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From the President, Don Crowder:

The upcoming Spring Plant Sale will be on April 12 and 13. We need help with parking, helpers in the container area, people to recommend plants and more. We will also need help getting the plants ready for the sale. Mark Carlson and Mary Ann Hipp will be coordinating the preparation for the sale. We will also need help getting the plants ready for the sale. Mark Carlson and Mary Ann Hipp will be able to better discuss what needs we have.

Propagation; We had a potting session January 18 to pot up the cuttings we had taken last summer. The plants were put into one gallon containers and stored in the old shade structure. There were 277 cuttings potted, with some still left to pot at a later date, since they had not developed adequate roots to re-pot. This is a tremendous help for the Club since it adds more stock with very little costs associated with it. We will have another propagation session to stick buddleia, osmanthus, crape myrtle and other plants in March for future plant sales.

Winter Blooming Shrubs

by Mary Ann Hipp

Just when you think winter is never going to end, its always nice to have a shrub that blooms in February. It's even better when those blooms smell heavenly. Edgeworthias, with their honeycomb blossoms, smell fabulous and are in full bloom now at Hatcher Garden and at Spartanburg Community College. One that is a little more finicky but worth the effort if you have really good drainage is Daphne Odora. It doesn't like our clay soils though, so it tends to be short lived in our



area. Another colorful winter blooming native shrub is Witch Hazel. Depending on the variety, it has yellow to orange to red frilly blooms that beg for a closer inspection. We are lucky to live in an area where there is always something in bloom so get outside and enjoy our winter blooming shrubs!

SMGC Speaker February 18, 2019

Jack A. Turner,

"A land of plenty- The Watersheds of Spartanburg County"

Jack was born and raised in Colorado. He and his wife Jane have been married 52 years and have raised two daughters plus two grand children. He has a BS in Soil Science from Colorado State University (1966); a MS in Bacteriology from South Dakota State University (1969); and a PhD in Microbial Ecology from the University of Oklahoma (1974).

Jack served in the Peace Corps, in Niger, French West Africa from 1962-1964. He taught at University of South Carolina Upstate from 1974 until he retired. In addition, he has served on the following Boards and organizations to the community: Men's Garden Club; a commissioner with Spartanburg Soil and Water Conservation District; Land Use committee of the Comprehensive Plan for Spartanburg County; SPACE board; a Director of the Friends of Lawsons Fork, a Director Watershed Ecology Center. He received the State Environmental Awareness Award in 2002.



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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.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

This will be at the County Offices on Church Street on March 23 from 9 AM to 2 PM. They need volunteers to work this event in 2.5 hour shifts. Please contact Jim Weeks at ??? if you can help.



**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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NOTE:

The litter pickup will probably be in March, but SCDOT has not provided the exact date. We will forward the date when received.

Photography by Linda McHam

Galax leaves in the winter turn bright red and then go green during the spring and summer.



Hellebores are fabulous winter plants. Most have burgundy flowers. A few varieties have other shades from pink to yellow to white. The flowers last for more than a month.

ALL MEMBERS of SMGC should join the **SpartanburgMGC Yahoo Group**. It's the only way for members to know what is going on on a timely basis. It can be useful for reminders of upcoming events, to ask for help with various projects, and to be notified of last minute changes of schedules and venues. Only half the membership has joined, which means that YOU may be missing out on our activities! Send an email to ltmcham@copper-beech.com (Linda McHam) and she will send you an invitation to join. You need to complete the process by signing up and joining the group after you receive your invitation.



Spartanburg Men's Garden Club



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

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