

2016 Dates
6/02 9-12
Farmer's Market
Food Voucher
Distribution, 96,
call James 223-
3264

6/4 10-5, 6/5 1-5,
Festival of Flowers
Garden Tours.
Elsley, Patrick, May,
and City gardens

6/9 Uptown
Topiary Walk with
Jimmy McInville

7/21 LMG Board
Meeting, 4:30 at
Clemson

8/11 LMG Board
Meeting, 6:00 at
Clemson Ext.
Office.

9/8 Speaker and
membership
meeting. TBD

10/13 LMG Board
Meeting, 6:00 at
Clemson

11/10 Speaker and
Membership
Meeting. TBD

12/8 LMG Board
Meeting



June 2016 President's Letter-Barbara Wells

Pres. Barbara amidst tree at Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh NC

Hello all!

This absolutely gorgeous afternoon I'm sitting on the tailgate of my son's pickup in the mountains of far southwestern Virginia as I watch my five month old grandson take in just a portion of the diverse beauty this area has to offer. We've been outside a short while and we've already experienced up close visits by an eastern black swallowtail, a hummingbird, and a stunning male indigo bunting. My grandson is mesmerized and I'm feeling blessed to be able to share this beautiful world with him. Because I take this new role as grandmother fairly seriously, and we have so many new things to see and do, including checking on the corn, potatoes, blueberries, and mom's flowers in the garden, I'll get right down to business.

Here's what's happening with Lakelands Master Gardeners.

The annual picnic at the shelter at Connie Maxwell was great fun. We had beautiful weather and the social committee outdid themselves as usual. Ella Wham and Melody McInville sure know how to do it right, and Wally Sears is a true master of the grill. Thanks to all who helped and all who attended. The suggestion has been made to consider moving the picnic back to Thursday evening next year. Let's keep that in mind.

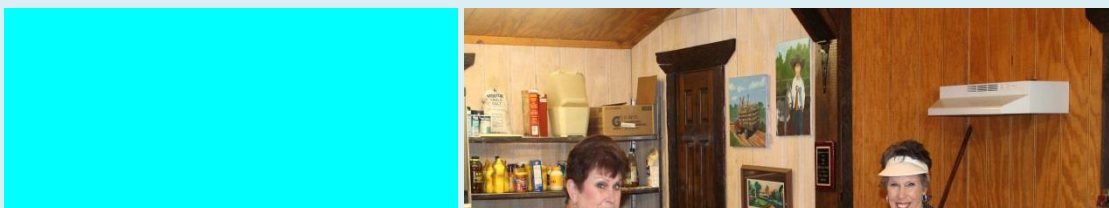
At 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 9, Jimmy McInville will be leading a walk on The Landscape and Topiaries of the 2016 Festival of Flowers in uptown Greenwood. Jimmy is our 2015 Master Gardener of the Year and a faithful leader at the Thursday work days at the Greenhouse. He knows the topiaries literally inside and out. Come and enjoy learning interesting facts about the topiaries and the uptown plantings that help showcase the topiaries. See the flyer in this newsletter for further details.

The Education Committee, led by Linda Halsey and Wally Sears, started preparing for the new class which begins August 16. There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in taking the class on July 11 at 6:00 pm at the Cooperative Extension Office. Start spreading the word so we can spread the joy of gardening and continue to make the Greater Lakelands area a beautiful place to live and work.

Stay tuned for more to come.

Barbara

"I live in the garden. I just sleep in the house." Unknown



CONNIE MAXWELL ANNUAL PICNIC PICS — Too many people to name helped Ella, Melody and Wally prepare.



JOIN MASTER GARDENER OF THE YEAR

JIMMY MCINVILLE

Thursday, June 9th

6: 30 pm

for

**THE LANDSCAPE AND TOPIARIES OF THE
2016 FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS**

**Stroll with Jimmy through Uptown Greenwood and
learn about:**

- ⊗ What goes on behind the scenes to make the Uptown
Topiaries so beautiful
 - ⊗ Creating a monarch butterfly waystation
 - ⊗ Water gardening and how lily pads help the bees
 - ⊗ Best flower magnets for pollinators and butterflies
 - ⊗ The benefits of native plants, and the latest addition
of them to the Uptown area

**Meet at the Large Fountain next to the
Velux Panel Structure**

Everyone is welcome to join!!!



BURTON CENTER WORK DAY- Donna and Wally Sears redo the existing wheelchair accessible beds and build new ones.



Ann Barklow supervises Jeep placement after Bonnie Rothwell, Jimmy McInville, and Sherry Edwards finish it off.



FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS GARDEN TOURS THIS WEEKEND



FREE – Two Days

June 4, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

June 5, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Federation of Garden Clubs, Greenwood, SC. We have two private home gardens and several special community gardens including the Benjamin Mays Historic Site for you to tour while visiting our 49th SC Festival of Flowers.. We also have an exciting new addition this year, Wyatt Farms Village which will be hosting Shakespeare in the Park at 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the main weekend.

Take your time and enjoy the totally different impressive plantings, flowers and garden accessories that each location offers. Maps will be available at the Greenwood Visitors & Tourism Building at the Federal Building, Uptown Greenwood. You can also pick up our 2016 Program.

The Elsley Home Garden

520 Bryte Street

An informal one acre shade garden created over the past 35 years and dominated by numerous mature native Oak trees. Beneath this high tree canopy, a middle layer of smaller evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs (Japanese Maples, Camellias, Rhododendrons, Hydrangeas) has been established. A lower shaded ground level has provided ideal conditions for an extensive range of herbaceous perennials (Hellebores, Hostas, Ferns). This rich and diverse range of plantings reflect the owners professional and personal interests, provide year – round ornamental appeal and compliment a 60 year old ranch – style home. A small kitchen garden utilizes limited sunlight, producing herbs and greens. The entire garden is served by an irrigation system with sprinkler heads located on tree trunks 15' above ground level.

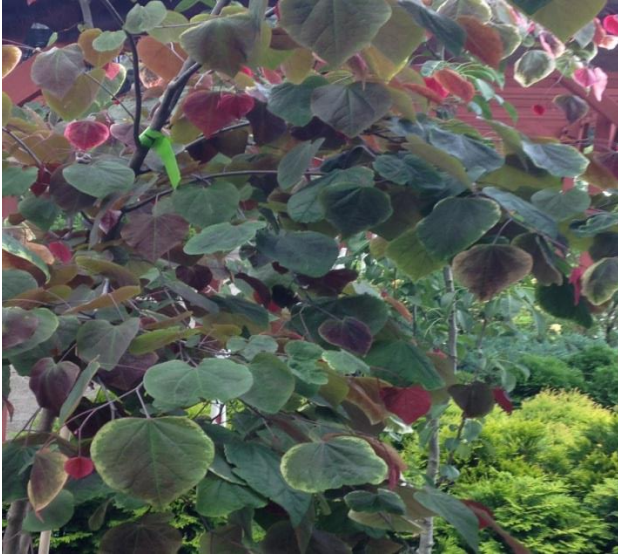
Two recently installed Stumperies – a popular Victorian feature – create a striking architectural environment for displaying shade loving plants. Antique English chimney pots and “mushroom-like” staddle stones add further architectural appeal to this urban South Carolina garden.

The Patrick Home Garden

718 Chinquapin Road

This woodland garden offers a soothing retreat for the lucky visitor. Along trails of native plants, dogwoods and large stone, visitors are drawn to the garden pond bordered by natural sitting areas offering beautiful vistas to the house and surrounding forest. Boulders provide appropriate flanking material for the tranquil water features ensuring attention to detail in this stunningly lush garden setting. Children will especially enjoy the added features surrounding the waterfall. Creating vertical and visual interest, steps of stone and brick and areas of grass link different levels making passage through this garden a journey of exploration and delight.

President Barbara and Sandy Orr roadtrip to Raleigh and Big Bloomers Nursery- Sandy Orr



Cercis canadensis "Carolina Sweet heart" has startling multi-colored new growth. This was one of an amazing array of perennials, shrubs, conifers, and trees for sale at Big Bloomers, in the middle of nowhere, (Sanford, NC). Eight or more huge hoop houses are wall- to- wall plants. You must see this place to believe it. Most perennials are in four inch pots and are priced at \$4.75 or \$5.75. Some of many purchases were *patrinia*, *thalictrum*, *persicaria polymorpha*, and *veronicastrum*.

We also went to JC Raulston Arboretum, a mature botanical garden that features old gorgeous trees you've only seen in Michael Dirr's books. The mixed perennial borders were a tad overgrown (my style, but Barbara wanted them reworked). It is well worth a swing through Raleigh. While there, we heard a lecture by John Elsley on his favorite worldwide gardens. Since we were there with John and his wife, we met Tony Avent, owner of Plant Delights Nursery and toured his marvelous woodland botanical garden, Juniper Level. An expert botanist, he explained that the binomial nomenclature of horticulture may be pronounced in a variety of ways, since Latin is a dead language. This has freed me up to butcher even more Latin names.

Lakelands Master Gardener Board

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