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President's Corner

The Spring Sale was a tremendous success due to the advertising from so many different people and entities, including Spartanburg Community College. We had the biggest revenue for a weekend sale since we have been at SCC. The turnout on Friday was unbelievable, and without help from SCC, we would not have been able to handle the traffic. We will work with SCC in the coming months to try to alleviate this problem.

Thanks to all who helped as well as all the customers who came!

SMGC Speaker May 20, 2019

Linda Tiller McHam

“Hub City Railroad Museum: Laying out a small garden, the English Way”



Linda McHam has been a member of SMGC since 1989. She is a past president of the club (2007/2008). Her career has ranged from graphic design to developing her own custom garden tours to England, Scotland, Belgium and France. Linda created her own website in 1997 and, from it, took 24 people to England to see the Chelsea Flower Show in 1998. She has visited many of the top gardens in England and learned various English gardening techniques that can help create amazing gardens here in the US. This talk will feature the Hub City Railroad Museum and demonstrate how it was designed and installed "the English Way."

Native azaleas range from white to yellow, orange and deep pink or red.



Photography by Linda McHam



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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.

2019 Litter pickup schedule

- 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.

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.



Bald Cypress

by Mary Ann Hipp

Only a few members of the conifer family lose their needles in the fall and spend the winter with bare branches before leafing back out in the spring. One of the most common of these is the Bald Cypress. This tree gets big (50 – 70 ft) but has a beautiful pyramidal form. It is native to the southeastern United States and grows well in a variety of conditions. In a wet or swampy habitat, like the ponds at Hatcher Garden, you can see the distinctive 'knees' sticking up out of the water. Wofford College has planted Bald Cypress trees in the storm water run-off area near the Richardson Center for the Arts. These trees will also grow happily in drier environments as evidenced by several mature ones on the campus of

Spartanburg Community College. If you are looking for a stately tree for your yard, think about Bald Cypress. And yes, we have them for sale in the garden club container nursery!

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.



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