

# January 2019

## Gardening & Beautification

A Publication of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club



*Welcoming Men & Women*

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### **Gardening & Beautification**

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### From the President, Don Crowder:

Thanks to Bob Reynolds for purchasing and leading the assembly of a new shade structure. This one is 20' by 36', which really makes our original one look VERY small. It will really help with the winter wind damage and summer sun issues with both newly-potted plants and other mature plants that need the protection.

According to some older newsletters in our archives on the web site, it's not too late to plant daffodil and tulip bulbs, but you need to do so NOW.



Director Emeritus, Joe Maple passed away on Christmas Eve this past December. Joe has been a long-time member of the Club, and was active in the Club's leadership for many years. Linda Cobb had a very nice article in the Spartanburg Herald-Journal on January 9, which can be read on their web site at [goupstate.com](http://goupstate.com).

### Oakleaf Hydrangea

Here's another native North American plant with several seasons of interest. The Oakleaf Hydrangea, *Hydrangea quercifolia*, has huge panicles of white flowers in the summer that turn an attractive pink as they mature. The foliage, which resembles large oak leaves, turns an amazing shade of red in the fall. And the cinnamon colored bark exfoliates which is interesting in the winter. Although they can take a good bit of sun, in our area they will be happiest with at least afternoon shade. We have two varieties of Oakleaf Hydrangea in the container nursery, 'Pee Wee' and 'Ruby Slippers'. Both are considered dwarf varieties as they mature at 3 -4 feet tall and wide.



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

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

### **MEETING DATE CHANGE:**

Remember the meeting date this month is on TUESDAY, January 22 at SCC.

We are meeting on TUESDAY since SCC will be closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Renew Now

### **2019 Membership**

Single \$20 Family \$28 Student \$5  
Corporate \$100

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

Bring check or cash & completed form to Joyce Crescenzi.



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Daffodils start blooming early when most everything else is brown.



Crocus also bloom early.





**4-18-19**

10:00am – 1:00pm

Location: Spartanburg  
County Extension  
Office 612 Chesnee  
Hwy Spartanburg, SC  
29303

\$40.00 per person

Call 864-596-2993

or email:

[ajeffe3@Clemson.edu](mailto:ajeffe3@Clemson.edu)

Should you require special accommodations due to a disability, please notify our office ten days prior to the event.

## Recreational Pond Management 101

Own a pond? Looking to build or renovate a pond? Not sure what to do and when?

Come join us for our great class on recreational pond management! Whether its for fishing or gazing, we can help you keep it in top shape!

Space is limited so call or email to register today!

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