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SMGC Speaker
July 16, 2018

Betty Montgomery



Betty Montgomery is well known for her syndicated garden column and has published a book, **Hydrangeas: How to Grow, Cultivate & Enjoy**. She is a Master Gardener and a member of multiple prestigious horticultural societies.

With decades of involvement in educational, cultural, and charitable efforts, Betty currently serves on the boards of Wofford College, Gibbs Cancer Center, Noble Tree Foundation, and Seth Milliken Foundation. She is the recipient of numerous honors, including the USC-Spartanburg Founders Day Award, Converse 100 Award, and Clara Barton Award.

A Converse College graduate and mother of four adult children, Betty lives on a farm in Campobello with her husband, Walter.

Litter Pick-up



The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club does litter pick up 4 times a year in March, June, September, and December. The litter pick up is coordinated by our own Charlie Covert.

We meet at 8 AM in the parking lot along Oakland Ave. behind the Chamber of Commerce building. We have "adopted" the section of Pine St. between McCravy Dr. and Palmetto St. The paperwork is being sent to SCDOT for the SMGC to continue "adopting" this stretch of Pine St. Please consider coming out this year to help keep Spartanburg clean. The next two litter pick up dates are September 22 and December 22.

Thanks to Darvin Helvy, Charlie Covert, Charlie Crescenzi, Jack Turner and Jane Turner for their help in March and to Charlie Covert, Phil Abers, Don Crowder and Don's two grandsons Jacob and Ethan for their help in June.



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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.

Help in the Container Garden is still needed!

Through the leadership of Tim Hemphill and Mary Ann Hipp, the weeds in the Container Area have been greatly reduced! Their diligence in making sure we had sessions to rid the pots of weeds has paid off. The area looks MUCH BETTER since they have done so with the help of a few others. I would mention those others, but would probably leave out a couple, thus better left unsaid.

But THANKS to those who have helped the last couple of months! And remember, we will still need help in keeping the area looking like it does today.

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

Forms are located at **DirtDaubers.org/Membership** and will be available at the next general meeting.

Bring check or cash & completed form to Joyce Crescenzi.

Linda McHam held two propagation sessions last week and she, Mark Carlson and Will Hawkins propagated over 350 plants in about two hours on Friday, July 6. She and Mark also potted up about 50 plants from last year's propagation on Thursday. These are plants that cost us essentially nothing, thus the sale price for them is mostly profit. Thanks to Linda, Mark and Will for doing these plants – there will be more sessions in the next week or so.

Look for the notice in the [SpartanburgMGC Yahoo Group](#).

Mark Carlson and Will Hawkins prepared and stuck 17 trays (21 cuttings in each tray) on Friday morning at the SMGC nursery at SCC. Here they are sticking cuttings of Hydrangea 'Penny Mac' named for Penny McHenry of Atlanta, GA, who started the hydrangea festival there in 1994.



After two hours, we had stuck over 350 cuttings of Azalea Mrs. G.G. Gerbing, Osmanthus fortuneii, Buddleia (lavender, yellow). The plants that members propagate cost the club very little in time and money. We get a substantial return for a minimum investment. Generally, we get at least 50% to "take", sometimes as high as 90%.

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.

