



# GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

January 15, 1997

- Meeting:** Monday, January 20th
- Place:** The Arts Center  
385 S. Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
- Program:** "WHAT'S NEW IN GARDENING" Joe Maple, leader and former President of the Master Gardener's Program in our state, will present his interesting annual review of new seeds, products and developments for home flower and vegetable gardening.

**1997 Outlook** - With a new President and a number of new faces on our Board of Directors, we look forward to a great year of good gardening experiences and community service. Our treasurer, Bob Hamilton, reports that we're reasonably fluid and able to finance more projects. Also, we have some interesting programs planned. As George Gunter stated in his letter - We hope all participate.

**Board of Realtors Tree Sale** - Our first major effort of the new year will be to supply trees and some shrubs to the Board of Realtors for their annual tree sale, scheduled March 8th. This project, which started a few years ago when we asked to replace the Realtor's former supplier of dogwoods, has grown to become a major source of income to support our projects. This year we will supply white, pink and red crepe myrtle, and a variety of shrubs in addition to dogwood. The "digging" date for the sale is set for Feb. 22nd, with some of the Realtors joining us.

**Potting Sessions** - Sessions to get the container garden for 1997 started are scheduled at Hatcher Gardens on the following Saturdays:

Jan. 25th. - Red Maple and Forsythia

Feb. 1st. - White Dogwood

Feb. 8th. - Pink Dogwood, Bradford Pear, Butterfly Bush

More information and sign up at meeting.

**Workshop Sessions** - We're planning to add some skill sessions during the work times at Hatcher Gardens which we hope will appeal to some of our members. Present plans are to present a short class on hardwood cutting propagation at 10:00 AM during the February 8th work session.

**Botanical Gardens Tour** - We're planning a group bus trip to the S.C. Botanical Gardens at Clemson in late April - perhaps in lieu of our April meeting. We're tentatively lined up with a tour by the Garden Director, and should get a first class view of this much - improved horticultural gem.

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**New Clubs** - Several from our club are arranging meetings with groups in Greenville and in Seneca where there appears to be some real interest in forming new Men's garden clubs.

**Arts Center** - As previously reported, a new plan for landscape improvement at the Arts Center was developed for us by Spartanburg Tech students. We've had initial meetings with Arts Center representatives, and hope to establish an action plan with them soon.

**PURPOSE OF OUR CLUB** - At our recent Director's meeting, one of the new Directors very properly enquired as to the purpose and role of our club. Our able Secretary, Jean Bagwell, quickly responded by reading the initial section of our By-laws which is as follows:

The object of this club shall be: to promote better gardening by instructing the public on all gardening subjects; the development of natural beauty in homes, community and the nation - the cooperation with youth to teach appreciation of horticulture and develop skills; the increase in gardening education by demonstrations, shows, and awards; to develop these objectives in the spirit of friendliness for better gardening in the local club, the region and the nation.

**Membership** - When dues are finally in (Have you paid?) it looks as though we will have about the same size club as last year. To maintain our level - and hopefully grow, we suggest that each member consider who they can invite to a meeting as a possible new member.



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February 12, 1997

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**Meeting:** Monday, February 17, 1997  
**Place:** The Arts Center  
385 S. Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC  
**Program:** "WATER GARDENING" - Don Johnson, Owner of Don Johnson Signs, has turned his water gardening hobby into a full-time occupation: designing and installing water gardens.

**Board of Realtors Tree Sale** - It looks as if we'll be ready with plenty of trees for the Board of Realtor's sale, scheduled at the Beacon, March 8th. Our Saturday potting sessions have been well attended - particularly by the ladies of our club ( key workers include: Karen Hammett, LuluBelle Scruggs, Jane Turner, Jane Bagwell, Dottie Scott, Susanne Gunter and Ruth Hudnut). A major digging date for the sale will be February 22nd, ( rain date, Mar. 1st ) - we expect help that Saturday from the Realtor's group. Sign up sheet at meeting.

**Spartanburg County Library** - At the last director's meeting, your Board approved our creating a memorial garden at the new library honoring former member Walter J. Montgomery. The garden will include a flagpole and will be located at the corner of Kennedy and Church Streets. The Club will be recognized by a plaque displayed with other recognitions of donors within the library. Prior to our director's meeting, Kurt Zimmerli, who is personally funding the considerable landscaping plans at the library, outlined the overall plan for the area.

**Greenhouse - Hatcher Gardens** - After much discussion and consideration of alternate plans, we've contracted to erect a double-walled plastic heated greenhouse at Hatcher Gardens for Harold's use to produce annuals and perennials for the gardens. George Gunter and his committee have reviewed plans with The Spartanburg Foundation, trustee of the Gardens, and are hopeful to have the new structure up and operating in early March so it will be of benefit during the 1997 growing season. While most of the cost will be ours, the Women's Garden Club Council is providing assistance, and some individual women's clubs may provide additional financial support.

**Miscellany** - George Gunter is organizing an expedition to Asheville to obtain a new supply of rhododendron from the grower who grew the ones which were so popular at our sale last fall. We've agreed to be a sponsor of a program for Friends of the Library arranged by Joe Maple and featuring Joe Wilson of TV's Victory Garden. Bill and Ruth Hudnut, Beth Sabin

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and George Gunter are involved in landscaping a Habitat for Humanity House. If you would like to help, call George G. or Beth Sabin. Henry Pittman, as President of the Blue Ridge Region, is working hard to foster the establishment of new Men's Garden Clubs in our area. The nucleus group in Greenville has had an initial meeting and claims some 18 members. John Mann is President pro temp; other possibilities are Seneca and Anderson. We're sorry to lose Don Oldham, who has decided to move from the area to be closer to his children. Don has been one of our most able members- and a real hands-on doer.

**Hatcher Garden Plans**- In conjunction with the Spartanburg Foundation, we're represented on a committee undertaking the task of formulation plans for the future of the Garden. Our representatives are Bob Almond, Bill Gaston and Jess Taylor.

**Clemson Gardens Visit** - 26 have signed up for the expedition Saturday April 26th for a tour and lunch at the Horticultural Gardens. It sounds like a great event. Sign up at the meeting, or call Henry Pittman.

**Scholarships**- We interviewed several applications for National Garden Club scholarships at Spartanburg Tech last month and have submitted three applications from excellent candidates.

**Crape Myrtle Cuttings** - Jess Taylor has taken red crape myrtle cuttings and will have them available at the meeting for those who plan to propagate them this spring.

LET'S HAVE A DOOR PRIZE POOL AT THE MEETING



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March 12, 1997

- Meeting:** Monday, March 17th
- Place:** The Arts Center  
385 S. Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
- Program:** "OLD GARDEN ROSES" Bill Peterson of Roses Unlimited, Enoree, SC. Bill has hundreds of rose varieties at his establishment. Last year, he was featured in Southern Living.

**Hatcher Gardens** - The new greenhouse is up and running. Although gas and new water source connections still need doing, Harold has moved in some plants, and is making plans to start seed beds. Stop by and see. Bob Almond is spearheading our efforts with the Foundation and other interested parties in developing a long-range plan for the Gardens.

**County Library** - We met with the landscape architects concerning the details of the Walter Montgomery memorial garden we're sponsoring - and your Board is pleased with the location and plans.

**Clemson Trip** - We're set for a bus trip and outing at the South Carolina Botanical Gardens at Clemson, Saturday April 26th. We leave at 8 AM. Henry Pittman has made the basic arrangements for the bus and garden tour, and Bill Gaston has plans for lunch and afternoon tours. We will return to Spartanburg by 5 PM. The bus cost is \$10 each, and a modest lunch cost will be involved. At present, there are about 12 openings left on the bus - make your arrangements at the meeting.

**Landscape Judging** - Plans are underway for our annual event of serving as judges for the establishments who participate in the Chamber of Commerce landscape judging program. Volunteers are needed as judges on May 10th. Sign-up at the meeting. The awards reception is planned for May 29th. Jane Bagwell serves as Chair of the event - The Scotts, who hoped to lead the event, are unable to because Walter has had a heart problem and a stroke. We understand he is at home and recovering reasonably well.

**Flower Bed Program** - We lost last year's chairman and eager worker when Don Oldham moved from the area. Harold Browning, another hard worker, has agreed to fill in - but seeks help in preparing beds, planting, and summer maintenance. If you have an urge to give him any kind of aid, call him at 585-7467.

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**Asheville National Convention Plans** - It looks like the Asheville club is getting a good start on their 1998 (May 16-20) Convention plans. Several working committees are developing area tours and programs. Jerry Hardesty, Chairman of the event, has been in touch with our George Gunter about our commitment to help with the hospitality room during the convention, and further asking that we assist in procuring items to be used as door prizes. Any ideas concerning prizes in the \$5 - \$10 range, particularly if they are gardening oriented, will be appreciated. Donors will receive appropriate recognition. Asheville has titled the convention as the "Blue Ridge Getaway."

**New Clubs in our Region** - The Greenville Men's Garden Club seems to be off and running. President John Mann presided at their first formal meeting of some 15 members plus guests Henry Pittman and Tom Bartram. One of the new officers is a very ardent and able azalea grower (we understand he has a showplace of about three acres off Roper Mt. Road). Also, groups in Seneca and Anderson seem to be developing nicely. Our representatives met with the Greenwood Men's Garden Club, and extended an invitation for a visit to one of our meetings.

**Miscellany** - The Realtor's spring tree sale at the Beacon last Saturday went well - and will yield a substantial boost for our working treasury...Walt Soderberg says that the African Violet Society will hold its annual sale and demonstration at Hillcrest Mall April 11th and 12th (until sold out)...George Gunter, Beth Sabin, and some Master Gardeners have landscaped a Habitat for Humanity Home.

**In Memoriam**  
*John A. Nevison*  
1913-1997  
*Past President*

**Editor's Note:** John wrote this bulletin for many years, in a manner imparting his own special friendly warmth.



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April 16, 1997

**Clemson Botannical Garden Tour** - Saturday April 26th  
NO MEETING MONDAY APRIL 21

*Tour:* Bill Gaston and Henry Pittman have been the arrangers for this tour of the Gardens at Clemson. At this point, you still are able to get aboard the bus we've chartered for the day. The bus will leave from the First Baptist Church parking lot at 8 AM. The bus charge per person is \$10. Call Henry Pittman at 579-0532 for reservations for you or any guests you would like to bring.

Our plan for the day includes a guided walk through the Botannical Gardens, visits to the experimental turf farm and the Geology Museum, a catered lunch at the Gardens, and a stop at the Ag School store for ice cream and blue cheese purchases before our return to Spartanburg (we expect to get back by 5 PM).

David Kennemur plans to have something liquid available on the bus.

**Realtor's Sale** - Our profit as the supplier to the Board of Realtors for their annual fund-raising tree sale was less than last year, but still substantial. Also, the Realtors gave \$140 to help with the Greenhouse at Hatcher Gardens. (It is noted that the Azalea Garden Club gave \$100 to help with the Greenhouse, and the Women's Garden Club Council \$1000).

**Arts Center Project** - Jim and Jane Bagwell are working with Rick McAbee of Roebuck Greenhouses to plant six Little Gem magnolia, 24 cleyera, 2 doublefile viburnum, 3 acuba. Also, a number of winter daphne will be included in the front foundation planting.

**Fall sale plants** - The container garden at Hatcher Gardens is growing and in good shape. The most recent addition is a lot of 200 rhododendron obtained in Asheville by George Gunter, Jim Bagwell and Harold Browning. These will be potted in 3 gallon pots, and should enhance our collection for the fall sale.

**Landscape Judging** - Jane Bagwell needs a few more volunteers to serve as judges for this event (Sat., May 10). A sign-up sheet will be available on the Clemson tour or you may contact Jane direct (574-0896).

**Flower Beds** - Harold Browning is organizing our flower bed program, and welcomes help. We plan to take on at least a couple of plantings on a team basis. More later.

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**New Greenville Men's Garden Club** - The Greenville group had their "Charter Night" early this month with about twenty in attendance plus representatives from our Club and from the Asheville Club. Henry Pittman is still proselytizing and has done spade work in Tryon and Oak Ridge in addition to continuing efforts in Anderson and Seneca.

**Propagation Boxes** - Walter Soderberg points out that those who put in cuttings last year should be potting up their results to assure growth by the time of the tree sale. Also, those with new crape myrtle cuttings are warned that a few green sprouts doesn't mean that cuttings are rooted - wait a while to be sure.

**Miscellany** - Many from our group attended the memorial service for Martha Hargree, Winston's wife, who died recently after a difficult illness.....A number of donations in memory of John Nevison were received by our Club and Hatcher Gardens.....A planning session with the Spartanburg Foundation as to the future of Hatcher Gardens is scheduled.....Initial plans for the fall Regional meeting are being made.....a final plan for the memorial flag garden at the new library is imminent.....our current membership is 112, a new record!





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May 14, 1997

**Meeting:** Monday, May 19th, 7:30 PM  
**Place:** The Arts Center  
385 S. Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC  
**Program:** Irrigation and Irrigation Systems Art represents W. P. Long Co., a distributor of a variety of irrigation systems. There may be an application that interests you, with the hot and dry summer months almost upon us.

**Landscape Judging** - Our annual joint venture with the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce was conducted Saturday May 10th. Jane Bagwell chaired the event, which involved judging about fifty business locations, both large and small, in the Spartanburg area. Twenty-two members, including a few of our newest, participated in judging area establishments on the quality of their landscapes. It was a beautiful day, and this fine Spring helped produce some quality landscapes. Winners of the various categories will be honored at a wine and cheese reception 4:30 PM May 28th at the Chamber building. You are encouraged to attend.

**Hatcher Garden Advisory Committee** - The Spartanburg Foundation, Trustee for Hatcher Gardens, has formed an advisory Committee of interested parties that includes Jess Taylor, Bill Gaston, Bob Almond, and, of course, Harold Hatcher, from our Club. To aid in developing a long-range plan, the group is studying plans of gardens at Belmont (near Rock Hill), Atlanta, and Orangeburg. Bill Gaston and John Dargan are seeking assistance in planning from Clemson University.

**Litter pickup** - For one reason or another, our Club has managed to slight the responsibility we undertook to participate on recent area litter pickup dates. Our next date for pickup on North Pine Street is Saturday morning June 7th. It only takes about three hours - if we have a reasonable turnout. Please check your schedule and sign up at the meeting. Darvin Helvy, our leader, will supply materials needed.

**SC Botanical Garden trip** - Some forty members spent a very pleasant day on a bus trip and tour of gardens at Clemson. Bill Gaston and Henry Pittman were our able organizers, and we were honored to have our tour personally directed by Dr. John Kelly, Clemson Vice President. In addition to the Gardens, we were shown the turf grass experimental area, the geology museum, had a stop at the historic Calhoun Mansion, and of course - ice cream.

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**Flower Beds** - Harold Browning has started on the beds - and plans to call for help as needed. Beds at Hillcrest and Duncan Park will be prepared on a team effort basis. To date, the cool weather has slowed progress somewhat.

**New members** - This year we have been blessed with a number of new members. At our Board meeting, we discussed our need to make sure we have appropriately welcomed these recent additions. Since the first of the year, the following have joined: Fred and Diana Adams, Mike and Dianna Randall, Elaine Eilenburg, Dan and Martha Foster, Ron and Onoosh Gahagan, Edwin Griffin, Louise Jarrett, James Lindsey, J. Frank and Grace Mitchell, and Lyn Savor.

**Miscellany** - We plan to 'farmout' our collection of rhododendron plants scheduled for the fall sale to individuals for hot weather care . . . Steve Patton is planning a potting session May 24th to take care of-a small backlog that needs done . . . Two more ladies garden clubs have made donations to the greenhouse project at Hatcher Gardens: The Home and Garden Club and The Garden Study Club . . . We've made initial arrangements to have the fall regional meeting held in magnificent new facilities at Wofford College . . . Henry Pittman, who will chair the fall meeting, met with the Asheville club and talked about the meeting and efforts to start more new clubs.

**Spokane suggestions** - The editor of the Spokane, Washington, club newsletter (they are National convention hosts this summer) came up with a curious listing of 70 ways to use baking soda around the house. I liked this one: "20. Dry clean the Dog: Rub baking soda into fur, then comb out. Cleans and deodorizes when no time for a bath."

**BRING A SPECIAL SPRING DOORPRIZE  
TO THE MAY MEETING!**



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June 11, 1997

- Meeting:** Monday, June 16th, 7:30 PM  
**Place:** The Arts Center  
385 S. Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC  
**Program:** Ms. Barrie Bain, a native of Columbus, Georgia, recently moved to Spartanburg from Atlanta, bringing her sizeable garden collection with her by truck to her new home on Lake Forest Drive. An author and avid flower gardener, she will talk about both annuals and perennials.

**Flower Beds** - Harold Browning has the flower bed program well in control. The bed on Main near Hillcrest was planted by a group effort led by the Bagwells; the Mills Ave. bed was planted by neighbors; Mildred Thompson took care of the County Mental Health bed; Jack Turner is still nursing pansies at USCS; Harold Hatcher has planted along Reidville Road at Hatcher Gardens; Bob Reynolds is planning new things for the Duncan Park beds, and some plants are in place at the W.O. Ezell bed near Dorman High.

**Container program** - The container garden is in reasonably good shape, and benefiting from the cool weather. the rhododendron collection has been re-potted (mostly by Walt Soderberg) and has been farmed out for the hot (?) summer.

**Hatcher Garden Committee** - Jess Taylor and Bob Almond are involved in reviewing the history of expenses at the Garden and plan to recommend a budget. They are working with other organizations in planning for the future of the Garden. Also, continuing effort is being made to have the Clemson Horticultural School undertake the task of Developing a long-range plan.

**Learning programs at the Gardens** - The Garden Club Council, with the leadership of Marsha Alexander, Joyce King, and Cory Whitlock, has developed an interesting list of monthly programs to be held at Hatcher Gardens. The public is invited to attend programs at 3 pm on the 4th Sunday of each month at Hatcher. Here's the schedule:

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| June 22nd      | "What's the Name of That Plant?"<br>(a guided tour of the Gardens). |
| July 27th      | "Growing and Propagating Roses"<br>(Charles and Lee Jeremias)       |
| August 24th    | "Aquatic Gardening"<br>(Edmund Taylor)                              |
| September 28th | "Correct Procedures for Pruning"<br>(Henry Pittman)                 |
| October 26th   | "Fall is in the Air and the Garden"<br>(guided tours)               |

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**Landscape Judging** - The awards program last week at the Chamber of Commerce offices was well attended. Jane Bagwell and her committee reported the following winners of the various business categories: Cryovac, Hillside Park of Converse, Carolina Southern Bank, Converse College, Hinson Law Firm, Heritage Court Apartments, and the Spartanburg County Public Library. Special recognition awards were given to Flagstar, Milliken, and the GSP Airport.

**Litter pickup** - Darvin Helvy directed his crew on its Pine Street route Saturday, June 7th. Fine participation by Walt Soderberg, George Gunter, Jack and Jane Turner, Steve Patton, Harold Browning, Ethel Ackoh, Grace Mitchell, and Henry Pittman.

**Tryon club prospects** - In addition to efforts at Anderson and Seneca, we helped conduct a luncheon meeting in Tryon with eight potential garden club members. Henry Pittman and Tom Bartram were joined by three from the Asheville Club in making an informal presentation. Henry has prepared a manual for starting a new club, and made countless phone calls contacting interested potential members.

**Miscellany** - Winston Hardegree is recovering from prostate surgery and has a good prognosis. Put a note on your calendar about the regional meeting at Woford October 31st and November 1st. We have a committee arranging resurfacing of walks at Hatcher Gardens; watch for progress at the Walter Montgomery Flag Garden at the new library. Harold Hatcher was out of circulation but we understand that he can't stand the inactivity and is back working at the Gardens.



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July 16, 1997

**Meeting:** Monday, July 21, 1997  
**Place:** The Arts Center  
385 S. Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC  
**Program:** Linda McHam – Clemson Botanical Gardens. Linda will show the slides taken during the recent trip when many from our Club visited the gardens.  
George Gunter/Jess Taylor – These home-grown experts will tell us about propagating soft wood cuttings.

**Hatcher Gardens** - Bob Almond reports that plans are really progressing for the Gardens. Most important, the Clemson Horticulture Dept. has agreed to undertake a study of the advisory committee, on which Bob, Jess Taylor and Bill Gaston are our representatives, is investigation alternatives for raising the monies needed to operate the Gardens. The Spartanburg Foundation has granted this committee an operating fund, and, overall, the entire project looks like it has really come to life.

**PICNIC!** - Monday, August 18, 6:30 PM. (Rain date, Monday, August 25) The Club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and utensils. Some have been assigned items to bring, and others may bring their favorite dish or dessert. It's a good idea to bring a folding chair. This year we're considering inviting as guests folks from other area Men's Garden Clubs. Details in the August bulletin. (We're considering a 'plant swap' so save a fine specimen to take to the picnic.)

**Rose Show** - Bob Reynolds has again agreed to chair our show which is scheduled for September 6th at Westgate Mall. We'll ask for helpers at the July meeting, and hope all will assist in spreading the word to rose growers of any level. We need to improve local participation. Please note that a couple of our regular show judges, the Jeremias, are scheduled to present a session about roses as a part of the "Hatcher Happenings" program restated below in this bulletin.

We will be seeking assistance in obtaining sponsors to defray costs of the show (judges, prizes, supplies). Refer anyone interested in being listed as a sponsor to Tom Bartram (579-0729).

**New Clubs** - We've continued our efforts to start new Men's Garden Clubs and feel that a club in the Tryon/Columbus area is almost a certainty (Asheville has been helpful in this venture), and are still hopeful for good results in Anderson. The Greenwood Club insists it will remain independent. Most recently, we've met with interested parties in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

**Container Garden** - Most of the plants look good, although we're experiencing some disease troubles with our standard white dogwoods. Steve Patton and others are looking for a solution. Steve is planning a work day Saturday July 26th and

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plans an early start to beat the heat. Sign up at the meeting, or call Steve at 585-8878. Work will include mulching the aisles, labeling, fertilizing, and some rearranging.

**Miscellany** - Our Flag Garden project at the new library remains on dead center for lack of action by the landscape contractor who promised but hasn't delivered. No money expended, however, and we're hoping for a little action...Plans for the Regional meeting at Wofford October 31, November 1 are underway. Please mark your calendars to help assure we'll have good local support for what we expect will be a fine program.

**As a reminder** - Here's a repeat of the schedule of events called HATCHER HAPPENINGS published earlier:

Sunday afternoon programs at 3:00 PM, Hatcher Gardens, 820 Reidville Road.

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| July 27th      | "Growing and Propagating Roses"<br>(Charles and Lee Jeremias)          |
| August 24th    | "Aquatic Gardening"<br>(Edmund Taylor)                                 |
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August 13, 1997

## **PICNIC!**

AT HATCHER GARDENS, Reidville Road, Monday August 19, 1997. (Rain date August 25). Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and utensils are supplied by the club. Some have assigned items to bring, and others may bring a dish or dessert of their choice. Bring a lawn chair.

We've sent invitations to neighboring clubs and some of our potential club groups. Also a plant exchange will be conducted by Robert Odom. Bring a plant and receive one in return. Some plants for guests will help.

**Blue Ridge Regional Meeting** - October 31 and November 1 at Wofford. Mark your calendar! Henry Pittman, Regional President, has produced a newsletter for all the clubs of our region encouraging attendance. The REGIONAL NEWSLETTER is set forth on the last two pages of this bulletin.

**Hatcher Gardens-** Bob Almond, Jess Taylor, Bill Gaston, and Harold Hatcher have proposed a new nine member Board of Directors to direct the Gardens for the Spartanburg Foundation, Trustee. The SC Design Arts Partnership at Clemson, Bob Bainbridge, Director, plans to develop a topographic map and create a long range plan. Some minor modifications have been put on hold pending the final plan.

**Rose Show** - Westgate Mall, Saturday, September 6th. More volunteers may be solicited at the Picnic to aid Bob Reynolds and his committee...AND, even if you are a complete amateur with a few rose bushes, consider exhibiting. Encourage any rose growers you know to participate. While we have a number of expert area rosarians participating, more local amateurs will greatly enhance the show.

**Director's Meeting** - At the August meeting, Vice President Jim Bagwell arranged to send the Newsletter concerning the Regional meeting to other clubs; Robert Odom committed to asking National for information as to award programs; also Robert will present a program on wildflowers for our October meeting; progress of the Flag Garden at the new library was reviewed (the flag and plaque are in place, but a few improvements

are yet to be made in the garden); it was agreed to supply plant material for a Habitat House to Piedmont Sertoma; and President George Gunter has asked the nominating committee he appointed to present a slate in September.

**National Convention** - Tom Bartram was our sole representative at the National Convention held two weeks ago in Spokane, Wa. He reports that the group was somewhat smaller and the program not quite up to the prior year's convention at Colorado Springs. The tours and an afternoon on Lake Coeur d'Alene were quite interesting. Four members from Asheville did an able job of spreading the word about the national convention scheduled there next May. But the high point of the convention for us was the recognition we received for starting a new club, and coming up with a winner in the photography contest.

The photography contest resulted in a beautiful professionally produced slide show blending all the slides (hundreds) into a smooth program. Slides were grouped in five sections, with a winner for each section and a first and second place chosen from these. Our Linda McHam won a "Best of Section" with her slide of "flowering quince espalier".

On the last day of the convention, our outgoing National President announced two special "presidential citations" for outstanding service during his term of office. Henry Pittman was the first, receiving a plaque that reads in part:

"For demonstrating that desire, innovation and persistence can overcome lethargy and other obstacles and thus can contribute to the growth of TGOA/MGCA through the establishment of at least one new club in his Blue Ridge Region plus the distinct possibility of several more in the coming months."

All in all, the convention was a worthwhile activity and we can look forward to attending an even better convention in Asheville next year.

The Hatcher Garden Sunday afternoon program for August is "Aquatic Gardening" presented by Edmund Taylor (3:00 PM).



# *Blue Ridge Region* Newsletter

## Men's Garden Clubs of America

Special Edition

The Blue Ridge Region of the Men's Garden Clubs of America

August, 1997

### ***Spartanburg Club to Host Annual Regional Meeting***

The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club is busy making plans for the regional meeting to be held Friday, October 31 and Saturday November 1. George Gunter, President of the Spartanburg Club says, "World Class facilities at Wofford College will be used for the meeting and I hope members and spouses from all the clubs in the region will plan to attend". The theme of the technical presentations will be Home Landscape Techniques. Presentations will include design, plant selection and problem solving.

Henry Pittman, President of the Region this year and member of the Spartanburg club, points out that a special dinner will be served Friday night in the beautiful Papadopoulos Room followed by the first presentation on Landscaping. Then on Saturday morning, after a short business session, the other two technical presentations will be held. In the afternoon, tours of local gardens will be conducted.

The final program with full details will be available to all clubs in the early fall. This will include suggestions for hotels, registration forms and program descriptions.

Building of new MGC clubs in the region is underway and this adds a new dimension of vitality to the whole Blue Ridge Region.

### ***New MGC Club in Greenville***

The NEW Greenville Men's Garden Club was chartered by National in April with Tom Mann as president. They now have 28 members, are having great gardening programs and are ready to undertake a city park beautification project. WELCOME GMGC!

### ***Asheville Club Continues to Grow***

The Asheville MGC now has over 100 members - the "Flagship of the Region"! Under the leadership of Pres. Bob Spangler, they continue to have excellent educational programs as well as community beautification projects. We will learn more of this club's success techniques at the Regional. They host the National Convention in 1998.

### ***Club Organization Underway in Tryon-Columbus***

By regional meeting time, it is expected a new MGC will be organized and functioning in the Tryon/Columbus, NC, area. Over 50 men have been contacted and three exploratory meetings have been held. Among the leaders are Dr. Ben Woodward, Jerry Warren, Jim Smith and Bob Mischler. This is a great area for a MGC—beautiful scenery, quality people, and horses. Asheville and Spartanburg will continue to help.

### ***Spartanburg Club Has Many Projects***

As always, this club continues community service work in addition to its educational programs. With nearly 100 members, George Gunter leads this group in a great combination of educational programs, plant propagation and sale, garden tours and beautification projects. And, as with all MGCs, camaraderie and sharing of gardening and landscape ideas are important reasons for this club's success. The Regional meeting there in Oct./Nov. will demonstrate Spartanburg's capabilities.

### ***Anderson Plans to Organize***

Many gardeners are working on organizing a MGC in Anderson, SC, and are expected to attend the Regional Meeting. After two exploratory sessions in the spring, the decision was made to move aggressively toward formally organizing in September. George Sands and Dr. Tom Vestel have a group of 40 men who could make a big impact on Anderson as a Men's Garden Club. They would be a great addition to the Blue Ridge Region!

### ***Knoxville MGC in Unique and Active***

This club has its monthly meeting at a local cafeteria and always includes wives and widows of members as special guests. While not as active in city beautification as some clubs, they have great programs, share gardening enthusiasm and enjoy each other's companionship. Jim Carroll, President of the club, and Ben Jacco who is Vice President of the Region hope to invite the clubs of the Blue Ridge to Knoxville for the 1998 regional meeting.

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***Special Community of Oak  
Ridge Begins a New Club***

This special community built during WWII is not only a thriving high-tech research and manufacturing city (said to have more PhDs per square mile than any other in the country), but is expected to have a Men's Garden Club soon. With great help from the garden editor of the local newspaper, and with leadership from men like Dick Raridon, Dr. Ted Rogers and Frank Strang, an exploratory meeting was held in July and an organizational meeting is being planned for September. Whether organized or not by October, we expect good attendance at the Regional Meeting.

***Greenwood MGC to Attend  
Regional Meeting***

Although not presently affiliated with the National organization, Men's Garden Clubs of America, the Greenwood Men's Garden Club, with some 45 members, is active in all phases of MGC programs including education, community gardens, and close personal friendships. Bus tours are frequent and rose gardening is a special interest. We will welcome Jack Wofford, President, and his club to the Regional!

***Oconee County Hopes to Start a  
Garden Club Affiliated With  
TGOA/MGCA***

Work is underway in this area of northwestern SC including Seneca and Salem to get a new garden club organized. Preliminary meetings have been held and considerable interest is demonstrated. With help from Jim Cummings, local Clemson Extension Agent, Bob Joins, Bill McKee and John Turner have brought a group together who may organize a club. Their special interest is helping the new SC Botanical Garden at Clemson.

***New Officers to be  
Elected at Regional***

Current officers of the Region are:

Henry Pittman	Spartanburg	President
Ben Jacco	Knoxville	V. President
Jim Bagwell	Spartanburg	Secretary
Jess Taylor	Spartanburg	Treasurer
Tom Bartram	Regional Director of the national organization, TGOA/MGCA	

New officers will be nominated prior to the Spartanburg meeting and elected at that time. It is customary that the president be from the host club, and the vice-president be from the club expected to host the meeting the next year. So, Knoxville will nominate the President for 1998. And possibly the new Greenville club will invite us there in 1999 and therefore nominate one of its members to be Vice President.

**Mark your calendars - Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 and join the crowd of gardeners and would-be gardeners in Spartanburg for the 1997 Blue Ridge Regional meeting.**

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# GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

September 10, 1997

**Meeting:** Monday, September 15, 1997 7:30 PM  
**Place:** The Arts Center  
385 S. Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC  
**Program:** **Wild Flowers** – Robert Odom. Robert, a Director of our Club, is principally known for his great expertise with hostas. We'll see a new aspect of his knowledge with this talk.

**Rose Show** - Our 25th annual rose show, Chaired by Bob Reynolds, was held at Westgate Mall Saturday, September 6th. Seventeen participants showed some 400 blooms which were judged in various categories by American Rose Society certified judges. We had excellent exposure at the busy Mall.

Winners in the two major classes were:

<b>Queen of Show</b>	Al & Cindy Spicer, Greensboro, NC
<b>King of Show</b>	Al & Cindy Spicer, Greensboro, NC
<b>Princess of Show</b>	Dennis & Suzy Bridges, Lawndale, NC
<b>Miniature Queen of Show</b>	The Richards, Ironstation, NC
<b>Miniature King of Show</b>	The Richards, Ironstation, NC
<b>Miniature Princess of Show</b>	The Shulls, Lincolnton, NC

A total of eighteen prizes, selected by Walter Soderberg and Jane Bagwell, were presented to winners in each class and to the overall winners. Costs of the show were covered by our sponsors:

Belk's Department Store	Kohler Company
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CWS Insurance Agency	Metromont Materials
First Federal of Spartanburg	Milliken & Company
The Floyd Mortuary	Odom Ace Hardware
Foster's Garden Center	Zima/Kusters/Evac Corp.

**Fall Plant Sale**- Steve Patton has scheduled our annual fall plant sale on Saturdays from October 18 through November 29 at Hatcher Gardens. This is our principal income producer to keep our area planting programs alive, so plan to lend a hand at least some Saturdays. Members who are growing or tending plants at home that are to be in the sale should contact Walter Soderberg at 439-0669 and deliver their plants to Hatcher Gardens at the start of the sale.

**Nominations**- Jim Bagwell, chair of the nominating committee, will present a slate at our meeting.

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**Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick-Up** - Our last pickup on North Pine Street was well-attended and successful. Let's repeat the effort. With a reasonable number participating, the total effort takes only two hours. We meet at Wade's Restaurant parking area, Pinewood Mall, at 8:00 Saturday morning September 20. Sign-up at the meeting, or call Darvin Helvy (574-4706).

**Tryon/Columbus Club** - This group invited George Gunter to speak about propagation at their first planned meeting. It looks as if the group will apply for membership in the national MGC organization.

**Flower Beds** - Harold Browning is getting an early start in organizing our efforts for fall plantings of pansies.

Our club thanks John Brown Memorials for reworking the memorial located at the Claude Sherrill garden on Main Street opposite Hillcrest; also, we express appreciation to the North Spartanburg Fire Dept. for watering 120 new trees on North Pine Extension. Jerry File is Chief. Assistant Chief Larry Brady and Fireman Tim Cook did the job.

**Miscellany** - Remember the Regional Meeting October 31, November 1st ... and also our National convention in Asheville next May ... Robert Odom has developed a new brochure and application form which will be available at the meeting ... Hatcher Gardens has a new part-time employee ... also, Clemson is now working on a topographic map of the Garden area ... Our Club donated 10 dogwood trees to Scouts for a Cottonwood Trail project.

**Handy-Dandy Weather Tip** - To determine what the high temperature of a day will be, add 18 degrees F. to the temperature at 6:00 A.M. (It works fairly well).



# GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

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October 15, 1997

*Meeting:* Monday, October 20, 1997, 7:30 PM  
The Arts Center  
385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC

*Program:* Frances Worthington - Gardening Around the World  
Ms. Worthington is Garden Editor for the Greenville News, has authored books, and is Contributing Editor of the Carolina Gardener magazine.

**Annual Plant Sale** – This is our Club's major source of income to support our community activities. The sale will be held each Saturday, 9 AM to Noon, October 18 through November 29 (except Sat. Nov. 1st) at Hatcher Gardens. (Note - Nov. 1st is our Regional Meeting: see below.) This is our 19th sale, and consists of container grown plants grown (and some propagated) by our members. Steve Patton is in charge, and will need help each day of the sale. Walter Soderberg will coordinate affairs each Saturday morning - let him know when you will be available. Lists of plants for sale can be obtained from George Gunter, Steve, or Walter.

If you have plants raised at home for sale, bring them to the Garden by the 18th. Steve will be there by 9:00 AM. Plants should be labeled.

**Election of 1998 Officers** – Our nominating committee (Jim Bagwell, Bob Almond, Henry Pittman) will present a slate of officers and directors at the meeting. Nominations from the floor are in order.

**Regional Meeting** – Plans and programs and registration forms for the Blue Ridge Regional meeting October 31 and November 1 were mailed to our membership and others last week. If you need a program, call Henry Pittman (579-0532). The site, speakers, tours and special programs are excellent. We hope our membership will respond by attending all or at least most of the program. To make final arrangements with Wofford and our caterers, we ask that you commit early by sending in a registration form.

**Flower Beds** – Harold Browning, mentor of the beds, has undergone major surgery on an aorta, and is recovering well. He expects to be helping with the beds within a month - but will need some aid. Because of the hot dry weather, we're holding off planting pansies till late this month. If you have an urge to plant, or just want to talk, call Harold Browning (585-7467).

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579-0729	Bartram, Tom	521 Mockingbird Lane, Sp 29307
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578-0363	Braghirol, John	2191 Rainbow Lake Rd, Chesnee 29323
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583-5720	Campbell, Roger	137 High Ridge Dr, Sp 29307
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576-4806	Corn, Winnie	220 Hwy 417, Moore 29369
585-4844	Cromer, Daniel & Rebecca	127 Bellwood Ln, Sp 29302
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585-4955	Davidson, Edward	3050 Southport Rd, 29302
583-2721	DeLuca, Ben	132 Fernbrook Cir, Sp 29307
582-4484	Drummond, George	166 Aberdeen Ln, Sp 29307
579-1675	Eilenburg, Elaine	238 Talmadge, Sp 29307
585-4884	Fisher, Mickey, Rev. & Marilyn	626 Norwood St, Sp 29302
579-8999	Foster, Dan & Martha	221 Mansfield Dr, Sp 29307
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	Gahagan, Ron & Onoosh	479 Webber Rd, Sp 29307
582-4169	Galt, Tom	142 Hillbrook Dr, Sp 29307
598-9445	Gaston, Bill	121 Montgomery Dr, Sp 29302
574-1380	Gencarelli, Ray	421 Clover Leaf Lane, Sp 29301
574-1514	Georgian, Mike	212 Navaho Dr, Sp 29301
578-7522	Gowens, James	7423 Lone Oak Blvd, Sp 29303
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599-1639	Ondrus, Paul & Mary	110 Shoally Park Dr, Sp 29303
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585-8878	Patton, Steve	202 Emma Cudd Rd, Sp 29302
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579-0532	Pittman, Henry	656 Perrin Dr, Sp 29307
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439-8171	Riffenburg, Ray	503 Cambridge Dr, Sp 29301
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574-2538	Scott, Robert & Dorothy	312 Arrowhead Dr, Sp 29301
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592-9203	Simons, Locke (Ms.)	173 Timberlake Dr, Inman, SC 29349
579-4341	Siwierka, Walter A.	507 Eastway Dr, Sp 29307
576-0352	Sloan, Richard	4118 Shepherd Rd, Sp 29301
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574-9062	Tessmer, Ray	217 James St, Sp 29301
585-5977	Theiler, Suzanne	101 Carolina Club Dr, Sp 29306
579-0797	Tiller, Wendell & Martha	210 Edgecomb Rd, Sp 29307
582-4649	Trakas, Perry Dr.	525 Sherwood Cir, Sp 29302
461-4943	Turner, Jack & Jane	144 Lakeshore Dr, Chesnee 29323
583-0393	Watson, Robert Jr.	533-C Otis Blvd, Sp 29302
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576-9357	Wilson, David	203 Singing Wood Ln, Sp 29301
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**Hatcher Gardens** – Professor Bob Bainbridge of Clemson and two graduate students have prepared a survey and will start topographical mapping this week. A permanent committee of six is being selected by the Spartanburg Foundation to operate the Gardens, some of whom will be from our Club. Future plans call for a permanent building which will be available for meetings...we'll hear more later. Harold Hatcher is most pleased that Calvin Fortenberry has been hired on a trial basis as the first employee of the Gardens.

Also, a reminder that the last of the monthly "Hatcher Happenings" is a tour of the Gardens to be conducted Sunday October 3rd at 3 PM

IN MEMORIAM

**JOHN H. CANTRELL, JR.**

Past President of the Club, died  
September 11, 1997 at age 91

**Miscellany** – 1998 dues are payable by Jan. 1. Your early payment to Treasurer Bob Hamilton (\$20 or \$25 for member and spouse) will be very much appreciated - it saves us time and money in meeting obligations...Please note that this bulletin contains our revised list of membership addresses and phone numbers. Save this list for use during 1998. Let Walt Soderberg know of any discrepancies noted...Our National President, Jim Ralls of Houston Texas, stopped by last Saturday while on a vacation trip, had lunch with a few of us at Wade's, toured Milliken and Hatcher Gardens, meeting Harold. Jim was quite impressed by the tour.

**HAVE YOU ANY ITEM FOR THE DOORPRIZE POOL AT MONDAYS MEETING?**





# GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

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- Meeting:** Monday, November 17, 1997 7:30 PM  
**Place:** The Arts Center  
385 Spring Street, Spartanburg, SC
- Program:** **"Sled Dog Race Adventures On The Alaskan Iditarod Trail"** – Dr. Sonny King, a well known Spartanburg veterinarian and much-sought-after speaker, will tell the exciting story of his first dog-sled race in frozen Alaska and his exciting plans for 1998. He and his wife have used his experience as basis for an educational program which has reached 50,000 students.
- Note:** This is our "Annual Meeting" with special refreshments. *Coats & ties are appropriate!* A special welcome is extended to our Corporate Members.

**Annual Plant Sale** - This will continue for two more weeks – Saturday, Nov. 22 and 29, 9 AM to Noon at Hatcher Gardens under the direction of Steve Patton. Profits are used for community beautification. Encourage your plant enthusiast friends to participate!

**New Officers for 1998**- Congratulations to the following officers elected at the October meeting:

- President:** George Gunter  
**Vice-President:** Jim Bagwell  
**Secretary:** Dottie Scott  
**Treasurer:** Bob Hamilton  
**Immediate Past Pres:** Bob Almond  
**Directors:** **Class of 1999** - Bob Fussell, Bob Reynolds, Lyn Savor, David Stoltz, Jess Taylor and Jack Turner.  
**Class of 1998** - Dan Koshak and Clyde Wells to join Harold Browning, Bill Gaston, Robert Odom, and Steve Patton.
- Directors Emeritus:** Harold Hatcher, David Kennemur, Walter Soderberg, Gil Hooper and Sid Moorehead.
- Bulletin Editor:** Tom Bartram (Henry Pittman, Assistant)

We applaud these men and women and pledge our support for creating another year of learning and community beautification! And a sincere thanks for those who led the club so successfully in 1997!!

**1998 Committees**- President George announces the following assignments:

- Plant Sale:** Steve Patton and Karen Hammett - Fall; Bob Fussell, Steve & Karen--Spring  
**Landscape Judging:** Jane Bagwell, George Gunter  
**Programs:** Jim Bagwell, Bill Gaston  
**Rose Show:** Bob Reynolds, Val Wilson  
**Local Flower Beds:** Harold Browning, Steve Patton  
**National Meeting:** Bob Almond, Henry Pittman  
**Adopt-A-Highway:** Walter Soderberg, Darwin Helvey  
**Hatcher Gardens:** Bob Almond, Bill Gaston, Jess Taylor  
**Devotional:** Walter Soderberg

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**City Tree Status:** Henry Pittman  
**National Awards:** Jane Bagwell  
**Publicity:** Henry Pittman, Dave Kennemur  
**Audit:** Jess Taylor, Bob Hamilton  
**Nominations:** Bob Almond, Robert Odom, Jack Turner

***Blue Ridge Regional Meeting*** - Some 70 students and guests attended this meeting October 31 - November 1 at the world-class facilities at Wofford College. In addition to representatives of the affiliated clubs of the Region, those from the Greenwood MGC and the newly organized Isothermal MGC were present to hear the three excellent presentations on *Home Landscaping*. Current regional officers will serve another year and the 1998 meeting will be suspended in order to emphasize attendance at the National meeting in Asheville May 17-20, 1998. Our club could not have hosted this meeting so effectively without the super help from members like Bob Almond, Jess and Alene Taylor, George Gunter, Tim Brown, Jack and Jane Turner, Dave Kennemur, Linda McHam, Walter Soderberg, Bill Gaston, Stewart Winslow, Bob Reynolds, Jim and Jane Bagwell, Bob Powell - and many others. And thanks to the over 40 who attended from Spartanburg.

### **Special Regional Meeting Thanks Go To...**

- Wofford College for providing its world-class facilities and providing such excellent help and support.
- The Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce for providing invaluable help with our mailings.
- The Spartanburg Garden Council for providing the excellent refreshments for the Saturday morning break.
- Harold Hatcher, the Bagwells, the Jordans and the Cobbs for the garden tours.

***1998 Dues*** - Dues are \$20 (or \$25 for member and spouse). Please bring your check Monday night, or mail promptly to Treasurer Bob Hamilton, 279 Harrel Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29307. This will save sending invoices. *And this is a great time to solicit new members - you can do a friend a great favor!*

***Hatcher Gardens Master Plan*** - This work continues with Bob Almond, Bill Gaston and Jess Taylor representing the MGC.

***Bring an item for door-prizes Monday night!!!***