

2015 CALENDAR

8/05 LMG Scholarship Committee Meeting
J. Peters- time TBD

8/13 LMG Board Meeting, Gwd Library
4:30 Main Floor Mtng

9/10 Rusty Wilson on Snakes, American Legion Upstairs 806
Calhoun 6:00 Membership Meeting
6:30 Speaker

10/08 LMG Board Meeting, Gwd Library
4:30

11/12 Speaker and membership meeting, To be determined, Gwd Public Library
6:00 Membership Meeting
6:30 Speaker

12/10 Board Meeting, Library, 4:30



President's Letter-Donna Feldmaier

What a busy summer this has been. I have been trying to keep my potted flowers alive in between the many trips we have had. Of course, I haven't been able to do the proper deadheading. My garden flowers are scraggly and spent. Before the next trip I think I will aggressively chop everything back and hope to be rewarded with more flowers in mid-August. Wish me luck.

I am amazed at the variety of ways our group steps up to help the city of Greenwood. Many thanks to the volunteers at the Farmer's Market vouchers day: Stuart Menaker, Ella Wham, Julee Marshall, Chuck Bender, Steve Odom, Mike Brown, Sharon Alvarez, Susie Wallace and Mary Jo Cook. Please forgive me if I forgot someone.

Ann Barklow's talk on Beneficial Predators, Parasites and Pollinators in Uptown was wonderful. It was a beautiful night and 25 interested gardeners participated.

The City Garden is doing beautifully under Sandy Orr's expertise. It is one of my favorite stops for out of town guests.

The Topiaries have gone back to the Greenhouse until next spring. Ann Barklow will need many helpers with pest control and propagation. Working in the greenhouse planting seeds and propagation is one of my favorite tasks.

It is hard to believe that our new Master Gardeners class will be starting in a few weeks. The information meeting held on July 27 was successful thanks to Linda Halsey, Phyllis Krohn, April Prater and Barbara Wells. And of course many, many thanks to James Hodges and Debbie Seigle; without their expertise, this would have been a very hard year for me. Stay tuned for more opportunities to assist with the new class. (picture by Vince below)



P.S. If anyone is interested in a 7' healthy tea olive, feel free to come over and give it a new home. The poor thing is being over crowded by another tea olive.

SNAKES- LOVE THEM OR HATE THEM, DON'T BE "TEMPTED" TO MISS THIS

Our own Rusty Wilson will share his reptile expertise at our September 10th , 6:30 meeting at the American Legion across from the City Garden. Rusty is already well known for his wonderful bird talks. (His photography is smashing). Apparently Rusty also appreciates the creatures that eat them.

Random Notes from Penny Parisi's Fall Vegetable Garden Sept. 2013- Sandy Orr

I was reviewing my notes from Penny's talk to LMG in September 2013, since many fall veggies need to be started from seed right now.

Penny discussed using shade cloth to keep seeds as cool as possible so that germination will occur even in August. Keeping the soil damp under the shade cloth also keeps the seed cool. This way, by the third week in September you can start harvesting some of your August sown leaf vegetables. I'm going to try starting some trays inside to get them up and going, and then move them outside.

The HGIC 1256 bulletin: Planning a Garden has a great chart for planting dates for various vegetables but Penny recommends that you push the envelope on those dates. The dates are to set you up for the best success but you can start earlier or later too. Penny stressed that all of us should experiment and try different techniques and plants. That's how we learn. If they end up making it - good, if they don't you learned and they can be used in the compost pile. By August sowing, Penny grows Globe Artichokes that are ready at the end of March or first of April. Other varieties she plants for the fall garden are Fava beans, carrots, beets, Kohlrabi, sorrel, chicory and arugula. Of course, kales, collards and broccoli are also staples to overwinter.

Winterbor Kale can be harvested from fall to spring by just picking the outside leaves. A good online source for cold hardy selections is Fedco Seeds which carries Giant Winter Spinach along with Good King Henry that can be started in September and survives the coldest of winters into spring. A cold hardy spinach selection is great for late fall because it likes to germinate in cold soil. A copy of HGIC 1256 bulletin by Bob Polomski follows: BEANS? In the fall? REALLY? COOL!

Vegetable	Piedmont		Central
	Spring	Fall	Spring

¹Transplant plants.

²For longer harvest season, plant at intervals during suggested dates.

³Seed potatoes for July planting and fall harvest may have to be mailed-ordered (usually unavailable from local garden supply).

For more information on freeze and frost occurrence data for cities in SC, please see the NOAA web site at:

<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/climate normals/clim20supp1/states/SC.pdf>

Asparagus	Early Feb.- Late Mar. (crowns)	—	Late Jan.- Early March. (crowns)	-
Beans, Snap	Apr. 15-30	Aug. 1-15	Apr. 1-15	/
Beans, Pole	Apr. 15-30	July 15-25	Apr. 5-20	J
Beans, Half-runner	Apr. 15-30	Aug. 1-15	Apr. 1-15	/
Beans, Lima	May 1-15	July 1-15	Apr. 5-20	J
Beans, Pole Lima	May 1-15	July 1-15	Apr. 5-30	J
Beans, Edible Soy	May 10- June 15	—	May 10- July 1	-
Beets	March 1-30	Aug. 1-15	Feb. 1-28	/
Broccoli ¹	Mar. 1-15	July 1-30	Feb. 20- Mar. 10	J /
Brussels Sprouts	—	July 15- Aug. 15	—	/
Cabbage ¹	Feb. 15- Apr. 1	July 1-30	Jan. 15- Mar. 1	J /
Cantaloupe & Honeydew	Apr. 15- May 15	June 15-30	Apr. 1-15	-
Carrots	Mar. 1-15	July 1-30	Feb. 10-28	/
Cauliflower ¹	Mar. 1-15	July 1-15	—	J /
Collards	—	July 1- Aug. 30	Feb. 25- Mar. 20	J /
Cucumbers	Apr. 15- May 15	July 1-15	Apr. 1-15	/
Eggplant ¹	May 1-15	July 1-15	Apr. 10-25	J
Garlic	—	Sept. 1- Oct. 30	—	S N
Kale	—	Aug. 15- Sept. 15	—	/ S
Lettuce	Mar. 1-15	Aug. 15-25	Feb. 1-28	/

Mustard ²	Feb. 1- Mar. 15	Aug. 15- Sept. 15	Jan. 15- Feb. 25	Aug. 15- Oct. 1
Onion, Sets	Mar. 1-30	Sept. 1- Oct. 30	Feb. 15- Mar. 15	Sept. 15- Nov. 15
Onion, Plants	Mar. 1-30	—	Feb. 15- Mar. 15	—
Onion, Seeds	—	—	—	Sept. 15- Oct. 15
Okra	May 1-15	June 15-30	Apr. 10-30	June 15-30
Peanuts	May 1-15	—	Apr. 15- May 15	—
Peas, Garden	Feb. 1-15	—	Jan. 20-30	—
Peas, Southern	May 1- June 30	—	Apr. 10-30	June 20-30
Pepper ¹	May 1-30	July 20-25	Apr. 5-25	July 15-25
Potatoes, Irish	Mar. 15-30	July 1-15 ³	Feb. 20- Mar. 10	July 15-30 ³
Potatoes, Sweet	May 10- June 10	—	May 1- June 15	—
Pumpkins	—	June 1-15	—	June 15-30
Radish ²	Feb. 15- Mar. 15	Sept. 1-30	Feb. 1-28	Sept. 1- Oct. 25
Rutabaga	—	Aug. 1-20	—	July 25- Aug. 10
Spinach ²	Feb. 15- Mar. 15	Sept. 15-30	Feb. 1-28	Sept. 15- Oct. 20
Sweet Corn ²	Apr. 15-30	—	Mar. 20- Apr. 30	—
Squash, Summer	Apr. 15- May 15	July 1-20	Apr. 1-20	Aug. 1-15
Squash, Winter	Apr. 20- May 15	—	Apr. 15-30	—
Tomato ¹	May 1- May 30	July 10-20	Apr. 5-25	July 10-20
Turnips ²	Feb. 20- Apr. 1	Sept. 1-15	Feb. 1- Mar. 10	Aug. 1-Oct
Watermelon	Apr. 20- June 30	—	Apr. 1-30	June 15-30

Landscaping Trends in English Gardens- Sandy Orr again, PLEASE SEND ARTICLES!!

I just got back from an eleven day tour of northern English gardens with Marian St. Clair, the garden editor of the Greenville News. Having seen many southern England gardens with her previously, I knew it would be a delightful intense two-garden per day marathon. Many of the gardens featured similar plants and design elements. These recurring themes follow:

Treillage- This is the French style of lattice work that is used in pergolas, arbors, and pillars.



Wild meadow patches - The Chelsea Flower show influences garden styles. For the past five years, Chelsea's naturalistic meadow Show gardens have increasingly been emulated by England's National Trust gardens. Pollinator patches surround most fruit trees now and serve as a beautiful counterpoint to antique garden ornaments.



Topiary everywhere- Levens Hall's lovely 300 year old topiaries, and Wollerton Old House's 1985 spires.



'Himalayan' gardens- Several gardens featured shady valleys with large –leaved lush foliage and streams.



Plant Selection Similarities- Scotch Thistle (tall silver coarse)/Cardoons (artichoke-like)/Crambe cordifolia (cabbage with tall white flower sprays)/Cirsium Rivulare (magenta thistley thing)/Tall pink globe amaranth and alliums everywhere. These purple, magenta, and silver plants were in each of the 18 gardens we visited. Gardeners are slaves to trends just like fashion designers and this is the Year of Purple/Pink. Silver pears and lupins predominate also, but we can't grow them.



Walled vegetable gardens- If a National Trust house didn't have a walled vegetable garden, they have added one or rehabbed the ones destroyed after WWI due to lack of labor. Many tourists find these the most interesting part. Chatsworth had a mammoth hillside complex with a huge cutting garden.



This concludes my brief tour of northern English gardens. Go see them yourself. Levens Hall, Gresgarth Garden, Bodnant Garden, Haddon Hall, Arley Hall, Chatsworth, Harewood House, Yorkgate Garden, Tatton Park, and Wollerton Old House are all on YouTube, and you don't have to put up with Customs.

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