

# March 2023



*Welcoming Men & Women*

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## President's Corner

We are definitely seeing signs of spring — that can only make a gardener happy. I saw the first tall bearded iris bloom at the end of February. Planting irises in a south facing raised bed with a brick wall behind it can do wonders for extending the bloom season. We also have two Oklahoma Red Buds that were recently planted and are now blooming. They had to be Oklahoma Red Bud, since that is Edie's home state.

Which plants in this spring season are your favorite? Which plant do you look forward to seeing bloom? How can we get others less familiar with gardening to enjoy plants as much as we do? The Club has a great container garden that is abundantly stocked this year with loads of new varieties. Invite friends, family and acquaintances to our spring plant sale on Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1. We can spread the excitement of gardening with other folks in our community. See you at the plant sale!

## Mary Snoddy SMGC Speaker March 20, 2023

### "Gardening Trends and New Plants for 2023"



Landscapes evolve and change from season-to-season and year-to-year. The horticulture industry is constantly introducing new plant species and varieties as well as landscape design ideas. Mary will discuss popular new plants and trends in gardening for the coming year.

Mary Snoddy is known for her garden smarts, shared through her writing and speaking engagements. She is an adjunct instructor in the Clemson University Master Gardener program in Spartanburg and Laurens counties, and the Wofford College Life-Long Learning program. She is a frequent and popular presenter for garden clubs and civic groups. Mary is a life-long gardener and resident of South Carolina.



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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.



## 2023 Litter pickup schedule

**June 10** rain date **Jun 17**

**Sept. 9** rain date **Sep 16**

**Dec. 9** rain date **Dec 16**

Our area for litter control is Pine St. from Palmetto St. to McCravery Dr.

We meet at 8 AM in parking area behind Chamber of Commerce (off Oakland Av.)

## Renew Now 2023 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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## Upcoming Events

**Spartanburg Men's Garden Club & SCC**  
*present our Tree, Plant and Shrub Sale!*

complete plant list at  
**DirtDaubers.org**  
cash/checks/cards

*Hundreds of plants  
Reasonably priced*

**SCC** SPARTANBURG  
Community College

at the Horticulture Gardens SCC I-85 Business at New Cut Road

# Sale

**Friday, March 31 &  
Saturday, April 1  
at 8:00am-1:30pm**

**Dirtdaubers.org**

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## Betty Montgomery Garden Tour

Betty's garden will be open on Saturday, April 15 for the Garden Conservancy, 10 to 4. See <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days> Her garden will also be open for special friends on Sunday, April 16 from 12 to 4. The Men's Garden Club is included on this date.

## Save the Date – May 6, 2023 - Garden Tour

On May 6, 2023, Gardens of selected members of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club will be open to the public. We will be showcasing our gardening talents and raising the awareness of our Club. Please spread the word and make this a great event.





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**Photography  
by Linda McHam**



Perfect weather made an afternoon trip to Easley, SC, spectacular. Left to right: Edie Abers, Mark Carlson, Jim Weeks, Mary Ann Hipp, Shelia Middlebrooks, Phil Abers, Darvin Helvy, Linda McHam, Bruce Fraedrich and Boris Bauer. Photo by Jane Bauer. March 1, 2023.

Nine members of SMGC wandered around 5 acres of deciduous magnolias, rhododendron, azaleas and many other woodland plants. The Bauers were generous by donating some of their plants to members. Everyone went home with prizes.



Boris Bauer explaining his "Extractigator" from Canada.  
[www.extractigator.com](http://www.extractigator.com)

**Our Corporate Members are listed below. Please support them.**

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## Member Musing

By Mary Ann Hipp

### *Visiting My Garden*

Quite often in this column, members have described favorite gardens they have visited with the idea of encouraging the rest of us to visit those gardens. Today I would like to tell you about a garden that I visit regularly, every day in fact, and encourage you to come visit it. As one of the 75th anniversary events this year, my garden will be open on May 6th, the first Saturday in May, for anyone and everyone to come visit. I live in the Cherokee Springs community of northern Spartanburg county in a home that was built well over a hundred years ago, and my garden consists of 3 ½ acres of trees, shrubs, and flowers, some of which have been there for many years and some of which are newly added. From 1975-1995, this was the home of the Cherokee Springs Azalea Farm and there are over 100 azaleas on the property including both evergreen and deciduous ones. They bloom from March through June and one even blooms in August. I have quite a collection of viburnums and nearly every shrub the garden club has sold for the last ten years. I have also worked hard to include a lot of native North American species including perennials, shrubs and trees. There is nothing a gardener likes better than to share their garden with others, and I sincerely hope you, your family, your friends and neighbors, and anyone else will come get ideas about what can be grown in our own area without having a crew of workers and a massive budget. Hope to see you there!







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## Biography

### *Dan Shook*

Manager at Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve

Growing up in Anderson, SC, I developed a love of gardening from a neighbor gentleman who raised his three sons. Then, I came along. Common tasks were running corn to the boiling water, digging potatoes and cutting okra to help out.

I was a runner in high school and college, having held the state record in the mile as a senior for one week before coming in second at the finals. College and an internship with Milliken for two years introduced me to Spartanburg. Working directly with Mr. Milliken allowed me an inside look at the world of a wonderful visionary.



I spent four years as a horticulturist with Morgan Corp and was involved in the development of the Carolina Country Club golf course and subdivision. Later, I went on to start and operate Century Company, a residential and commercial landscaping business for 30 years. It was sold six years ago so that I could take a position at Hatcher Garden as manager.



My world today is education on outdoor environments and how to create a special place in Spartanburg for respite, education, and exercise. I will remain here as long as they will keep me. Our focus is on insect habitats and water run-off. I have a passion for trees which shows up throughout the year. I am married with numerous grandchildren. Life is dynamic.

I continue to design and serve residential clients through my small business to practice my craft. I am excited for the Men's Garden Club and the importance of the work we do.

**History of the club continues on the following pages.**

Both of these leaders were featured in articles in National's bi-monthly magazine, *The Gardener*.

In order to develop more camaraderie and cooperation between local clubs, National organized *regional groups* composed of a half dozen or so clubs who were encouraged to develop regional sharing meetings and to elect a local member to serve on the MGCA Board of Directors. The Spartanburg club hosted the 1963 Blue Ridge Regional meeting with

**The Paper, September 8, 1993**  
**Spartanburg Men's Garden Club winds highest award**  
 By Della Tralnor

The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club was the only affiliate of The Gardeners of America Inc. to receive a Certificate of Recognition at the organization's recent annual convention in Akron, Ohio.

The certificate is The Gardeners of America's highest award. Stephen Smith of Asheville, N.C., national director of the organization, recommended the Spartanburg club for this honor after a recent visit to the city, during which he observed the club's various activities.

"The certificate was awarded on the basis of outstanding achievement and service to the community," David Kennemur, club director, said. "Such services involved the beautification of the city by planting and maintaining 20 flower beds in highly visible areas and by growing and planting trees and shrubs along the principal streets and in the parks and school grounds of the city."

Kennemur said the club has planted or sold for planting more than 65,000 trees and shrubs during the last 12 years. This has contributed to Spartanburg being named "A Tree City" by the National Arbor Day Foundation each of those years. And the club has been involved in other beautification efforts, as well.

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headquarters at the Cleveland Hotel and featured a tour of the landscaped grounds of the new Milliken facilities. Lea served as the region's representative on the MGCA Board. The annual Regional meeting was held in Greenville in 1965 when Ezell was its president, and he served as its representative as a National Director from then until 1967. He also served as chairman of MGCA's New

Clubs Committee beginning in 1968. Ezell received a significant honor—he was invited to be the featured speaker at the 1968 Carolinas/Virginia Regional Meeting in Chapel Hill, N.C.—and his topic was City Beautification!

Claude Sherrill led the Blue Ridge Region as its president in 1972 when the YMCA served as headquarters for the second meeting in Spartanburg. The "Garden Tips" newsletter reported:

**Regional Meeting** – Attached is a program and registration blank for the meeting on Saturday, September 30. Our club is host and Claude Sherrill, as General Chairman, has arranged a fine program for you and your lady. Those of you who heard Shirley Carter and Pat Fulmer at our Spring Garden Course know the high caliber of their presentation...

The report the next month was, "A big success with 129 men and their ladies in attendance! All Regional Clubs were well represented. Hendersonville had over forty present. Congratulations and thanks to General Chairman, Claude Sherrill..." Other active clubs in the region at that time were Asheville, Easley, Greenville, and Greenwood; Tryon, Knoxville, Lebanon and Hickory became active later.