

GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

January 11, 1995

Meeting: Monday, January 16, 1995
Place: The Arts Center, 385 South Spring St.
Spartanburg, SC

(NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING AT NEW SITE)

Speaker: Joe Maple.

Joe will present *What's New In Gardening*, reporting on new plants, new seeds, and other developments gleaned from his work with the Master Gardener Program, Clemson extension, and some of the new catalogues.

Hardwood Cuttings seminar - This is scheduled Sunday, January 22, 2:30 PM at Hatcher Gardens. Beth Sabin, Jess Taylor, and Winston Hardegree will preside. With the success of the container program this past year, we'll need many participants to maintain high production and meet demand this autumn. We're hoping for some visitors from the Asheville Club, and there also may be some from the Master Gardener group in attendance.

Main Street Walmart planting - Henry Pittman organized and directed this project which resulted in the planting of 10 more willow oaks on Main Street in front of Walmart. Walmart financed the project, and a sizeable group of eager teenagers from McCracken Junior High dug holes and planted the trees with the direction of some faculty. Henry and Winston Hardegree transported the trees to the site, and general assistance was provided by Beth Sabin, Bob Reynolds, and Tom Bartram. We received coverage on Channel 7 and the project was featured in an excellent article in the Herald-Journal. (This is the second time in recent weeks we've been well covered by the newspaper. You may have seen the color photo and story about the tree sale and also the planting at the Barksdale Community Center that ran in early December.)

1995 Dues - There are still 35 who have not paid. Please contact George Wegryzn !

Chairpersons' Reports - President Bob Almond has asked chairs of various committees to provide reports of their projects for use in the Bulletin.

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This month we feature Vice President Winston Hardegree's report as Program Chairman:

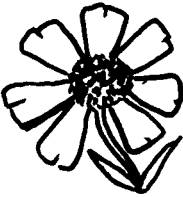
Program Thoughts for 1995

We have a good line up of programs on tap for 1995. Some of them are already tied down while others are still waiting in the wings. In January our perennial favorite Joe Maple will be here with "What's New in The Garden", the February program will be "The Culture of Ornamentals" by Winston Hardegree, and back in March by popular demand, will be Everette Lineberger to finish his presentation of "Plants of The Bible".

There will be another panel discussion, a picnic (with a scheduled rain date), probably a field trip, maybe something on rocks, and a few surprises along the way. Les Tindal, South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, has been invited to speak at our annual meeting, we don't have an answer from him yet, but we hope that he can join us.

Remember if you miss the meeting you might just miss something good.

Testing left-over seed - the Club magazine has an article you may have noted. Seed samples of about 10 seeds can be placed on a damp paper towel, rolled tight with an elastic band, and placed in a warm spot for a week (continue to keep moist). If less than half germinate, throw seed away and start anew.



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February 15, 1995

Meeting: Monday, February 20, 1995
Place: The Arts Center, 385 South Spring St., Spartanburg, SC

Speaker: Winston Hardegree.

Winston will present slides depicting ornamentals for our area, and will discuss their care, diseases, best location, and other aspects of ornamental cultures.

Container Program Report- Bob Almond and Winston Hardegree drove to Tennessee scouting for seedlings for our program. Also, we await seedlings to be available from the State Forestry Department. We expect a large supply of dogwoods from seeds we formerly delivered to the State. This, however, is the last year the State Forestry people will grow dogwoods.

We expect to supply the Board of Realtors with dogwoods and some other plants for their annual sale. Included will be the last dogwoods from the Fairforest tree bank, plus a supply of container-grown trees. *The Board of Realtors Sale will be Saturday, March 4th.* On Friday, March 3rd, trees have to be transported to the sale site. Anyone who can provide a truck please call Winston Hardegree at 576-2347.

The Propagation Seminar - presented by Beth Sabin, Jess Taylor, and Winston on January 22nd was well attended - 56! This included a number from the Asheville club who were enthusiastic about the program.

Tree Planting Programs - Harold Browning reports planting 6 red maples at St. Lukes Med. Center and 4 at Hearon Circle. Also, crepe myrtles were planted at the Civitan Rehab Center.

Arts Center Landscaping - At our Board meeting it was decided that the Club will seek funds from Spartanburg County's share of the tourism tax pool to begin a program of improvements at the Arts Center. The Center has 4 1/2 acres of land that needs some help in landscaping. It is a high visibility project, and should bring credit to our Club while providing a real service to the community. We expect to start with some care for existing plantings, and then present a plan for planting on the Church Street side of the Center. Bob Almond, Tom Bartram, Harold Browning, and Winston Hardegree will make up a plan, while Beth Sabin and Jess Taylor will see to current care.

Regional Director's Message - Steve Smith, who is a Director of the National Gardeners of America organization, and is a friend of ours from Asheville gives us greetings for the new gardening year, and tells of the value of the National organization to our clubs, providing contact with 8,000 gardeners nationwide and with 63 years of experience in designing programs to increase enjoyment of the gardening experience. He describes programs, and encourages participation in the national convention, which this year will be held in Dallas (May 26-29).

Smith's letter comes at a time when we have had some debate within our club about the wisdom of continuing our membership in the National organization. Our Robert Odom, Membership Chairman, was asked to give a report on this subject as one of our monthly reports from Directors. His report follows:

This year our club has a "great debate" ahead of it. The debate centers around whether we should continue to be a member of the National Men's Garden Club of America or not. I have talked with

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some of you getting both positive and negative responses on this issue. I wanted to write a few ideas, both pro and con in this article.

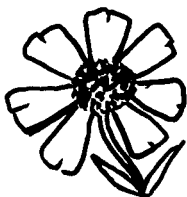
If we stay in national, we should take advantage in the things they have to offer our club. National has a lending library of slide presentations available to us. They have a series of awards for our club to participate in, both as a club and as individuals. If we were not in national, we would not be able to participate in the yearly events of the Blue Ridge Council. If a member wanted to be trained as an accredited judge, they could not do this because they were not affiliated with a national organization. National also recognizes local clubs with an award for 10% growth in a club for a year. We would not receive the "Gardener" magazine.

Now that I have stated some of the pros, it is time for how I feel. I feel giving National \$15.00 out of our annual dues of \$20.00 is wasted. Out of the \$5.00 we are allowed to keep, we must pay for all of our operating expenses to run our club for the year. This includes the rental of our meeting rooms, printing of our fine newsletter, postage to mail the newsletter, club insurance, refreshments, and speaker fees. This money has to come from somewhere. To do all this we have to use money from plant sales, earmarked for city beautification, as part of our operating expenses. I feel from what we get out of national, our club would be better served using the full \$20 on a local basis. The club was formed many years ago to serve Spartanburg, not to serve a national organization. If we do stay in national, we would have no choice but to increase dues to keep the club financially sound without using plant sales' money for expenses.

Please give both the pros and cons of this debate some careful consideration. Your decision will affect our club for years to come.

Hatcher Gardens - Our directors decided to expend a substantial sum for the purchase of a number of new varieties of plants for the Gardens.

We hear that **Archie Lawson**, long time active member, and former head of the annual Landscape Judging program, has moved to North Carolina. We hope he keeps in touch. Speaking of this, the 1995 Judging program is scheduled for Saturday April 29th. The program will be headed by Bob Hamilton, assisted by Bud Collier. Another future item of interest: Rev. Everette Lineberger has agreed to continue his popular program from last year on Plants of the Bible.



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March 13, 1995

Meeting: Monday, March 20, 1995, 7:30 p.m.
Place: The Arts Center -385 South Spring Street
Spartanburg, SC
Speaker: Everette Lineberger
Subject: Plants of the Bible

Rev. Lineberger will present the second part of his subject "Plants of the Bible."

Accommodations Tax Application — Our application has been submitted to the committee detailing our plans for starting landscape improvement at the Arts Center. We will attend a meeting of this committee on March 24th to answer any questions about our proposal.

Tree Sale by Board of Realtors — A number of our members have been working with the Board of Realtors preparing for their tree sale on March 11. This has involved digging, bagging, loading, and hauling trees to the Beacon parking lot for the sale.

A fresh supply of seedlings has arrived from our supplier and an intensive potting session is now being held at Hatcher Gardens. As usual, volunteers are always welcome for both the potting and the fellowship. Call Beth Sabin at 583-8261 for the schedule.

Rose Show — Dr. Bob Reynolds, our Rose Show chairman has announced Saturday, September 9th as the date for our 23rd annual show. We are fortunate to have Bob as our chairman, as he assures us not only excellent judges, but also enthusiastic participation. This year the show will be held in Hillcrest Mall.

Landscape Judging — Our chairman, Bob Hamilton has already begun preparations for this year's judging, and has met with the Chamber of Commerce to set the judging date for Saturday, April 29th. Thanks to Ginny and Walton Scott, a new and simplified judging form will be used. Last year we had 41 businesses enter, and 20 of our members served as judges. Call Bob at 579-7182 to sign up as a judge. As always, new members will be paired with an experienced judge.

Flower Beds — Thought this project was dead? We did also, until Donald Oldham agreed to serve as chairman! He has made an extensive survey of all the former beds from years past, recommending the impractical locations be dropped, and he now suggests 11 beds be planted and maintained for both summer and fall flowers. Spring planting of Ageratum, Vinca, and Salvia will begin around mid-April. Those desiring to "adopt" a bed should make arrangements with Don. Plants can be picked up at Robert Odom's Ace Hardware Store. Locations of all the beds can be obtained from Don.

Youth Gardening — Kerry Dempsey, Chairperson reports several active school gardening projects underway, and she anticipates involving Dorman High students to help activate the plantings around the W. O. Ezell Monument. Boiling

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Spring High is also on her agenda. Landscaping is being planned involving shade, flower, and vegetable gardening.

Leaf Composting — Bob Powell, Jess Taylor, and Harold Browning will meet to discuss our club providing a seminar and demonstrations help to neighborhood associations who are interested in promoting leaf composting in their neighborhoods.

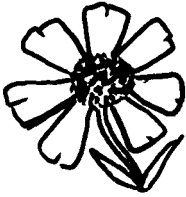
Chairperson's Report: The Container Grown Plant Program — Most of the money to fund our projects is raised through this program, but I feel the most important benefit of the program is in the way it advances our knowledge of gardening.

Each member is welcome to enter the program. All the instructions and all the materials needed to successfully propagate (root) plants from stem cuttings and to care for the plants until they are big enough to sell are furnished by the club. At least one seminar is held each year and a written manual is furnished to help the participants learn the necessary details, and individual help is available from Jess Taylor and Winston Hardegree. A propagation box, trays, pots, potting medium, and labels are furnished at no expense to the participating member.

The participant in the program has the satisfaction of advancing his knowledge of gardening and also of knowing that he has helped to raise money to fulfill the club's goal of planting trees and flowers to beautify our city.

If you aren't in the program you may be missing a very satisfying experience. If you would like to join the program please let me know.

Note – See the back cover of the April issue of *Carolina Gardener* for Winston Hardegree's photograph of a trail in Hatcher Gardens.



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April 13, 1995

Meeting: Monday, April 17, 1995, 7:30 p.m.
Place: The Arts Center, 385 South Spring Street
Spartanburg, SC
Program: Panel Discussion "Gardening Problems"
Bring a Door Prize

Board of Realtors Sale — Winston Hardegree reported the second best tree sale ever by the Board of Realtors (second only to last year!) This is the culmination of much work by a few Garden Club members and a very good turnout by the Board of Realtors. Of those not sold, 120 bags were donated to Spartanburg schools for youth gardening programs, and the remainder will be planted at Hatcher Gardens.

Landscape Judging — Bob Hamilton reports 37 businesses have registered with the Chamber of Commerce for the landscape judging to take place on Saturday, April 29th. Additional volunteer judges will be welcomed, so be at the Chamber of Commerce office at 8:00 am on April 29th.

Flower Beds — Donald Oldham reported good results from his appeal for flower bed caretakers. 10 beds citywide will be tended for summer and fall. A source of water was a problem at the W. O. Ezell Monument, and at the downtown water towers. The Board authorized the purchase of sufficient garden hose to supply these beds. Robert Odom is again supplying the flats of plants. These may be picked up as needed at Odom's Ace Hardware.

Master Gardeners — The Spartanburg Master Gardeners and Clemson University are hosting the State Master Gardeners Conference in Spartanburg on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday June 14, 15, & 16. An outstanding program is planned, and attendance will be limited. To obtain more details, call Joe Maple at 576-3319, or Winston Hardegree at 576-2347, or Linda McHam at 582-1498. Five of our own MGC member experts will participate on the program.

Interstate 85 Relocation — Henry Pittman reports Federal money has been allocated for plantings along the new I-85 bypass. A meeting with state officials Timothy Edwards and Dr. Jim Aitken will be scheduled to consider our proposals for these plantings.

Container Tree and Plant Program — Some four thousand plants have been potted and now reside comfortably at Hatcher Gardens, little knowing that in October, November, and December they will be adopted into new areas to satisfy our fall container plant sales. Of this 4,000 containers, how many did you help pot? Except for our "faithful few," most of this work was done by the master gardener graduates. To help remedy this poor participation on our part, five team captains volunteered to select about 20 names each to call when help is needed in this program. Expect a call from either Harold Browning, George Wegrzyn, Bob Hamilton, John Nevison, or Jess Taylor. When you are called, don't dare say no!

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Guest Columnist Bob Hamilton on Landscape Judging — The Landscape Beautification Program, sponsored by our club and the Chamber of Commerce for over 20 years, recognizes outstanding landscaping and grounds maintenance in the Spartanburg area. Judging is separated into seven categories: Commercial, Large and Small Industrial, Professional, Large and Small Public Institutions, and Apartments. In 1994, seven first place, ten honorable mentions, and two special awards were presented from the 41 businesses judged.

Judging is made on the appearance and care of Foundation plantings, Perimeter or other plantings, Lawns, and Trees. Items to note in judging are vigor, mulching, trimming, plant selection, colors, originality, unity & design, eye appeal, and the removal of dead or sick items and weeds and litter. Landscaping should complement the existing architectural and natural surroundings of a business. An appealing and pleasing landscape should make an immediate impression on whoever is doing the judging.

A notice of this year's contest will be placed in the Chamber's March and April newsletters and letters will be sent to prospective entrants. Judging has been tentatively set for Saturday, April 29th. Awards will be presented later at a Chamber of Commerce reception.

Big D, Like Daring — In 1841, a daring Tennessee trader wandered into a land near the three forks of the Trinity River and liked what he saw. At the site, he established a small trading post. And in the famous words of Moe Howard said "there ain't no other place around the place, so this must be the place." And, boy, it was no place, just scrub and prairie blackland. But John Neely Bryan was a trader, not a gardener.

Old J. N. dared, survived and prospered. And, barley more than 150 years later, Dallas is the place, your place for outstanding programs and great garden tours, plus fun events, shopping and tours for the spouses. Daring, too, are the members of the First Mens' Garden Club of Dallas, as you will discover when you join us at the 60th annual TGOA/MGCA Convention, May 26 through 29, 1995.

Join in the fun with good friends and good food. We'll have the chili pot on and the bubbaque a-smokin, and the warm sun a-shinin. So y'all come. Y'hear?

County-Wide Clean-Up Day May 20th — "Litter Ritter" Day gives us all an opportunity to participate in a county-wide clean-up. Hazardous wastes such as paint, pesticides, batteries, etc. may be taken to USCS that Saturday between 9:00 and 12:00



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May 10, 1995

Meeting: Monday, May 15, 1995, 7:30 p.m.
Place: The Arts Center, 385 South Spring Street
Spartanburg, SC
Program: Herb Gardening. *Speaker:* Cheryl O'Hara. Cheryl, an RN at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and the mother of three, is a Master Gardener expert in growing herbs. She also makes oils and dries herbs. Cheryl teaches sessions on herbs in the Master Gardener Program.

By-Laws Amendment Note — After many weeks of discussion, both at our Directors' meetings and at our regular meetings, a vote will be taken at this meeting to determine if our club will or will not remain affiliated with the Gardeners of America.

Landscape Judging — Twenty-three members turned out April 29th to judge over forty locations in the annual landscape judging sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Bob Hamilton led the program, assisted by Jim Collier, Kerry Dempsey, and Walton and Ginny Scott. Winners will be announced by the Chamber, and an award ceremony will be held at the Chamber Offices.

Container Program — Sabin, Hardegee, Taylor, and Nevison picked up our supply of Loblolly pines and Leyland cypress and others joined them at Hatcher Gardens to start the 1995 planting season of container trees. There are over 4000 treelets planted, and more are being planted at the Garden today (May 10). If you haven't participated, at least stop by and look at the results, It's quite impressive.

I-85 Bypass Landscaping — The detailed plans for plantings along the new bypass which were prepared by Henry Pittman were reviewed by the state officials last month. Two horticulturists from the State spent a day with Henry, Bob Almond, and Tom Bartram on site. They informed us that \$250,000 has been allocated to the project, and that the project is the next State highway beautification job to be done.

Flower Beds — Donald Oldham, Chairman of the Project, gives us the following report:

"The ten beds are all staffed and plantings underway. We are

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on the move to a more beautiful city. The volunteers who are planting and maintaining the beds for this year are: Sam Black, Martha Foster, Mike Georgian, Wendell Harrison, Harold Hatcher, Betty Justice, Steve Patton, Kay Samson, Mildred Thompson, and Jack Turner. The project hasn't gone without a hitch, for three beds were planted by others before we arrived. The important thing is that they will all be planted and maintained."

By way of comment, it's great to see the flower bed program rejuvenated after a couple of bleak years. Don has done well to get this organized.

Clemson Extension Appreciation Dinner — This dinner will be held at the First Presbyterian activities building June 1st at 6:30 PM. The speaker will be Sheriff Howard Wells of Union County. Joe Maple will have tickets available at our meeting.

Miscellany — Robert Odom's new application form, designed to show that we're project oriented and to gain a little more information from new members, has been adopted...Bob Powell, Jess Taylor, and Harold Browning will work with Gibbes Patton to develop a demonstration of composting for presentation to community groups at Hatcher Gardens...Hatcher Gardens has received more good publicity – this time in an out of state paper...Anyone with the urge should allocate a few hours to help Harold at the Gardens. He's receiving less help from Court-assigned workers...Linda McHam will present slides of special English gardens at our June meeting...Our annual meeting speaker is scheduled to be Les Tindall, SC Secretary of Agriculture...Litter pick up Saturday, May 20th – sign up at the meeting.



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June 14, 1995

Meeting: Monday, June 19, 1995
Place: The Arts Center, 385 South Spring Street
Spartanburg, SC
Program: Gardens of England. *Speaker:* Linda McHam. Linda's presentation results from a recent trip to England where she photographed both historic and recent gardens. Linda, a club member, owns LTM Design. She has a degree in graphic design and an MBA in marketing.

Hardegree Resigns — Winston, our vice-president, has resigned from the club, citing that he has been overextended, and is spending more time with the Master Gardener program. His leaving represents a sizeable loss for our club. His energy and abilities were most important in a number of areas, and most particularly with the container program.

Container Program — At present, thanks to the diligence of Beth Sabin and the contributions of work from Winston Hardegree and Master Gardeners, and a very few others, the 1995 plantings look great, and our sale should be successful. However, unless our membership participation in this program improves greatly, we may be forced to rethink goals for future years. Your officers and directors are quite concerned about the lack of commitment to this program, which is a major source of funds for our projects. It is felt that we are at a critical point, and must decide at what level we will operate. More on this at our meeting.

In the meantime, Beth Sabin needs to complete an inventory of plants available for sale this fall for inclusion in our sales flyer. If you have plants that are to be included in the sale, it is important that you call Beth. (583-8261)

Some dogwoods will be on sale at the Master Gardener's convention June 15th. Let Beth know if you can help from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Last Meeting's Vote — The by-laws amendment to disassociate with The Gardener's of America failed to pass.

Landscape Judging — Awards were presented Tuesday, May 30th at the Chamber of Commerce. Bob Hamilton and eight other Club members were present. Civic leaders Norm Pulliam and Kurt Zimmerli attended and were complimentary concerning the judging program. This year's winners of the various business categories are: Greenville/Spartanburg Airport, Zima Corporation, Timberlake Apartments, Spartanburg Water System, Flagstar, Orthopaedic Surgery Associates, Bell Hill, Skylyn Place, and Zimmer Machinery.

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Director's Report, Special Projects — Harold Browning is responsible for our special planting and landscape projects:

“In addition to our ongoing community commitments, we respond to requests from local public and charity organizations for landscaping assistance. This includes our donation of both plants and labor, as well as offering constructive advice.

In most cases, we follow up our original work with some essential maintenance such as replacing dead plants and adding supplementary plants.

Notable examples of recently completed projects are landscaping at Hearon Circle, New Day Psychiatric Apts. Civitan Rehab. Center, and St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic.

At the moment, we are committed to a somewhat larger project of upgrading the Spartanburg Arts Center landscaping.”

Keep Spartanburg Clean Litter Pickup — At last month's city-wide pickup only a few showed: Darvin Helvy, Walt Soderburg, Mary K., Ben DeLuca, and Tom Bartram. We have another chance at our regular Pine Street location Saturday, June 17th. We meet at Wade's, 8:00 AM.

Miscellany — A composting demonstration combined with a hardwood cuttings seminar will be held in the fall; The Rose Show, again chaired by Bob Reynolds with assistance from Gil Hooper will be held at Hillcrest Mall Sept. 9th; The Flower bed at Hillcrest has been adopted by First Citizen's bank; the Club will receive \$1000 from the Tourism Fund to start the Arts Center landscape improvement program, (considerably less than hoped for); Chip Burnett will speak at the July meeting about Bonsai Gardens.

How about something for the doorprize pool?



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July 12, 1995

Meeting: Monday, July 17, 1995
Place: The Arts Center, 385 South Spring Street
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Program: Bonsai Gardens. *Speaker:* Chip Burnett. Chip is a Master Gardener who specializes in ornamentals.

Annual Rose Show — Our 23rd annual rose show will be held at Hillcrest Mall, Saturday, September 9th. Members are asked to sign up at the meeting for a block of time between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM for assignment by Bob Reynolds and his committee. Gil Hooper, Co-Chairman, points out that in recent years the number of non-Spartanburg area exhibitors has far exceeded the number of local exhibitors. Members are asked to participate and to ask rose growers they know to participate. The show is much enhanced if there are many local amateur exhibitors. Also, several club members will advise on how to prepare roses.

Picnic — Our annual picnic is scheduled Monday, August 21st at Hatcher Gardens. This year a rain date is set for August 28th. Plan to attend. Details in next bulletin.

Container Plant Program — The plants are fine, and everything is on schedule, but the program still suffers from membership neglect. One or two people are doing the weeding, and the Master Gardener group contributes more effort than we do. Beth Sabin would be pleasantly surprised if a few turned out most any day to help. Also, Beth still has to hear from some of those who we believe are growing plants for the sale – we need information for our list of available plants.

Arts Center Beautification — Harold Browning has agreed to come up with a plan for some improvements at the Arts Center with the \$1,000 state Tourism award we expect to receive.

Luncheon – Dick Look — Twenty-one from our club honored Dick and his wife Claire at Harry's June 23rd. Dick, who served as a director and Secretary, was stalwart on our various projects for many years. He leaves a sizable gap. The Looks are moving to New Hampshire to live near their children. Their new address: 19 Capitol Circle, Rochester, NH 03867.

I-85 Bypass Plantings — Henry Pittman reports that he has had further contacts with Jim Aitken, the state's consultant on this project, who says that a contract with a landscape architectural firm for a final plan will be signed soon. They will use the Club's suggestions prepared by Henry and hope to be set up for a November 1995 planting. The detailed plans cover

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26 miles of plantings – 13 on either side of the by-pass. It's the largest project of its sort pending in South Carolina.

Master Gardeners — The State Convention of Master Gardeners held here last month was a roaring success – good attendance, worthwhile program, excellent speakers, etc. Joe Maple and his committee deserve congratulations! Six of our members were on the program (note: visitors from the convention bought \$85 worth of trees at Hatcher Gardens.)

Youth Gardening — Kerry Dempsey, our Secretary, gives us the following report on her project:

It has been a busy year for our Youth Gardening Program. A butterfly garden was planted at McCracken Junior High. The Environmental Club students were assisted by several Garden Club members in planting buddleia shrubs, butterfly weed and crape myrtles. Future plans include planting dogwood in front of the school. During the Christmas holidays thirty student volunteers assisted Henry Pittman in planting ten willows oaks in front of the eastside Walmart.

Also, we were able to help the Garden Club at Z. L. Madden Elementary beautify their school. Several members helped the children plant dogwoods, tulip and daffodil bulbs, as part of an Arbor Day program. The 4-H Club in Landrum planted dogwoods along Hwy. 14, and plan to add junipers, bulbs, and several flowering shrubs.

We've made some special young friends, and look forward to working with more future gardeners.

PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR THE DOORPRIZE POOL AT THE MEETING.



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August 16, 1995

Picnic! — ...AT HATCHER GARDENS, Monday, August 21st, 6:30 PM (Raindate, heaven forbid, August 28th.)

The Club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and utensils. Some have assigned items to bring, and others may bring their favorite dish or dessert. Just be there! It's a good idea to bring a folding chair.

A special feature at the picnic will be recognition of guests Charley Gray and Bill Drake, two of our best friends and strongest supporters.

Rose Show — Hillcrest Mall, Saturday, September 9th. We're getting a good bit of publicity from the likes of Bill Drake and efforts of Dave Kennemur. Also, Henry Pittman put together a poster which has been distributed to a number of business locations. *The Herald Journal* will feature an article about the show and rose grower Dr. Robert Haas Sunday, August 27th. Chairman Bob Reynolds and his committee are emphasizing that Spartanburg growers, including the most amateur, should participate.

Rose Clinic — As a part of the Rose Show program to encourage local participation, a special rose show clinic on preparation and grooming of roses will be held at the Arts Center Sunday, August 20th at 2:00 PM. Dr. and Mrs. Jeremias of Newberry, SC will lead that program. A further incentive to new exhibitors is a *new category* at the show for hybrid tea and grandiflora roses presented by Spartanburg County participants.

Composting Demonstration — Jess Taylor is organizing this affair to be presented at Hatcher Gardens Saturday, October 7th, the date that the fall tree sale is tentatively set to start.

Adopt a Highway — We've received a letter of thanks for the work of Darvin Helvy and his crew from South Carolina State Treasurer. Richard Eckstrom.

More About Roses — Gil Hooper, our resident rosarian and active participant in our Rose Show activities gives us the following:

ROSE: A name, song, a poem, a symbol – but most of all, our

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lovely National Flower. It is believed to have existed on earth for about thirty million years (long before man). It is of the same genus as peaches, apples, plums, etc. It is native to the northern hemisphere from Alaska to North Africa. Our native rose is probably the Cherokee Rose. Roses were popular with the Greeks and Romans, and grown for perfume in the Balkans. Impetus toward modern roses came from the hybridizers of Empress Josephine's gardens at La Malmaison, France. Since then, hybridizers all over the world have created many beautiful types – tiny, bug, climbers that will look in your second floor windows, etc. They bloom from early May to hard frost . They are good for landscaping, for bouquets, and are great for gifts. They grow well in Spartanburg, and are not difficult to raise.

Try some – you'll enjoy them. AND, remember to come to the Men's Garden Club Show.

From the National Wildlife Magazine — Metropolitan areas can save millions in energy and air pollution costs by planting trees, according to a 3-year study completed by the U.S. Forest Service. Trees improve air quality by removing atmospheric pollutants and can serve as windbreaks and shade providers for buildings and residences. The study found that planting 95,000 green ash trees in Chicago and cultivating them for 30 years would cost \$21 million, but net \$38 million in benefits – \$402 per tree. Trees removing carbon monoxide, ozone, etc. netted \$9.2 million in averted costs. A 25 ft. tree planted on the west side of a typical residence reduced annual heating and cooling costs 2-4%. Three such trees along a west wall would cut costs by \$50-90 in Chicago, a 10% savings on average annual fuel bills.



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September 13, 1995

Meeting: Monday, September 18, 1995
The Arts Center, 385 S. Spring St.
Spartanburg, SC

Program: Plant Problem Panel – Bring your gardening problems and ask our special experts:

Charles Gray, County Agent
Joe Maple, Head Master Gardener
Tony Hollifield, Piedmont Farm and Garden
Robert Odom, Odom Ace Hardware

Rose Show – Our 23rd show was held last Saturday, and was well attended. The roses exhibited were of particularly good quality. We had 17 exhibitors, and saw an increase in local exhibitors. In fact, locals outnumbered the out-of-county ~~9~~ to 8. The training “clinic” presented in August to help new exhibitors, as well as the posters announcing the show, seemed to have helped. Bob Reynolds did his usual smooth job running the show and all of its details. We had a good turnout of volunteers from the Club, and Dave Kennemur managed TV, radio, and press coverage well. Our sponsors who came through with funds to run the affair were: Metromont, Milliken, First Federal of Spartanburg, Floyd’s Mortuary, Foster’s Garden Center, Zima, Kohler, Community Cash, Belk Hudson, Mark’s Garden World, Roebuck Greenhouses, Odom Ace Hardware, CWS Insurance and Piedmont Garden Supply. Some of the winners of Walter’s great prizes were:

Queen of Show: Mack and Donna Smith, Piedmont, SC

King of Show: Dennis and Suzy Bridges, Lawndale, NC

Claud Sherrill Award: Jamie Bulman, Roebuck, SC

Miniature Queen of Show: Bill and Sis Shull, Lincolnton, NC

Miniature King of Show: also Bill and Sis Shull

Horticultural Sweepstakes: First: Dennis and Suzy Bridges; Second: Gilman Hooper of Spartanburg, and Third: Jack and Nancy Wright

Winner in the Judges Class: Margaret Noe of Greenville; other winners from the Spartanburg area were Mrs. Alfred New, Mrs. Ernest Camp, Joan Cowan, Ginny Jordan, Linda Cobb, and Lyn Savor.

Plant and Tree Sale: The Saturday Sale days begin October 7th. Beth Sabin asks that all plants from home gardens be delivered to Hatcher Gardens by ~~September~~ 6th. Volunteer as a helper at the meeting! The

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1995 price list is on the back of this bulletin. Please give the list to friends and encourage them to visit the sale on any of the eleven Saturdays 'til mid December. Hours 9 am to 12 noon. Beth has gift certificates which may be purchased then redeemed for plants. Others may wish to buy container plants and donate them.

Arts Center Landscaping: Harold Browning and Linda McHam were developing a plan to make some improvements at the Center with the grant monies we received from the Tourism Fund.

I-85 Bypass: At our Board meeting, Henry Pittman reviewed the detailed plans for the extensive plantings along the 13 miles of the bypass. Looks outstanding. The next step is Federal approval, and hopefully, for planting to start around the first of the year. The plans call for a wide variety of trees, and a particularly impressive display at the Rte. 176 entrance to Spartanburg.

Youth programs at D. L. Madden and Pine Street Elementary Schools, and the environmental program at McCracken Jr. High are getting off the ground with Kerry Dempsey's support. Of special note is that the coordinator of garden club activities at D. L. Madden, Kathleen Elam, has been named South Carolina teacher of the year.

Jess Taylor, who we rely on for expertise in many areas of gardening, contributes the following:

COMPOSTING TIME

Leaves will be falling soon and it's time to consider recycling them. Think compost.

Composting can be complicated by using rotating drums, pitch forks, back breaking labor, 3 bin rotation, and possibly other sophisticated systems. However it can be made simple with inexpensive equipment and very little labor.

I will describe the method I have used with a reasonable degree of success.

1. Construct one or several 4 foot diameter wire cages from 48-inch high vinyl-coated garden wire. A 50 foot roll of this wire from Home Depot sells for \$42 and will make four cages.
2. Have on hand a bag or two of 10-10-10 fertilizer and some pelleted lime.
3. Pile up leaves in thin layers 6 or 8 inches deep and throw in a hand full of fertilizer and lime between each layer. If the leaves are very dry hose them down before adding the supplements.
4. Add to the pile as your neighbor's leaves migrate to your yard. The piles should be at least 3 feet high to hold enough heat to pasteurize the compost and kill bugs, weed seed, and fungus diseases.
5. Let the good stuff sit there and decompose until spring. Use it as a mulch or mix it with garden soil as an organic fertilizer or soil conditioner.

The use of a shredder when collecting the leaves will help the process along.

Now that's all I am going to say about that.

Miscellany: Shirley Marshall, former Secretary of the Club and supplier of great goodies at various Club functions, has moved to Bradenton, FL (1510 1st Ave. W., 104 Waterfront Condominiums, Bradenton, 34205). We'll miss her...Bob Powell thanks those who helped with the picnic, which, by the way, was a very pleasant event, with good food and blessed with fine and reasonably cool weather. We gave certificates of appreciation to picnic guests Bill Drake and Charley Gray, both long time supporters of our Club...The Garden Club regional meeting is scheduled for October 20 and 21 in Knoxville (more on this later)...Bring an item for the doorprize pool at our meeting!

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL TREE, SHRUB, AND PLANT SALE

Fall/Winter 1995
Public Announcement

The annual sale and distribution of trees, shrubs, and plants will start **Saturday, Oct. 7, 1995** and will run through **Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995** at **Hatcher Horticulture Gardens, 820 Reidville Road; hours are 9:00 am to 12:00 noon each Saturday.** All trees, shrubs and plants are container grown. They will be available on site, so no advance orders are necessary, unless you wish to purchase large quantities in which case advance orders are advised. **Plants will be offered on a first come-first served basis.**

Up to two white dogwood trees will be supplied free to non-profit organizations for public beautification. Hopefully these plants will be planted on Friday, Dec. 4th to celebrate Arbor Day.

The growing and distribution of these quality plants **is a non-profit activity of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club. All proceeds are used for beautification projects in Spartanburg County.**

Below is a partial listing of our offerings for 1995, with a price listing:

TREES	Red Cape Myrtle	\$2.00
	White Cape Myrtle	7.00
	Bradford Pear	8.00
	Leyland Cypress	5.00
	White Pine	2.00
	White Dogwood	(3 for 10.00) 4.00
	Pink Dogwood	10.00
	Yoshino Cherry	12.50
	Kwansan	12.50
	Weeping Cherry	12.50

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River Birch	10.00
Red Birch	10.00
Pussy Willow	7.00
Althea	5.00
Azalea (purple, white, red)	3.00
Burning Bush	3.00
Yellow Cane Dogwood	3.00
Red Cane Dogwood	3.00
Japanese Euonymus	2.00
Osmanthus	5.00
Abelia	2.00
Rhododendron	10.00
Nandina	2.00
Japanese Holly	2.00
Chinese Holly	2.00
Flowering Quince	5.00
Flowering Pomergranate	3.00
Flowering Almond	5.00
Acuba	2.00
Hydrangea (purple, blue, white)	3.00
Gardenia	3.00
Hawthorne (pink)	2.00
Weigela	2.00
Hearts-a-bustin' with love	3.00
Spirea (pink)	2.00
Forsythia	2.00



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November 10, 1995

Meeting: Monday, November 20, 1995 – 7:30 pmw
Place: The Arts Center, 385 South Spring Street
Spartanburg, SC
Program: *Speaker:* Mr. Les Tindal, South Carolina Commissioner
of Agriculture

Annual Meeting — Our annual meeting is scheduled for November 20, with an interesting program planned. We are very pleased Mr. Tindal will be with us, and we look forward to his comments. As usual, this will be an occasion to welcome guests and enjoy their fellowship. Refreshments will be hors d'ourves and dessert snacks accompanied by Martha Tiller's punch. Wayne Burdell has done a great job of organization, so don't you be the missing ingredient. An extra tray of goodies from you will be welcomed.

Container Sales — The plant sales at Hatcher Gardens on Saturday mornings started very well, but have tapered somewhat the last several weeks. Still, over 1,000 plants have been sold, and there are some gaps noticeable in the vast array at Hatcher. Some 15 different people have showed up at different times to help during the 9:00 to 12:00 period, and we would be happy to have you join us for coffee, donuts, fellowship, and a little work.

National Convention — The National organization of Men's Garden Clubs of America will be held in Asheville May 19-20, 1998. In order for the Blue Ridge Region to host this meeting, the Asheville Club needed our support, which we pledged. Gerry Hardesty, 5 Persimmon Lane, Asheville, NC 28805, Phone (704) 299-3315, who is chairman of this event, needs all the help he can get from our club. Please get in touch with Gerry or get a "I will help" – list from Bob Almond, and give your enthusiastic support.

Tree Order — An order has been placed with the State Nursery for some 200 small trees to be delivered next March and April. These will be need to be potted and bedded down at Hatcher Gardens. If you would like to care for some of these at home, please contact a member of the container committee. Additional trees and shrubs will be ordered from private nurseries later. These also will need potting and T. L. C.

Youth Gardening — One of our big success stories this year has been the Youth Gardening Program under the direction of Kerry Dempsey. She, Kathleen Elam, and others have successfully promoted Garden Clubs in local schools, and the potential for this expanding in 1996 is excellent. Our club has willingly donated trees and shrubs, and not only kids, but butterflies, birds, bees and other "critters" have benefited.

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Dues Are Due — Have you sent George Wegrzyn your check for 1996 dues? If not, please attend to this next time your check book is out. George accepts cash also, and no identification is necessary.

Welcome — We welcome new additions to our Board of Directors as Follows: Jack Turner, Wendell Tiller, Jane Bagwell, Steve Patton, and George Gunter. We thank them for their willingness to help with Club activities.

Club Programs — Club Programs for 1996 were discussed, starting in January with Joe Maple's eagerly awaited "What's New In Gardening" presentation. If you have a request for a special program during the year, please tell one of the officers.

Kudos — To Bob Powell who is responsible for the front page article on SMGC in the S.C. Market Bulletin, and to Dave Kennemur, who has gotten us good publicity in local media.

Guest Columnist — Our final guest columnist for the year is President, Bob Almond, who will summarize our activities during 1995. Since our accomplishments were extensive, Bob will address this in letter form in December. (He starts out by saying "Great Job!")

Environment — Don't put those leaves in the street – compost them, Jess Taylor can tell you an easy way to do it.

Next Meeting — No regular meeting in December. Next regular meeting is January 15, 1996 at 7:30 at the Arts Center. Don't miss Joe Maple.

Beware of the deadly sitting habit
Or, if you sit, sit like the rabbit
Who keepeth ever on the jump
By springs concealed beneath his rump!



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December 13, 1995

1995 REVIEW

No meeting is scheduled for December. Our next meeting is set for January 15, 1996 – details will be in our January bulletin.

This issue presents Bob Almond's report about the past year.

Additionally, listed are those of us who have not remitted 1996 dues. Our Board asks that you consider this listing as the Club's invoice for your \$20.00 annual dues (\$25.00 for couples). Your early attention to this obligation will be appreciated, and will save us the expense of individual billing. Remit to: George Wegrzyn, 217 Muirfield Dr., Spartanburg, SC 29306.

Dear Member,

This has been a very eventful year in the life of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club. In May we faced the decision of whether to remain in the National Organization, and, although some members were not pleased with National's lack of attention to local clubs, we voted to remain affiliated. As such, we will continue to have a voice in the operation of National, and we will also be in a position to assist the Asheville Club in hosting the National Convention in 1998.

We lost some valuable members in 1995 – some moved away, and some had too many competing interests. Replacing these members is a high priority for the growth of the club.

Members can be proud of their accomplishments this past year. Most of the goals we had set were met, with the exception of a 10% growth in membership. We are actively looking for ways to accomplish this 10% growth in 1996.

When I say "Be proud", look at some of your accomplishments in 1995:

1. Planted and maintained 10 flower beds in public areas for beautification of Spartanburg.
2. Conducted Youth Gardening programs in 4 public school resulting in two youth-maintained gardens.
3. Honored two of our most loyal supporters at our Annual Picnic, Charles Gray and Bill Drake.
4. Received certificate of appreciation from South Carolina State Treasurer for our money-saving project of Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up Program.
5. At present, conducting annual container plant and tree sale to general public. Three trees are donated to non-profit groups to plant in public areas for community beautification. Approximately 800 trees sold so far. Sale continues until December 16.
6. Participate in "Keep Spartanburg Clean and Beautiful" Campaign with three club members on Board of Directors.
7. Supplied Dogwoods and Crape Myrtles to Spartanburg Board of Realtors for their spring sale. Approximately 1000 trees sold.
8. Received Tax Accommodations Grant to be used for landscape improvements at the Arts Center.
9. Conducted 24th Annual Landscape Judging for the Chamber of Commerce. 44 local businesses participated and 21 members served as judges.
10. Held Annual Rose Show with entrants from both North and South Carolina. Conducted "How to Show" Clinic before show.
11. Planted trees and shrubs at Hearon Circle, Free Medical Clinic, and Civitan House.
12. MGC landscape plan for planting along new 13 mile stretch of I-85 was

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- basically accepted by the landscape architects, and planting of some 6800 trees and shrubs (including wildflowers) will begin late December or early 1996.
13. Contributed \$2200.00 for purchase of select trees and shrubs for planting at Hatcher Horticultural Garden.
 14. Hosted Spouse night at Annual Meeting on November 20. South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, Les Tindall, was our speaker.
 15. Contributed \$100.00 for restoration of Nature Trail in Tryon, North Carolina.
 16. Contributed trees to local Garden Club as awards in their Blood Drive.
 17. Honored four members as Directors Emeritus; Dave Kennemur, Julian Foster, Walter Soderberg, and Sid Moorehead.

As impressive as this list is, think how much more we could have done if all the members had participated in its activities.

I have enjoyed serving as your President for the past two terms, and I offer this challenge for the future – Pick an area of club activity and get involved!

Bob Almond

Ackah, Ethel	Eilenberg, Elaine	McClure, Don	Seixas, Everette
Black, Sam, Dr.	Foster, Howard	Miller, T.S.	Siwierka, Walter
Blumer, Adam	Foster, Julian	Montgomery, Walter	Sloan, Richard
Braghirol, John	Foster, Martha	Moore, Jacqueline	Stolz, David
Browning, Harold	Fredrickson, Harold	Murphy, Ellis	Taylor, Hollis
Butehorn, Joan	Frost, Charles	New, Virginia	Tessmer, Raymond
Campbell, Roger	Gencarelli, Ray	Ondrus, Paul & Mary	Turner, Jack & Jane
Chapman, John	Georgian, M.M.	Overcash, Ed	Watson, Robert, Jr.
Chesney, Morris	Goodwin, William	Patton, Gibbes	Wells, Clyde
Cobb William & Linda	Grimes, Frank	Perrin, Edward	Wilson, David
Collier, Carolyn	Hatcher, Harold	Phillips, Neil	Wilson, Virginia
Davenport, Milton	Helvey, Darwin	Potter Mary	Wright, Cardinal
Davis, Lamar	Hudnut, Ruth & William	Prince, Thomas	Zima Corp
DeLuca, Ben	Jordan, Ginny	Ramella, Henry	Zoglio Orlando & Viola
Dempsey, Kerry	Koshak, Daniel	Reynolds, James, Dr.	
Dobslaw, GA	Liggitt, Robert	Sabin, Elizabeth	
Drummond, George	Maple, Joseph	Simons, Mary	