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## Gardening & Beautification

A Publication of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club



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## SMGC History from the Archives

**January 15, 1959:** The newsletter was called The Gardenettes. Dues were \$4.00 for the year. "Have you selected the new member you are going to bring with you to the January meeting?"

**February 16, 1959:** "It might be well in this issue of Gardenettes to review some of the work of your Garden Club in helping to make your city more beautiful, and some of the plans now in operation and in the planning stage in preparation for the Festival of Flowers which will be held May 8-20. You will remember the planting of dogwood, crabs and redbud trees in Duncan Park several years ago? It would pay you to go out and see their beauty this spring. Did you know that the novel idea of planting a flower garden in the middle of Morgan Square was the brain-child of a member of your club? Your club will also play a large part in further beautification of the city. Another part of the square will be turned into an azalea beauty spot - also around the monument of General Morgan. Don't forget our next meeting, Monday evening, February 23rd, 7:30 pm, First Federal Savings and Loan Building, North Church Street."

**April 15, 1959:** "Our own City of Spartanburg has become a city beautiful. Lots of credit should go to our Mr. W. O. Ezell for his tireless leadership in this work."

**May 15, 1959:** "You folks will remember that at our last meeting you were hurraing about sending me to Jackson without any where-with-all to return. Well, I took the wife with me, and that guaranteed my coming back, and as I promised you that night, this issue of the "Gardenettes" is but a summary of the wonderful experience at the annual convention of the Men's Garden Clubs of America held in the beautiful city of Jackson, Mississippi, on May 5-8..."

"Last, but not least, the Jackson Men's Garden Club gave to each representative present a small magnolia grandiflora seedling from the new big champion tree located in Pascagoula, Miss. Its circumference is 13 ft. 7 in., height 52 ft., with a branch spread of 92 feet. This tree replaces the old champion, a Florida magnolia now dead, and grows within sight of the Spanish Fort just off U.S. Highway 90. I want the seedling to belong to the Club, to be planted in one of our parks, preferably in Duncan Park, properly labeled, where the Club has done so much beautification work." (Written by Charles Lea.)

Note: This tree grew into a huge magnolia that is remembered by some still in our club. It was cut down sometime after 2011. Henry Pittman, along with Tom Bartram and Jess Taylor (all members of SMGC), arranged for a dedication ceremony at Duncan Park on Thursday, June 2, 2011 to commemorate the Magnolia grandiflora planted by Charles Lea over 50 years ago.



L-R: Everette Lineberger, Clint Button and daughter, Junie White (Mayor), Henry Pittman, Bob Reynolds. Clint designed the memorial stone and did the carving. Everette, Henry and Bob have all been past presidents of SMGC.

## Litter Pick-Up Schedule - Sat, June 16

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

*It only takes about an hour or so if we have four or five people. Thanks for helping!*



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*Founded in 1948 as the "Dirt Daubers" the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club welcomes men, women and corporate members with an interest in nature.*

*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 Tree & Shrub sale.*

**SMGC Speaker**  
**June 18, 2018**



**Mary Snoddy,**

**"Garden Mythbusting:  
 Things You Think You Know  
 That Aren't So"**

Mary Snoddy is an avid gardener who has been an active Spartanburg Master Gardener since 2002. She is employed as Finance Director for Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve. She enjoys competing with her dog in AKC Rally competitions. Mary writes a weekly gardening blog at [www.marysnoddy.com/blog](http://www.marysnoddy.com/blog)

**Upcoming Speaker**  
**July 16, 2018**

**Speaker's Name - "New topic"**

*Plan to attend and expand your gardening knowledge.*

## Help in the Container Garden is needed!

Work is needed NOW to help remove WEEDS from the pots. As a rule, the sessions will begin at 7:30 AM on Saturdays for the next few weeks. You can start then, or you can come later. You can also go ANYTIME during the week to weed pots if that is more agreeable with your schedule.

Tim Hemphill and Mary Ann Hipp led multiple potting sessions with several other members over the last month or so to pot many plants that we received from suppliers. Great Work!!!!



Bob Reynolds, Mary Ann Hipp, Will Hawkins, Mark Carlson, Tim Hemphill, Linda McHam and some of the new plants that have been potted up.



Mary Ann Hipp, Tim Hemphill, Bob Reynolds, Will Hawkins, Mark Carlson move mulch, pot up newly ordered plants and take them to their new homes in the nursery.

**HELP WANTED**

**Renew Now**  
**2018 Membership**  
 Single \$20 Family \$28 Student \$5  
 Corporate \$100

Forms are located at [DirtDaubers.org/Membership](http://DirtDaubers.org/Membership) and will be available at the next general meeting.

Bring check or cash & completed form to Joyce Crescenzi.

The SMGC is looking for a few new directors for 2019. Please bring your energy and enthusiasm for the club as a new director. If you are interested in becoming a director, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. Nominating Committee members are Darwin Helvy, Linda McHam and Phil Abers.

