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President's Corner

Thanks to Linda McHam, Mark Carlson, and Will Hawkins for potting up the remainder of the cuttings in the propagation frame. Also, thanks to Bruce Fraedrick for his instructions and demonstrations on pruning the trees/shrubs at the Club this past month! It was a very informative session. The timer for the misting system for the propagation frame was "fried" by lightning for the second time in two months. Linda McHam has ordered a battery-operated system to replace the dead one.

September Picnic: Jack Turner will get info for this event in the next month, but the Club will provide the meat and club members will be asked to furnish the other dishes. More details to follow from Jack.

Litter Pickup: Thanks to Charlie Covert for organizing and heading up this effort in June once again. We had a total of six participants, and the area looks much nicer now.

SMGC Speaker July 15, 2019

Linda Tiller McHam

"Your Health: Could It Be Better?"

"Feeling bad is not normal. Don't let anyone tell you that it is. — Dr. Peter Osborne".



If you were born after WWII, you likely have chronic health issues, no matter your age. Young and old are experiencing health problems to such an extreme, that it is being termed an "epidemic." Here are just a few major health issues that over half the people in the US are dealing with: Heart disease, RA (rheumatoid arthritis), MS (multiple sclerosis), Crohn's disease, Celiac disease, Lupus, GERD, Psoriasis, Eczema, Obesity (over 60% of the population), Diabetes, Gluten sensitivity, and too many more to list. In the past 10 years, alternative health care and functional medicine have eclipsed traditional medicine, moving away from pills and surgery to the recognition (outside the mainstream) that many of the foods we eat today are killing us.

Linda has been a Club member since 1989. She is a past president of the club. Her career has ranged from graphic design to developing custom garden tours in England.



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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.

Photography by Linda McHam



Vegetable container gardening made simple.



Red basil and red strawberries for summer.

2019 Litter pickup schedule

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.



Sweet onions, asparagus and squash in a small area.



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Shade Trees *by Mary Ann Hipp*

Welcome to July in South Carolina! It's hot and muggy and generally miserable outside. Unless you have a swing, a glass of sweet tea, and a tree to sit under! If you are lucky enough to have a full-grown shade tree in your yard, thank someone who may have planted that tree a long time ago. When we plant shade trees, we are not necessarily planting them for our own enjoyment. Trees take a long time to mature to the point of really shading your yard or house. But what a difference they can make to those who live there after you! Mature trees can lower your cooling bills, add resale value to your house, and have a profound ecological effect. They provide food and shelter for local wildlife, their composted leaves improve the soil, and they convert vast quantities of carbon dioxide back into breathable oxygen. Consider adding an oak, maple, or any of the other trees we have available in the container nursery to your landscape this fall.



The Spartanburg Mens' Garden Club was founded in 1948. In 2010 a retrospective was published by The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club, E. Henry Pittman, author, and Dianne S. Fergusson, PhD, editor. Some copies are still available through the Club, and the entire book can be read online at https://DirtDaubers.org/Shared/PDF/SMGC_History_13-12-12r.pdf

We plan to include excerpts from the book over the next year or so. So many members have come and gone through the years that we would like to re-acquaint our current members and friends of the Club with our past. There is much to be learned, and we hope that you will enjoy becoming familiar with all of the past and present Club activities. There is so much that is worthy here. It would be a shame for our history to be forgotten. We hope you agree.

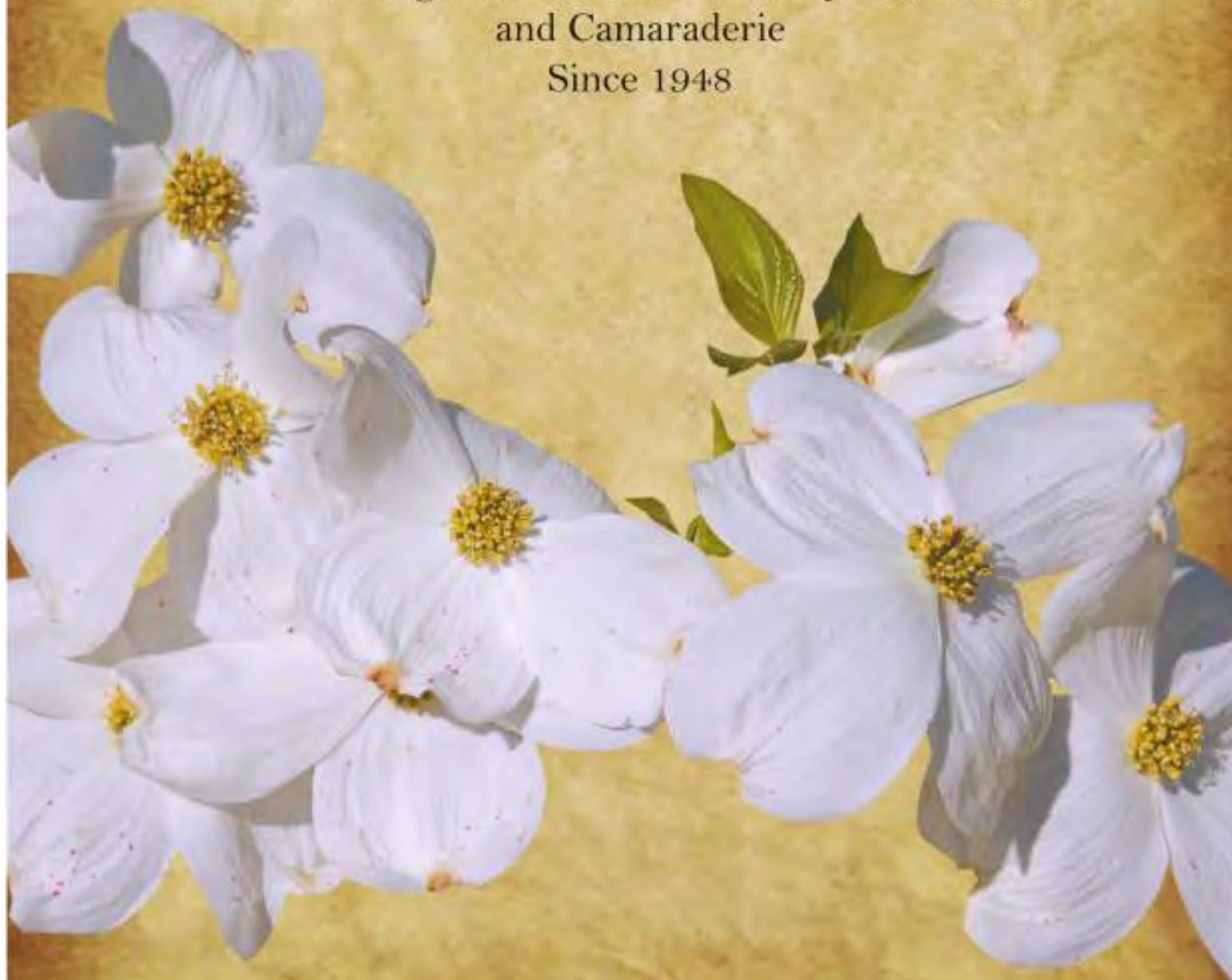
And the Trees Remain

Spartanburg Men's Garden Club

An Unofficial History

Of Gardening Education, Community Beautification
and Camaraderie

Since 1948



E. Henry Pittman

Dianne S. Fergusson, Ph.D., Editor

NOTES ABOUT THE CLUB FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS

This history captures, with pride and deserved satisfaction, the efforts of a group of caring Spartanburg citizens whose contribution to the aesthetic attractiveness of their community was, and is, quite remarkable. If you want to know how terrific people can make a difference and build a lasting legacy for those who follow, read this compendium of good deeds and consider what you might do to further support their vision.

Bill Barnett
Former Mayor, City of Spartanburg

For more than 60 years, the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club has partnered with the City and led efforts to make this community more attractive. The club's work on litter control, garden spots and street tree plantings has enhanced the quality of life for all citizens and is a legacy of beautification and conservation that will serve the City and its citizens for future generations. The City is grateful for the work of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club and looks forward to continued future collaboration and partnership.

Junie White
Mayor, City of Spartanburg

I commend the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club for its contribution to the beautification of our community for the last 60 some years. Your organization did much to raise the awareness by the public at large to recognize the positive impact the planting of trees, bushes and flowers has on our environment.

The results can be seen all over our community.

Kurt Zimmerli

The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club has supported USC Upstate in many ways. It has donated many plants for our new arboretum, it has lent its efforts and expertise to the University's pursuit of the "Tree Campus USA" designation of the National Arbor Day Foundation, it always participates in our Arbor Day festivities in December and it is a strong promoter of our campus green space throughout the community. It is a great partnership.

Congratulations on your 62 years of service and we look forward to many more years of making our community, the University and the Upstate of South Carolina green.

Dr. John Stockwell
Chancellor, University of South Carolina Upstate

I've applauded the Men's Garden Club over the years for its many contributions to our community—for its valuable partnership with the Chamber of Commerce in landscape evaluations and encouragements to local businesses and organizations to improve, for its many street and highway tree planting projects, for its support in building Hatcher Garden, for making Spartanburg "The City of Flowers" in the 1950s and 60s, for its ongoing fight against litter—and its many other enhancement activities.

Roger Milliken
Chairman, Milliken & Company

The Spartanburg Men's Garden club has played a major role over the years in the vastly improved physical appearance of not only the city of Spartanburg, but also in all business sites as well. Gibbs International is proud to be a supporter of the Men's Garden Club, and the tireless efforts of the Club have aided us in our awareness and pride of our campus appearance. Their annual evaluation project of business sites, along with their recommendations for improvements, is deeply appreciated and something that we, as well as our ground maintenance crew takes great pride in.

J. Brian Honeycutt
Executive Vice President, Gibbs International, Inc.

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Over 50 hours of class time and hands on learning!

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Fee includes the book and the course.

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12-3-19

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9:30am – 1:00pm

Cost: \$300.00

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