

NEXT MEETING - WILL BE THE 3RD MONDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 15, AT 7:30 IN THE PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS BUILDING, ON EAST MAIN STREET. MR. GEORGE BOWEN, COUNTY EXTENSION LEADER WILL BRING A PROGRAM OF "TIMELY ADVICE FOR MID-WINTER GARDENING". THIS SHOULD BE A GOOD AND VALUABLE PRESENTATION.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER LETTER AND DUES STATEMENT HAS BEEN QUITE GOOD, BUT A NUMBER OF MEMBERS HAVE NOT RESPONDED. PLEASE SEND YOUR 1973 DUES IMMEDIATELY TO TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN SID DUNLAP.

FIND A NEW MEMBER - DO A FRIEND A FAVOR AND INVITE HIM TO JOIN THE MGC. ITS AMAZING HOW MANY PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE NEVER ASKED - HELP STAMP OUT "NOBODY EVER ASKED ME"!

GARDEN COURSE - PLEASE MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS AND FOR SUBJECTS FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARDEN COURSE FOR EARLY SPRING. IDEAS?

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION - HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR LITTER TODAY? SPARTANBURG CAN'T BE A BEAUTIFUL CITY IF ITS DIRTY.

LANDSCAPE AWARD PRESENTATIONS - ARE PLANNED AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JANUARY 16. THIS ANNUAL PROJECT IS CHAIRMANED BY JULIAN FOSTER AND IS MOST EFFECTIVE IN UPGRADING THE QUALITY OF INDUSTRIAL & BUSINESS LANDSCAPING IN GREATER SPARTANBURG.

WHAT WILL NEED WINTER PROTECTION? -- Continued from November Bulletin -----

Sometimes small plants such as young hemerocallis or newly set iris fans lie completely exposed by spring. Unless they are found in time and replanted, they dry out and die.

A mulch should be placed around plants as soon as they are planted and watered, to conserve moisture. A heavier mulch several inches thick is needed for winter protection after the ground has been frozen. Use straw, ground corn cobs, peat, marsh hay, pine needles, excelsior, oak leaves, or whatever other mulch is at hand.

Oak leaves are often recommended for mulching material. They do not pack and produce a solid mass as most leaves do when saturated with moisture and then frozen. If the wind blows them about in open situations, boards or tree branches must be placed over them. We are told to remove oak leaves from around the plants in the spring if the plants cannot tolerate the slight acidity the rotted leaves might add to the soil.

FENDING OFF RABBITS. Young trees and newly set trees need protection from drying winds and winter sun which injure their trunks. They require protection from rodents--rabbits and mice--which chew the bark.

Trees may be spiral-wrapped with special tree-wrap made for this purpose. Or heavy paper may be wrapped tightly around the tree and tied securely. Tuck the paper closely around the base of the tree an inch or two below soil level so that mice cannot get to the bark. Tie securely in three or four places. I have not found that mice chew the heavy paper but if they do, use wire screen in addition to the paper.

Any tree or shrub that is known to be somewhat tender to a certain area should be given good protection for two or three winters until the trunk has attained a diameter of several inches. Wrap the tree loosely with heavy tar paper or something similar from ground level to where the branching interferes. Stuff excelsior or oak leaves down and around the trunk. A tree protected in this manner for several winters may prove hardy after that even though it is planted beyond its hardiness limit.

TUCK MULCH UNDER. Established perennials near their limits of hardiness need good protection each winter no matter how long they have been planted. Plants that retain green leaves--Madonna lilies, penstemons, canterbury bells, Gilia rubra, foxgloves, snapdragons and others suffer most during an open winter. They require slightly different mulching. Tuck your favorite mulch around (but not over) the plants close under their "chins". Place light, airy mulch--zinnia, tomato, asparagus tops, evergreen boughs--above the plants to shade them but not so heavy that light and air are lacking.

The hardier chrysanthemums usually come through a winter nicely if the tops are cut down and laid over the plants. Move the tender ones to a coldframe.

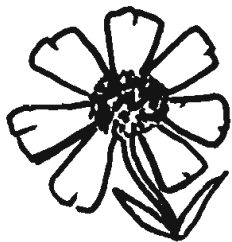
SPECIAL WAYS WITH ROSES. Roses may be lost in cold climates if soil is not mounded up some ten or 12 inches around them. Use soil brought in from some other place, not scraped up from between the plants. Canes are not cut back until spring unless they are extra long. Tie them together at the top. Make the soil mound higher by piling on oak leaves, straw, or spent hemerocallis leaves. Climbing roses are protected with burlap or laid down and covered with soil or straw. The lovely blue hydrangea (H. macrophylla) makes buds on old wood. These must not be killed or pruned off. Place fencing around the plant and fill in with oak leaves.

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NEXT MEETING --

"Camellia Culture Under Protection" will be the topic at 7:30 Monday night, February 19, at Piedmont Natural Gas Company on E. Main St. Illustrations with slides and real life specimens will augment the panel of experts headed by Buster Walker and Claude Sherrill.

MEMBERSHIP --

Dues are on a calendar year basis and due January 1st of each year. Thanks to all who have sent in your dues. To those who have not remitted, please do so promptly. Our club needs your continued support to continue plans for extended beautification of our City -- Please also solicit new members.

LANDSCAPE AWARDS --

Congratulations and thanks to Julian Foster and his committee for a job well done.

GARDEN COURSE --

Roy King, Chairman, Bill McPherson, George Drummond, and Frank Cunningham are planning the '73 version of this community program for multiple weeks in early spring. Please give them your ideas and suggestions.

PROGRAMS --

John Edwards is serving as Program Chairman and would appreciate knowing of the general type program you prefer and specific suggestions.

ROSE EXHIBIT --

Consideration was given at the last meeting for an exhibit in the spring. Indicate interest to Gil Hooper, please.

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL --

This new organization will probably undertake Paper Recycling as a first project followed by an attack on the Litter Problem. MGC members will be enthusiastic in support of their undertakings.

LANDSCAPE GARDENING FOR FAMILY LIVING

By Cecil Blackwell

In most of the South, November marks the start of best transplanting season for shrubs and trees.

Study your present landscape for needed changes or additions. Do you need more trees for shade and "framing" effect -- to make your house look "at home" in its surroundings? If so, don't overlook such nut trees as pecan, walnut, and Chinese chestnut.

Do you need more flowering and berried shrubs and trees for year-round color? There are many good ones to choose from, but don't fail to consider fruit trees such as apples and pears on dwarf rootstocks, crabapples, purple leaf and regular plums, peaches, cherries, grape vines, and blueberry bushes.

What about that "outdoor living area" you've been thinking about -- surrounded by suitable plantings for family enjoyment and privacy?

Is your house being "smothered" by overgrown foundation shrubs that need regular drastic pruning? If so, you may wish to replace them with some of the newer dwarf, or slower growing, shrubs.

A new dwarf arborvitae has been released by the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station under the varietal name "Dwarf Greenspike." Foliage is bright green and juniperlike in appearance, but soft to the touch. Selected by Dr. Robert P. Early from a mutant branch found on common arborvitae, plant has a pleasing, compact shape without pruning.

Cold injury to some shrubs these past two winters was very severe in many areas. Mulching and watering will help evergreen shrubs survive the drying effects of winter winds and freezes. But some plants are naturally more cold hardy than others. In choosing plants best adapted for your area, you may find it very helpful to obtain a copy of "Plant Hardiness Zone Map," USDA MP No. 814. It is available for 15 cents from Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

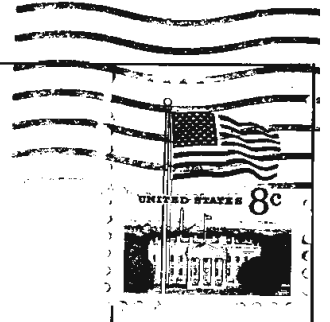
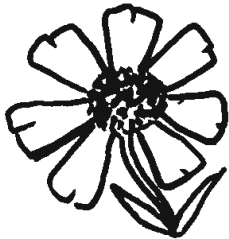


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NEXT MEETING . . . will be Monday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Piedmont Natural Gas on E. Main St. Matt Henderson will speak on the subject very important to all MGC members, "Spartanburg Beautification." He is an attorney and has recently been appointed by the mayor as coordinator of "Piedmont Beautification," replacing Jack Parr who directed that activity for a number of years. Come and bring a visitor or new member.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN . . for the year is John Edmunds. Give him your ideas and suggestions.

"GARDEN SHORT COURSE" . . . is scheduled for 4 Thursday nights - March 29, April 5, 12, (skip 19th Thursday), and April 26.

A fine series of teaching lectures is planned by Roy King, Chairman, and his committee. It is open to the entire community and will be held at Spartanburg High School. Roy King, Chairman, and his committee have planned an excellent series of Thursday programs for the entire community. Pass the word to all your gardening friends. Registration is only \$1.00. (Note: Skip April 19, Munday Thursday.)

March 29: "Soils - Types, Preparation, Testing and Fertilization" - County Agent's Office
"Vegetable Gardening & Fruit Culture" - County Agent's Office.

April 5: "Elementary Botany for the Layman Gardener" - Dr. Gibbes Patton, Wofford College
"The Fun of Growing Annuals and Perennials" - Prof. John Floyd, Clemson.

April 12: "The Culture and Environmental Value of Shrubs and Trees" - Mr. Mike Freeland and Mr. Everett Seixas. "Shade Gardening and Wild Flowers" - Mrs. Gale Herbert.

April 26: "Various Lawn Grasses & Their Maintenance" - Mr. Sandy Vermont. "Practical Landscaping for the Average Home" - Prof. Emory Jones, Clemson.

SPARTANBURG - LITTER CAPITOL. What was your reaction to the recent letter-to-the-editor saying "Never have I seen a city that could be so beautiful, but the beer cans, the litter was appalling! What a disgusting sight! . . . What a shame!"?

Have you picked up yours today?

And how else do we solve our number one beautification problem?

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Remember the National Convention of M.G.C.A., in Dallas, Texas April 29th - May 3rd, 1973. If any one can go, your secretary has credential cards and other information for delegates.

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL CONVENTION

Greenville Garden Club is making ready for our 1973 regional meeting Saturday, May 19. Let's all reserve this date for a big day with Greenville. More details in April.

PROBLEM DISCUSSION. Bring your garden problems to the Monday night meeting for discussion during the "question & answer" session. An excellent opportunity for good advice.

WHAT TO DO IN MARCH

To many March is truly the Wakening Moon. It is the time of the big spring flower shows Buds are bursting, maple sap is flowing heavily, skunk cabbage is in bloom, etc. But, we must not forget that to equally many this stage has long since passed and to some of our friends in Canada this time has not yet arrived. So, if you haven't already done so, start keeping a permanent record of when things bloom in your area and let this be a guide for your future gardening.

Set out pansy plants for spring color, either mixed with spring bulbs or alone. The same goes for double English daisies or *Bellis perennis*.

Plant garden and sweet peas as early as the soil can be dug without being sticky.

Begin to uncover perennials that have been mulched, but do not be in too much of a hurry.

Clean up any leaves and debris that have collected on the lawn, in flower and shrub borders.

In damp areas scatter cutworm bait. This is rarely touched by children, birds or mammals, so don't worry about it.

If your pruning and dormant spraying is not completed, do so at once before growth really commences.

Sow seeds in a coldframe for early crops of annual flowers or vegetables. Where the soil has dried enough to be workable, it is possible to sow cold-hardy vegetables like spinach, beets, carrots, radishes, lettuce, parsley, the cabbage family and salsify.

Among the flowers cosmos, poppies, snapdragons, calendulas, snow-on-the-mountain, calliopsis, California poppies and portulacas can be sown.

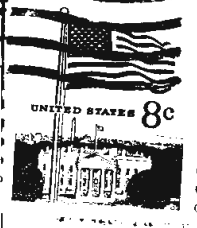
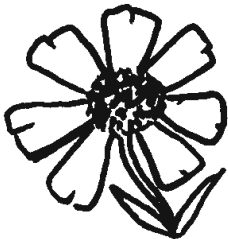
Dig up parsnips and Jerusalem artichokes that have been in the ground all winter. They are in their prime for eating.

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SHOW AND TELL - Bring specimens of current things from your garden. This is not only interesting and enlightening to your fellow gardeners, but also a great encouragement to us all.

PROBLEMS AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES - will be discussed after the program. This is one of the best parts of our meetings. Come prepared to throw out an item or two.

GARDEN COURSE - The third session will be Thursday, 7:30 P. M. at Spartanburg High School; "Wildflowers & Shade Gardening" and "Lawn Maintainance" will be the topics. There is NO SESSION on April 19. The final session is April 26 on "Landscaping the Home", Trees, Shrubs and their value to the Enviornment. Attendance and interest from the community have been good. Come and join the learners.

REGIONAL CONVENTION will be in Greenville on Saturday, May 19. This will be a fine day program for you and your wife. This is a real opportunity for us to see Greenville show us some of the many beauties in landscape gardening and their abundance of beauty spots. Help our club to be well represented. We are depending on each of you. Greenville has all the general plans all set to go. Let's us go.

WHAT TO DO IN MARCH - CONTINUED FROM MARCH BULLETIN

The main show of spring bulbs is likely to be at or approaching its height, along with magnolias and a host of other colors.

Where weather and soil conditions permit--the soil is dry enough--plant vegetables out of doors, the hardy ones.

Complete planting of dormant ornamental trees, fruits, shrubs, vines, etc., before growth is too far advanced. Balled and canned materials can be planted almost any time, if the roots are not disturbed.

Commence planting gladioli. At 10 to 14-day intervals they will provide continuous bloom.

Do not plant Bermuda grass until warm weather has permanently arrived, but continue to crop closely Bermuda lawns overplanted with rye-grass for the winter.

Prune back butterfly bushes, vitex and crape myrtle.

Feed roses to improve the spring bloom and camellias and azaleas as soon as blooming has ceased, other evergreens as soon as convenient.

Watch out for chinch bugs in St. Augustine grass. Spray with Sevin or other non-poisonous material at first sign.

If pyracantha leaves turn a coppery or reddish brown, they are infested with mites. Spray with a good systemic one or more times as needed.

To conserve moisture put a 2 to 3-inch non-blowing mulch over the root areas of trees and shrubs.

Do not burn tent caterpillar nests on the trees. Cut them off and destroy.

Set out canned or boxed trees, shrubs, vines, roses - sub-tropicals where conditions permit - as occasion demands.

Water weekly and well where rains are scarce.

For color with minimum care make a wider use of natives: lupins, coreopsis, gaillardias, sand verbenas, evening primroses, gillias, prickly poppies, purplemats, wild zinnias, desert marigolds, etc.

WHAT TO DO IN APRIL ----- Feed lawns using a high-nitrogen fertilizer, either the older quick-acting or the newer slow-release type. Also apply pre-emergence crabgrass killers.

Clean up, loosen the soil and fertilize flower borders but be careful around lilies, hibiscus and other slower starting plants.

Plant peas, onions, lettuce, carrots, cabbage, etc., as conditions permit.

Clean up rock gardens promptly. Growth is already commencing.

Divide Japanese anemones and any summer-blooming perennials that are too thick, spraying or dusting hollyhocks, phlox and delphiniums with a fungicide as they begin growth.

Finish dormant pruning before growth commences, removing winter-injured portions of tender trees or shrubs.

Set out new strawberry beds. Also, plant rhubarb, asparagus, Jerusalem artichoke if desired.

This is your last chance to harvest over-wintered parsnips and Jerusalem artichokes.

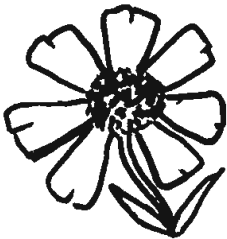
In the Southland feed azaleas, camellias, hollies and other evergreens with an azalea-camellia fertilizer. Clean up and spray wherever there is any sign of azalea petal blight.

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Colonial Court Motel, Greenville S. C.
Saturday, May 19, 1973

Registration and Luncheon - \$5.00 per person

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to register the following:

Make check to "Spartanburg Men's Garden Club"

Mail it and this blank by Wed., May 9 to:

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of the

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Greenville, South Carolina

Saturday, May 19, 1973

Registration and Luncheon: \$5.00 per person. Advanced registration required through your Men's Garden Club Secretary. Wives and other guests are invited.

THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES

- 9:00 - 9:35 A.M. Registration and coffee session. Gold Room, Colonial Court Motel
- 9:40 - 10:05 A.M. Business Meeting. Mr. Claude Sherrill, Regional President, presiding
Invocation. Rev. Warren Beale, Minister of Visitation, First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S. C.
Election of Regional Officers. Mr. Claude Sherrill
Introduction of Members and Guests by Clubs. Mr. John L. Clark, President, Men's Garden Club of Greenville.
- 10:05 - 12:50 P.M. Program. Dr. Lyle L. Davis, Chairman of Committee, Men's Garden Club of Greenville, presiding.
- 10:05 - 11:05 A.M. Address: "Fundamentals of Design and Landscaping the Average Home". Mr. John Floyd, Professor of Horticulture, Clemson University.
- 11:05 - 11:15 A.M. Intermission
- 11:15 - 12:15 P.M. Address: "Care and Handling Trees and Shrubs". Mr. Emory V. Jones, Instructor in Horticulture, Clemson University.
- 12:15 - 12:45 P.M. Question and Answer Session. Panel: Lyle L. Davis, Moderator, John Floyd, Emory V. Jones, Robert L. Perry.
- 12:45 - 12:50 P.M. Welcome. The Honorable Max Heller, Mayor of Greenville.
- 1:00 - 2:20 P.M. Luncheon. Mr. Claude Sherrill, presiding. The New Room, Colonial Court Motel
- Invocation. Rev. Edgar H. Ellis, Pastor, Triune United Methodist Church, Greenville, S. C.
Introduction of Table Guests
Address: "Environmental Education in Greenville Schools". Mr. Brice Latham, Consultant.
Door prizes.
- 2:30 - 4:00 P.M. Tour of Selected Gardens of Greenville. Tour Director, Aubrey C. Shives, Men's Garden Club of Greenville.

The Men's Garden Club of Greenville appreciates your presence and fellowship and hopes that you will have an enjoyable and profitable day.

NEXT MEETING will be Monday, May 21, at 7:30 P.M. at Piedmont Natural Gas on East Main Street. Rev. Everett Lineberger of St. John's Lutheran Church, well known gardener of iris and vegetables, will present a program on "Vegetable Gardening". This is a most timely topic and the program should be very rewarding.

SHOW AND TELL. Bring samples of your current horticulture to show and boast, or of your problems to seek help. The discussion period is rapidly becoming one of the highlights of our monthly meetings.

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL. This one day convention will be in Greenville on Saturday, May 19. A most excellent program has been arranged by the Greenville Club and all our membership is urged to attend. But you must act immediately for a reservation. Call Jim King (582-4974), Claude Sheriell (582-7425) or Henry Pittman (579-0532).

ROSE EXHIBIT. E. W. Marshall and his committee have put together a fine county-wide rose exhibit for Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd and 3rd. Push your roses for being at their height then. And make sure all your rosarian friends know they are invited to exhibit as well as visit. Entries will be made between 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. on June 2 and the show is open to the public from 2 to 7 P.M. Saturday and 11 to 3 P.M. Sunday at C & S Bank Main Office on East Main Street.

GARDEN COURSE. *Many thanks to Roy King, Frank Cunningham, George Drummond and Bill McPherson for arranging a fine and successful series of courses which has just been completed!*

COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE RECOGNITION. *Julian Foster and his committee will be making their rounds of the county, on Saturday, May 26 for the spring judging and rating. This project is carried out cooperatively with the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce.*

PINE STREET GARDEN AND BEAUTIFICATION. The highway widening at Pine Street School has temporarily wrecked our beautiful garden area there. Most of the shrubs and bulbs are healed-in for replanting in the fall; Roy King and his city crew have done this work. We have a committee composed of Frank Cunningham, Griff Smith and W. O. Ezell to prepare a great new plan to utilize our plants for the maximum beautification of Pine Street, south and north, and to work out implementation with the city.

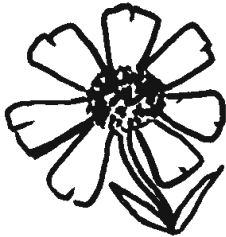
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Brag and Complain Bring specimens of your latest horticultural triumphs to show (or to give away as a door prize) and come with questions for the popular group discussion period.

Regional Meeting A number of our men and their wives attended this meeting in Greenville. Everett Seixas was elected Secretary.

Rose Exhibit Congratulations and thanks to Snow Marshall and his committee for the excellent show. This is another example of MGC community beautification leadership.

Commercial Landscape Recognition Julian Foster and his small but active committee completed the spring judging last month. A larger group will be necessary this fall to do justice to this major project.

Pine Street The committee has begun formulation of plans for re-design of South Pine garden area in anticipation of re-planting upon completion of the highway construction. A long-range "master plan" for Pine Street is also being considered.

Honor Club We were so designated at the Men's Garden Club of America national meeting last month in Dallas in recognition of our exceeding last year's membership. Congratulations to Sid Dunlop, membership chairman, and to all of you who have brought in new members. Remember, Spade Club awards will be made in November to members who have sponsored two or more new members during the year.

Litter Is it looking better - - or are we just becoming accustomed to seeing it around?? Please keep working at it on a personal basis, as well as by any other means at your disposal. This is still our biggest beautification problem!!

WHAT TO DO IN JUNE

Shade trees pruned now heal over quickly without excessive bleeding.

Spray hollyhocks and delphiniums with fungicide to prevent rust and mildew.

Stake and tie tomatoes and tall ornamentals like delphiniums before they fall over.

Continue to plant gladioli for an extended blooming season.

If chinch bugs are serious in your lawn, spray with Sevin or other approved material.

Repot poinsettias and keep them outdoors. Feed and water as necessary.

Pinch back poinsettias to make shapelier plants and prevent excessive height.

Separate and replant Dutch and other bulbous iris if crowded.

Mulch azaleas, camellias and assorted evergreens with pine straw, rice or pecan hulls, bagasse or peanut hulls.

Look to your mulches. If washed or blown away, replace. Try stone chips where you can't keep others.

Spray bush and tree fruits as needed but no more than necessary.

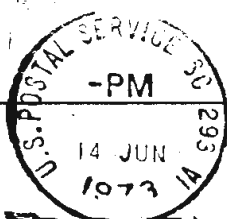
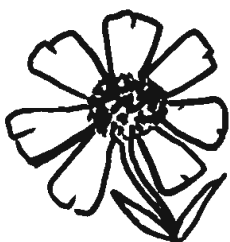
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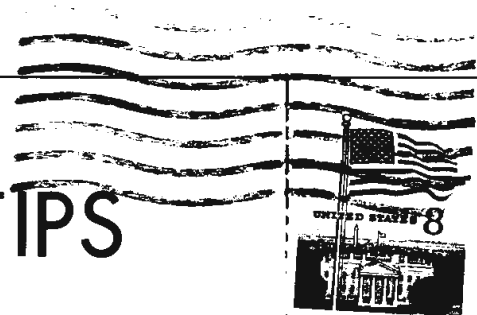
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NEXT MEETING will be Monday, July 16, at Piedmont Natural Gas on East Main Street at 7:30 P.M. Dr. John Edmunds will lead us on a tour of "Gardens of South Carolina" via the magic lantern. Our state has a number of world renowned gardens including Cypress, Magnolia, Middleton, Brookgreen, and Edisto. How many have you personally visited and studied? This is a rare opportunity.

SHOW AND TELL. Bring along a few specimens of your current horticultural achievements to show or give to your fellow gardeners. This is always stimulating, informative and interesting.

PROBLEMS. Come prepared to throw them out during the discussion period, or in private bull sessions before or after the meeting. It's hard to find a better forum for opinion and problem solving.

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION. Don't you agree, Spartanburg is a beautiful community in which to live!! We are so very indebted to those who have built and developed our beautification programs - and the philosophy which makes them a possibility and to those who maintain and enhance them. (Now if we could only clean up the litter on so many of our dirty streets and filthy parking lots.)

WHAT TO DO IN JULY

Prune pink and blue hydrangeas as soon as the flowers have passed. Do not cut the white ones which bloom on new wood.

With tomatoes watch out for cut-worms and slugs, applying poison bait if necessary. Spray with maneb or zineb, if diseases appear.

Make late plantings of vegetables before the month is over.

If semi-tender azaleas wilt suddenly, it is probably winter bark splitting taking effect. Cut out dead parts, feed moderately, water if needed and hope hard.

Trim hedges as the need indicates.

Mulch, feed and weed flower and vegetable gardens. Keep production coming by preventing seeding.

Divide and transplant fall-blooming iris after blooming is past.

Prune climbing roses after flowering.

Set out annuals for late summer and fall color.

Plant late cabbage, Scotch kale, etc., for late crops.

Feed camellias lightly when new growth starts again. Do the same with hollies.

Feed, mulch and water dahlias for better bloom later.

Get Bermuda out of flower and vegetable gardens and shrub borders before it takes over completely.

Irrigate at least once a week, if the rains do not come.

Pull out early flowers and vegetables and replant for succession. Boards over the drills will retain moisture and prevent washing.

Prepare planting areas as time permits for setting out native trees and shrubs during their respective resting periods.

Tie up tuberous begonias in danger of breaking. Feed and water regularly, and where there is considerable humidity spray with an approved control to prevent spread of mildew.

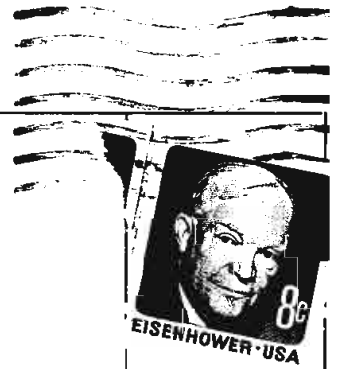
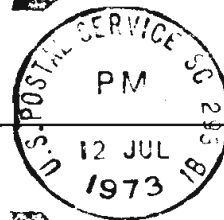
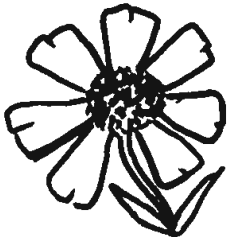
Daffodils seem to do better if dug up and stored in a cool dry place.

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NEXT MEETING will be Monday, August 20th at 7:30 P.M. This meeting only will be held at Duke Power Company (note!) on East Main Street. The program will be presented by Duke on "Garden Lighting" and should be both interesting and valuable.

DEMONSTRATION. Bring along examples of your current fruit, vegetable, flowers, etc. This is always helpful and inspiring.

PROBLEMS. Also bring your problems for discussion during the open forum session.

PINE STREET. The committee is working toward implimenting re-planting this fall. Any suggestions should be given to Frank Cunningham, Griff Smith, W. O. Ezell or Henry Pittman.

GARDEN AUCTION. This annual club event will be held in October. Plan now for the things you can bring - shrubs, perennials, bulbs, house plants, garden tools, fertilizer, etc., etc.

What to do in AUGUST

August means summer no matter where one lives.

Toward the end of the month give your lawn its fall feeding. Also sow new lawns or patch old ones. In the meantime water once a week, applying at least an inch of water, if no rains come.

Plant crown imperials, *Fritillaria imperialis*, bulbs. They rest in summer.

Dig potatoes as soon as tops die, if needed. If not needed, leave in the ground.

Thin late beets in the garden and sow a few beets, carrots, lettuce, etc., in frames for extra-late use.

Pick lima beans while still green. Press blow end of pod. If it is spongy, the beans are ready.

Cut babysbreath in full bloom for drying and winter use. Cut everlastings before fully open.

Sow pyrethrum in shaded bed for blooming plants next spring.

Plant Madonna lilies, fall crocus, colchicums, sternbergias.

Transplant evergreens when growth has stopped.

Cut and dry herbs in a cool, airy, shaded place.

Southland gardeners keep azaleas, camellias, etc., well mulched. Water as needed. If azaleas become chlorotic (yellowish), treat with iron chelates.

Divide and replant bearded, twice-blooming and Louisiana irises.

Plant green beans, peas, early turnips and winter radishes for fall cropping.

Sow perennials that come true from seed: coreopsis, gypsophila, balloon flowers, blue salvias, valerian, etc.

Plant seeds of warn weather annuals for late blooming.

Make and root softwood cuttings of favorite woody plants.

If lawn is mossy, improve the drainage. Also feed and lime it.

Feed mums and continue to disbud for larger flowers on all but the cushion type.

Nurse roses in preparation for more and better fall blooms.

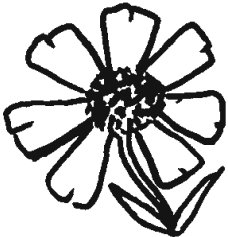
Damage to privet leaves at this season is usually caused by the privet beetle which hides in the soil by day. Apply any state-approved spray, if serious.

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NEXT MEETING will be Monday, September 17 at 7:30 P.M. at Piedmont Natural Gas on E. Main St. Mr. Ken Gray, Assistant Planning Director of the City of Spartanburg will speak on "City Beautification Plans". Spartanburg has done much in this area which has been of great interest to MGC; we look forward to hearing a review of future plans.

ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION. The discussion periods of our recent meetings have become more and more interesting and informative. For many of our members they have been the high-light of the evening's program. Come to the next meeting with problems you want to discuss, recent garden activities you want to reveal, or specimens of flowers or vegetables you want to share.

GARDEN AUCTION. This annual event will be held at our October meeting. Start now to prepare those things you will bring to contribute. This is always a good fun night - and great bargains abound.

ROSE SHOW will be held in Greenville on September 29 at McAllister Square Mall. Entries from Spartanburg are requested and should be placed 7:30-10:30 that morning. The show will be given to the public from 1:30 until 9:00 P.M. Snow Marshall will have registration cards and more details at the meeting September 17.

PINE STREET. Clemson is assisting the committee in preparing landscape plans for the South Pine Street area. Pre-planting is planned for this fall.

WHAT TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

After the heat of summer September marks not the end of the gardening season but the opening of a new one. Fringed gentians, fall crocus, colchicums, asters, heleniums, early chrysanthemums and the fleecy characterize this season. The same is true of the blue berries of the woodbine along with the early red tracery of its leaves.

Feed camellias with 0-12-12 or near similar analysis fertilizer for winter-hardy growth.

Plant late turnips, parsley, spinach and other greens for spring use.

While it is too early to plant them now, it is time to order pre-cooled tulips for delivery in season.

Add to your iris collection, all types: tall and dwarf bearded, spurias, Sibirian, Japanese, Louisiana, twice-bloomers and bulbous types.

Replenish permanent mulches washed away, blown or otherwise thinned.

Continue to turn over compost piles, watering and enriching with fertilizers, if needed.

Delay setting out until later new, woody plants - trees, shrubs, vines, etc. - unless transplanting from cans or tubs.

Root cuttings of geraniums, coleus, impatiens, other tender plants to be taken indoors in areas where frosts are likely later.

Cut back roses for fall bloom. Spray as needed where diseases attack, giving the new systemic, benlate, a good try.

Set out new perennials of all kinds, the late blooming sorts from containers without disturbing their roots.

When climate permits sow vegetables for winter or early spring crops, the hardier ones in the cooler areas.

Keep Bermuda lawns mowed closely in preparation for winter over-seeding with rye, blue or bent grass beginning the end of the month wherever this is practiced.

If privet hedges, pyracantha and other plants are being stripped of leaves by the privet weevil, which can be seen only at night, spray with one of your locally-approved materials.

Remove seed pods and dead wood from crape myrtles to encourage fall blooming.

Sow pansies and calendulas in flats in a cool place for setting out. Sow larkspur, alyssum, phlox and sweet peas in the open garden.

Start planting spring-blooming bulbs, except tulips, late in the month. Especially the first part it is not too late to plant the fall-blooming bulbs.

Set out delphiniums, particularly in limestone regions.

Give most hedges their last "touch-up" trimming for the year.

Move young foxglove plants into position for next year's bloom.

Put last finishing touches, as disbudding, on dahlias for home or exhibition use.

Do not dig gladiolus corms now. Wait until just before the ground freezes.

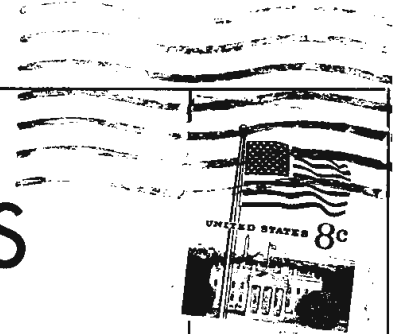
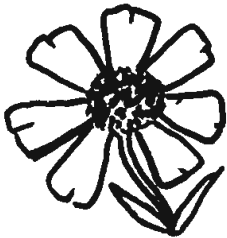


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NEXT MEETING will be Monday, October 15th, 7:30 P. M. at Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce. (Note: Change of Location). This will be the annual auction night and should be both a lot of fun and provide good opportunity for bargains. George Drummond is auctioneer. Success of this program depends on you – please come and bring some plants, some bulbs, a garden tool, etc., etc.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be held at the October meeting. Julian Foster is chairman of the nominating committee.

PROBLEM DISCUSSION will also be a part of the October meeting. There is hardly a better forum anywhere for advice on your garden problems. Come prepared to enter into this valuable monthly activity.

LADIES NIGHT will be next month (November 19th). A good program is being planned by Chairman John Edmonds. Plan now to bring your "best girl" and attend. New officers will be installed.

PINE STREET GARDEN area is about ready for re-landscaping. The committee is quite pleased with the landscape plan shown at the September meeting prepared by Prof. Emory Jones of Clemson. Your help may be needed for some of the work coming up. A two hundred dollar anonymous contribution has been made for additional plants.

YOUTH TREE PLANTING project is being developed by Chairman Jack Shingler. More details next month.

LITTER – please continue working to keep Spartanburg clean. Have you made the effort to pick up some trash today? Your example is important.

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What to do in

OCTOBER

Rake leaves, especially soft ones like maples, promptly to prevent their matting and choking out grass and perennials, if the season is wet.

Clean up all garden waste, composting whatever possible, to eliminate possible hiding places for pests.

Cool weather encourages chickweed. If it is a serious pest, eliminate it in lawn and garden with a chickweed killer.

Plant lilies and spring-blooming bulbs of all kinds. Be adventurous, also try some new kinds.

Dig and take in tender bulbs such as dahlias promptly after freezing. The hardier sorts may be left out until just before the ground freezes.

Chrysanthemums can be moved in full bloom to fill bare spots in garden or patio.

Harvest root crops but leave parsnips until several sharp freezes have increased their sugar content.

Take indoors any house plants still outside to acclimate them to indoor conditions before the heat is turned on permanently.

Cover crocus and other bulbs subject to rodent eating with a 1-inch mesh wire screening pegged down over the soil.

We can set out pansies and more perennials in late October.

Mulch camellias and similar plants with pine straw to prevent too-deep freezing – areas like the Carolinas probably will suffer no shortage of water.

Sow hardy annuals for early bloom next spring.

Plant cress, corn salad, leek, carrots, kale and other hardy vegetables.

Refrain from planting tulips until next month and then be sure to use only cold-treated bulbs.

Water roses to perk up the fall bloom. Water well if the season is dry.

Sow perennial herbs in a cold-frame or protected place outdoors.

Set out groundcovers, feeding very lightly after the roots have become established.

Continue to harvest fall crops of vegetables, nuts, etc., as ready.

Where soils are clayey and winter rains heavy dig drains to carry off excess water.

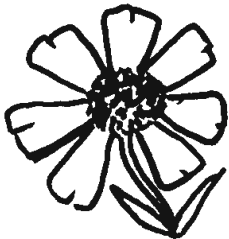
Harvest native persimmons after touched by frost if they please your palate.

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NEXT MEETING is Ladies Night! Bring your girl to a great program. Bob Powell, Chairman of the Converse Botany Department will base a presentation "Botany in the Everglades" on his four weeks in South Florida and the Bahamas last January and February with 11 Converse students. This was part of a new 6-weeks Short Term Course taught by Dr. Powell which combined campus study with first hand "laboratory" experience in the field. He will show many colored slides including the beautiful Fairchild Tropical Garden in Miami and the Coral Reefs and fish of the Islands. Without doubt, we will not only be entertained but will learn some Botany too. The time is 7:30 P.M., Monday, November 19, at Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce (note change of location!)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS and their introduction will be held. The Nomination Committee will recommend the following:

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DECEMBER MEETING — as usual, there will be no meeting in December.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE will get underway during December. Bring prospective members as guest in November or to the January meeting.

What to do in

NOVEMBER

Do not let wet, matted leaves remain over lawns or perennial planting.

Bank roses with soil, making mounds at least 8 inches high.

When the soil freezes in perennial beds and around roses mulch with straw, marsh hay, evergreen boughs or any similar non-packing material to keep it frozen. Also mulch strawberries before the real cold weather comes.

If newly-set perennials heave out due to alternate freezing and thawing firm them back into the soil.

Stake and tie newly-set trees or vines and other plants likely to whip in the wind.

Finish cleaning up the garden, destroying diseased or insect-ridden materials. However, stubs left in the perennial borders will help keep the mulch from blowing away.

Finish planting spring-blooming bulbs before the ground freezes. Also finish digging up any tender summer-blooming ones still in the garden.

Scatter seeds of hardy annuals for extra-early plants next spring. Use only level spots where they will not wash away. A few are cosmos, calliopsis, portulacas, alyssum, calendulas, cleome, snapdragons, poppies.

Dig the last of the parsnips to be used at once or in the near future. Leave the remainder in the soil to be dug and used as soon as the frost is out of the ground in spring.

Clean up tool and garden accessories before storing. Ditto with summer power equipment. Get snow movers ready for surprise storms.

Put 1-inch mesh wire over crocus and other bulbs as protection from rodents.

Continue weeding, mulching, harvesting—and watering if the soil is not reasonably moist for at least several inches deep.

Commence planting spring-blooming bulbs. With tulips use only coldtreated bulbs and treat like annuals.

Set out dormant trees, shrubs, fruits, vines. Also plant balled or canned evergreens.

Prune muscadine grapes within six weeks after a good, killing frost, bunch grapes any time in winter or spring while dormant. Preferably in early January.

Clean Bermuda grass out of borders, walks, etc. Overplant such lawns with rye for winter color. Continue to mow as needed.

Plant sweet peas for spring bloom.

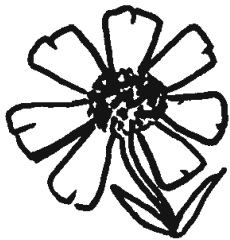
If planting peonies, buy northern plants which are dormant enough to make planting safe.

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