



Master Gardener Thymes



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June 2013

Master Gardener Picnic 2013

This year's picnic was held at the Connie Maxwell picnic area once again. The weather was perfect, the food was plentiful, and the company was wonderful. Many thanks to all who planned, setup and cleaned up for this event.



More photos of this and many of our other activities are online at <http://lakelandsmastergardeners.shutterfly.com/>
The password is included in the body of the email that sent this newsletter.



Dates to Remember:

- JUNE 1- 23 FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
- JUNE 13TH BOARD MEETING 4:30 PM LIBRARY
- JULY 18TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00 PM SPEAKER, REECE LYERLY 6:30 LIBRARY
- AUG. 8TH BOARD MEETING 4:30 PM LIBRARY
- SEPT. 12TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00 PM SPEAKER, PANEL DISCUSSION 6:30 PM LIBRARY
- OCT. 10TH BOARD MEETING 4:30 PM CLEMSON OFFICE
- NOV. 14TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00 PM SPEAKER, PANEL DISCUSSION 6:30 PM LIBRARY
- DEC. 12TH MEMBER SOCIAL 6:30 PM GMD

Honey Bees are dying at an alarming rate, and this winter marked the worst losses by far. Last week, the European Union took a major step to protect our bee population - placing a two year ban on the pesticides thought to be responsible - but the U.S. is still finding excuses for inaction. Sign this petition urging the EPA to take action now:
http://act.credoaction.com/sign/eu_ban/?sp_ref=804723.4.75.e.0.2&source=mail

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.

What a Find

By Mary Jo Cook

For all of us aging gardeners, I want to recommend a great find. I'm celebrating it in verse with the following limerick.

"In the Garden of Eden stood Adam..." WAIT, that's the wrong limerick.*

It should be this one.

Age says don't squat, stoop, or work on my knees.
What help exists for an old gardener's ease?
I found this great seat
and its price can't be beat.
So now see me smile, sit, and roll where I please!



A fellow gardener had one of these and I admired it so much I went on the hunt. I found several online and choose this one because it had no metal to rust and no tires that required pumping up.

*If you want to know the rest of this limerick, you'll have to buy me a beer.

YOUTUBE GARDENING

By Sandy Orr

Give up on trying to find the G on HGTV. I've switched over to You Tube. Move over reality TV. On You Tube, you can find loads of real gardening fun (a lot of it with British accents). The danger is that you can get into an ever-expanding spiral of shows, each better than the last, and none of your real garden work gets done. Have you not yet received your engraved invitation to an Open Day at Highgrove Garden, the result of Prince Charles' thirty years of devotion? See Prince Charles lead Alan Titchmarsh and the viewer throughout his many garden rooms. Couldn't get to the Chelsea Flower Show this year? Take a tour of all the gold-winning gardens online. Have you ever wondered who Carol Klein and Alys Fowler are, and why they dominate BBC vegetable gardening shows? Check them out on You Tube. The BBC has fortunately taken up where HGTV left off and provided so many quality gardening shows, that I'll never see them all.

A hint of the possibilities follows:

- Gardener's World
- The Gardener's Garden- the gardens of some famous garden designers
- Life In a Cottage Garden- Carol Klein
- Around the World in 80 Gardens- Monty Don
- Prince Charles at Highgrove Garden with Alan Titchmarsh
- Open Gardens
- Love Your Garden
- Garden Secrets
- GW Bits-Carol Klein and others
- How to Be a Gardener- Alan Titchmarsh

 * Botanical terms- *
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 * Caerulea- dark blue *Houstonia caerulea* *
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 * Americana- of the Americas *Hepatica Americana* *
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 * Reflexum- bent backwards *Sedum reflexum* *
 * 'Blue Spuce' *
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 * Pumila- small, dwarf Creeping Fig, *Ficus pumila* *
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Fragrant Plants in the Landscape



June—

- *Osmanthus fragrans*, Tea Olive
- *Rosa* – Rose
- *Salvia* 'May Night'
- *Magnolia Grandiflora*
- *Gardenia* ssp.

Magnolia grandiflora

Do you have something fragrantly blooming now? Share your information to add to the newsletter. I know you have something fragrant in your garden!

Splashes of Color for May and June

By Jan Haldeman

Along the roadsides and in fallow fields these days you may have noticed splashes of primary colors, shades of red, yellow and blue. Wildflowers from six plant families are providing these colorful displays.



Bright salmon red-colored fields are filled with Sheep Sorrel in the Dock family, and fields with crimson red patches are growing Crimson Clover, from the Bean family.



Yellow is contributed by several species of Buttercup, of the Crowfoot family. And coming on strong now are members of the Aster/Sunflower family, Golden Ragwort, as well as Cat's Ear, the ubiquitous one that looks like dandelion but isn't!



Blue and some shades of purple are offered by our Raggedy Sailors, the Aster/Sunflower family, and the landscape is painted purple by two common wildflowers, Lyre Leaf Sage from the Mint family and Toadflax from the Snapdragon family.



Almost any combination of these makes a beautiful wildflower bouquet. Hopefully some can be gathered from your property, or that of a friend who will grant you permission to harvest!

I know this plant list was in last month's newsletter but since the topiaries are now in Uptown, I thought it would be good to have the list in hand as you toured all the topiaries.

Plant list for 2013 Topiaries

Common name & Scientific name

Irish Moss--*Sagina subulata*

Platt's Black Brass Buttons--*Leptinella squalida* 'Platt's Black'

Hens and Chicks--*Sempervivum tectorum* 'Hens and Chicks'

Creeping Fig--*Ficus pumila*

Mexican Feather Grass--*Nassella tenuissima*

Burgundy Glow Bugleweed--*Ajuga reptans* 'Burgundy Glow'

Flossflower--*Ageratum houstonianum*

Begonias--*Begonias*

Mondo Grass--*Ophiopogon japonicus*

Creeping Jenny--*Lysimachia nummularia*

Angelina--*Sedum repustre* 'Ogon'

Blue Spruce Stonecrop--*Sedum reflexum* 'Blue Spuce'

Ogon Stonecrop--*Sedum makinoi* 'Ogon'

Red Threads--*Alternanthera ficoidea* 'Red Threads'

Dusty Miller--*Senecio cineraria*

Squalida Brass Buttons--*Leptinella squalida*

Coral Reef--*Sedum tectractinum* 'Coral Reef'

Chocolate Chip Bugleweed--*Ajuga reptans* 'Valfredda'

Polka Dot Plant--*Hypoestes phyllostachya*

Petunias--*Petunias*

Japanese Painted Ferns--*Athyrium niponicum* 'Pictum'

Moss Rose--*Portulaca grandiflora*

Creeping Mazus--*Mazus reptans*

Crinkle Red Alternanthera--*Alternanthera dentata* 'Crinkle Red'

Creeping Thyme--*Thymus serpyllum*

Coleus--*Solenostemon scutellariodes*

Celosia--*Celosia*

Blue Star Creeper--*Isotoma fluviatilis*

Black Scallop Bugleweed--*Ajuga reptans* 'Black Scallop'

Ice Plant--*Delosperma cooperi*

Susanne Bender shared a link to a website that is called Herbal Mentorship with Susun Weed, the Wise Woman Way. She shares lots of information about wildflowers and their healing characteristics. It is a great website to learn more about the native plants that we see every day and know so little about. <http://www.wisewomanmentor.com/> Here are some examples of some of the native blooms she talked about in May.

If I had a headache, though, I would prefer to eat violet flowers as my remedy. The darker the purple, the stronger the effect on the head.



Our first wildflower reflects the sun and the sky: It's light-blue with a yellow eye at its center. I call it "Quaker ladies," an alternative to the usual field guide name of "bluet" (*Houstonia caerulea*). It's said to be a headache remedy.

And here, almost hidden by the leaves, is a famous plant that used to be used to help the liver, round-leaved hepatica (*Hepatica americana*).

Landscape Diagnostic Clinics

by Janet Ledebuhr

It's that time of year again where we go out into the community and host some landscape diagnostic clinics. Last year was a great success and I have 3 or 4 homeowners lined up to open their gardens to their neighbors for a clinic.

For those who are unfamiliar with the Landscape Diagnostic Clinics it is a small group teaching opportunity in a person's garden. We visit the garden about a week before the clinic, assessing any problems they may be having. These problems could be thrips on their Gardenias or scale on the Camellias or any number of other issues depending on time of year and weather conditions. We then research the problems and find extension publications that address each one. The homeowner invites their neighbors to join us for the clinic, chances are they will be having the same problems in their gardens. The evening of the clinic we share the information and publications with those attending, using the examples in the landscape to showcase just what those problems look like. It is an hour long clinic and very casual as we walk through the garden.

I am looking for some Master Gardeners to assist with this project. Some have said they don't know anything. Volunteering to assist gives you a front row seat to learning more! My walk through is June 12th and the clinic is June 18th, if you can lend a hand call me at 374-7781 or email at queenofseaford@yahoo.com Looking forward to hearing from you!



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