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President's Corner

We had an excellent plant sale thanks to the hard work of our membership. We have also added a few new members. Although it is too early to tell, it appears that the prospects for the Garden Club and the garden industry are brightening. What could be the cause? Some people point to COVID reintroducing people to gardening as other activities were limited.

Other talk about Millennials having a greater interest in gardening than their predecessors, Gen X and Gen Z. Some misguided souls may say the dynamic club president has made a difference, although that is hard to believe. It is most likely that the Millennials and the COVID restrictions greatly benefited the gardening world. Whatever the reason, let's take advantage of our good fortune and ride the wave of gardening popularity.

Davis Sanders SMGC Speaker May 20, 2024



"Native Perennials"

The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club is excited to have Davis Sanders, a fabulous designer from South Pleasantburg Nursery in Greenville, as our May speaker.

With over forty years experience in various aspects of horticulture, landscaping and retail plants, Davis will speak on the subject of "Native Perennials." Davis is a regular guest panelist on the SCETV program "Making It Grow" as he showcases new and unusual plants and helps to diagnose troubled specimens. Make your plans now to join us as Davis shares his wisdom, wit and wonder!



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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, and conducts a twice-yearly Tree & Shrub sale.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Parris has agreed to lead a plant tour of the SCC Campus

May 11 or a rain date of May 18 at 10AM.
Club members will meet in front of the Health Science Building.



Presentations for 2024

June 17	Highlights of 2023 Plant Survey of Glassy Mountain	Dan Whitten
July 15	A Guide to Wildflowers of SC	Dr. Douglas Rayner
August 19	Skin Care for Gardeners	Dr. Christopher Thompson Dermatologist
September, 16	Club Picnic	
October 21	Birds	Irvin Pitts

2024 Litter pickup schedule

June 8	"rain date"	Jun 15
September 7	"rain date"	Sep 14
December 7	"snow"	Dec 14

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

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

Renew Now 2024 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 Shelia Middlebrooks.



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Photography
by Linda McHam



The Club had a terrific Spring Plant sale this year. We even had special visitors take a tour through the inventory.



On Friday morning, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, plants flew out the door. We have depleted our inventory (a good thing), but now we need to restock!



One of the azaleas that we will try to propagate in June. A single plant with three or more types of flowers on it.

Our Corporate Members are listed below. Please support them.

Creekside Garden & Nursery
Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve
Piedmont Farm & Garden
Peggy Wilson, Realtor
Wofford College



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Member Musing

By Bob Reynolds

Tree Banks of the Past

In the early 1970's, Harold Hatcher obtained permission from the city to use Urban Renewal property for a tree bank. This property was located at the corner of Pine Street and Danial Morgan. The Honda Auto Dealership is now located on this location. It contained good river bed soil, but a lot of building debris. Harold had an old Gravely driven tiller and John Nevison had a new Gravely driven tiller. When both were tilling the rows, we accused them of racing the tillers to see who had the fastest. Trees were grown in this nursery for about four years. The last trees (some about 10 ft tall) were planted where the QS1 Building is now located. This planting occurred on a cold winter day with a strong wind. Clayton Brown and I were working together digging and planting. The ground was hard and both of us were freezing. Harold never let weather be a consideration when work needed to be done.

Harold Hatcher and several of his helpers at Hatcher Garden with his John Deere riding mower.



The next Tree Bank was located on the Fairforest Creek flood plain behind the Beacon. This sandy soil made easy digging and planting. This area was used for several years. Later, the Tree Bank was moved to Hatcher Garden for our last in-the-ground nursery. Maintaining and then digging the trees became more difficult. A decision was made to convert the nursery to container plants. However, the containers still required weed removal and watering. An automatic watering system was installed for watering the containers. There is no easy way to grow plants. Our nursery still requires work from our members.

Linda McHam, who joined the Club in 1991 and later became the first woman president of the club, recalls introducing Hatcher to the value of the tiller attachment. "I took my riding mower which has a two-foot tiller attachment out to the tree nursery at Fairforest Creek and tilled up the hard clay for him. He couldn't believe how much work it did in two hours. It would have taken him about two days to do the same amount. Bob Almond told me that Harold immediately asked the SMGC to purchase a similar attachment for the Garden."

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

"And The Trees Remain" by Henry Pittman

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Club Presidents and Leaders

Updated 3, 2010, ehp

	PRESIDENT	V. PRES.	SEC.	TREAS.	EDITOR	NOTES
1948	W. P Rich		A. T. Grant	Jas. Culcleasure		Organized as "Dirt Daubers"
1949	W. P Rich					
1950	W. P Rich (?)					Name changed to SMGC
1951	Charles Lea					W. O. Ezell joined
1952	Charles Lea		Karl Selden			
1953	Karl Selden		Frank Powell			Affiliate with MGCA.
1954	W. O. Ezell					
1955	Grady Stewart					
1956	Wardlaw Hammond					WOE Chair of City Beautification
1957	John Cantrell		Charles Lea	M. P. Nantz	Charles Lea "Gardenettes" ?	
1958	Tom Butler	Jack Lemmon	Charles Lea	M. P. Nantz	Charles Lea "Gardenettes"	32 members
1959	Jack Lemmon	Jas. Culcleasure	Charles Lea	M. P. Nantz	Charles Lea	34 members
1960	Jack Lemmon	M. P. Nantz	Charles Lea	Ray Tessmer	Charles Lea	David Stoltz joined
1961	Jas. Culcleasure	M. P. Nantz	Charles Lea	Ray Tessmer	Charles Lea	S. Pine Beautification, Landscape Judging with Chamber of Commerce
1962	Jas. Culcleasure	M. P. Nantz	Charles Lea	Ray Tessmer	Charles Lea	WOE Kiwanis Citizen of Year.
1963	Clyde Burwell		Charles Lea			
1964	W. W. Walker		Charles Lea	Cecil Haney		Henry Pittman joined
1965	Willard Morgan		Charles Lea	Cecil Haney	Charles Lea	
1966	Sid Moorhead	Bob Hickland	Charles Lea	Cecil Haney	Lea/Dunlap	Bob Reynolds joined
1967	Paul Cook					
1968						WOE Blvd. named
1969	Julian Foster					
1970						Walter Soderberg joined
1971	Claude Sherrill					Harold Hatcher joined
1972	Henry Pittman	John Cantrell	Everett Seixas	Sid Dunlap	Ezell & Sherrill	Begin public garden course
1973	Henry Pittman	Gil Hooper	Gil Hooper	Sid Dunlap	Claude Sherrill	

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1974	Ed "Snow" Marshall	Gil Hooper	Gil Hooper		Sherrill & Hatcher	
1975	Ed "Snow" Marshall	Gil Hooper	Harold Hatcher	Geo. Drummond	Harold Hatcher	
1976	Gil Hooper	Bob Reynolds	Harold Hatcher	Geo. Drummond	Harold Hatcher	N. Pine Bicentennial Proj.
1977	Gil Hooper	Bob Reynolds	Wm. Morgan	Henry Ramella	Harold Hatcher	
1978	Bob Reynolds			Clayton Brown	Harold Hatcher	1st year of Plant Sale
1979	Bob Reynolds			Clayton Brown	Harold Hatcher	
1980	Charles Hart			Clayton Brown	Harold Hatcher	
1981	Charles Hart			Clayton Brown	Harold Hatcher	
1982	John Nevison	Pat Moore		Clayton Brown	Harold Hatcher	Tom Bartram joined
1983	John Nevison	Pat Moore	Morris Chesney	Clayton Brown	Harold Hatcher	
1984	Pat Moore	Frank Cunningham	Raymond Tessmer	Harold Fredrickson	Harold Hatcher	
1985	Pat Moore/Frank Cunningham		Tom Bartram	Harold Fredrickson	Harold Hatcher	
1986	Frank Cunningham	Walter Soderberg	Tom Bartram	Harold Fredrickson	Hatcher/John Nevison	Potting Shed at H Garden
1987	Walter Soderberg	Tom Bartram		Jess Taylor	Hatcher/Nevison	Equip. Building At Hatcher Garden
1988	Walter Soderberg	Tom Bartram	Dick Look	Jess Taylor	John Nevison	
1989	Tom Bartram	Bob Powell	Dick Look	Jess Taylor	John Nevison	Bylaws changed to eliminate gender reference
1990	Tom Bartram	Charles Burdell	Dick Look	Jess Taylor	John Nevison	
1991	Tom Bartram	John Fincher	John Nevison	Jess Taylor	Nevison/Bartram	Geo Gunter and Winston Hardegree join
1992	John Fincher	Bob Almond	Darvin Helvy	Jess Taylor	Nevison/Bartram	Paving at H. Garden
1993	John Fincher/Bob Almond	Bob Almond	Shirley Marshall	Winston Hardegree	Nevison/Bartram	
1994	Bob Almond	Winston Hardegree	Ben DeLuca/Paul Dingler?	George Wegrzyn	Tom Bartram	
1995	Bob Almond	Winston Hardegree		George Wegrzyn	Tom Bartram	
1996	Almond, Bartram, Pittman, Soderberg	George Gunter	Jane Bagwell	George Wegrzyn	Tom Bartram	
1997	George Gunter	Jim Bagwell	Jane Bagwell	Bob Hamilton	Tom Bartram	Greenhouse at H. Garden, Flag Garden at Library
1998	George Gunter	Jim Bagwell	Dottie Scott	Bob Hamilton	Tom Bartram	Nat. Convention at Asheville
1999	Jim Bagwell	Clyde Wells	Dottie Scott	Bob Hamilton	Tom Bartram	Nat. Directors S'burg. Nevison Amphitheater

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2000	Jim Bagwell	Bill Wilson	Dottie Scott	Bob Hamilton	Tom Bartram	
2001	Bill Wilson	Jack Turner	Henry Pittman	Bob Hamilton	Tom Bartram	WOE Spot of Pride
2002	Bill Wilson	Jack Turner, Don Crowder	Henry Pittman	Jim Bagwell	Tom Bartram	
2003	Don Crowder	Everette Lineberger	Henry Pittman	Jim Bagwell	Tom Bartram	H. Hatcher died
2004	Don Crowder	Everette Lineberger	Linda McHam	Jim Bagwell	Tom Bartram	Walter Soderberg died
2005	Everette Lineberger	Harold Wolfe	Linda McHam	Jim Bagwell	Tom Bartram	Gil Hooper died
2006	Everette Lineberger	Harold Wolfe	Linda McHam	Jim Bagwell	Tom Bartram	Nat'l Convention in S'burg
2007	Linda McHam	Tasso Ghionis	Don Crowder	Jim Bagwell	Bartram / Dianne Fergusson	Hatcher Memorial dedicated
2008	Linda McHam	Ed Wilde	Tasso Ghionis	Ben Waddell	Dianne Fergusson	
2009	Ed Wilde	Bob Reynolds	Lyn Murajda	Ben Waddell	Linda McHam	
2010	Ed Wilde	Bob Reynolds	Lyn Murajda	Ben Waddell	Jeff Hayes	Moved meetings to SCC