, weeds pulled, and a wind fence installed. Another session will be scheduled soon—please plan to help! All items bought in the spring are coming along nicely and should look great for next spring's sale. Materials have been bought for a strainer for the incoming water line, installation of which should help eliminate freezing in the irrigation risers over the winter.



BEFORE (Mary Ann Hipp, Don Crowder)



AFTER



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.



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Arbor Day Celebration

USC Upstate—Friday, December 4th
9:15 am—2:00 pm

Keynote Speaker: Rick Darke
2 Lectures

- Essential Layers of Living Landscapes
- Designing & Maintaining Living Landscapes

\$25/ticket, includes buffet lunch

www.uscupstate.edu/arborday/



Annual Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2015

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room
Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Linda McHam

Amazing Gardens of Singapore



Refreshments:

All members bring your favorite sweet or savory finger food!

Amazing Gardens of Singapore

Linda McHam, our November keynote speaker, has taught the Landscape Design portion of the Master Gardener course in Spartanburg for 23 years, and runs [Copper Beech Garden Tours](#). In addition to showing her beautiful slides, she will offer tips on travel and gardening.

Linda has lived in Spartanburg most of her life but was born in Boston & lived in NYC from 1975-1985. Gardening is a passion, as is music, horses, near death experiences, photography and all of the "arts". She started coming to SMGC meetings in 1989 a few years after moving back to Spartanburg from NYC. She helped Mr. Hatcher with the early tree sales. When Linda joined the club in 1991, she was about the 8th or 9th woman to become a member, and was president from 2007-2008. Having traveled for 40 years and photographed gardens for 50 years, her presentation will be memorable & inspiring.

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