

Gardening & Beautification

A publication of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club, founded 1948

January 2011

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 2011

Note change of time & location!!!

**Enter at Clock Tower on the frontage road
(Brisack Rd.).**

Room E-25, SCC, 7:00 PM

Program: Brad Cavin, Clemson Extension
Plant Diseases in South Carolina

Brad is a Master Gardener and a graduate of Clemson University. He is responsible for plant inspection of commercial nursery production in five counties in the upstate.

Refreshments:

Charlie Crescenzi & Peggy Romine



Roger Milliken (1915-2010) by Linda Cobb

Spartanburg and the world lost a great horticulturist on Thursday, December 30, when Roger Milliken died. Everyone remembers Milliken as a great textile giant. But it was in the last trimester of his life that our community benefited from Milliken's vision of how green a community should be.

As he was in business, Milliken was relentless in his efforts to make our community a better place for everyone to live in. He cared about making a better environment for every citizen to enjoy with their families. Most obvious were his efforts to beautify the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. Of course, the airport is there because he fought to put it there, but it did not have to look like an arboretum like it does. Anyone who has flown home and made that drive to and from the airport (especially at night when it is lit) knows that we live in a special place.

It is a community of people who care about making their environment beautiful. Roger Milliken helped educate us to do just this. It all started with his property that surrounds Milliken & Co. Who hasn't frolicked there with their families as spring emerges? The hundreds of daffodils enhance the property. The property is home to hundreds of very special trees.

It was Milliken's friendship with the great Georgia horticulturist Dr. Mike Dirr that made the Milliken property famous. They were on a plane together when Milliken challenged Dirr to come up with a list of noble trees before the plane landed. Out of that list, the Milliken Arboretum took shape. From that friendship between Milliken and Dirr, the Noble Tree Foundation took shape. Noble Tree found its purpose over the years and annually set out to improve a section of Spartanburg.

One year, it was the land that runs down Memorial Drive at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. They planted the most incredible display of conifers.

Another year, they set out at midnight on the night of the annual Noble Tree meeting and planted about 30 huge noble trees on the campus of Wofford College and were finished at dawn. There was mass confusion from students who were leaving a party when they realized that "All those trees weren't there when we went in! What happened?" In addition, Noble Tree improved dramatically the Hearon Traffic Circle strip, improved the Pine Street Shopping Center, and planted extensively all around Interstate 85 and the airport exit.

He was relentless in his efforts to import speakers from China to explain to us how they made their city greener or a speaker from a firm that builds greener housing developments by creating an inner park in the middle of the housing development. He taught us what a noble tree was and how it should be planted in a downtown setting so it would survive. He made creating an arboretum "cool" and helped four other arboretums be created in Spartanburg.

Roger Milliken never wanted any recognition for any of his magnificent contributions. He hated that. He would tell his people who were working on his behalf to not make it about Milliken, the company or the man. He wanted them to make it about the citizens who live here. That was his message.

Now that Roger Milliken has left us, let us honor his memory by stepping up and showing him what we learned from his example. We were grateful for the lesson.

Photograph by Jeff Hayes 2006

Dues for 2011 are now due... only 55% of our members have paid their dues!! Dues are solicited during September, October and November. You can renew by mailing a check for \$20 (single); \$28 (family); \$100 Corporate, to SMGC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1502, Spartanburg, SC 29304. You can also go to our web site and click on Membership Application and print a copy.

Returning members who have paid their dues as of December 31, 2010 are listed below. If you are not listed below, that doesn't mean you're not in the club any more, it just means we haven't received your dues, so please try to get a check and your membership form to us as soon as possible. We prefer a new form be filled out every year, even if all you do is put your name and 'no changes,' so we know you haven't moved, or changed phone numbers. Checks can be mailed to SMGC Treasurer at PO Box 1502, Spartanburg, SC 29304. Renewals are \$5 for a student, \$20 for a single, \$28 for a family and \$100 for a corporate membership. Our membership application can also be downloaded or printed directly at <http://dirtdaubers.org/Shared/PDF/MembershipApplication.pdf>. Renewals can also be paid in person at any meeting.

Members who have renewed for 2011:

Lou Adams, Jane & Jim Bagwell, Jim & Darolyn Barbee, David & Ann Barnes, Tom & Marianne Bartram, Jim & Helen Bean, Cindy Brock, Bill & Mary Frances Cantrell, JT Clark, Linda Cobb, Charles, Covert, Joyce & Charlie Crescenzi, Dr. Bob Estes, Fran & Marlene Falk, Jim & Sandra Fergus, Dr. Dianne Fergusson, Rob Freeman, Prafull Gajendragadkar, Mike & Rosalind Georgion, George Gunter, Betty Guzzo, Newt Hardie, Will Hawkins, Jeff & Doris Hayes, Stephanie Heath, Tim Hemphill, Macon & Jan Huffman, George Dean & Susu Johnson, Stan Klotz, Terry Linn, Allen & Clara Mackenzie, Paul Manly, Joe Maple, Robert & Gail McCullough, Linda McHam, Art McQueen, Kathy McKay, Stephen McKinney, Betty & Walter Montgomery, Jr., Lyn Murajda, Doug & Maxine Nash, Don Oldham, Liz Patterson, Steve Patton, Pat Perrin,

Henry Pittman, Earl & Cindy Quillen, Dr. Bob Reynolds, Barbara Richardson, Peggy Romine, Terrie & Pat Rourke, Mort & Martha Sams, Sandy Sanders, Rudi & Cecelia Spring, Sue & Gregory Steiner, Dr. David & Louella Stoltz, Barry Stutt, Merike Tamm, Jess & Allene Taylor, Dr. Wendell & Martha Tiller, Sylvia Tirpak, Ellen Towler, Robin Vollmer, Ben & Beth Waddell, James & Regina Weeks, Ed & Kathleen Wilde, Thomas & Janice Williams, Dr. Norman & Nancy Williamson, Bill & Peggy Wilson, Harold & Betty Wolfe, Bill Yelverton; **Corporate Members:** JF Floyd Mortuary, Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve, Kudzu Coalition.

SMGC Yahoo Group: If you want to ask gardening questions, know when SMGC Club activities are scheduled, and more, join the Yahoo! Group: [SpartanburgMGC]. When you renew your membership, ask to be added to the group (see the membership form).

Propagation at the nursery got off to a great start this summer! There are now about 1,900 new plants that will become part of our inventory this spring. Some of the buddleias may even make the spring sale.



Gail McCullough, Don Crowder and Linda McHam were the only people who braved the cool weather this fall to help with potting up the cuttings. Gail mixed the media and Don placed the rooted cuttings into 1-gallon pots. We added about 250 new plants to our inventory on this day.

Garden shop on our website: Caps, T-shirts, knit shirts, and aprons with the Club's logo handsomely embroidered are available. Make it a goal to own one of these pieces of Club pride.

SMGC “Community Gardener” course to be offered at SCC: Through the adult education program at SCC, SMGC is undertaking a new project. A nine-week course will be offered at SCC and will be taught by many SMGC members. Many of the teachers have taken the Master Gardener course and are excited about this chance to partner with SCC. The classes start in February and meet weekly for two hours. A great deal and a wonderful way to get ready for spring! Club members and others can register for the class by going online to scsc.edu/CCE/home.htm or call 592-4402. Select “View our Course Offerings”; under “Community Education” select “Personal Enrichment”; then next to “Community Gardener 101” select “Add to Cart”, and proceed to checkout to complete your registration.

SMGC history books: 50 history books have been sold. Henry Pittman, author, will be representing the club during the Spartanburg Public Library Local Author Days, with an opportunity to sell books and invite prospects to visit the club.

Welcome to our new board members: Tim Hemphill, Earl Quillen and Peggy Wilson. Being a board member is a serious responsibility and the time and effort that is required of all our board members and officers is greatly appreciated. Thanks!



The November Annual meeting was held for the first time at SCC in the Gaines Auditorium. There was a lot to celebrate and to be thankful for and that included the wonderful food! Photograph by Linda McHam.



Arbor Day at USC-Upstate included a special pruning class given by Kevin Parris (left) of SCC and Ken Druse in the recently completed Roel Pavilion. The featured speaker was Ken Druse of New York who has written numerous garden books. Ken gave a fabulous talk and PowerPoint program. The Arbor Day program is hosted every year by USC-Upstate. It is a first class event! Photograph by Jeff Hayes.

New dogwood cultivar “Spartanburg”: Sixty *Cornus x ‘Spartanburg’* (Plena, double white) have been delivered from Shadow Nursery in McMinnville, TN. Don Shadow was a speaker at Arbor Day a few years ago and is a world-famous hybridizer. An additional 40 more 3 ft. trees will be ordered. This is a tree that all of us will want to own. They will be offered at \$15 so plan to stock up at the April plant sale! Better yet, bring a friend and urge them to buy a tree!



“If winter comes, can spring be far behind?” Percy Bysshe Shelley, English poet (1792 - 1822); Photograph by Linda McHam.

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February 2011

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7:00 PM SCC, Health Sciences Bldg.



Program:

Kevin Parris, *Oh, Canada!*

Kevin is director of the Arboretum at Spartanburg Community College and is working on his doctorate at Clemson University. His topic is the future of horticulture in Spartanburg County.

Refreshments:

Jim Weeks and Lyn Murajda

Upcoming Events

March 21: Scott Pace, with Sun Gro, formerly of Fafard, Potting Soils

April 9: Spring Plant Sale

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Garden shop on our website: Caps, T-shirts, knit shirts, and aprons with the Club's logo handsomely embroidered are available. Henry Pittman's recent book "And the Trees Remain" is now available from the shop.

SMGC's new "Community Gardener" course kicked off on Feb. 8 with 10 participants enrolled. This is a nine-week course that is being offered at SCC and is taught by many SMGC members. Many of the instructors have taken the Master Gardener course and have a broad range of expertise. They are excited about this chance to partner with SCC.

New Potting Media



A dump truck load of potting media was purchased from Southern Mulch for a substantial discount and no delivery charge. Thanks to Scott Montgomery and Lee Bristol for helping SMGC with our container program!

Gardening? Start with a good soil as foundation

By Linda Cobb

There are many things that go into making your garden a success. One of the most important is your soil, which is the foundation of any garden. Just as no building can stand without a good, solid foundation, the soil in your garden is sometimes more important than any plants you add to the garden.

If you are scratching your head and asking why, then you need to remember that all those plants get nutrients from your ground as well as ventilation, protection and moisture.

SOUTHERN SOIL SHOCK

The South is home these days to many transplanted families from across the country. When they step outside to garden, be it flowers, shrubs or vegetables, they are in for a rude awakening.

Try stepping into the yard to plant something. You might be stunned when the shovel won't even break the dirt. Southern soil is like cement.

"Soils in the Piedmont of South Carolina typically contain very small particles, otherwise known as clay," said George Dickert, Spartanburg County horticultural extension agent. "It is recommended to add organic matter to the soil to improve the physical properties as well as increase drainage."

Typical Southern soil is hard red clay. The extreme summer heat bakes the ground into cement. The red clay soil base tends to clump together without retaining water, so it needs some soil amendments.

When it comes to gardening, there are about as many opinions as there are plants available. One of the most standard soil amending techniques is common knowledge among gardeners. Upon examining the area needed to amend, add one-third peat moss or compost, one-third sand (any kind, builder or play) and then one-third existing soil or red clay that is already on the ground. Then till up the ground about 8 to 10 inches deep. Consider this a very simple formula that will produce soil that can grow flowers, shrubs, plants, and vegetables.

COMPOSTING THE SOIL

When it comes to vegetable gardening, master gardener Joe Maple is an expert.

At 83, Maple is going strong each and every year. He has taught more than 1,000 master gardeners the right way



Joe Maple chats with a plant buyer at our last plant sale at Hatcher Garden. His vegetable garden is one of the best in our area. He brought the local Plant A Row Program to Spartanburg thus helping hundreds of people to have a nutritious meal. Joe has been dispensing gardening advice in the upstate for over 25 years. Photo by Linda McHam.

to grow plants. He has been tending his vegetable garden in the same spot for 22 years.

"Soil is the life of the garden," he said. And he thinks anyone starting out should always have their soil tested by the Clemson Extension Service, at 142 S. Dean St., Suite 216 in Spartanburg. The cost is \$6, and you can take a pint of soil down to the office. If you do it now, it will take two to three weeks to get the results. Clemson will tell you what to add to the soil and will give you the PH of the soil.

If you are just starting out, Maple says to wait until the soil is "friable" so it will fall apart after you clench a handful in your palm. If it sticks together in a ball, the soil is too wet. The next step is to get all of winter's leaves and debris out of the garden. He adds them to the compost.

After tilling the soil down to about six to eight inches, Joe will rake the soil and pile it up into mounds two to three inches high. He will stand up in the bed and rake the soil back to the center to get a good hill because this will provide better drainage. Then he is ready to plant.

In the beginning, Maple says there were no earthworms anywhere on the property, but now you cannot dig without unearthing worms. He spent every year tilling two inches of soil conditioner. Soil conditioner is finely milled pine bark, with a small bit of gypsum in it for drainage. Gypsum has the ability to break up hard clay and is also reasonable in cost. One of this area's biggest problems is early blight (brown spots on tomato plant leaves that wind up turning yellow and falling off). Maple says putting mulch down stops this disease from spreading by preventing it from splashing back up onto the plant from the ground.

Maple's prize tomato plants are planted in holes filled with compost from his own compost pile.

"My compost is the very best 'brown gold' I can give to my tomatoes. All of these good habits I have developed over the years has paid off because at 83, I can still turn over the soil with just a shovel."

The Incredible Journey!



It seems hard to believe that it's been just 16 months since we first began to plan our move to the Horticultural Gardens on the campus of Spartanburg Community College. From the beginning, we have been welcomed and encouraged to dream big by our hosts. We are just beginning to realize the fruits of this partnership. Our facilities are top-notch and our propagation and container programs are the best they have ever been. If you have not visited the nursery, be sure to do so in the coming weeks. Spring is around the corner and our spring sale is April 9th! We look forward to seeing you there! *Photos by Linda McHam.*

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SMGC Tree Plantings on South Pine Street



The Yoshino cherries are nearing peak bloom on South Pine Street. These trees were planted 20 years ago by SMGC with the help of the city. Many have been replaced. A few dogwoods and Prunus mume cherries have been added to the mix. Enjoy them while they last!

Spring Plant Sale: April 9th

Save this date so that we can have a successful plant sale this year. We need every one in the club to volunteer for a time slot or task. It's fun to see what's happening in the nursery and watch the mad dash for the best plants. Start telling your friends about the sale now and ask them to spread the word. Bob Reynolds and Charlie Crescenzi have pulled together a great selection and you will not want to miss out on the new dogwood cultivar 'Spartanburg'! They will go *fast!*

Spring is in Full Swing



The periwinkle (vinca minor) makes a great ground cover and delivers a good contrast when planted near forsythia. The peach trees and jonquils are also out in full force. Let's hope that a late frost will not damage the crops or the plants. A few years ago, we lost a lot of Japanese maples to a late deep freeze.

Landscape Design Evaluations April 16th

Frank Falk is chairman of the 2011 Landscape Design city-wide evaluation. This is the 51st year that the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club has operated the contest with the help of the Chamber of Commerce. Teams will be assigned several facilities to visit. A new member will be paired with a long time member. Anyone who has a digital camera is encouraged to bring it along to take photos as sites are visited. This will save a good bit of time so that the facilities do not have to be visited twice. The photographs are used for the awards ceremony that is held later in the spring at the Chamber.



Denny's in downtown Spartanburg is a perennial front runner in the Landscape Design Judging. It's a fun way to learn about the companies and institutions of Spartanburg and see some great examples of landscape design in the process. Photo by Linda McHam 2008

Membership Lists Available in March!

Joyce Crescenzi will have copies of our current membership list available at the March meeting. This is in lieu of printing the list in the newsletter. Please take a copy and keep it handy so that we can include new members in our activities. Call someone you don't know and invite them to join you at the next meeting. There is so much to do in the Club and many hands make light work!

Carolina Farm & Wildlife Seminar Mar. 26th

Our own Joe Maple will be giving a seminar on prepping your garden for spring, to include his recommended favorite classic and unusual vegetables, on Saturday, March 19th at 10:00 am at Carolina Farm & Wildlife Supply, on Highway 56 in Pauline. If you hang around long enough, you might want to partake of some delicious barbeque for lunch at Bull Hawg's BBQ, next door. Just a suggestion...!

SMGC Special Projects Update

Henry Pittman initiated the planting of a "Wildfire" black gum tree at the Charles Lea Center. Bob Reynolds, president, purchased the tree out of our nursery and Ed Wilde helped to plant it. This tree will be dedicated to Charles Lea in August of this year.

Also, Bob purchased 16 pink knockout roses to be planted at the Dr. Hooper building at the Charles Lea Center as a memorial to Dr. Gil Hooper, who was a long-time club member and a great rosarian.

The memorial stone to identify the Charles Lea-Men's Garden Club Magnolia in Duncan Park is being completed by Clinton Button. The dedication time for this memorial stone has not yet been determined.

Web Site Improvements

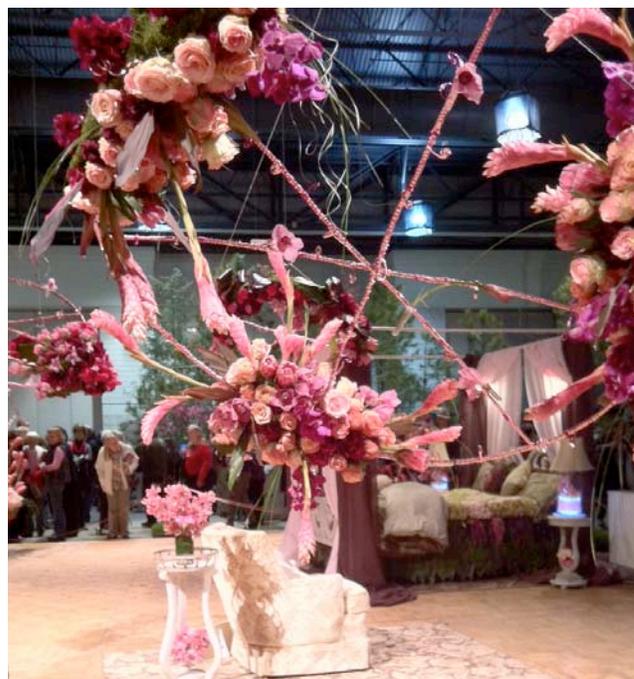
Lou Adams has made a number of changes to the web site. The calendar feature has been disabled. Perhaps this can be re-instated in the future. Several requests for the Crape Myrtle brochure have come through the web site. It was available but apparently too difficult to find. A photo link has been created on the Gardening Help page for the brochure. The Community Garden Spots page has been improved and a new page for Spots of Pride will be included in the next few months. The Club is indebted to Lou for maintaining such a high quality site for our benefit. *Thanks, Lou!*

The Philadelphia Flower Show

Linda Cobb and Dianne Nodine recently visited the Philadelphia Flower Show (March 6-13). The theme this year was “*Springtime in Paris.*” The entrance included the lower half of the Eiffel Tower and the flowers were simply outstanding, as is usual for this great American horticultural event. Linda snapped photos right and left and was kind enough to allow us to print a few so that the membership could enjoy their trip vicariously.



Linda described this as a flower “backpack”! Photo by Linda Cobb.



This is a bedroom vignette (above). Photo by Linda Cobb.



These two photos are by Shawna Coronado for a recycling/green environment article on the flower show.

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(see details inside)

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection, April 16th

Bring your batteries, corrosives, cleaners, paint, etc. for disposal. Gas-powered lawnmowers can be exchanged for a voucher to purchase a discounted battery-operated mower. You can buy a compost bin or a rain barrel at a special price. Contact Mary Lynn Eaddy at meaddy@spartanburgcounty.org or at 864-595-5326. You can find the flyer at <http://spartanburg.myecoville.com/>.
9 am - 2 pm, rain or shine at the Spartanburg County Administration Bldg.



Spring is very much here. Azaleas, Japanese maples and dogwoods are in peak form and there's more to look forward to as we enjoy the beauty. Photo by Linda McHam 2011

Open Garden: Saturday, May 7!

Master Gardener and SMGC board member, **Linda Cobb** will hold her annual *Open Garden Day* on Saturday, May 7. Come and walk through her English Cottage Garden. It features 350 David Austin English Roses that will be in bloom. There will be over 2,000 rose blossoms. In addition she has a white garden, conifer garden, shade garden, and a kitchen garden. Hours: 9 am to 2 pm; 421 Overlook Court, Spartanburg, SC 29301; (864) 574 8493. Come and bring whomever you wish. Her website is www.mygardenersguide.com. Take a virtual tour of her garden, then see the real deal!



The rose arbor entrance to Linda's cottage garden.



Linda's shade garden in the front, designed by Dianne Nodine. This space is only four years old. Bring your cameras! All photos this page by Linda McHam 2008, 2011.

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Club Receives Laptop Donation!

Peggy Romine has generously donated a Dell laptop to SMGC to help with labeling our nursery plants. It comes with a battery and all the cords and manuals. This is a great savings for the Club. If you have items that are still useful, remember that the Club is a 501(c)(3) organization and you can take a tax deduction when you make a donation. *Thank you, Peggy!*



Linda Cobb and Joe Maple staffed the Information Tent at the plant sale. Peggy Romine dropped off the laptop that she donated to the Club. This will be a big help with the plants.

Community Gardener Program at SCC

The Community Gardener program is winding down after a successful first year. Joe Maple ran the course and 10 people registered. The Club made a small profit and will use those funds to help finance the program next year. As you can see, the classroom facilities are first-rate at SCC. The instructors are knowledgeable and, best of all, there are no tests!



Joe Maple leads the class in a discussion of basic seed starting. The last class will be on April 12. One person has already signed up for next year. Let your friends know about the program and invite them to join. Gardening is a great way to make friends and stay healthy.

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“...you will not want to miss out on the new *Cornus florida* dogwood cultivar ‘Spartanburg’! They will go *fast!*” This statement was made last month regarding the 120+ special dogwoods we offered for the first time. **THEY ALL SOLD!** They were gone by 10:30 am. Not to worry, though. We will order more for the fall. We plan to make this tree an important part of our offerings.



The sale went well. Numbers are not in yet but we feel that it was a successful sale by the turnout. There was a steady stream of vehicles all morning long. We think people now know where we are and like the open parking. We are benefiting from holding the plant sale in partial conjunction with SCC. Their sale is on Friday and ours is on Saturday and so traffic comes to both groups from each group’s supporters. The weather cooperated: it was sunny in the morning and humid and overcast in the afternoon.

Grayson O’Daniel was very pleased with the purchases that his parents made. Every plant that is sold helps us to fund our many community projects. It’s important for the entire Club to support our Plant Sale effort!



Japanese maples were very popular and went quickly.



It’s hard to say how many gardeners it takes to replace a light bulb, let alone a small directional sign...!



Bill and Peggy Wilson provided pizza for all the volunteers at the Plant Sale. Past President Ed Wilde (right) samples a slice. Charlie Crescenzi made the brownies which also disappeared.



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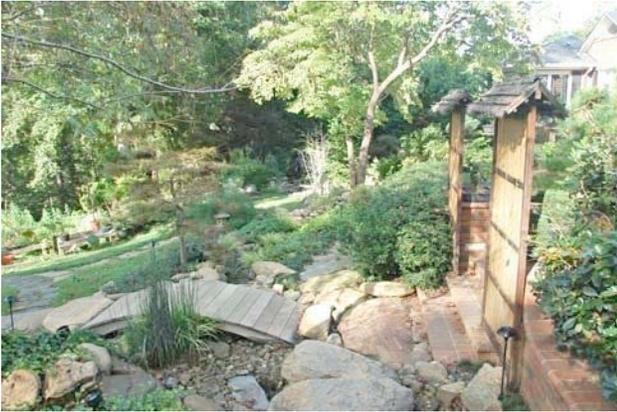
May 2011

Monthly Meeting: Monday, May 16th,
7:00 PM SCC, Health Sciences Bldg.

Program:

Dr. Tom Roberts, *Bonsai*

Dr. Roberts has a Japanese garden and specializes in bonsai with his son.



Be sure to attend and bring a friend.

Refreshments:

Tim Hemphill
and Marlene and Frank Falk

Upcoming Events

June 4: Litter Pick-up

September 19: Annual Picnic

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Charles Lea Magnolia Dedication

Henry Pittman is arranging a dedication ceremony for a magnolia that was grown from seed collected by Charles Lea in 1950 at the National Convention in Mississippi. The seed was collected from the largest magnolia in that state and planted in Duncan Park. Local sculptor, Clint Button, designed the memorial stone and did the carving.



Above is the magnolia that Charles Lea planted from a seed that he obtained in Mississippi in 1950. The tree is now 60 years old and makes a statement near the entrance of Duncan Park. Photos by Henry Pittman, 2011.

Quotable:

*"We come from the earth, we return to the earth,
and in between we garden."*

Yoshinos on South Pine Street



The Yoshino cherries on South Pine Street are reaching the end of their useful life. Newt Hardie has been helping with the maintenance of these beautiful trees. In the future, the city is requiring that all new plant material be two inches in caliper when planted. We have historically planted “whips” which are approximately one half inch caliper. A five-year planting plan will require planting 60 new trees each year. Earl Quillen will be heading the committee to develop these plans.

Container Nursery

Co-chairs Charlie Crescenzi and Tim Hemphill have been busy conducting an inventory of the nursery. A weeding session has been scheduled and volunteers will be needed. A committee of Charlie, Bob Reynolds, Lyn Murajda, Joe Maple, Linda McHam and Ben Waddell will meet to discuss guidelines for the Container Nursery. These guidelines will be incorporated in the committee report in the board manual.



Magnolia fraseri is native to the southeast, particularly the Appalachian mountains. The large, simple, tropical-looking leaves have auriculate (earlobe-shaped) bases. Large creamy-white flowers appear from late April to early May, depending on elevation. Photo by Linda McHam 2011.

Cornus florida ‘Spartanburg’ Update

Several buyers have reported problems with our dogwood ‘Spartanburg’. Many trees have not survived and the Club has decided to be proactive and refund the purchase price of any trees that have died. We do not have any stock to replace the trees but will order more this fall and grow them on for at least one season to make certain that there are no problems with future stock. Please assure anyone who has purchased this plant that the SMGC will stand behind our plant material. Our reputation depends on the public and we will do our best to rectify this situation. Anyone needing a refund should contact Ben Waddell, our treasurer.



Cornus florida ‘Spartanburg’ photo by Linda McHam 2011.

SCC’s new water garden



A new water garden at Spartanburg Community College is in the process of being installed. It was nearly complete by the plant sale and should prove to be a valuable addition to the landscape in front of the library on the campus. Stop by and see it the next time you visit the nursery.

Spartanburg Garden Club Council Flower Show, June 4

The Spartanburg Garden Club Council will have a flower show on Saturday, June 4th at Chapman and would like to invite members of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club to enter the Horticulture Division. This is in place of the exhibit that was formerly held at the Piedmont Interstate Fair in October each year. On the same day as the exhibit, there will be the Spartanburg Garden Club Council Garden Tour. Tickets (\$20 advance and \$25 day of show) will be available soon. Pat Burton's garden will be one of the gardens on tour that day. Here is the information provided by the Garden Club Council:

The public is invited to enter horticulture in the Spartanburg Garden Council Flower Show at the David Reid Theatre, Chapman Cultural Center June 2, and 3, 2011. Show will be judged. It will be on view June 4, 2011 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Rules and Requirements

1. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line.
2. Wedging using plastic wrap or a small wooden piece is allowed and will be furnished by the exhibitor.
3. All specimens must not exceed 23" in total length unless otherwise stated.
4. The exhibitor must have grown all horticulture specimens for at least 90 days. Plant material must be fresh. Cut annuals and must have been in the exhibitors' possession from seeds, cuttings, or immature plants.
5. All horticulture specimens must be correctly named by their binomial name using genus, species. Unnamed specimens are not eligible for top awards.
6. Exhibitors may enter more than one specimen per class if it is a different genus, species, variety, type, size or color.
7. The classification chairperson may subdivide any horticulture lot according to variety or color, not to exceed eight sub lots per class.
8. All horticulture entries may be entered on Thursday, June 3, from 2:00 - 5:30 PM or Friday, June 4, from 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM.
9. Specimens may be picked up between 4:15 PM and 5:30 PM on June 4. Specimens will be discarded after 5:45 PM.
10. Entry cards may be obtained from Hatcher

Garden and Woodland Preserve or the Spartanburg Garden Club Council and filled out in advance. Card should be typed or written with a water-proof pen or pencil.

11. The staging committee of the Flower Show will furnish clear bottles for exhibits. If an exhibitor has a large specimen, he/she may bring in a clear glass container in which to stage it.

12. Container grown plant that have been in the owner's possession at least 90 days may be entered. No containers over 14 inches in diameter may be entered. The plants must be of the same species or cultivar. No combinations plantings will be accepted and no hanging plants are allowed.

13. There will be no "Collections" category. (Five exhibits displaying similar traits).

14. No monetary prizes will be given but participants will have free entry to the show on June 4, 2011 between 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Scale of Points for Horticulture:

Cultural Perfection... 60 points
Conditioning and grooming... 25 points
Distinction... 10 points
Correct, Complete Names... 5 points
Total points... 100 points

Kudzu Irregulars Report

Lou Adams has been working on the nursery site to assess and remove the remaining kudzu. He spent a few hours manually removing kudzu plants from the grove of trees on the right side of the paved road leading to the SMGC plant nursery. This was during the third week of April, but kudzu was already actively growing on the ground, and there were green kudzu vines climbing trees. Vines on the ground were growing towards the paved road. He did not remove any vines from trees because he thought it would be easier to spray those with Milestone later in the season. He filled a wheelbarrow with crowns and vines, which was sufficient to clear the mow-able ground of active kudzu. Kevin Parris stopped by during the work, and they discussed future plans for the grove. Lou will solicit volunteers from Club members to begin systematic kudzu control work in the grove and other areas. Spraying won't be worthwhile until kudzu has foliage. Contact Lou (webmaster@dirtdaubers.org) to volunteer.

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June 2011

Monthly Meeting: Monday, June 20
7:00 PM SCC, Health Sciences Bldg.

Program:

Charlie Crescenzi,
Elements of Plant Illustration



Charlie will show us how to capture our favorite plants on paper. Be sure to attend and bring a friend.

Refreshments:

**Charles Covert with
Earl & Cindy Quillen**

Upcoming Events

July 18: Jerry Blackwell, Grafting

**August 15: Dr. John Simmons, Orchids
(TBA)**

September 19: Annual Picnic

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Charles Lea Magnolia Dedication

Henry Pittman, along with Tom Bartram and Jess Taylor, arranged for a dedication ceremony at Duncan Park on Thursday, June 2, to commemorate the Magnolia *grandiflora* planted by Charles Lea over 50 years ago. Although there was the threat of a thunderstorm and a few raindrops fell, the rain held off long enough for all speakers to make their remarks. A number of people attended the dedication, notably staff and residents from the Charles Lea Center.



Pictured above are Everette Lineberger who gave the opening prayer, Clint Button (the sculptor and his daughter), Junie White (mayor), Henry Pittman and Bob Reynolds. Photo by Linda McHam, 2011.

Web Site Additions

Lou Adams has added two new albums to our website. One is a detailed documentation of the effort to eradicate the kudzu from our site at SCC. A meeting was also held with staff from SCC (Jason Bagwell, Kevin Parris and Jay Moore) to discuss how best to clean up the pine and oak woods behind our shed so that we can plant specimen trees and shrubs there. Don Crowder and Lou Adams sprayed Milestone there and the kudzu is already wilting from the first round. Lou and the Kudzu Irregulars are working on this site but SMGC members are encouraged to help out.

The second album consists of photos of the

Charles Lea Dedication at Duncan Park. You can see both albums by going to this link: <http://dirtdaubers.org/Albums.html>



The kudzu is wilting one week after being sprayed with Milestone by Don Crowder and Lou Adams. Lou is overseeing this project and hopes to get the kudzu under control by the end of the summer so that specimen trees and shrubs can be installed. Photo by Linda McHam 2011.

Container Nursery

Charlie Crescenzi has issued a call for help on Wednesday, June 15, so that the container nursery can be freed of weeds. They will start at 8:30 am. In addition, Linda McHam, Don Crowder and Lou Adams worked on Thursday, June 2, to pot up a large number of cuttings that were rooted last summer. There are still about 300 cuttings that need to be potted up and a notice will be emailed when a date is selected. Please remember that these two activities are the lifeblood of the club. Without income from our plant sales, the club would only be a social club. We need lots of help from ALL MEMBERS to make this a successful endeavor.



Above are the remaining cuttings that were taken last summer. They need to be potted up so that room can be made for a new crop. It is important that cuttings be taken in June and July while plants are actively growing. The later in the year they are taken, the less their roots will develop. Photos by Linda McHam 2011.

Yoshino Cherries on South Pine

Earl Quillen, Charlie Crescenzi, Henry Pittman and Newt Hardie, met at Billy D's to look at trees on South Pine Street. They examined the trees and found that ten need to be replaced. The trees were marked and will be removed by the city. Ten new saplings will be required in the fall to replace the ones that will be taken out. Tentatively, there will be a tree pruning session for the South Pine Street trees on June 23 at 9 am and volunteers will meet at Billy D's.



The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterfly (female) enjoys a bite for lunch on a Yoshino cherry. Photo by Linda McHam 2011.

Landscape Evaluations

The Chamber of Commerce presented the landscape evaluation award ceremony on June 1. The slide show gave a good view of the many properties which our club members appraised.

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July 2011

Monthly Meeting: Monday, July 18

7:00 PM SCC, Health Sciences Bldg.

George Gunter

Vegetative Propagation



A past president of SMGC, George is a whiz at propagating plants.

He will tell us how he does it.

Bring a plant for a door prize and invite a friend to join us.

Refreshments:

Mort & Martha Sams with Charlie Crescenzi

Upcoming Events

August 18: Jerry Blackwell, Grafting

September 17: Litter Pick-up

September 19: Annual Picnic (Pot Luck)

October 17: Voting

November 21: Annual Meeting

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Cleveland Park Azalea Garden

The Club was asked by Cleveland Park staff to provide ideas for an enhanced azalea garden near the train trestle. Linda McHam and Bob visited the park on June 14 and walked the ground. Topsoil, mulch and water will need to be added to this area to make the plan viable. We were given a copy of the topography plan and a list of existing plants. Linda will draw up some plans for recommendation to the park staff.



Pictured above is the site for the new azalea garden for Cleveland Park. Linda McHam and Bob Reynolds visited the location with staff from Cleveland Park to discuss options. Photo by Linda McHam, 2011.

Website Additions

Lou Adams has added two new Photo Albums to the website. One is about the effects of herbicide treatment of kudzu by the Kudzu Irregulars in the pine grove at our SCC site (Photo Albums page). The other Photo Album documents two potting sessions, and includes photos of members potting up plants raised from cuttings in the propagation beds (Plant Propagation Project page). To view, go to: <http://DirtDaubers.org/Albums.html>

Fall Plant Sale Date: October 15th

Put it on your calendar now! Tell your friends and make plans to help out!



The kudzu is wilting one week after being sprayed with Milestone by Don Crowder and Lou Adams. Photo by Linda McHam 2011 on June 10, 2011.

Pine Grove Clean-Up Continues

Lou Adams and Don Crowder have been coordinating an effort to clean up the kudzu-infested pine grove behind our storage shed. On July 9, a crew assembled at the grove to begin removing debris. Below are photos of Henry Pittman (yellow shirt) and Tim Hemphill (in background) clearing the Mimosa underbrush, while Ed Wilde, Don Crowder and Gail McCullough remove the trees and vines from within the site.



Earl Quillen and Henry Pittman prune limbs on South Pine Street. Photo by Jeff Hayes 2011.

Yoshino Cherries on South Pine

Earl Quillen, Henry Pittman and Jeff Hayes, met at Billy D's on June 23 to begin work on pruning the cherries. They made a lot of progress and were aided by Jeff's recent purchase of a battery operated, chain saw pole trimmer.

Propagation Efforts On-Going

There were five people who helped take cuttings on Saturday, July 9. Cindy Brock, Tim Hemphill, Don Crowder, Jeff Hayes and Linda McHam stuck three trays with buddleia and beautyberry. We took these cuttings from plants in the SCC arboretum. Kevin Parris was there to give us some suggestions that were helpful.



Tim Hemphill and Cindy Brock (new member) stick cuttings into the prepared trays. Photo by Jeff Hayes 2011.

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August 2011

Monthly Meeting: Monday, August 15

7:00 PM SCC, Health Sciences Bldg.

Jerry Blackwell

Grafting



A master grafter, Jerry is the head propagator for Gilbert's Nursery in Chesnee, SC.

Bring a plant for a door prize and invite a friend to join us.

Refreshments:

Ben and Beth Waddell

Upcoming Events

September 17: Litter Pick-up

September 19: Annual Picnic (Pot Luck)

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Dues are due for 2012!

Dues will be collected at the September picnic. Dues are solicited September, October and November. Renew by mailing a check for \$20 (single); \$28 (family); \$100 Corporate, to SMGC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1502, Spartanburg, SC 29304. Or use our website (DirtDaubers.org); click on Membership Application and print a copy.

Bylaw Changes

The Club's Bylaws and Standing Rules have been reviewed by a committee. Bob Reynolds, Ed Wilde, Don Crowder and Linda McHam met on July 7. Several corrections were made and new language was included which was recommended by our attorney, Art McQueen. The proposed bylaws will be attached to the August and September newsletters for your review. Voting to approve them will take place at the October membership meeting.

September Picnic

The Club's annual fall picnic will be on September 19th at the Pavilion in the Horticulture Gardens at SCC. The picnic will begin at 6:00 pm (not 7:00 pm) and it will be a "pot luck" affair. Please check this list to see what to bring:

Last Names beginning with A – H: Entrées

Last Names beginning with I – R: Side Dish

Last Names beginning with S – Z: Dessert

Fall Plant Sale Date: October 15th

Put it on your calendar now! Tell your friends and make plans to help out! In the meantime, help out at the nursery by pulling weeds and keeping the area clean! Thanks!

Nominations for 2012

President:	Bob Reynolds
Vice President:	Charlie Crescenzi*
Secretary:	Kathy McKay*
Treasure:	Ben Waddell
Board:	Gail McCullough
	Peggy Wilson
	Tim Hemphill
	Earl Quillen
	Joe Maple
	Joyce Crescenzi
	Peggy Romine
	Linda Cobb
	Charles Covert
	Prafull Gajendragadkar*
	Jim Weeks*
	Lyn Pesterfield*

Above is the slate for the Board of Directors for 2012. Asterisks (*) denote new members or new positions for certain members. The new members will be installed at the November annual meeting. Please support your board by volunteering for committees and projects. Give them a big "Thanks!" for stepping up.

Donation of Plants

Paul David Blakeley has donated a group of plants. Paul David owned and operated "Kudzilla", a specialized bobcat with tracks and a grappling device (see below) that he used to remove kudzu for the Kudzu Coalition and for SMGC at our nursery last year. He and his wife have left South Carolina for Chile, SA to start a new life there. We wish them well and thank them for thinking of the Club.



DirtDauber.org Website

Lou Adams has added new Photo Albums to the website. One shows the status of the pine grove work, plus the results of **bush-hogging** by **Buddy Waters** (Kudzu Coalition) and SCC: <http://DirtDaubers.org/Albums.html>.

Cleveland Park Azalea Garden

The proposed work on the Cleveland Park azalea garden has been discontinued. A change in management has occurred and there is no money available for the irrigation and topsoil that would be required to support new plants. Other options are being considered for this space.

Community Gardener 101 for 2012

Joe Maple has put the finishing touches on the new program that the Club will offer starting February 7, 2012. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let Joe know, or you can register at <http://www.sccsc.edu>. This is a great class if you have a little time; the price is \$155. It's a wonderful survey of gardening.

Propagation Efforts

Don Crowder has been helping run the propagation sessions. A good turnout occurred on Wednesday, August 3 with the following people attending: Henry Pittman, Peggy Romaine, Joe Maple, Ben Waddell and Nancy Williamson. Nine trays of plants were stuck including red twig dogwood, lace cap hydrangea, euonymus, acuba (green and variegated), helleri and Carissa holly as well as gardenia. Thanks to those who helped out and brought plants!

Community Garden Spots

Charles Covert reported that in the Sherrill Garden, a rose that was run over was up righted and staked, so we'll see if it recuperates. More replacement vinca and marigolds were planted. The monument will need some effort to get it back in position, as it is somewhat heavy. More mulch was added at base of damaged rose and watered. At the W. O. Ezell spot, the roses were deadheaded and shaped up. Minimal Japanese beetle damage was noted.

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Bylaws

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club (July 7, 2011)

Article I

Name

This Club shall be known as The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club (hereafter referred to as the Club).

Article II

Mission and Objectives

Section 1: Mission: The Club's mission is to educate and inspire the public to higher standards of horticulture through voluntarism.

Section 2: The objectives of the Club are:

- 2.1 to educate by teaching and disseminating horticultural information to members and others,
- 2.2 to promote and support horticulture and horticultural science and research programs,
- 2.3 to engage in programs and activities that will inform the public about better gardening practices and products,
- 2.4 to promote community beautification through charitable, educational and scientific means.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The Club is a member-run organization. There shall be classes of membership as follows:

Section 1: Active Membership: Active members shall consist of men and women interested in gardening, who have paid their annual dues.

1.1 **Single Memberships** are individual members of the Club.

1.2 **Family Memberships** consist of two people **residing** at one address.

Section 2: Honorary Membership: This membership may be extended to a person who is not an active member of the Club, but who has performed distinguished service for the benefit of the Club. The individual may be proposed for this membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board and approved for membership by a majority of Club members voting at any regular meeting.

Section 3: Corporate Membership: Upon payment of dues to be determined by the Board of Directors, corporate enterprises shall be Corporate Members. The designated representative of the corporation is the active member.

Section 4: Dues for all classes of membership, except Corporate, shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the members at any membership meeting, provided that notice has been published in the newsletter and presented at a previous membership meeting.

Article IV

Meetings

Section 1: Membership Meetings shall be held monthly, except December. The time and place of meetings shall be recommended by the Board and approved by the membership.

Section 2: The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held in November in conjunction with the Membership meeting.

Section 3: The Election Meeting will be held prior to the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting.

Section 4: Board of Directors shall meet monthly, except for the month of December, at a time and place to be determined by the Board.

Section 5: Called Meetings: Meetings may be held at the call of the President, or shall be called by the President at the request of a majority of the Board of Directors or upon written request of 10% of active members within 10 days after receipt of the written request.

Section 6: Quorum

6.1 **Membership Meetings:** A quorum for the conduct of business shall be 10% of the active membership.

6.2 **Board of Directors Meetings:** A quorum for the conduct of business shall be a majority of

the Board members.

6.3 Executive Committee Meetings: A quorum for the conduct of business shall be a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 7: Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained in the current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

Article V

Board of Directors

Section 1: Board of Directors

The Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six to 12 Directors. All shall be active members in good standing, who, by their consent, are expected to assume positions of leadership and attend meetings consistently.

The immediate past president is a voting member of the current Board who serves for a term of one year and then must rotate off the Board for at least two years.

Section 2: Directors

The Directors shall be elected for a term of two years, half of which will ordinarily be elected each year. Directors must rotate off the Board for a minimum of two years after they have served two consecutive **two-year** terms, unless elected as an officer.

Section 3: Officers

The officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (hereafter, the Officers), and shall be elected for a one-year term. The maximum number of consecutive years an officer may serve is six. **This is in addition to time served as a director.** An officer must rotate off the Board for a minimum of two years after serving six consecutive years.

3.1 President's Duties

The President shall preside at regular and called meetings and at Board meetings. The President shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee; shall appoint members and chairs to serve on committees as provided by these Bylaws; and may also appoint members of any special and/or *ad hoc* committees deemed appropriate and in the interest of the Club. The President shall provide leadership in Club activities, and shall be recognized as the official representative of the Club in contacts with other clubs, and private and public organizations.

3.2 Vice-President's Duties

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the event of the latter's absence or incapacity, shall serve as Chair of the Program Committee, and shall perform other such duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board.

3.3 Secretary's Duties

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all membership meetings, called meetings, and Board meetings, shall take care of correspondence and other duties normally associated with the office of Secretary and handle such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President or Board. The Board or President may appoint a Board member as Assistant Secretary to serve temporarily as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

3.4 Treasurer's Duties

The Treasurer shall accept and deposit Club dues and other revenues and income of the Club, pay obligations of the Club, keep a record of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall submit all books and records of the Club for annual verification. The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Club. The Board may appoint a member of the Board as Assistant Treasurer to serve temporarily as Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.

Section 4: Executive Committee

The Officers shall comprise the Executive Committee and shall have all powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the intervals between meetings of the Board.

Section 5: Vacancy

In case of a vacancy, the Board may appoint an interim officer or Director for the remainder of the

term unless an election is requested by more than one member of the Board or ten percent of the membership.

Section 6: Removal

An Officer or Board Member may be removed for cause as outlined in the Standing Rules below:-

1. Disturbance of essential Club activities.
2. Lack of attendance (without notification) at board meetings; there will be automatic removal of the board member after three consecutive missed meetings without proper notice.
3. Threatening and/or intimidating behavior.
4. Intoxication and/or illicit drug use.
5. Unauthorized use of authority.
6. Inappropriate behavior that reflects negatively on the Club.
7. Harassment in any form.

For means of removal of a board member, see Performance of Duties for Board Members under Standing Rules.

Article VI

Director Emeritus

The Board may elect as Directors Emeritus former Board members who have completed one or more terms of office and have given extraordinary service to the Club. A Director Emeritus shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board. This title is a lifetime honor and the Director Emeritus will be recognized at the Annual Meeting following his or her election. The Director Emeritus position is not a Board position after 2007.

Article VII

Election and Installation

The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of Officers and Directors at a Membership Meeting prior to the Election Meeting, and the Committee shall formally nominate these Officers and Directors at the Election Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor if prior agreement to serve is assured. Officers and Directors shall be elected at the Election Meeting, shall be installed at the Annual Meeting, and shall take office immediately after installation.

Article VIII

Standing Committees

The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President and shall meet at the call of the Committee Chair at least once a year:

Section 1: The Program Committee: This committee shall provide interesting and educational programs for all Club meetings. The Vice President shall be the committee chair.

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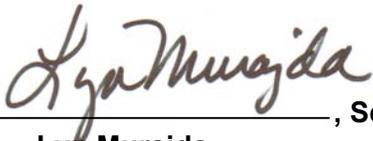
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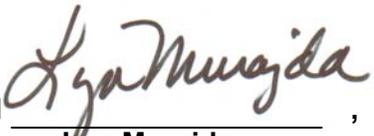
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Gardening & Beautification

A publication of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club, founded 1948

September 2011

Monthly Meeting: Monday, September 19

6:00 PM SCC, Horticultural Pavilion

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC!

The Club's annual fall picnic (pot luck) will be on September 19th at the Pavilion in the Horticulture Gardens at SCC. **The picnic will begin at 6:00 pm (not 7:00 pm)** and it will be a "pot luck" affair. Please check this list to see what to bring:

Last Names beginning with A – H: Entrées

Last Names beginning with I – R: Side Dish

Last Names beginning with S – Z: Dessert

Upcoming Events

September 17: Litter Pick-Up, 9 AM

September 19: Annual Picnic (Pot Luck)

October 15: Fall Plant Sale

October 17: "Garden Jewelry" by Master Gardener and Club Member, Linda Cobb.

Come to the lecture and find out why the addition of a little magic and jewelry can give new life to your worn out garden. Hints, tips, and explanations will make you a believer.

Voting on bylaws.

November 21: Annual Meeting

Dues are due for 2012!

Dues will be collected at the September picnic.

Dues are solicited September, October and November. Renew by mailing a check for \$20 single, \$28 family,; \$5 Student or \$100 Corporate, to SMGC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1502, Spartanburg, SC 29304. Or use our website (DirtDaubers.org). Click on Membership Application and print. Membership forms are available at meetings but a copy can be printed from our website at any time. Mail it with your check, or bring it with you to the meeting. Please fill out the form completely, even if your information has not changed. This helps the Club a lot!

Bylaw Changes

The Club's Bylaws and Standing Rules have been reviewed by a committee. Bob Reynolds, Ed Wilde, Don Crowder and Linda McHam met on July 7. Corrections were made and new language was included which was recommended by our attorney, Art McQueen. The proposed bylaws are attached to this newsletter for your review. Voting on them will take place at the October membership meeting. Please review the attached bylaws since a few items were omitted in August.

Fall Plant Sale Date: October 15th

Put it on your calendar now! Tell your friends and make plans to help out! In the meantime, help out at the nursery by pulling weeds and keeping the area clean! Thanks!

Nominations for 2012

President:	Bob Reynolds
Vice President:	Charlie Crescenzi*
Secretary:	Kathy McKay*
Treasure:	Ben Waddell
Board:	Gail McCullough
	Peggy Wilson
	Tim Hemphill
	Earl Quillen
	Joe Maple
	Joyce Crescenzi
	Peggy Romine
	Linda Cobb
	Charles Covert
	Prafull Gajendragadkar*
	Jim Weeks*
	Lyn Pesterfield*

Above is the slate for the Board of Directors for 2012. Asterisks (*) denote new members or new positions for certain members. Please give these people your full support!

Club Picnic Always a Hit!

The picnic will be on September 19, at 6:00 PM at the Pavilion in the Horticultural Gardens as SCC. Feel free to tour our nursery or stroll through the horticultural gardens around the SCC Pavilion. You'll be glad you did!



Approximately 75 people attended the picnic last year. The food is delicious so make plans to be there! Photos by Linda McHam, 2010.

DirtDauber.org Website

Lou Adams continues to add new Photo Albums to the website. The latest shows the Virginia pine removal done by Lou and Don Crowder: <http://DirtDaubers.org/Albums.html>.

Pine Grove/Nursery Clean-Up

Lou Adams has been coordinating a thorough clean-up of the pine grove behind our shed as well as working with the Kudzu Coalition (Newt Hardie, Paul Savko and Johnny Robinson) to rid the nursery area of privet.



SCC student volunteers help remove the debris accumulated by those clearing the grove. The pine grove is standing tall! Photos by Lou Adams, 2011.

Something New: Textbook Fund

A textbook Scholarship Fund has been created to assist horticultural students in need at SCC. The fund, to be administered by the SCC Horticultural Department Manager, has been established by our Club with an initial \$500, to be increased by August first of each year. Members are invited to contribute to this worthwhile fund. Contributions are tax-deductible!

2011 Board of Directors

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Ed Wilde

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Linda McHam

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Linda Cobb

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Joyce Crescenzi

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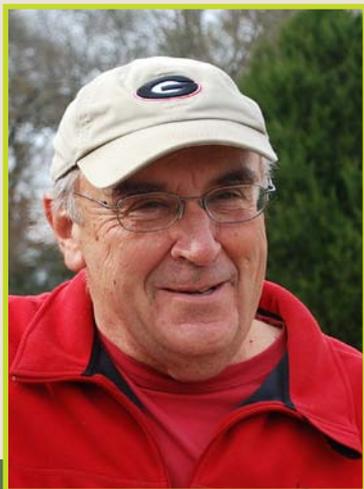
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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE



SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011

Featuring **Dr. Michael Dirr**, professor of horticulture at the University of Georgia and author of several books renowned in the landscape and horticulture field.

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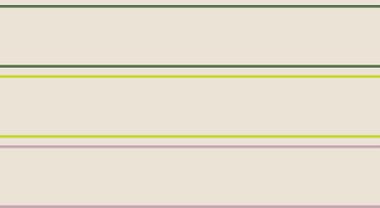
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Tickets:

- \$20 for presentation and lunch
- \$35 for presentation, lunch and outdoor garden workshop.



Tickets available online starting November 1, 2011 at
www.uscupstate.edu/arboday



Bylaws

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club (July 7, 2011)

Article I

Name

This Club shall be known as The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club (hereafter referred to as the Club).

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Mission and Objectives

Section 1: Mission: The Club's mission is to educate and inspire the public to higher standards of horticulture through voluntarism.

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- 2.1 to educate by teaching and disseminating horticultural information to members and others,
- 2.2 to promote and support horticulture and horticultural science and research programs,
- 2.3 to engage in programs and activities that will inform the public about better gardening practices and products,
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ARTICLE III

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The Club is a member-run organization. There shall be classes of membership as follows:

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Each standing committee shall be composed of not less than ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** members, and shall serve for a term of one year. All committee chairs shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, ~~and may be removed in the same manner.~~ Each committee shall be responsible to the President and shall make such reports as directed. In addition, the committee shall prepare a report of its activities for the year and submit this report to the President no later than the Annual Meeting. Each committee shall meet at least once a year.

The chair is not expected to perform all of the committee's responsibilities. The committee should apportion the work, delegate it, and/or solicit additional volunteers when needed. Each committee shall submit a budget request for the upcoming year at the September board meeting.

Section 1. The Program Committee, chaired by the Vice President, shall arrange a program for every meeting of the Club as far in advance as possible, cooperating with the Board of Directors and other committees of the Club with the goal of diversifying the programs, coordinating them with Club activities, and emphasizing educational aspects of horticulture and beautification.

Section 2. The Membership Committee shall devise ways and means of maintaining an adequate membership. The Treasurer shall be an *ex officio* member of this Committee. The Membership chair shall keep on hand at each membership meeting the following: membership applications, annual president's report, copies of the Bylaws, and other materials deemed appropriate. The committee will provide name badges to be used at membership meetings, and send special mailings to the membership and others to encourage and/or solicit new memberships and renewals. The Membership Committee shall greet all members as they arrive at meetings and make arrangements for the proper reception and introduction of visiting members and other guests.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a slate of Officers and Directors at a meeting prior to the Election meeting, and shall place this slate in nomination for election at the Election Meeting. These nominees must have agreed to have their names placed in nomination and must have agreed to serve and to fulfill their duties if elected.

Section 4. The Bylaws Committee shall review the Bylaws and Standing Rules yearly to determine whether changes, additions or deletions should be made. The committee shall make its annual report to the Board no later than the August Board meeting.

Section 5. The Finance Committee shall prepare and present to the Board a recommended budget for the coming year based on the requested budgets from the various committees. A budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year shall be adopted by the Board of Directors no later than the February Board meeting. Each committee for which a budget is approved has the authority

to spend the budgeted amount without further approval from the Board or general membership. The Board may adjust the budget as it deems appropriate at any time.

- 5.1. The fiscal year of this Club shall begin on the first day of January of each year.
- 5.2. The Board of Directors shall determine the official depositories for Club funds.
- 5.3. There shall be two individuals with signature authority on the bank accounts as specified by the Board. In case of the inability of persons designated to sign checks, or perform their functions, the Board of Directors shall designate those who shall act as substitutes and/or replacements.
- 5.4. The Board shall have the authority to disperse funds of the Club.
- 5.5. The amount of the bond for the Treasurer shall be set by the Board annually.
- 5.6. The Treasurer is required to file Form 990 with the IRS by May 15th of each year.

Section 6. The Publications Committee The Editor of the Newsletter shall be the chair of this committee. This committee shall write and publish the monthly newsletter, arrange for printing, provide mailing labels, and arrange for delivery to the Post Office in a timely fashion, or for delivery by electronic means. The committee should coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure that the most current membership roster is used. The Board or President may appoint a member as Assistant Editor to serve temporarily as Editor in the absence of the Editor. The Editor will consult with the President on the content of the newsletter prior to its publication if practical.

**Other and/or *ad hoc* Committees
as Requested by the President**

Other and/or ad hoc committees shall meet at least once a year. Each committee shall submit a budget request for the upcoming year by the September board meeting. Annual Committee reports shall be presented to the President no later than the Annual Meeting.

These Standing Rules were revised and approved at a membership meeting of the Club on October 17, 2009 2011.

Signed  , Secretary
Lyn Murajda

Gardening & Beautification

A publication of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club, founded 1948

October 2011

Monthly Meeting: Monday, October 17

7:00 PM SCC, Community Room

Linda Cobb

"Garden Jewelry" by Master Gardener and Club Member, Linda Cobb.

Come to the lecture and find out why the addition of a little magic and jewelry can give new life to your worn out garden. Hints, tips, and explanations will make you a believer.

Voting on bylaws and new officers.



Refreshments:

Gail McCullough & Nancy Williamson

Upcoming Events

Oct. 15: Fall Plant Sale

Nov. 21: Annual Meeting, Dr. Kirk Neely, Minister at Morningside Baptist Church and Master Gardener, speaker.

Bylaw Changes

Proposed changes in the Club's Bylaws and Standing Rules will be voted on at the October meeting.

Fall Plant Sale Date: October 15th

Bob Reynolds, Charlie Crescenzi and Tim Hemphill have been working diligently to get the plants ready for sale. The plant list has been posted at our website (Dirtdaubers.org) and we have a good supply of interesting trees and shrubs. Print out a list and give it to all of your friends. Be sure they know about the sale. We need everybody's help in making this successful. Thanks!



*Some of the dogwoods that are available for sale at our Fall Plant sale. Be sure to pick up a few for yourself!
Photo by Linda McHam 2011.*

Dirtdauber.org Website

Lou Adams reports that the Membership page was revised so it is consistent with the current membership application form, which included adding information about Student Membership. Joyce Crescenzi provided this information. Information about TGOA/MGCA was consolidated to one place on the page, instead of being in multiple places. This also eliminated some confusion about Lifetime Membership, which is for TGOA/MGCA members, not SMGC members. The History page was updated to include a link to several locations which stock copies of Henry Pittman's Club history book "And the Trees Remain". New Photo Albums were posted for the September picnic, this year's Landscape Evaluation, and September work on clearing the pine grove.

Propagation Effort Continues

The propagation committee has been busy transferring cuttings that were taken this summer into one-gallon pots. This is the first year that we have used this method. Last year we left the cuttings in the frame over the winter but we suffered a major loss when temperatures dipped to below freezing for several weeks in December. We hope that by placing the new plants into larger pots, they will gain some better protection from the cold.



These azaleas (Mrs. G.G. Gerbing) were taken as cuttings on July 12. They are filling these one-gallon pots. They will be ready for sale next spring or fall.



Peggy Romine, Jim Weeks and Jerry Johnson helped Don Crowder and Linda McHam by potting up newly rooted cuttings from this summer. Below: Ed Wilde and Peggy Romine help Don Crowder with Crape Myrtles Photos by Linda McHam, 2011.



Buddy Waters bush hogged the area around our nursery to help keep the weeds and the kudzu at bay. Please thank Buddy, Newt Hardie and Paul Savko for their leadership in removing kudzu and privet from our site. Photo by Linda McHam 2011.

Nominations for 2012

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| President: | Bob Reynolds |
| Vice President: | Charlie Crescenzi* |
| Secretary: | Kathy McKay* |
| Treasure: | Ben Waddell |
| Board: | Gail McCullough |
| | Peggy Wilson |
| | Tim Hemphill |
| | Earl Quillen |
| | Joe Maple |
| | Joyce Crescenzi |
| | Peggy Romine |
| | Linda Cobb |
| | Charles Covert |
| | Prafull Gajendragadkar* |
| | Jim Weeks* |
| | Lyn Pesterfield* |

Above is the slate for the Board of Directors for 2012. Asterisks (*) denote new members or new positions for certain members.

In Memoriam: Bob McCullough, Jr.

Bob was born February 4, 1922, in Washington, D.C. He graduated from George Washington University and Columbia University. He moved to South Carolina in 1950 with the Deering Milliken Research Trust, and retired from Milliken Service Corporation. While his health permitted, Bob was an active member of the Milliken Research Geezers and served on the board of the Men's Garden Club. He was a Master Gardener. He and his wife Gail have been long-time members of SMGC.

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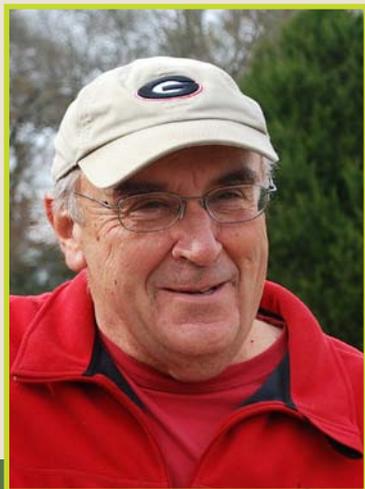
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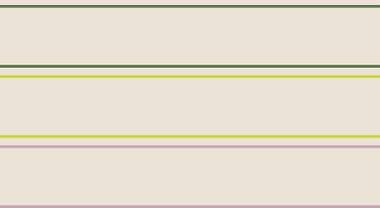
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"Garden Stories, Holiday Stories"

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Morningside Baptist Church,

Dr. Kirk Neely. Dr. Neely will bring some of
his books so that you may purchase them.



**Annual Meeting and Installation of
New Officers.**

Refreshments

Members are asked to bring their favorite hors d'oeuvre, dessert, nuts, etc. to share. Drinks will be provided by the House and Facilities Committee. Should anyone bring a cake or pie, please bring something with which to cut it.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 3: Litter Pick-up Our next scheduled litter pickup is Saturday, **Dec. 3**, at 8AM, meeting at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot off Oakland Ave. The rain date is Saturday, Dec. 10.

Reminder: There is no membership meeting in December.

Jan. 17 (Tuesday): Change of meeting date!

Jim Bagwell, 1st VP of National Organization

Jim Bagwell, a member of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club and a former two-year president and 6-year treasurer has been elected 1st Vice President of the Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs, the national organization for 48 affiliated clubs located in 17 states. The following officers were installed at the annual Board of Directors' meeting in Des Moines, IA, November 5, 2011:

President, John J. Kessen, Fort Wayne, IN; First Vice President, James L. Bagwell III, Moore, SC; Second Vice President, Ronald V. Bare, Rockford, IL; Third Vice President, R. Daniel Logan III, Madison MS; and Treasurer, Ronald A. Heggen, Urbandale, IA. The mission of the national organization is to promote gardening education and related environment issues to the membership and the gardening public, through charitable, education and scientific means. For more information on our organization, visit their website: www.tgoa-mgca.org.

Membership Announcements

- **2012 renewal period is now!** Please bring your completed application and dues to the next meeting or mail your check to the address on the application.
- **Attention 2011 and 2012 new members -** come one, come all to the November meeting. You will receive your new badge and a gift!
- The brand new **SCC Book Fund**, supported by the SMGC is now in force and is helping horticulture students afford their textbooks. Tax-deductible contributions for this worthwhile fund can be mailed to the address on our application or brought to any meeting. What a great anonymous holiday gift!

Piedmont Interstate Fair Exhibit

Our garden club exhibit was entered at the Spartanburg County Fair last month and Peggy Wilson received a check for \$15.00 to turn in for entering the exhibit. Thanks to Peggy for coordinating this effort. The publicity for the Club is appreciated.

Website Improvements

Lou Adams, webmaster, reported that Linda Cobb wrote an article for the Herald-Journal about our October plant sale (prior to the sale). It was scanned and posted on the "SMGC in the News" page of the website, along with the Club's print ad for the sale. It is archived history about one Club activity.

This coming year's plant sales dates are set and are shown, along with a countdown, at <http://DirtDaubers.org/PlantSales.html>.

Candidates for future inclusion include a page about the Club's involvement with the "Spot of Pride" program, and a page on the new "Community Gardener" education program.

Early in the year the Board requested a searchable photo archive on the website. The plan is for software development during this coming winter. Ten new Photo Albums were added to the website this year, but six of these were about kudzu related work. Obviously, other Club activities took place this year, but suitable photos of these events were not available for posting.

Propagation of New Plants

The last three potting sessions for the Propagation Committee took place on September 30, October 7th and 27th. The first one netted 218 plants out of 232, the second one netted 178 plants out of 217 and the last one netted 238 plants out of 291. So far we have successfully grown 634 new plants for the sales. This is an 86% success rate. It is actually a little lower because there are several trays yet to be potted up. But, overall, this is a good record and will provide a lot of the revenue that the Club receives from our plant sales. A great many of

the plants sold at the fall sale were grown by the Club which is almost pure profit because we do not have to pay the cost of purchasing plants for the sale. Generally, when we purchase plants, we have to mark them up 100% which means that 50% of what we make must be deducted from our net sales. This is why we should make every effort to grow our own.

The committee welcomes plants grown at home. Please label them so that we know what they are and put your name on them so we know whom to contact for questions.

SMGC Community Garden Spots



This Community Garden Spot is one of three that SMGC members maintain. The Knockout roses are doing their best to hold up their end of the colorful display this fall. Photo by Linda McHam, 2011.

Charles Covert tells us that it's time to spruce up and winterize our garden spots. We will be pruning and planting cool weather flowers. SMGC maintains several sites: (1) W.O.Ezell monument site in cooperation with the City of Spartanburg, on US 29 across from Vic Bailey Used Cars and west of the Coca-Cola plant. This spot consists of two loropetalum, four rose bushes and two Chinese fringetrees. (2) Sherrill garden located on E. Main St. and Hillcrest Blvd. across from Hillcrest Mall (Publix). This spot consists of four red Knockout roses plus annuals and perennials. (3) Duncan Park entrance. Tasks for these areas include plant selection (e.g. seasonal annuals), site maintenance (pruning, weeding, watering, fertilizing, etc. All areas are tended by SMGC volunteers.

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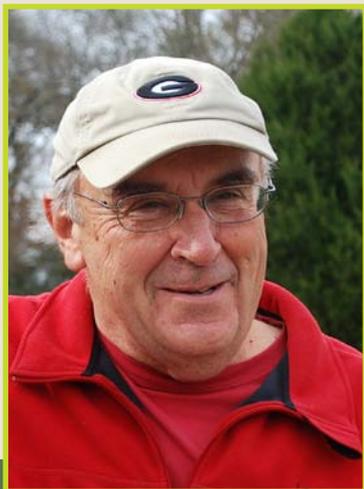
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