

2016 DATES

1/14 6:00 Clemson Extension Office, LMG Board Meeting, 6:30 Speaker Meeting, "The Return of the Native", Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke video

2/11 6:30 Gwd Metro District Bldng, LMG potluck Annual Awards Meeting

**2/13 G'vl MG'ers Symposium
8-3 TD Convention Center
www.gqmgga.org**

**2/27 York Co. MG'ers Symposium
8-3 Baxter Hood Cntr, Rock Hill,
symposium@yorkmg.org**

**3/10 6:00 Gwd Library, LMG Membership Meeting, 6:30 Speaker Meeting
TBA**

4/7,8,9 GWD Farmer's Market Spring Plant Festival setup and sale days. LMG Plant Sale Friday and Saturday.



President's Letter-Donna Feldmaier

I hope everyone had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas. We definitely had interesting weather for December. It was even warm when we were in Ohio, which I loved. Since I'm not a fan of the cold white stuff.

The 2016 Master Gardener year is looking full of exciting activities for all of us, beginning with the January membership speaker meeting. Sandy Orr is planning a wonderful meeting on January 14. Please check out the details in this newsletter. We will have a board meeting before the membership meeting.

The nominating committee is beginning the task of looking for new board members. I hope everyone is looking forward to a call.

Our awards banquet is February 11. Charlotte Cabri is working hard on getting all the details. We will vote on our new officers, introduce our new interns and present master gardener of the year award. **Speaking of the award, if you haven't submitted your choice, please do so.** We have a three-way tie at the moment. All three are very active members and deserve the award.

The plant sale is will be April 8 and 9. This is our only fundraiser for the year, so we all need to get busy and get plants ready for this event. As always, we are asking a minimum of 10 plants from all master gardeners.

I have enjoyed helping Ann Barklow with the city volunteer hours spreadsheet. We had over 1100 hours for 2015. Nancy Collins alone had 236. It is quite amazing what our group has accomplished.

We are off to a good start for 2016. The new group of pest scouts will be working hard from now until June in the greenhouses. Thousands of seeds will be planted and it seems like millions of propagations will be planted.

See you at the January meeting,

Donna



LAKELANDS MASTER GARDENERS

PRESENT **"RETURN OF THE NATIVE",**



THURSDAY JANUARY 14, CLEMSON EXTENSION OFFICE,

6:00 BOARD MEETING, 6:30 PUBLIC MEETING

A VIDEO OF **DOUG TALLAMY** AND **RICK DARKE**, RENOWNED NATIVE PLANT EXPERTS.

COME FIND OUT WHY YOU SHOULD CARE ABOUT NATIVES AND MEET SOME SC NATIVE PLANTS THAT YOU MAY ALREADY HAVE IN YOUR YARD. SEVERAL NATIVE PLANTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. INTRODUCTION TO SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY.

2015 COMMUNITY PROJECTS YEAR END OVERVIEW- Jimmy McInville, Chairman

We end 2015 celebrating our accomplishments while looking forward to all the wonderful projects coming up in 2016! This year we have greatly increased our presence in the public eye through our volunteer program with the City of Greenwood. It is an incredible chance to increase and spread our knowledge. Grow our reputation, give back to our community and have some great fellowship with friends. The possibilities for this joint venture are endless.

The City Garden has prospered due to our participation. It was vibrant well into the fall thanks to LMG care. The City Garden Club expressed their appreciation repeatedly. The Chamber of Commerce was also grateful for the design and installation of handsome pots and plantings at the front of their building.

We have received a request for Burton Center, to redo the garden and beds at the front entrance. Also a verbal request from Pinecrest Elementary School, for help in the garden. I will follow up as soon as school is back in.

2016 is starting off with lots of possibilities. Where will your LMG Certification take you? Join us. We dream big!

Free plants in the winter!- Sandy Orr

I'm going to beat a dead horse here, but multiply your prize plants this winter by taking root cuttings. If you planted perennials or shrubs in the fall that had fat juicy roots circling in the pot, go dig around them and find a couple of roots to snip.

I placed mine in the saucer of a plastic pot. They are horizontal and have a little soil underneath and on top. This seems to work better than putting them in vertically or on a 45 degree angle, like I did last year. Keep them moist by covering them with some plastic and VOILA! It's the fastest way to get a plant going. I find it faster than ground layering and air layering.

You haven't lost much if your root cuttings don't cooperate. I've got 15 root bits in this big shallow saucer. This is the first *acanthus spinosa* that's emerged over about four weeks. Increase your success rate by cutting roots of plants that normally sucker aggressively.



Saucer with leaf emerging from rootlet



Proud mama acanthus spinosa

We Just Thought We Had Flooding!- Northern UK floods three times in succession

Levens Hall in Cumbria, (around Manchester and York), is the home to the oldest topiary collection in England. The 350 year old trees and older house are seen here after the devastating floods this Christmas and unflooded in June the prior summer.



Flooded Fountain garden in Dec.



Same view in June 2015



Flooded red border



Red border in June



Greenhouse breached



Water enters topiary courtyard

Optimistically, the latest word from the head gardener is that the water has crested.

NON-NAGGING REMINDERS:

If you haven't sent your dues in for next year's membership, please do so right now, so your vote can be counted in February at our Annual Meeting to install officers.

Keep the April Master Gardener Plant Sale in mind when dividing plants and planting winter seeds. Plants potted now will have time to establish good root systems.

Check one: Renewal New Member/Transfer

Please renew your MG membership by completing this form and paying your dues for the coming calendar year. **Members who pay dues by October 31st will be included in the Lakelands Master Gardener Association Membership Directory** and will receive uninterrupted membership benefits. Lifetime Members, please update your contact info and indicate your interests for the coming year.

Master Gardener Membership Dues are \$20.00

Make your check payable to Lakelands Master Gardener Organization (LMGO) and mail to:
Melody McInville
345 Klugh Rd.
Abbeville, SC 29620

Membership dues are due by October 31st of each year.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone# - Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Year Graduated MG Program: _____ Transfer? (Y/N) _____ From: _____
(Year 40 hours were completed)

Check here if you do **not** wish to be listed in the directory.

Special Instructions for publishing personal data in directory:

Please indicate at least one committee(s) you are interested in working with:

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| _____ Community Projects | _____ Membership | _____ Plant Sale |
| _____ Education | _____ Clemson Ext office | _____ Web Site |
| _____ Face Book Page | _____ Newsletter | _____ Social Activities |
| _____ Fund Raising | _____ Programs & Speakers | _____ Topiary/greenhouse |
| _____ Home & Garden show | _____ Public Relations | _____ Mentoring |
| _____ Citizen Pruners | _____ Community Voucher Distr | _____ Community Gardens |

Suggested topics/activities for the meetings or continuing education: _____

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_____ Date Paid

_____ Date Membership list updated

Lakelands Master Gardener Board

Voting Members

Executive Committee

President: Donna Feldmaier
Vice President: Barbara Wells
Treasurer: Melody McInville
Secretary: Chris Moon
Past President: Sandy Orr

General Board Members

Community Projects: Jimmy McInville and Sue Monaghan
Education: Linda Halsey
Membership: Betsy Russ
Plant Sale/Fund Raising: Sandy Orr
Programs/Speakers: Bill Aaron
Public Relations: Olivia Reynolds and Chris Cornetto
Website/By-Laws: Chuck Bender

Non-voting Board Members

Clemson Advisor: James Hodges
Email Blasts: Janet Ledebuhr
Facebook: Mary Jane Vivas and Marla Starling
Newsletter: Sandy Orr
Office: Vince Plotczyk
Social: Charlotte Cabri