



# Master Gardener Thymes



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## President's Message

By Ann Barklow

Anybody else ready for spring? It's 15 degrees right now and Lojack, my youngest black lab, doesn't know why we aren't going for a walk. It doesn't look like it will get warmer than freezing today so sitting in my warm living room with his head on my foot is a good place to be while I peck out my last president's message.



I have really enjoyed sharing bits of my life with you and leading this organization with the help of an inspiring board of directors. Here is a list of the things I've enjoyed as President of the

Lakelands Master Gardeners.

My veggie garden is looking a bit sad but I have managed to keep my lettuce alive with many layers of blankets. I learned a lot about winter growing and next year it will be even better. I lost my broccoli, bok choy, and even some of my kale and collards with the single digit weather. I could have covered them but wanted to see how it would affect them. I have new plants started in the greenhouse at work that I will be putting out with some protection at the end of winter. All my seeds for this years growing season have been delivered and I will be starting my summer crops indoors soon along with lots of spinach, kale, broccoli, lettuce, swiss chard, green onions for the spring garden and my juicing.

My husband and I are designing our front landscape for fall 2014 planting. I'm very excited about this since our landscape is a poster child for planting the wrong plants in the wrong place which makes pruning a chore several times a year. We have two hollies at the corners of our house that are two large and are getting bigger by the day. Shrubs were planted under our windows that can get 8 feet tall. I am anxious to have a lovely landscape that is low maintenance.

- Assisting the committee chairs in fulfilling their mission
  - Writing the President's message and other articles
  - Helping to restructure the organization and updating the bylaws
  - Getting to know the members better
  - Being active with the classes
  - Helping to solve problems and improve our mission with an exceptional board of directors
  - Presenting the Master Gardener of the Year award
  - Leading meetings
  - Assisting in handing out the Master Gardener Certificates
  - Helping grade the finals for the class and presenting the students with their intern badges
  - Bringing the celebration cake for the last class
  - Close encounters with the Extension Agent
  - Being appreciated
  - Learning about people, plants and everything associated with horticulture
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## Dates to Remember:

- FEB. 1ST GREENVILLE GARDEN SYMPOSIUM
- FEB. 13TH ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER GMD
- MARCH 13TH BOARD MEETING
- APRIL 11 & 12TH 2014 PLANT SALE FARMERS MARKET
- APRIL 17TH SPEAKER MEETING
- MAY 10TH SPRING PICNIC
- JUNE 12TH BOARD MEETING
- JULY 10TH SPEAKER MEETING
- AUGUST 14TH BOARD MEETING
- SEPTEMBER 11TH SPEAKER MEETING
- OCTOBER 9TH BOARD MEETING
- OCTOBER 23RD SCMMGA SYMPOSIUM
- NOVEMBER 13TH SPEAKER MEETING
- DECEMBER 11TH HOLIDAY SOCIAL GMD

TIMES AND LOCATIONS WILL BE POSTED WHEN EVENTS ARE CLOSER. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

The mission of the Lakelands Master Gardeners, in association with the Greenwood County Clemson Extension office, is to extend to the public research-based education, horticultural programs and activities that enhance our environment, lives and community.

*The Lakelands Master Gardeners Association is a volunteer organization made up of Master Gardeners from Abbeville and Greenwood Counties in SC.*

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As you can see being president has been an enriching part of my life and I would do it again in a heartbeat. Fortunately for you I have learned that the growth of an organization is in the rotating of the players so I will gladly step into my new position of past president with a heavy emphasis on helping the next president fulfill their goals and watch them experience some of the joys I have had.

Who will be the next President and Vice president, along with a new treasurer will be decided by you at our annual meeting, Thursday evening, February 13 at the Greenwood

Metro District. Lots of good food, friends, the Master Gardener of the Year will be honored and the Interns of 2012 will be presented with their Certificates as Master Gardeners.

**PLEASE** let me know if I can add you to the voting ballot for President or Vice president or if you can recommend someone that might serve. Currently we have NO candidates. Thank you! It will be exciting to find out who will lead us.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the annual meeting.



***Annual Meeting of the Greenwood  
Council of Garden Clubs Luncheon***

***Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 11:30 AM***

***First Baptist Church, Grace St.***

***Tried & True Garden Styles***

**Join Marian St. Clair** for a hopscotch around the world to explore features of **Asian, English, French, and Mediterranean** gardens.

Marian is a garden writer for the Greenville News and Carolina Gardener magazine. She is also a garden tour coordinator, Master Gardener, and Master Naturalist, who nurtures an earth-friendly garden on the banks of the Reedy River.

**Reservations are \$15, paid by check to GCGC and mailed to Shirley Logan, 114 Hulsey Drive, Greenwood, SC 29646 before March 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**For more information, contact Sandy Orr, 543-4888**

***Master Gardeners and the Public are Welcome***

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**Free AARP Tax Preparation**

The AARP offers free federal/SC tax preparation at the Main Street United Methodist Church (in the building closest to the old, closed library). Hours are 9:30 - 12:30, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday and also Tuesday evenings. Appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the Greenwood Library at 941-4650. Most returns with wages, interest, dividends, stock sales, pensions, social security, etc. can be done. Some more complicated returns may be "out of scope" and can't be handled. Those filing jointly, both husband and wife need to be present to sign form.



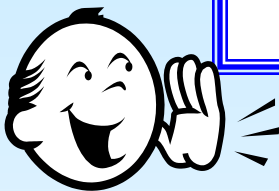
Lakelands Master Gardeners  
Recognition and Awards Banquet

Thursday, February 13, 2014  
6:30 pm  
Greenwood Metropolitan District

Please join us as we vote in new members  
Of the board and celebrate our  
Newest graduates and the 2014 Master Gardener of  
the year!

Drinks will be provided. Please bring a Main Course,  
Casserole, Side Dish, Finger Food or Dessert

Please RSVP your attendance and your dish selection  
by February 9 to:  
Donna Feldmaier  
(864)223-0375 or [donnafeldy@aol.com](mailto:donnafeldy@aol.com)



We need volunteers for set-up and clean-up. Contact Donna if you are able to help out.

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 \* Lakelands Master Gardeners Plant Sale \*  
 \* April 11, 12, 2014 \*  
 \* By Ginny Wilson & Sarah Carroll \*  
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 \* Wow what a record temperature low setting winter we are experiencing and now the possibility of snow accumulation \*  
 \* after a day of sunshine and sixty degree temperature readings. This creates opportunity for our plant sale many of \*  
 \* the "annuals" that survived recent winters are now dead. Gardeners will be shopping to replace the plants lost, this is \*  
 \* our market and like all good gardeners we will have product to sell. Check on the plants you divided in the fall to \*  
 \* make sure the soil is moist, and they are anxiously waiting for spring. There is still time to plant seeds and have the \*  
 \* plants ready to sell. \*  
 \* The most important part of our plant sale is, our members working together to make it a success. Thank You! \*  
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Don't forget the photos from our Christmas social and other LMG events are on our Shutterfly page. (see link above) You can leave comments or download photos from the Shutterfly page. The password has been sent in the email with this newsletter attached.

LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENERS

### Lakelands Master Gardener Name Badge Order Form

Master Gardener Information			
Last Name		First Name	
Mailing Address			
City		Zip Code	
Home ( )	Cell ( )	Other ( )	
e-mail address			
For Office Use Only	Received	Confirmation	Delivered

**Orders are filled upon receipt of order form. There is no deadline to send money and form to Chuck.** Please *Print* Information the way you would like it to appear on your name badge

Cost: \$10/badge  
Cash or Check accepted  
Make Checks payable to: Lakelands Master Gardeners  
*Remit Payment and Order Form together to:*  
Chuck Bender  
998-3123  
108 Inlet Point  
Cross Hill, SC 29332



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#### THE LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENER BOARD 2012

<b>President-</b> Ann Barklow	<b>Finance and Fund Raising</b> – open	<b>FB</b> – Ann Barklow, <b>Web</b> – open
<b>Vice President</b> – vacant	(plant sale) Sarah Carroll & Ginny Wilson	<b>Social</b> – Donna Feldmaier and Chris Moon
<b>Treasurer-</b> Chuck Bender	<b>Membership</b> – Sandy Orr	<b>Office-</b> Vince Plotczyk
<b>Secretary</b> – Steve Tabor	<b>Co chair</b> -Linda Halsey (hours)	
<b>Past President-</b> Jimmy McInville	<b>Newsletter</b> – Janet Ledebuhr	
<b>Clemson Advisor-</b> James Hodges	<b>Phone</b> -Priscilla Ellis	
<b>Community Projects</b> – Jimmy McInville and Sue Monaghan	<b>Programs and Speakers</b> – open	
<b>Education Chair-</b> Linda Halsey	<b>Media</b> – PR– Trish Bridges	