

SMG Club activities for 2011 included the following:

- Presented 10 monthly educational programs.
- Conducted a basic gardening course in cooperation with Spartanburg Community College.
- Removed undergrowth and performed a general cleanup in two tree groves.
- Bush hogged and mowed areas surrounding the nursery and tree groves.
- Weed spraying and kudzu spraying were conducted for vegetation control around the nursery.
- Conducted a spring and fall plant sale.
- Our propagation bed produced plants for both the spring and fall plant sale.
- Plants from our tree bank were planted at Habitat for Humanity houses.
- A stone marker honoring Charles Lea was placed at his Duncan Park magnolia.
- A Wildfire Black Gum was planted at the Charles Lee Center.
- Pink Knockout roses were planted at the Dr. Gilman Hooper Building at the Charles Lea Center.
- Trees on S. Pine St. and E. Main St. were pruned and dead limbs removed as necessary.
- Three garden areas around town were maintained.
- Improvements were made to the nursery watering system.
- Our Yahoo! Group continues to be used for Club communications.
- Our online newsletter has expanded photographic coverage and more information.
- Donated \$550 to Spartanburg Community College for student book needs.
- Sponsored at the \$500 level Arbor Day at USC Upstate.
- Our annual Landscape Evaluation was conducted in cooperation with the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce.
- A garden booth was designed and installed at this year's County Fair.
- The sale of the Club's history book written by Henry Pittman continues.
- Numerous potting and weeding sessions were held at the nursery.
- Refreshments for the Club meetings and annual picnic were arranged.
- Four Litter Pick-Ups were conducted during the year.
- Club bylaws and standing rules were revised and approved this year.

SMG Club activities for 2010 included the following:

- Increased the size of the Yahoo Group to 68 people by the end of the year
- Added contact information for each SMGC project page on the web site
- Increased the photographic coverage of activities in the web site and bulletin
- Held multiple potting, re potting and weeding sessions
- Moved the club from Hatcher Garden to Spartanburg Community College in 9 months
- Relocated the club's plant label printer
- Moved all the club's plants from Hatcher to SCC
- Installed irrigation equipment at SCC
- Disassembled, moved and reassembled the propagation frames
- Successfully propagated hundreds of plants for sale in 2011
- Purchased a small storage building which is located next to the club's shed
- Removed kudzu from the club's area at SCC, both manually and by using the herbicide Milestone VM from Dow AgroSciences
- Treated for fire ants at our new location
- Laid ground fabric at our new location
- Held the budget loss including the move to \$500 for the year
- Negotiated a memorandum of understanding with SCC for use of space on the campus for the Club
- Achieved 501 C(3) status for the club
- Held successful spring and fall plant sales
- Daffodil and iris bulbs were sold and used as promotional items at the club's sale
- Increased the amount of advertising for the fall sale
- Purchased a refrigerator for the club's old building
- Purchased 150 electric post stakes and 15 rolls of flagging tape to route sale traffic
- Installed peg board in our shed and organized our tools
- Donated \$500 to the SCC horticultural program
- Donated \$250 and 20 plants to support the Arbor Day Celebration at USC-Upstate
- Kept track of the club's cash flow on a monthly basis
- Held the annual landscape competition in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce
- Presented 10 monthly education programs
- Provided refreshments at all member meetings
- Maintained the club's three community garden spots
- Conducted four litter pick weekend events
- Made arrangements with Sodfather to complete planting at the I-26 and 221 intersection
- Edited, published, and sold the club's history book written by Henry Pittman
- Purchased the ISBN for the club's history book
- Arranged with Duke Power to receive power at our new location
- Secured the appropriate permit from the city to begin working on the site
- Developed a Community Gardener gardening course to be offered at SCC beginning in 2011
- Produced SMGC business cards
- Finalized donations and had a stone bench installed at Hatcher in memory of club member David Kyle
- Held the club's annual picnic in the pavilion at SCC

SMG Club activities for 2009 included the following:

- Launched the new version of the SMGC web site in July which includes a garden shop
- Increased the size of the Yahoo Group to 59 people by year end
- Held successful spring and fall plant sales which raised funds for the Club
- Held multiple potting and weeding sessions
- Held the annual landscape evaluation competition in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce
- Assessed the plantings located at the intersection of I-26 and Highway 221
- Presented ten monthly educational programs each with a propagation aspect
- Consulted with Hendrix Elementary School about establishing a cherry tree garden in recognition of their sister school in Japan
- Consulted with the Director of the Spartanburg Downtown Airport about the beautification of the grounds
- Provided planning, instructions and assistance to representatives from Denny's Habitat for Humanity's program in the landscaping of two new homes
- Consulted with Kurt Zimmerli about the Bus I-85 plantings
- Conducted three Litter Pick Up weekend events
- Maintained our three Community Garden spots
- Received a matching gift of \$750 which the Club matched to fund replacement of Yoshino trees on South Pine Street; the project was completed in December
- Member Terrie Rourke won a National award: Beautification – Home Garden
- Donated \$350 to support the Arbor Day Celebration at USC-Upstate
- Donated \$2,000 to Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve
- Donated \$25 to the Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve in memory of Bob Almond
- Helped raise funds for a bench at Hatcher Garden in memory of SMGC member, David Kyle
- Won a first place award and \$125 at the Piedmont Interstate Fair for our booth
- Continued the tradition of implementing a budget for the club for 2009
- Formed a strategic planning committee
- Voted in May to disassociate from National beginning January, 2010
- Developed a plan to retain the club's 501 C (3) designation following the club's disassociation from National
- Revised the Bylaws
- Changed insurance agent and policies in order to reduce costs.
- Decided to go green and send 85% of the newsletters by e-mail
- Constructed a propagation bed in June at the Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve with 50% rooting success by year end
- Made the decision in October to end a 20-year physical association with Hatcher Garden and to move to Spartanburg Community College (SCC) within the Horticulture Garden
- Began the nine-month process in October of implementing the move to SCC

SMG Club activities for 2008 included the following:

- Revised board manuals which now include; bylaws, history, organizational chart, board responsibilities, meeting dates, membership roster, program areas, legal documents, financial information, minutes, goals, publications, budgets, and more!
- Continued Budgetary process and reports
- Purchased a mail box for the Club and Treasurer's use
- Revamped the Container Nursery at Hatcher Garden as well as the Plant Sale: outstanding performance by Dianne Fergusson and Valerie Hare in this area
- 47th year of Landscape evaluations for the community
- Linda Cobb, a member, won the Golden Quill National Award for outstanding horticultural journalism
- The Club web site became a reality: www.dirtdaubers.org Visit us online!
- The Yahoo Group for SpartanburgMGC has grown to 54 members
- Litter Pick-up Program worked to clear Pine Stree/I-585
- Provided monthly educational programs to the membership
- Furnished a monthly newsletter to the membership (approx. 130)
- Maintained two Community garden spots: Claude Sherrill Memorial and W.O. Ezell entrance on Hwy 29 near the Old Steeple Restaurant; renovation was carried out this year
- Held our annual picnic at Hatcher Garden in September
- Donated \$350 for the Don Shadow Program in December at USC-Upstate
- Donated \$3,500 for the Operating Fund at Hatcher Garden
- Donated \$50 to the Cancer Garden at Spartanburg Regional Health Care
- Initiated a complete revision of the Plant Sale by dividing the Club into three areas: Propagation, Container Nursery, and Plant Sale Days with the goal of having the entire Club participate in the plant sale development and process throughout the year
- Met twice in the container nursery at Hatcher Garden for working meetings
- Built three propagation boxes at the container nursery for member use
- Held potting/weeding sessions at the container nursery
- Voted on continuing affiliation with the National Organization; the vote carried
- Voted on whether to change the name of the Club to a non-gendered name; the vote failed
- Received a plaque from Habitat for Humanity for our "outstanding contribution"
- Pruning parties were scheduled in the spring for Drayton Avenue and from Main to Pine
- Assisted the National Junior Horticultural Association's convention in Spartanburg in October at the Marriott. 150-200 young people attended the convention
- Planned a 60th anniversary celebration for the Club to be held November 13th

SMG Club activities for 2007 included the following:

- Developed a survey of club interests and tabulated data
- Developed board manuals which now include; bylaws, history, organizational chart, board responsibilities, meeting dates, membership roster, program areas, legal documents, financial information, minutes, goals, publications, budgets, and more!
- Complete revision of the bylaws
- Developed Budgetary process and reports
- Secured bonding for the Treasurer and a safety deposit box for club minutes
- Revamped the Container Nursery at Hatcher Garden as well as the Plant Sale
- Purchased a Plant labeling machine (computer driven) for use in the Container Program
- Began a Recognition Program to honor those who devote their hours to the community
- 46th year of Landscape evaluations for the community
- Linda Cobb, a member, won the National Award for Home Beautification
- Began a Yahoo Group for the club: **SpartanburgMGC**
- Began work on a web site for the club
- Litter Pick-up Program worked four times to clear Pine Street/I-585
- Supported the Kudzu Coalition in its move to 501 (c) 3 status; provided \$2,000 to Kudzu for their programs
- The Treescaping Project for Business I-85 was successfully completed in conjunction with Spot of Pride, Spartanburg County, and S.C. Department of Transportation
- Developed Policies and Procedures for board practices
- Filed a first T990 Report to the IRS which will be on-going
- Provided monthly educational programs to the membership
- Publicity included: Crape Myrtle brochure featured in Southern Living Magazine, Plant Sales, Street Tree Program, held a dedication for Business I-85 project at Spartanburg Community College
- Conducted a survey at the Plant Sale to track how people heard of the sale
- Furnished a monthly newsletter to the membership (approx. 170)
- Maintained two Community garden spots: Claude Sherrill Memorial and W.O. Ezell entrance on Hwy 29 near the Old Steeple Restaurant
- Held our annual picnic at Hatcher Garden in September
- Allocated \$1,000 for the Learning Tree Project youth program at Hatcher Garden
- Allocated \$1,500 for tree identification program at Hatcher Garden
- Allocated \$3,500 for the Operating Fund at Hatcher Garden
- Initiated a Long Range Planning Committee
- Moved our meeting location to Morningside Baptist Church on South Pine Street due to the closure of the Arts Center.

SPARTANBURG MEN'S GARDEN CLUB

2006 Projects and Activities

- Held ten regular membership meetings with very informative programs about horticulture and related topics.
- Enjoyed a picnic and dedication of the Men's Garden Club memorial to Harold Hatcher at Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve in September.
- Published a monthly newsletter "Gardening and Beautification" to keep members and other interested persons aware of our work.
- Teamed up with Hatcher Garden to have spring and fall plant sales, making available to the public shrubs and trees at reasonable costs, and providing funds to finance our community beautification projects.
- Gave four scholarships to Spartanburg Community College horticulture students, and nominated a Clemson horticulture student to the national organization, resulting in his receiving a \$1000 scholarship.
- Continued to sponsor, and partially fund, our local Kudzu Coalition which has attracted local, state and national publicity.
- Conducted our forty-fifth Landscape Evaluation of business properties (47 of them this year) in cooperation with the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce.
- Donated shrubs and trees to local organizations including garden clubs, the Palmetto Conservancy, Habitat for Humanity, etc.
- Participated again in the "Adopt-A-Highway" litter pickup program on North Pine Street.
- Congratulated Jim and Jane Bagwell on receiving our national organization's "Home Garden Beautification Award" at the convention we sponsored at the Marriott Hotel in April.
- Supported Hatcher Garden with a contribution to its annual budget and some special projects.
- Participated in "Mayfest" at Hatcher Garden and made presentations to the Master Gardener classes to recruit new members and enlist them in volunteer opportunities.
- Evaluated the effectiveness of the Highway 221 treescape and beautification project which we spearheaded three years ago.
- In cooperation with County, State, and private groups, planned a treescape project for seven miles of Business I-85 to begin this winter.
- Received valuable publicity for our organization in local and state periodicals and newspapers, as well as on radio and TV programs. Southern Living magazine is scheduled to feature us in a special article about crape myrtles in February.
- Individual members volunteered to give advice and consult with local groups regarding landscape projects.
- Provided continuing maintenance, and replaced seasonal plants, in our two community garden spots on East and West Main Street.
- Participated in, and helped sponsor, Dr. Allan Armitage, the speaker at USC Upstate's Arbor Day, December 1, 2006.
- Assisted with youth projects at Hatcher Garden.

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

2005 Projects and Activities

§ Had record sales of around 2500 trees and shrubs at our spring and fall plant sales held at Hatcher Garden to provide reasonably priced plants for home landscaping. Proceeds of the sales provided a \$3000 gift for Hatcher as well as an irrigation system and other maintenance materials for the container area used by both Hatcher and MGC.

§ Continued to distribute "Crape Myrtles: Four Seasons of Beauty," a comprehensive listing of crape myrtle cultivars and suggestions for pruning. Southern Living Magazine is interested in doing a story about the project.

§ Held our 44th landscape evaluation of commercial properties in cooperation with the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce on April 16.

§ Spearheaded a project to landscape the US-221 interchanges at SC-295 and Interstate-26. Trees were planted at both interchanges.

§ Continued our "Adopt-A-Highway" project to pick up litter on a two mile stretch of North Pine Street.

§ Learned more about gardening from ten speakers who presented excellent programs at monthly meetings. Topics ranged from "The Why of Gardening" to "How to Control Kudzu Without Herbicides."

§ Sent six delegates to the 2005 national convention of The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America held at Jupiter Beach, Florida in June.

§ Invited our national organization to have its 2006 Convention in Spartanburg at the Marriott Hotel April 20-22. Organized a convention committee, planned the program, and invited speakers.

§ Continued to maintain two local garden spots and provide maintenance and pruning of previous street plantings on North and South Pine Street, East Main Street and Drayton Road.

§ Contributed trees and shrubs to Miracle Hill Ministries, Mountainview Nursing Home, and other local charitable organizations.

§ Reached a membership of almost 190 members including single, dual and commercial members, more than 40% of whom are females.

§ Continued to support the "Kudzu Coalition" which now has a web site--www.KOKudzu.com.

§ Supported and promoted Hatcher Garden programs including Junior Master Gardeners, Garden Fair, gardening seminars, and other events.

§ Began preliminary work on plans for planting trees on Business I-85 in cooperation with the Spartanburg Area Transportation Study group and Spartanburg County.

§ Participated in Arbor Day at the Susan Jacobs Arboretum at University of South Carolina Upstate.

§ Published the monthly newsletter "Gardening and Beautification" to keep members and other interested persons aware of our work.

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

2004 Projects and Activities

- Provided thousands of trees and shrubs at reasonable costs to local homeowners to improve their landscapes. Of the income received, \$3,000 was given to Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve where the sales were held on five different Saturdays.
- Contributed shrubs and trees to landscape Habitat for Humanity homes and homes of “Christmas in Action” recipients; the latter is a local project to repair and renovate homes of needy persons.
- Planned, managed and executed planting of almost 400 trees in the medians and on the shoulders of five miles of US-221 South in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, Spartanburg County, and the Roebuck Improvement Association. This brings our street and highway tree projects total to 2078, with another 2270 where we have provided planning and advice.
- Began another project to landscape the US-221 interchanges at SC-295 and Interstate 26.
- Continued our “Adopt-A-Highway” project to pick up litter on a two mile stretch of North Pine St.
- Provided a clinic on pruning crape myrtles in cooperation with the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Spartanburg Technical College.
- Published a brochure on crape myrtle pruning which was endorsed by seventeen local professionals and printed free of charge by Keys Printing. Copies are available at the Chamber of Commerce.
- Continued to maintain three local garden spots and provide maintenance and pruning of previous street plantings on North and South Pine Streets, East Main Street and Drayton Road.
- Conducted our 35th Annual Landscape Evaluation of public and commercial sites in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Held 11 monthly meetings to provide knowledge of gardening and fellowship for our 170+ members, almost half of whom are now women.
- Supported and promoted Hatcher Garden programs including Junior Master Gardeners, Mayfest, gardening seminars, and other events.
- Participated in Arbor Day at the Susan Jacobs Arboretum at U. S. C. Upstate.
- Continued to receive contributions to erect a memorial marker for Harold Hatcher at the garden he founded and which bears his name.
- Began organizing a “Kudzu Control Coalition” to bring this problem plant under control.
- Published the monthly newsletter “Gardening and Beautification” to keep members and other interested persons aware of our work.

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club Accomplishments 2003

- Held 10 excellent educational programs plus a great annual picnic.
- Donated \$3,000 again this year to Hatcher Garden.
- Completed repaving of Hatcher paths with a previous \$1,500 contribution.
- Supported and promoted Hatcher Garden in multiple ways—Garden Fest, Garden Fair,, Junior Master Gardeners, Hatcher Happenings, etc.
- Propagated and grew hundreds of new plants by many members for our plant sales.
- Conducted a successful Spring Plant Sale cooperatively with Hatcher Garden.
- Conducted our successful 25th Annual Fall Plant Sale, again with Hatcher cooperation.
- Encouraged Hatcher Garden to recognize the great contributions of Jess Taylor by naming a building in his honor—“The Jess Taylor Pavilion”.
- Contributed multiple plants for landscaping of Habitat houses.
- Replaced 26 Yoshino Cherry Trees on S. Pine cooperatively with the City and continued grooming of this treescape.
- Provided pruning and maintenance to our previous street trees on N. Pine, E. Main and Drayton Rd.
- Continued our “Adopt a Highway” project with three litter pick-up sessions on N. Pine street. This is our ___th year for this community service.
- Published the monthly newsletter “The Gardner” with information and advice.
- Grew to a record club size—127 “memberships” (many of which are family) plus 15 Corporate members.
- Continued planting and maintaining three community garden spots—the Library Montgomery Flag Garden, the Spot of Pride Ezell Monument Garden, and the Sherrill East Main Street Garden.
- Received a Spot of Pride designation for our 1976 row of Sweet Gum trees on N. Pine St.
- Wrote letters of encouragement and thanks for all Spot of Pride sponsors.
- Lead in the 360-tree landscaping of five miles of US-221 south of Spartanburg with partners: Roebuck Improvement Association, Spartanburg County and SC Department of Transportation. This treescaping will begin later this month.
- Began planning a “Second Generation Tree Planting Project” for future emphasis.
- Contributed 24 large Red Sunset Maples for USCS to move to their campus from our earlier I-585 planting sites.
- Conducted our 34th Annual Landscape Evaluation cooperatively with the Chamber of Commerce to recognize and encourage better community landscaping.
- Conducted multiple propagation training session for members’ education.
- Collected near \$2,000 from members for a permanent “Harold Hatcher Memorial” in the garden. Additional contributions are encouraged.
- Emphasized that all contributions to the club are tax deductible in that we are a 501(c)3 organization .
- Arranged educational and inspirational garden tours for members.
- Published the Annual President’s Letter to all members and friends outlining the club’s activities and accomplishments, and soliciting memberships for the year.

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

Activities During 2002

- Contributed \$3,000 to the Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve's 2002 Annual Fund and continued being Hatcher's main "cheerleader".
- Financed and replaced 13 trees on Drayton Road cooperatively with B'Nai Israel Synagogue.
- Arranged for Harold Hatcher to receive South Carolina's prestigious "Order of the Palmetto".
- Conducted the Annual Spring Plant sale, and the 25th Annual Fall Plant Sale, both in cooperation with Hatcher Garden, to encourage more private beautification and to raise funds for club projects.
- Conducted four litter pickups on North Pine Street as an ongoing project of many years.
- Continued the annual cooperative Landscape Evaluation with the Chamber of Commerce which has helped to improve commercial landscaping over the years.
- Financed and helped landscape the new St. Luke' Free Medical Clinic in cooperation with Master Gardeners.
- Provided two dozen landscape plants to the new Mary H. Wright Elementary School.
- Supplied 12 propagation boxes and other material for a new "Nutrition Curriculum" at four elementary schools, and two boxes to the Girl Scouts for use at the new Lutheran Home.
- Purchased additional tables and chairs for both Club and Hatcher Garden use.
- Contributed \$500 for scholarships to Hatcher Garden's new Kid Fest program.
- Encouraged and assisted with Clemson Extension's new Junior Master Gardener program.
- Designed, promoted and organized a treescape program for five miles US-221, South, to be implemented in 2003 in partnership with the County, SCDOT, and the Roebuck Improvement Assn. using \$5,000 from the club, \$15,000 from the Roebuck group and \$80,000 of federal funds through the SPATS Road

Enhancement Committee.

- Contributed \$600 to rebuild the student greenhouse at the SC School for the Deaf and Blind.
- Held 10 educational programs on various aspects of horticulture and community beautification at monthly club meetings and enjoyed the Annual Picnic at Hatcher Garden.
- Achieved a record of 111 Memberships, 28 of which are Family Memberships, plus 12 Corporate Members.

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club Activities for 2001

- Performed landscape judging/evaluation of 38 industrial or institutional sites in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Completed and dedicated the Ezell Spot of Pride garden on West Main street as a cooperative project with the City and to honor the man who made Spartanburg "the city of flowers" in the 60s.
- Continued to provide landscaping to other garden sites in the community--the Montgomery Flag Garden at the Library, the Sherrell Garden on E. Main and the Duncan Park entrance (?).
- Added replacement trees to our previously treescape project on Drayton Rd.
- Continued planning massive treescaping of US-221 south of the city, past the new Dorman High School to I-26 for possible implementation in 2002.
- Donated another \$3,000 to Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve for facility improvement .
- Assisted the Education Committee of Hatcher Garden with its new educational MayFest and its KidFest programs.
- Picked up litter twice on our adopted highway, North Pine Street.
- Continued the practice of donating Crape Myrtle trees to local schools.
- Significantly redesigned and renovated the plant sale area of Hatcher Garden.
- Financed a new storage/utility building in the plant sale area of Hatcher Garden.
- Purchased chairs for use by Hatcher Garden and the Men's Garden Club.
- Conducted successful Spring and a Fall Plant Sales for the community.
- Held highly educational monthly programs on horticulture, landscape and preservation subjects.
- Added new single, family and corporate members for a near record of 117 "memberships".

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

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December 1, 2000

Dear Member or Friend of the MGC,

Under the leadership of Jim Bagwell for the past two years, the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club has continued in ~~a~~ providing gardening education to its members and to the community, ~~b~~ helping create a more beautiful and better landscaped community, and ~~c~~ giving unique camaraderie and ~~sharing~~ friendship to its members.

During 2000, some of the club's activities included;

- Completed planting of 130 trees at the intersection of I-26 and US-176 cooperatively with Spartanburg County.
- Completed replacement of 42 Red Maple and Kousa Dogwood on Drayton Road.
- Picked up litter on our section of North Pine Street routinely.
- Conducted a spring and a fall plant sale to provide low cost trees and shrubs to the community. (This is our prime source of income for community beautification projects.)
- Conducted our Annual Landscape Judging cooperatively with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Continued strong support of Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve with labor and dollars.
- Planted and maintained a number of Community Flower Gardens
- Financed, with the City, a new demonstration Spot of Pride landscaped area on W. O. Ezell Blvd. which now is the home of Mr. Ezell's commemorative marker.
- Conducted monthly meetings on garden-horticulture-landscape topics for members and guests.

We need your support for the new year. Membership dues must be received during December, so please continue your support of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club.

Sincerely--and for a greener and more beautiful Spartanburg,

Bill Wilson, President

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

December 10, 1999

Dear Friends of the Men's Garden Club,

During the year we hope the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club has been of value to both you and our community. We have had good "garden oriented" programs each month and conducted a great number of valuable projects in the greater Spartanburg area. These include:

- Planted 285 Red Maple and Kousa Dogwood on Drayton Road from N. Pine St. to E. Main St. (cooperatively with the City and the County)--12 months ago
- Planted 130 trees at I-26 and US-176 intersection (cooperatively with the County)--just completed
- Picked-up litter on North Pine--routinely
- Conducted our annual Plant Sale (the primary source of funds for our community beautification)--just completed
- Provided plants for the Spartanburg Realtors' sale--last spring
- Conducted our Annual Landscape Judging (cooperatively with the Chamber of Commerce)--last spring
- Continued strong support of *Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve*
- Designed and Financed the John Nevison Teaching Amphitheater at Hatcher Garden (cooperatively with the Nevison family)--in October
- Planted and maintained a number of Community Flower Gardens--year around
- Conducted our annual Rose Society juried Rose Show--in September
- Hosted The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America national directors meeting--last month.

We need your support in the new year. Dues must be received in December, so please know your membership is important.

Sincerely for a greener and more beautiful Spartanburg,

Jim Bagwell, President

December 1998

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

Dear Members and Friends of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club,

Organized in the late 40s by men like W. P Rich, Charles Lea, Carl Seldon and W.O. Ezell, the Spartanburg MGC continues to promote gardening education and community beautification. In addition to current monthly programs on some phase of horticulture, current or recent activities include:

- Planting of additional Red Sunset Maple on North Pine Street Extension
- Planting of Yoshino Cherry on South Pine Street cooperatively with the City
- Litter Pick Up on North Pine
- Annual plant sale (the primary source of funds for community beautification)
- Cooperative plant sale with the Spartanburg Realtors
- Cooperative Landscape Judging with the Chamber of Commerce
- Work on and strong support of Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve
- Planting and maintenance of a number of community flower gardens
- Annual Rose Society juried Rose Show

Your continued support--and the support of others like you--is essential to the ongoing activities of the MGC. That is why we are counting on your membership, even if you may not be able to be an active project worker.

MGC ACTIVITIES DURING LAST 12 MONTHS

November 17, 1997

- 120 new maples on N. Pine
- Rose show
- Litter pick up on N. Pine
- 2 Plant sales (ours and with Realtors)
- Art Center Landscaping
- Library "Flag Garden" in memory of Mr. Walter Montgomery
- Some 12 garden spots around town
- Landscape judging cooperatively with Chamber of Commerce
- Hosted the Blue Ridge Regional meeting
- Helped form a new MGC in Greenville / working on one in Tryon/Columbus
- New greenhouse and much input at Hatcher Gardens

[Read at Annual meeting by Henry Pittman in conjunction with complementing 1997 officers and directors prior to installing 1998.]



Spartanburg Men's Garden Club



THE CITY OF FLOWERS

SPARTANBURG, S.C. 29301

December 20, 1994

Dear Club Member:

After the enthusiastic response by your Board of Directors at the planning meeting on December 8th, I am pleased to report on their plans for club activities for 1995.

We anticipate strengthening the youth gardening program, with a dynamic committee chairman and several of our members sharing in presentations at Spartanburg Schools.

We anticipate receiving some funds from the accommodations tax which we will use for highway beautification, landscape improvement at the Spartanburg Arts Council Center, and helping with a community composting project.

In addition, we plan to continue the activities we conducted in 1994.

Certainly, this club has much to be proud of, but the praise goes to you the individual member. The response to my appeal in the October 10, 1994 questionnaire was excellent, and we will be able to undertake additional projects in 1995.

This is a summary of our past efforts. Let's keep up the enthusiasm!

1. Purchased plants, planted, and maintained 16 flower beds in parks, roadsides, and other highly visible areas.
2. Began the phasing out of our Fairforest tree bank by removing most of our plantings.
3. Replaced the tree bank with container grown plants raised by the Garden Club Members.
4. Additionally, 14 propagation boxes were supplied to members at no cost so they could supplement the propagation of small trees and shrubs, which are then moved to Hatcher Gardens for growth and sales.
5. Planted and maintained several dozen trees and shrubs in city parks, streets, and major traffic arteries into the city.
6. Sold more than 5,000 young dogwoods and crape myrtles over the last three years to the Spartanburg Realtors Association for re-sale to the general public.
7. Donated trees to tax-exempt organizations and schools for planting in observance of Arbor Day.
8. Assisted with the maintenance of Hatcher Horticulture Gardens, assisted with the erection of the Gazebo at the Gardens, supplied benches and tables for the Gardens. Previous efforts include asphalt surfacing of the parking lot and a major walkways, and the construction of an observation deck.

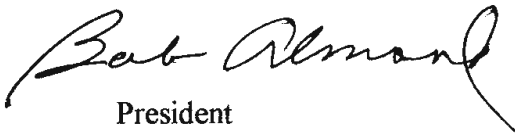
9. Conducted landscape judging for the Chamber of Commerce for 41 business and commercial members. 18 Garden Club members served as judges.
10. Participated with the "Keep Spartanburg Clean" committee in litter pick-up. Several club members serve on the Board of Directors.
11. 16 members attended the Asheville Blue Ridge Regional Meeting in 1993.
12. Sponsored our Annual Rose Show at Westgate Mall on October 15th, with entries from several states.
13. Worked closely with the Clemson Extension Master Gardener Program, with 3 members teaching and 3 other members helping with other parts of the program.
14. Club programs during the year included: "Latin is For Gardeners", "Plants Of The Bible", "Highway Beautification", "Garden Photography", "What's New In Gardening", "Shade Gardening", "Wild Birds In The Garden", "Panel--Gardener's Problems".
15. Current membership is 114. We reached our goal of increasing membership by at least 10%.
16. Currently conducting a very successful container plant sale.
17. Our members have presented about 25 programs to other garden clubs, civic clubs, and other interested groups. This does not include several thousand hours our members have spent on other projects.

Our meeting place will change to the Arts Center Building on South Spring Street beginning with the Directors meeting on January 5th, and the regular meeting on January 16th. The Directors will meet in either the Harmony Lane room or the Committee Conference Room II, and the general meeting will be held in the Board Room, these rooms are on the 2nd floor.

After a long association with the Church of The Advent for meetings, we finally outgrew the facilities, and we plan to add at least 15 new members in 1995.

You belong to a dynamic, working organization. Continue to support it with your attendance and your volunteer efforts.

Yours For Better Gardening



President

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club



THE CITY OF FLOWERS

SPARTANBURG, S. C. 29301

656 Perrin Drive
December 1, 1972

Dear Men's Garden Club Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president for another year. Your officers and directors believe it can be an even better year than the current one.

1973 membership dues are due on January 1. Please complete the attached form and return to Sidney Dunlap, Treasurer, who is also serving as Membership Chairman.

I encourage you all to take full advantage of membership and write a check today for \$7.50 to cover your local and national membership. This will include the excellent bi-monthly gardening magazine "The Gardner" as well as all the privileges of membership in Men's Garden Club of America. I believe you will find this quite worthwhile. The Board of Directors has allowed men who are only interested in boosting local activities to become a "local member" for \$5.00.

In any event, please do not let this bill become lost in the Christmas mail.

Among the successful programs of 1972 which we anticipate continuing and strengthening are:

1. Eleven good monthly meeting programs - mostly gardening-oriented (Monthly except Dec., 3rd Monday night, 7:30 P. M. , Piedmont Natural Gas)
2. Boosting and working for City Beautification thru direct action and thru cooperation with Spartanburg Beautification Committee of the city, Piedmont Beautification, Environmental Council, etc.
3. School Ecology Program - over 90,000 cartoon booklets distributed to schools as part of a county-wide program.
4. Gardening Short Course - over 100 community people participated in this 5-week program in May.
5. Industrial Landscape Awards presented annually in cooperation with Chamber of Commerce - this has been an effective tool to encourage this type of community beautification.
6. "Garden Tips" is mailed monthly to all members.

7. Local community landscaping and beautification - the ambitious program anticipated for residential areas to compliment city programs has been slow getting underway, but we have plans for 1973.
8. Youth Gardening - while not active in 1972, we plan to develop a program to interest and activate young people.
9. Litter is a continuing problem in spite of our and others effort. More effective attacks will be planned.

We need you - the garden and beautification enthusiasts of Spartanburg - to strengthen these programs. Re-join this year and also ask a friend to join - help stamp out "nobody asked me".

Yours for better gardening,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Henry Pittman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

E. Henry Pittman
President