



Master Gardener Thymes

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Dates to Remember:

- JULY 10TH SPEAKER PROGRAM (SEE FLYER) LIBRARY—FALL CROPS
- JULY 29 6:00PM STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR NEW CLASS EXTENSION OFFICE
- 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.

July 2014

President's Message

By Sandy Orr



June was a busy month for the LMG. Sue Monaghan kept many members active on the Jeep topiary, repairing and trimming it after it was moved to the town square. We also had a work day in the City Garden. When we got done weeding, our section looked good in preparation for the Festival of Flowers

We'll wait for the Community Projects Committee to review her pro-



posal, but it looks like a lot of opportunity for members to do their hours.

The membership meeting on Thursday July 10th will feature four speakers talking about how to get ready for a fall vegetable garden. Penny Parisi and James Hodges have agreed to be on the panel, so mark your calendar. The membership meeting starts at 6:00 PM with the speaker portion at 6:30 at the County library.

As the hot weather is upon us, don't neglect your gardens. Go out to work at 7am, and you have up to four hours of cool enough temperatures in which to dead head flowers and pick produce so it's not

wasted by rotting on the vine. Keep pinching your herbs and they'll inspire a more interesting lunch or dinner. I've been picking my thornless blackberries to make a strained blackberry reduction for crepes, ice cream, or game.



weekend. Festival of Flowers Flower Power Day featured Joe Lamp'l speaking about five landscaping mistakes. Our own Dwight Long and Ann Barklow spoke about how the topiaries are prepared for the Festival. Ann Barklow, who is a manager on the City's landscaping crew, gave LMG the opportunity to work with her in the courtyard beside the Federal Building. She's proposed a program to further involve LMG in design, maintenance, and greenhouse projects with the City.



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.

Beneficial Insects

by Ann Barklow

I enjoy watching the insect activity in my garden. As Joe Lamp'l reminded us at his talk during the Festival of Flowers only 1% of the insect population in the US is harmful.

Beneficial insects such as tiny parasitic wasps, lacewings and ladybird beetles need nectar as they flutter around looking for their protein which is in the form of caterpillars, aphids, and thrips to name a few. A few favorite plants in my garden that provide nectar are herbs that have been left to flower such as dill and parsley. I also have yarrow that gets its share of pollinators and beneficials. What do all these plants have in common? Easily obtained nectar and a nice landing platform. The shape of the flower is like an umbrella and are known as umbelliferous plants and are a magnet for beneficials.

Speaking of umbrellas, my husband's least favorite beneficial is the [paper wasp](#), in particular the ones that have built a large *umbrella* shape nest under the BBQ. Needless to say, I do all the barbecuing until they move on which apparently won't be for awhile. These larger non aggressive wasps can sting and might if they feel their babies are threatened. I assure them every time I reach under to turn on the propane within a foot of their nest that I have no interest in them. Stinging wasps are not one of my favorite beneficials but they have done a great job removing the caterpillars on my kale. They kill them, chew them up, roll them into a ball for easier transport back to the nest. If you want to know more about beneficials visit:

[How to Attract and Release Beneficials](#)



Towering Dill In My Garden Attracts Lacewing Who's Larvae Devours Aphids



Many of the Master Gardeners are participating in the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow reporting. This is a citizen volunteer program to report your precipitation amounts. The reporting area is not just the United States but Canada and just recently Puerto Rico is also joining the ranks. To participate you just order their rain gauge (they like uniform measuring instruments) and then re-

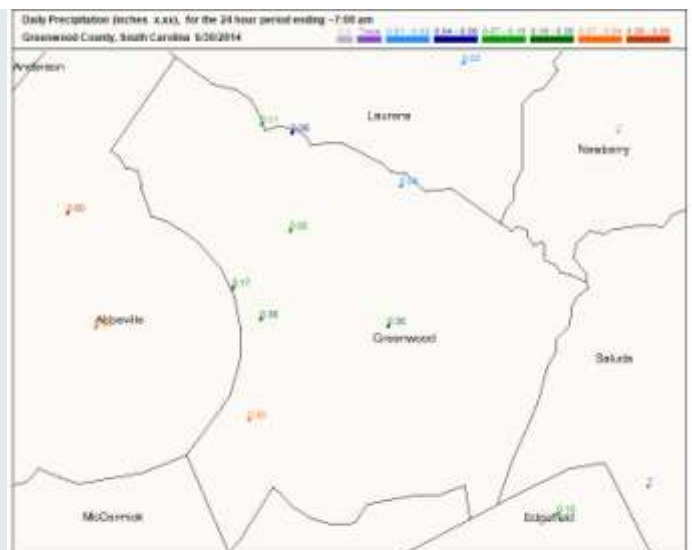
port your precipitation between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. On your way out the door and can't get to your computer before 9:00? They have apps for Android and Apple smart phones.

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Each month I will share some of our local stations' rain fall amounts— like they say— rain doesn't fall the same in every location! Check out the map on the right—

June 1– 29, 2014

SC-GW-15 2.39 inches
SC-AB-4 1.37 inches
SC-GW-20 .60 inches
SC-GW-13 2.77 inches
SC-GW-14 2.36 inches



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Piet Oudolf's gardens in New York City- the Highline and Battery Park

By Sandy Orr

Having heard the Highline hype for awhile, I planned a trip to include both of Oudolf's lower Manhattan gardens. The Highline was an abandoned elevated stretch of streetcar track that runs from Gansevoort St. to 30th on the West Side along the Hudson River, slightly more than a mile. Money was raised by a group adjoining the tracks and it was completely rehabbed as a pedestrian walkway with gardens along the path. The hardscaping is perfect. It's very modern with plenty of benches and lounge chairs. The planting was dense and organized. It looked like a grasslands with trees, shrubs, bulbs, and perennials interspersed. The plants that were most noticeable in late June were *Cotinus* (smokebush), Sumac, *Eremerus*, and hundreds of grasses. This time of year is not the peak for his planting schemes. The Highline will definitely peak in the fall. It was fascinating to think that this complex planting is maintained by volunteers. Battery Park's drama was Oudolf's Bosque section. It was a consistently spaced grid of sycamores limbed up to the same height (pleached), with shade plantings underneath.



The shade plants were diverse and sophisticated, but the straight tall gray/white trunks of the sycamores were breathtaking in combination with the harbor views. Both gardens are worth seeing if you're in New York City. I'd love to return in the fall for the Highline, but there are other gardens in the New York area that offer more pleasing spring/summer interest. (Wave Hill and the NY Botanical Gardens)



Both photos used from Pinterest

<http://www.pinterest.com/mdr9999/>

June Volunteer Activities



Jeep topiary trimming



City Volunteer Program



Heirloom? Organic? Hybrid? Types of Vegetable Seeds, Explained

Susi Bender shared an interesting article about seed categorization that might confuse folks. As you try to have healthier crops, this article will help you navigate the lingo. Heirloom, organic, hybrid and more—

<http://www.gardeningchannel.com/heirloom-organic-hybrid-vegetable-seeds-explained/>

GMO DISCUSSION PROGRAM

By Paddy Huff

I attended this program and don't know if any other Master Gardener were there or not... the things the speaker pointed out she wished scientists did not do was state that "GMO's are harmless" and that they should NOT fight labeling them. Wasn't sure if I'd be applauding or totally ticked...curiosity got me there and after she mentioned that there were no long term studies performed at the end. Cindy Skinner, a nurse and wife of Dr. Steve Skinner who I've been to 2 medical missions in Honduras with, who also does research asked the first question about health risks associated with GMO's and when the answer was inconclusive, I HAD to comment because a study was just republished yesterday in the journal of environmental sciences in Europe. It had been retracted in 2013 after Monsanto had infiltrated the Board of Journal of Food and Chemical Toxicology. A 1st of its kind 2 year study found severe liver and kidney deficiencies and hormonal disturbances such as breast tumors were caused by chronic consumption of roundup as well as the genetic modification of their corn... by Prof. Gilles-Eric Seralini. She commented back that they could do those studies in Europe but had not in USA...Sad isn't it that in America the motto seems to be PROFIT over PEOPLE as these are my thoughts interjected. I would like to propose to our town council in November to ban the sale and cultivation of GMO's like the 2 counties in Oregon have accomplished. I have the paperwork they used to do it but need the support.. Wouldn't it be awesome if we were the 3rd county to do so? I need the members of the Bee Keepers Association, Master Gardeners and also Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods on board , and if nothing else we would raise awareness for that week of MARCH AGAINST MONSANTO, the 1st week of NOVEMBER.. Would not be able to buy or plant a GMO seed in Greenwood if it passed!!! Saving the bees, butterflies, our children and ourselves!!! KEEP-ING GREENWOOD GREEN!!!

Recently Vince Plotczyk shared some photos on Facebook of his grapes. Beautiful grapes! If you are interested in growing some for yourself, check this variety. These are a red seedless grape called Vanessa.

Here is some info on the grape:

Vanessa: early ripening. Developed by HRIO, Canada, and is a red dessert grape of excellent quality. The vine is moderately vigorous and among the hardiest of seedless grapes. Grafting may be desirable on many sites to increase vine size (vines grafted on 5C at trials in Fredonia, New York, however, have shown poor fruit set with very small berries). The seed remnant is usually large and soft; when noticeable it is sometimes a cause for limited marketability. Deep-red berries are oval, medium in size on medium-loose well-filled clusters. The flavor is mild and fruity. Berry texture is firm and resists rain. Storage potential is good. The fruit quality is among the best of the red seedless types.



Vegetable Root Depth

by Ann Barklow

Besides knowing that tomato roots grow deep and corn roots are shallow I never gave the rest much thought. I know now that it is important information for conserving water and making sure I am giving my vegetables enough water or maybe too much.

I have a drip system in my garden separated into 4 by 4 foot areas. Each has its own drip tubing that has a small valve that I can shut off. This comes in handy if that bed is empty or if it is onion or garlic that needs to dry out a bit before harvesting. Now that I know root depth of vegetables I can put them together in one area and use my small in line valves to leave on for shallow rooted and cut off for a few days for some of the deeper ones.

If you find this information valuable, here is the list of shallow, medium and deep rooted vegetables.

Shallow-rooted vegetables such as cucumbers, spinach, cabbage, celery, corn, onions, leeks, car-

rots, broccoli, radishes, and Brussels sprouts will need frequent watering in hot weather or soils that are light on humus or compost.

Medium-rooted vegetables such as eggplant, beans, turnips, kale, lettuce, peas, peppers, potatoes, rutabagas, and summer squash will, of course, require moderate watering.

Deeply rooted plants such as watermelon, winter squash, pumpkins, parsnips, asparagus, okra, tomatoes, rhubarb, and sweet potatoes can reach down and tap into lower water reserves for moisture.



Board Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Steve Tabor

The following are the highlights of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 12, 2014.

As of May 31, 2014, we have a cash balance of \$7,488.56. The starting balance on January 1, 2014 was \$6,747.27. Income for the period from January 1, 2014 to May 31, 2014 was \$1,337.00, while expenses for the period were in the amount of \$595.71. Of the income, we received \$1,142.00 from the April Plant Sale. Expenses for the Spring Picnic were in the sum of \$150.39.

The next membership meeting has been scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greenwood County Library. That will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by a speaker meeting open to the public. The topic will be The Planting of the Fall and Winter Vegetable Garden. Speakers will include Ann Barklow, Sandy Orr and Penny Parisi.



The PR committee is asking for contributions to the Library display case.

New Class. The information meeting for the new Master Gardener class will be on July 30, 2014. The class will be on Tuesdays starting on August 19, 2014 through November 18, 2014. Cost of the class is \$300.00. The Board unanimously ratified six \$200 scholarships.

The Education Committee will organize a potluck for the new enrollees on July 29, 2014, including fresh vegetables from our own gardens.

Festival of Flowers. Sue Monaghan has been working on the jeep topiary for months. She and her volunteers meet each Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

We are tending a portion of the community garden on Cambridge. We will be there this coming Saturday (June 14) at 8:30 a.m. We may also help with Coleman Williams' portion of the garden.



Lakelands Master Gardeners

Present

Fall and Winter Vegetables

July is the best time to start
your Fall, Winter Vegetables

Thursday, July 10, 2014

6:30 PM

(LMG General Membership Meeting at 6:00)



Frosty Kale-Better Flavor

Greenwood County Library

(Plenty of Parking, detour around back of Main because of BBQ Festival)

Admission is Free!
Open to the Public

Join Extension Agent James Hodges, City of Greenwood Horticulturist Ann Barklow, Lakelands Master Gardener President, Sandy Orr, and Penny Parisi from Parisi Farms for this informative talk. Recipes, planting ideas, best varieties, perennial veggies, container veggies, frost protection and more.

For More Information: Bill at 678-464-5996 bill.aaron13@gmail.com



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August 19th through November 18th
6:00 to 9:00 pm

Clemson Extension Service – Greenwood County

Cost \$300.00

Scholarships Available

**An Information Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, July 29th - 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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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.

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City		Zip Code	
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