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President's Corner

Thanks to all who helped with the potting session this past month. There were over 225 liners and all were potted! We still need weeding for some of the containers. Any help is appreciated, and you can go anytime you like. SCC (namely, Jason Bagwell) has moved some of the mulch piles in our parking area, and has also used some of the demolished asphalt pavement from an expansion project to fill some of the holes in our parking area. Thanks to all who have helped!

SMGC Speaker June 17, 2019

Greg Freeman

“Seven Plants No Upstate South Carolina Garden Should Be Without”

Greg is an author, editor, songwriter, and recording artist. He grows a variety of plants, and is a daffodil exhibitor, hybridist, and judge. Greg is a former editor of The Daffodil Journal, and has written for The American Gardener. His websites are Southern Edition and Greg Freeman's Garden Chronicle.



Cotoneaster

by Mary Ann Hipp

Sometimes we grow plants for their beautiful flowers or foliage. Other times we grow a plant for the fruit or vegetables it provides. Then there are the plants we grow mostly because they solve a landscaping problem for us. Cotoneaster is one of those plants for me. When the road in front of my house was moved many years ago, an eight foot bank was left that is steep, unattractive, and nothing



but red clay. I tried several plants there and finally hit on cotoneaster. Cotoneaster is a low growing, evergreen (in the South) plant with inconspicuous flowers in the spring and red berries in the fall. It loves full sun and is great for mass plantings as a single plant will spread 6 – 8 feet wide. The variety we have for sale in the container nursery is ‘Scarlet Leader’ and is known for heavy crops of scarlet berries.



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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.



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'Endless Summer' Hydrangea



Hypericum 'Hidcote'
(St. John's Wort)



'Near East' Crape Myrtle

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.

