

**2018
Calendar**

6/02,6/03

**Festival of
Flowers
Garden
Tours. Ann
Barklow,
Nelson Smith,
Will Metts,
and City
Garden: 10-5
Sat. and 1-4
Sun.**



June 2018!



Donna and Wally Sears, co-Presidents

MASTER GARDENER PICNIC

We had so much fun, we forgot to take pictures and actually experienced the picnic. There was a divine cornbread pudding from Jan Coffey and too many other epicurean delights to name. There were plants to swap, some just dug from the yard (Sandy) and others artfully potted with bows (Melinda). We all argued plants and caught up.

DISCOVER GREENWOOD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL HOME GARDENS, AN ORGANIC FARM, AND OUR VERY OWN CITY GARDEN.

Absolutely Free!

Nelson Smith, In honor of his wife, Hattie Smith, **407 Powers Avenue**

A gardener's dream! We are so fortunate to have this beautiful and mesmerizing home garden on our tour again this year. Mr. Smith graciously opens his yard to visitors showcasing more than 30 Japanese maple trees thrive in this garden, living alongside a wide variety of hydrangeas, azaleas, and camellias. His lavish garden is filled with many surprises, one of which is a deliciously fragrant Orange Flowering Tea Olive that offers a delicate citrus aroma.

Another surprise Smith's garden includes is an heirloom weather vane inherited from his Aunt Blanche McCall from Providence, Rhode Island. In an ancient willow tree over 100 years old, a full-length mirror hangs 20 feet high, reflecting a gently turning windmill. Suspended in another tree is a majestic piece of Chesapeake Bay driftwood decorated with weathered seashells. Wind chimes deliver cheerful melodies, and a gently flowing fountain adds harmony to the relaxing scene. In the gentle curves of shrubs and flowerbeds, benches coax visitors to reflect on the gardener's hard work and nature's beauty. A few other water features hide in the garden's recesses, providing tranquil sounds of serenity and peaceful escape. Another interesting secret this garden keeps is that the stones bordering the walkway were initially used to balance ships in England in the 1900's, and made their way here by way of Charleston, South Carolina. You will find yourself wanting to learn more about the evolution of this garden, especially one of the most well-kept secrets this garden boasts: a decorative wrought iron piece originally used in the film, "The Color Purple." South Carolina ETV's Emmy Award-winning television show "Making It Grow" televised an episode of the garden, resulting in many letters and calls requesting that the garden be reopened for additional tours. This garden is handicap accessible and smoke free.

The Barklow Wildlife Habitat, **110 Ferry Cove Rd**

Ann Barklow, Horticulturist for the City of Greenwood along with the assistance of the Lakelands Master Gardeners presents to visitors this garden as a landscape filled with nature.

The garden was originally designed in 2016 by Ann as a Teaching Garden to help homeowners learn how they can provide for nature. This colorful and functional garden incorporates edibles and herbs along with native plants and flowers rich in pollen and nectar from spring through fall and is alive with pollinators including birds, bees, moths, beneficial insects, and butterflies..

The landscape is certified with the National Wildlife Federation as a backyard wildlife habitat and with the Xerces Society as a Pollinator Habitat along with Monarch Watch as a Monarch Waystation. Clemson University has also certified this landscape as a Carolina Yard. Ann has a Nesting Box for native bees which provides a hotel for Leaf Cutter and Mason Bees which in turn increases her food production and blooms.

The back yard has a 25 raised bed vegetable garden bursting with produce as a result of the pollinators she supports. Her philosophy is "Build it and they will come." Don't miss this garden and meet some of the smallest yet important residents of our community.

Park Seed and Ann work together to bring pollinator information on their website blog and film "you tube" videos at her home about useful garden products and pollinators.

Booths include a Monarch Raising Station, and the Lakelands Master Gardeners. Trained Master Gardener Guides will be present to help you with questions.

Metts Organix Farm, **921 Chipley Rd., Greenwood, SC 29646**

A local farm located five miles south of Greenwood, S.C. Metts Farm uses sustainable practices to grow high quality, all-natural produce.

This is his third year in full-time production, and Will has experienced much success and has learned how to improve his farm practices.

Farming is a passion of Will's, and it is in his blood! Both paternal and maternal ancestors were farmers, and their respect and love of the land have been passed down to him. He wouldn't be anywhere else than outside in the fresh air working in the soil to create healthy, pesticide-free produce for the Greenwood community.

Will is currently selling at the Uptown Farmers Market. He has a Salanova salad blend and a variety of herbs.

Come out to the farm to see how organic vegetable production is done. Will offers a cart ride to the hoop houses.

City of Greenwood Garden, **510 West Cambridge Avenue**

The idea for a City Garden was originated and developed by the Men's Garden Club. The land was donated by Greenwood Mills to the City of Greenwood and adopted by the Men's Garden Club in 1989. The addition of the gazebo, two bridges with hand rails, and two park benches began in 1991. In 1994, a tea-rose garden (made possible by Wayside Gardens) was installed followed by several trees and a large trellis covered with climbing roses.

Although the Men's Garden Club has since dissolved, several former members and friends of the garden came together as the City Garden Club in 2013 with the singular mission of restoring the garden to its former beauty and building a base of volunteers for its continued maintenance. This year the garden will feature a completely renovated Rose garden and Children's garden

thanks to the support of a wide range of individuals, companies, non-profits, garden clubs and the City of Greenwood. The perennial beds have been “adopted” by individuals and garden clubs who do all the work to maintain their beauty.

One of Greenwood’s most beautiful public places it is often used for such events as weddings, picnics, reunions, photo shoots, and as an attraction for visitors to the Festival of Flowers. This horticultural display provides beauty from early spring through late autumn while educating and entertaining the public.

CHANTICLEER GARDENS- Sandy Orr



A mere 11ish hour drive from here is the enchanted land of Chanticleer in Wayne, Pennsylvania (outside Philly). 18 selected gardeners and artists spend all year on the Main Line property, changing out statuary, pots, plantings, and garden designs. Some features include a Serpentine planting of a quirky nature (cereal grains such as amaranth, sorghum, or grasses etc.) in a sweep up the hillside. A modern ruin, complete with fireplace, mantle, black marble sarcophagus dining table fountain, and stonework Oriental rug is one of the highlights. A gravel garden descends from this in stone terraces. The teacup terrace and the pool garden are on the back of the rebuilt Rosengarten house. They donated the estate to a trust with enough money to maintain this “pleasure garden” royally. There are no labels, so you must know your Latin plant names to guess what’s what from the plant lists cleverly hidden in quirky artistic stands at each garden.



The huge fallen tree sculpture across a creek was made of metal and wood. We visited another garden and nursery, Hortulus, which is trying to become another Chanticleer. It had a lovely dry garden modelled after Beth Chatto's.

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ARE NOW FUN DAYS- City beds are rejuvenated.



LUNCH AND LEARN GREAT GARDEN KNOW-HOW:

Tap into the extensive knowledge of Clemson's Extension Service in this lunch and learn series. Bring a bag lunch and listen to Clemson horticultural experts at Clemson.

June 6 LayLa Burgess and Adair Hoover *Growing and using herbs*

Location: Hayden Conference Center Cost: \$7 per session (10% discount for members) Time: noon – 1 p..m.

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