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Gardening & Beautification

A Publication of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club



Welcoming men & women

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Nursery News

The strainer was installed in the irrigation system. The new ground fabric is scheduled to be installed. It is also our goal to have the additional shade structure built prior to the fall sale. A big thank you to SCC for spreading gravel on much of the Club's nursery driveway and for repairing a leak at the water meter valve.



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

Fall Plant Sale October 14-15

Club Survey Results

Darvin Helvy, Club President, recently sent an informal survey to members to see whether or not the membership would be willing to consider a new club name.

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

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

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

For questions or suggestions, contact Darvin Helvey, Mary Ann Hipp, Joe Maple, Lyn Pesterfield or Bob Reynolds.

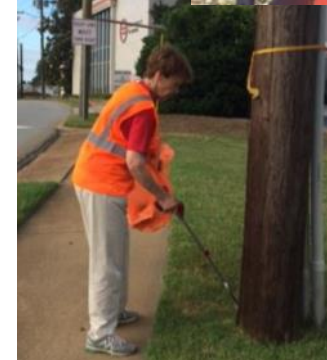


Litter Pick Up
June 18th

Charlie Covert



Darvin Helvy



Peggy Romine



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Founded in 1948 as the "Dirt Daubers" with 25 members, the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club has grown to over 100 individual & 15 corporate members.

As well as sharing gardening interests, the club has planted over 5,000 trees in Spartanburg, assists with many area beautification projects, teaches a gardening class to the public, and conducts a twice-yearly plant, shrub and tree sale.



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Upcoming Speakers

August 15th—Tim Hemphill, "Forage Plants for Bees"

September 19th —picnic at SCC

October 17th—TBD

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



Health & Happiness

George Dickert, Clemson Extension, recently lost his father. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

June Meeting

July 18, 2015

7:00 p.m.

SCC Community Room
Health Sciences Building

Speaker: Dixie Damrel
**Discovering the Herbarium:
Adventures in the World of
Plants**



Refreshments:
Charlie Crescenzi, Jim Weeks

Discovering the Herbarium

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

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

Dixie most recently was a Fulbright scholar at the Sarawak Biodiversity Center in Borneo, conducting research involving herbaria in Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. She has an MS from Arizona State University. The general public is always invited to attend meetings.

2017 Slate

Officers to elect for 1 year:

President: Darvin Helvy
Vice President: Joe Maple
Secretary: Charlie Crescenzi
Treasurer: Peggy Wilson

Directors to elect for 2 years:

Phil Abers
Sami Elhassani
Mary Ann Hipp
Lyn Pesterfield
Peggy Romine
Jack Turner

Directors with 1 year left to serve:

Linda Cobb
Tim Hemphill
Bob Reynolds

Membership Renewal Single \$20 Family \$28

Forms are at www.dirtdaubers.org/membership.html, or the meeting. Bring check or cash & completed form to Joyce Crescenzi.

Community Gardener 101 presented by;



Spartanburg Community College Corporate and Community Education and Spartanburg Men's Garden club

Schedule for fall 2016

Aug. 16	Registration and Orientation Composting	Joe Maple MG
Aug 23	Soils, the Life of the Garden	Jason Bagwell*
Aug. 30	Basic Botany	Jay Moore*
Sept. 06	Lawn Management Practical Irrigation	Ted Petoskey ... Sod Father Joe Maple MG
Sept. 13	Annuals and Perennials Container Gardening	Linda Cobb MG
Sept. 20	Propagation Lab <i>Note: West bldg room A-5 (Jack A. Powers bldg)</i>	Kevin Parris*
Sept. 27	Basic Seed Starting Vegetable Gardening & Garden Tools	Joe Maple MG
Oct. 04	House Plants Herbs or Erbs	Dr. Ed Davidson MG
Oct. 11	Ornamental Plants Native Plants	George Gunter MG Dr. Gil Newberry
Oct. 18	Selection and Culture of Trees Pruning Techniques	Kevin Parris*
Oct. 25	IPM Elementary Entomology	TBA Dr. Allen Mackenzie MG
Nov. 01	ABC's of Landscaping 3D Landscaping	Linda McHam MG Tim Hemphill MG

* Spartanburg Community College staff

Class fee \$199.00...Individual topics may be selected for \$29.00 each date.

Location: SCC Main Campus Ledbetter bldg Room 253

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