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Gardening & Beautification

A Publication of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club



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President's Corner

I hope all is going well with everyone. The Club is expecting a FANTASTIC Spring Plant Sale on April 12th and 13th. Everyone's help is needed with this event, from parking directors to plant experts, as well as people willing to haul and put sold plants in vehicles. Please help as best you can.

The new Board is energetic and motivated in directing the Club in a positive direction. Please help by inviting new potential members to attend meetings. Once there, I think we have a welcoming team to encourage them to become members. The Club is a community based organization that has been in existence for over 70 Years. We pride ourselves on the accomplishments that both past and current members have made, and continue to promote good gardening for the community.

Gillian Newberry

After teaching botany forty years at the USC-Upstate, in retirement, Gillian has written and recently published two new books – Tales from a Wandering Mind and A Year of Waiting. She has also compiled a digital collection of photos compiled from years of teaching and being in the field. These will be available for purchase after the presentation, and all proceeds will be donated to Conserving Carolina to help continue conservation efforts in the area.

SMGC Speaker
March 18, 2019

"Wildflowers of Iceland"



Fothergilla

by Mary Ann Hipp



Fothergilla (witch-alder or witch-hazel) is another great multi-season native shrub with fragrant white bottlebrush flowers in April to May and fabulous red to orange foliage in the fall. It is happiest at the edge of the woods where it gets partial shade. 'Mt Airy' is a Michael Dirr introduction that gets to be about 5 feet tall, thrives in average well-drained soil, and has no serious pest or disease problems. There is a lovely stand of Fothergilla at the corner of the P. Dan Hull building near the Health Sciences building on the Spartanburg Community College main campus. Check it out and then pick up one for yourself at the container nursery.



Post Office Box 1502
Spartanburg, SC 29304
DirtDaubers.org

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 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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2019 Litter pickup schedule:

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| March 23 | Rain date March 30 |
| June 22 | Rain date June 29 |
| Sept. 21 | Rain date Sept. 28 |
| Dec. 7 | Rain date Dec. 14 |



We meet at the parking area behind Chamber of Commerce off Oakland Ave at 8AM.

Pleached
Hornbeams



Photography by
Linda McHam

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

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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