

**2017
Calendar**

Aug 10: LMG Board Mtng, 4:30 Extension. Attendance Important.

Aug 12 8:30 AM: Coffee at Ann Barklow's house. See her state of the art systems and plantings. Eat Krispy Kremes.

Sept 14: LMG Night at Main and Maxwell. 6PM. Reserve with Donna at 223-0375 or donnafeldy@aol.com. Cost is \$45 to make clay-fired pocket pot.

Oct.12: "Seed starting", Location TBA. LMG Speaker 6:30



PRESIDENT'S LETTER- Jimmy McInville

Like most of you, watering has become my middle name. Between animals, plants and projects, this summer heat wave has kept a hose in my hand. Water is a precious resource . Poor watering habits are a real crime—literally in some parts of the country where drought conditions have led to government-imposed restrictions. Violations can land you a hefty fine.

Why do so many think watering is as simple as turning on a hose and pointing it? Water for too long, and you can be opening the door to fungus. Water too little, and roots become shallow. Water in the evening, and insects will feast. Water from too high, and half the moisture is lost to evaporation.

With a little work, we can all become better gardeners and better stewards of our environment. Here are some tips for more efficient ways to water.

Water early in the day before the soil and sun has time to heat up. There will be less evaporation and the foliage has all day to dry out. Water deeply and at fewer intervals so the plants develop deep roots. If you are watering your lawn during a dry spell and want to know how much water you are giving, place a tuna can on the lawn under the sprinkler. The average lawn sprinkler takes about 90 minutes to deliver 1 inch of water.

The closer your irrigation system is to the ground the better. During a drought give trees and shrubs water, at the ground every 7 to 10 days especially newly planted ones. Use soaker hoses to water vegetable gardens, again close to the ground.

Use a watering wand to water annuals and perennials, both in ground and pots.

The best tool to check to see if a container needs water is a finger. Stick your finger in the soil up to the second knuckle if the soil feels dry it's time to water. During the peak of summer, containers need water daily. Fiber baskets often need watering twice a day.

Several inches of mulch and ground cover help to conserve moisture in beds.

Slow the flow of water to give it time to soak into your containers and not just run off the top.

Take time to touch your plants. They will tell you when they need water, not only by their appearance, but by their feel. Just a light touch over a flat of 72 plants and you will know if one of them needs water long before it wilts. Also the feel of a well-hydrated pot is a lot heavier than one that is in need of water.

TIMERS . . . they make life so much easier, you never have to worry if you forgot to cut the sprinkler off. They can run multiple areas freeing me up to do other things and when the seasons change I just reprogram them to that season's needs.

AUGUST

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The Lakelands Master



COFFEE, SNACKS, FLOWERS AND FRIENDS!

110 Ferry Cove Rd. in Pucketts Ferry
Sat. 8/12 @ 8:30 am

Come join us for a tour of Ann's garden and discussions on:

- Monarch Waystations
- Wildlife Havens
- Native Plants, Drip Irrigation, and MP Rotators
- Pollinator Gardens
- Edibles in the Landscape
- Decreasing mulching and weeds and how to use a Flamer
- Plugs and seeds for Fall vegetables, natives and perennials
- Deer, deer, deer

STILL TIME TO ROPE FRIENDS INTO TAKING THE COURSE



BECOME A LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENER!

NEW CLASS STARTING TUESDAY EVENINGS

August 15th through November 14th
6:00 to 9:00 pm

Clemson Extension Service – Greenwood County



Cost \$300.00
Scholarships Available



An Information Meeting will be held on
Monday, July 10th - 6:00 p.m at the Extension Office at
105 N. University Street in Greenwood.

To attend, please RSVP by calling 223-3264 or e-mail
debbiep@clemson.edu

“As a Master Gardener, I can better serve my community; the courses have been invaluable to me as a community garden coordinator. I've really enjoyed getting to know other Master Gardeners, to have an instant "network" of sorts. I am impressed by the skills and knowledge that they have, I have much to learn from them, and above all else, they are genuinely wonderful people.”

Lynsey Bock, Class of 2011

“My sister has been a Master Gardener in Michigan for years and was always sharing neat things they were doing and learning about plants. My favorite part is having many friends that I can talk gardening with. It is refreshing to be around people that have the same passion for gardening I do.”

Sue Monaghan, Class of 2009

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Public Service Activities

SEPTEMBER'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING: "GET POTTED AT MAIN AND MAXWELL"

Donna Feldmeier has set up an evening of fun and learning about creating a pocket planter pot without a pottery wheel. We hope to get good participation. The fee is \$45 and the class runs from 6:30 to 8:30 on September 14th at Main and Maxwell Art Gallery. There will be a brief meeting from 6 to 6:30 beforehand. Scratch your artistic itch with friends. Contact Donna at 223-0375 or donnafeldy@aol.com to reserve your place.



Volunteers Make Things Happen! by Ann Barklow

We had the most amazing year with the landscape plantings and the topiaries.

Most of the plants were propagated by the LMG's.

Sometimes it was on days of freezing temperatures in our cozy greenhouse surrounded by tables of plants and good conversations. We had mini workshops and stimulating talks on plants. We always left feeling like we accomplished something, contributed something and learned something.

If you haven't volunteered for the City yet come and join us.

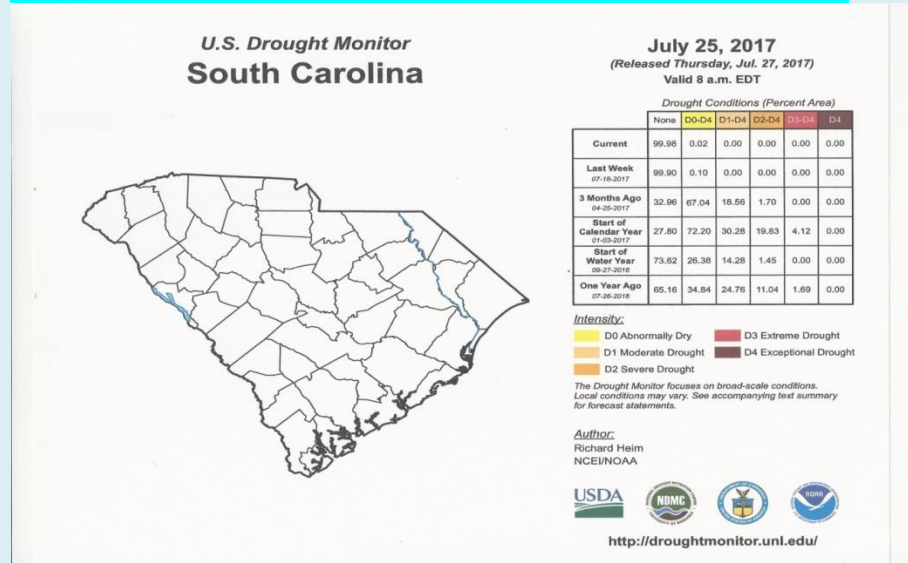
We will begin with trimming topiaries, starting fall, winter, spring flowers like snapdragons, pansies and kale and we will start our succulent propagating. By October we will be in full swing going from an empty greenhouse to overfull.



There are always extras for the volunteers to take home. Haven't started a winter vegetable garden? We will have extra for you to take home and try.

The crew wants to give a big thank you and they look forward to many more days of working together to make Greenwood beautiful. Watch for emails about our workdays. See you soon!

HARD TO REMEMBER LAST YEAR'S YELLOW AND ORANGE MAP



BASIL ALL YEAR By Ann Barklow

I LOVE basil! Unfortunately, I never seem to dry enough for the year. Well, not this year!

I have many varieties of basil tucked in my flower garden everywhere. The purple, green, lime and lemon basil are beautiful in the landscape. They are deer resistant and have a terrific pollinator attracting quality if you let them go to flower. Planting them near your front door and along walkways they are easy to harvest.

I am also starting cuttings in water to plant out when they root so I can have even more before the first frost! Basil can be grown in full or part sun.

Rooting in water is easy. Small glass jars or vases in a sunny spot in the house will stimulate growth. Changing the water every day is important.

Picture: lime basil and sweet basil in small vases in my sunroom.

For drying, the smaller leaved basil like lime basil (my favorite for chicken and fish) I hang in my pantry like I do my Mexican tarragon and thyme. Drying herbs requires a non humid environment. The larger leaved sweet basil I dry in my food dehydrator.

Picture: (l to r) lime basil, Mexican tarragon and thyme) in my pantry.



There are other ways to preserve basil but using dried herbs is my second favorite to fresh in the kitchen.

FARMER'S MARKET GARDEN SUCCESSES AND FLOPS

The gorgeous gomphocarpus physocarpus at the City Market is filled with seed pods, colloquially named "hairy balls". It is in the milkweed family and was called asclepias physocarpus previously. Hardy in zones 8-10 and deer resistant, it hails from Southeast Africa.

The black cotton, a disappointing squat thing, has produced some small cotton bolls. It did have nice red flowers to contrast with the black foliage, but I will not reorder seeds.



EXCESS CUCUMBERS? TRY CUCUMBER NOODLE, WATERMELON, FETA SALAD

SERVES 3-4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large seedless English cucumber
- 3 cups cubed watermelon, 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, thinly sliced
- Juice of 1 lime

DIRECTIONS:

1. Use an [Inspiralizer](#) to create the cucumber noodles. Place noodles in a large bowl. Add the watermelon cubes, feta cheese, and mint. Squeeze fresh lime juice over the salad. Serve immediately.

You can add a little chopped red onion if you wish.

NEONICOTINOIDS EFFECT ON BEES- from Janice Haldeman by way of Susi Bender.

Article from The Scientist

http://www.the-scientist.com//?articles.view/articleNo/49768/title/Field-Studies-Confirm-Neonicotinoids--Harm-to-Bees/&utm_campaign=NEWSLETTER_TS_The-Scientist-Daily_2016&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=53769978&hsenc=p2ANqtz93Ha1E2lqp2KbxbB73dZD5mt2EfEhYKPrUuMJDCqOFpaaRIOUNDimyBqzXBIfJDFcZrBpMxX60Hx7gUV6289p3hDh3Fg

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